

VISION25

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 May 2025

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2025

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	VISION25
Charity registration number	1185333
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Structure, governance and management

Vision25 is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated on 12th September 2019 and is governed by its constitution which was adapted on 16th September 2019.

Objectives and activities

The object(s) of the CIO are

To advance in life and help disabled young people living in the north east of England through: a) the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life; b) providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities, and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

Achievements and performance

Welcome to our Annual Report, highlighting the past 12 months at Vision25.

It has been an eventful and rewarding year, filled with meaningful experiences, memorable moments, and the joy of spending time with friends. We're proud to reflect on all we've achieved together.

OUR WEEK IN PICS

We have a very busy weekly timetable — here's a glimpse of what we get up to!

Let's start by sharing a little about our **weekly timetable**!

We adapt our routine **twice a year** to make the most of the seasons. During the **summer months**, we embrace the sunshine and spend most of our time **outdoors**, enjoying fresh air and open spaces. In the **winter**, we shift indoors to stay warm and cosy, with a daily walk to keep us moving and connected to nature.

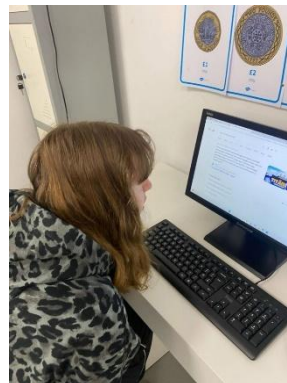
Here are some examples of what a typical week looks like for us:

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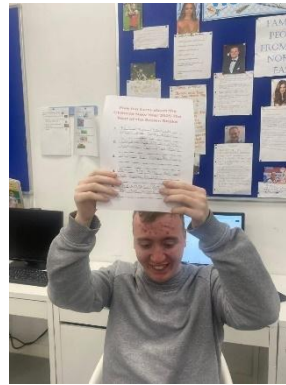
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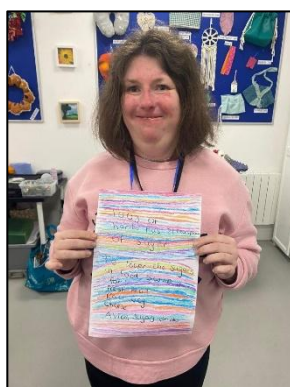
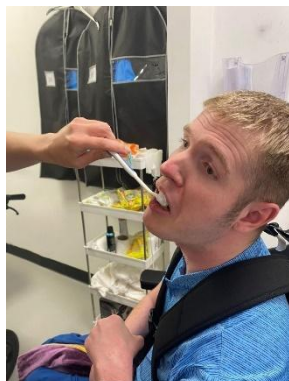
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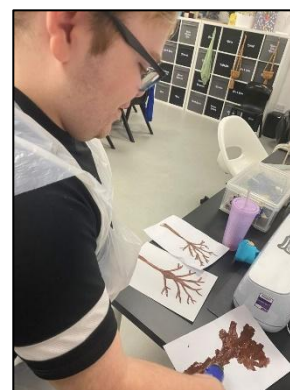
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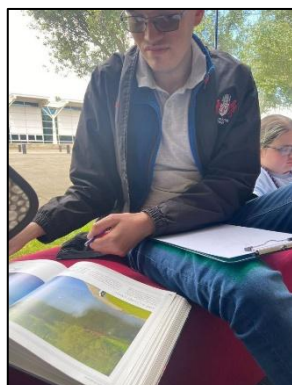
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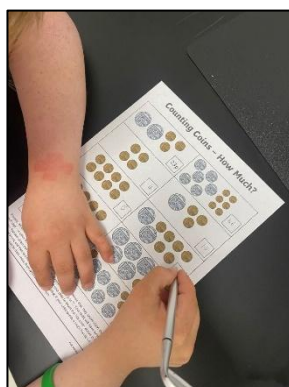
COMMUNICATION





READING

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GROUP
SESSION



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BOAT TRIPS



OUR DEDICATED TEAMS

Over the past 12 months, our dedicated teams have worked diligently to create and deliver meaningful opportunities for young people.

We're pleased to share the latest updates on their progress and impact:

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

In our community connections sessions, we are always on the lookout for new places and people to mix with and get to make new friends. We have regular visits with lots of places and groups like The Teesside Dementia Link where we go once a month and enjoy a cup of tea and cake and an arts and craft session the young adults love speaking to the staff and service users there.

We have made an amazing connection with Billingham South school where we were thrilled and very lucky to be invited along one day and watch a performance from the Status Quo drummer Jeff Rich which we absolutely loved. We also go to Christ the King School and St Patrick's school and look forward to them coming along to vision25 soon. We often go along to the warm welcomes group that is on once a week in Wellington Square, the staff in there are so lovely to our young adults.



COMMUNICATION

Since starting the Communication team just over a year ago, the change in the young adults have been amazing. We have gone from one 1:1 session, to three of these as well as two group Communication sessions each week. We use reading, role play, group chats, Q & A sessions and lots of games and fun activities to help to improve speech and

encourage more social interaction with others. The results are that there is an improvement in speech and use of sentences to express themselves and they are more confident, building good friendships, helping each other and engaging socially in all areas of Vision25. The communication tools used in these sessions are being extended throughout other activities during the week to strengthen these new skills even more.



COOKING

We are Mel and Helen from the cooking team. Since June last year we have introduced healthy eating into Vision25. Our usual morning cuppa and biscuits have changed and we provide a platter of healthy snacks, fruit platter, fruit kebabs or vegetables and dips. The lunch menu has also changed to more of a lunch meal like a wrap, pasta or baked potato rather than calorific parmo, lasagne fajitas and cheesy nachos. We still have 2 tasty courses, but they are

healthier. On a daily basis ourselves and young adults follow our food and hygiene training which has provided us with a 5-star rating. All of our young adults are taught about the importance of hand washing, wearing aprons, having hair up and using correct coloured boards for chopping food and now apply this whenever they are in cooking group without been asked. The cooks keep a diary, do date checks and temperature checks of fridge freezers and food on a daily basis.

In our group session we have introduced some fun food sessions such as, pancake flipping, Chinese New Year foods, smoothie making, French day food, and blindfold taste testing to encourage new flavours and textures to our young adults.

EVENTS

The staff in the Events team are Lynn, Karen and Sophie. We organise the events and parties that give the young adults something to look forward to.

We believe the events are a good way for bonding with each other. We hold three parties a year. Summer, Halloween where everyone gets dressed up for and also our Christmas party. At the parties we do rather a raffle with fabulous prizes to be won, or a blind card. Many of our prizes are donated by family and friends and the general public. We also hold tombola stalls throughout the year which the young adults enjoy helping with.

This year we are working with Creative Village and our Performing arts group on different events including an 80's theme summer party.

All of this help to make a fantastic night out which is full of fun and loved by everyone who attends. Everyone is made to feel welcome and everyone leaves at the end of the night full of smiles and happy memories.

We wish to thank you for supporting the Events Team





FUNDRAISING

Fundraising have been, selling furniture from our building we no longer need. For Halloween Party I did sweets cones and a Halloween morning in our cafe where I painted faces. I have done a sponsored bike ride where our staff, young adults and families came along to help raise money for us. From the funds raised we all went on the Teesside princess where we enjoyed a boat trip and food. I have met up with other people to help support up our coming events that we have planned e.g. the church and riverside

college for our fashion show next year. I have had many donations towards many bonus balls from places such as Middlesbrough football team, cakes and shakes and other companies. I have e mailed many companies to see if they will be willing to help with prizes or grants. I have done a coffee morning for parents where we spoke about different ideas, they have to help support fundraising. I have done a market stall to promote us out in the town. I have signed up to the great north run. I have given out donation boxes to many.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We are Helen and Gemma the health and well being team. We started by making our summer walks more interesting by using scavenger hunt boards to encourage young adults to look at our surroundings and mark down if they spotted items on the list. We went on bird watching walks and used our binoculars to search for bird's native to the area. We also went on senses walks, where we would, stop, sit close our eyes, breathe together then name things we could hear, touch and smell. We learned about oral hygiene, have had North Tees oral hygiene nurses in to teach us the importance of teeth brushing and reducing sugary drinks. We now promote this and everyone has their own toothbrush to use and our juices are always sugar free. The importance of hand washing and the spreading of germs if we don't do it was shown to the young adults through fun experiments. They have become more aware of the importance and always wash hands before lunch, after the toilet and before cooking. We learned that when we make others feel happy, it makes us feel good too, so have been out into the public on a few occasions doing random acts of kindness. Handing out flowers on Mother's Day, chocolates on valentines and have made bookmarks for our next venture out. During the winter when the weather is colder, we opt for peer massage and meditation sessions, and chair yoga.



STAND OUT MOMENTS

Celebrating a Year of Standout Moments and Events

SUMMER PARTY

Thank you to our events team for a fabulous summer party. It was a blast.

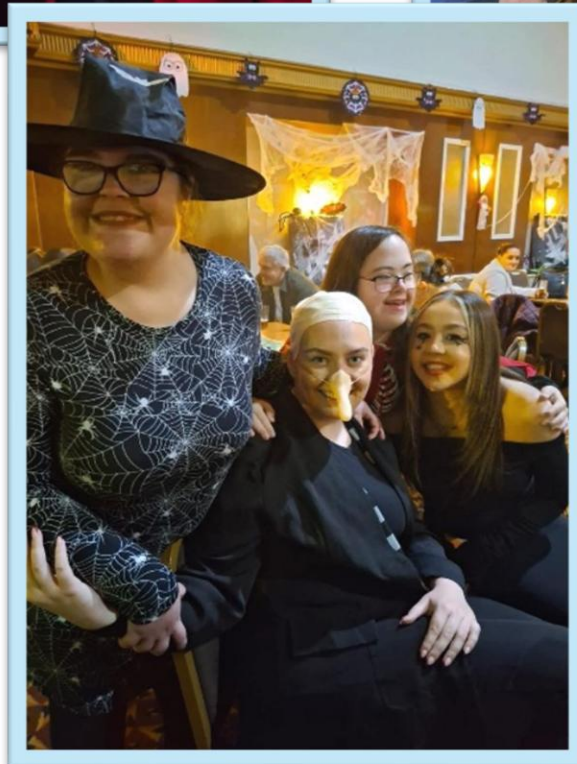


HALLOWEEN PARTY



What a fantastic event!

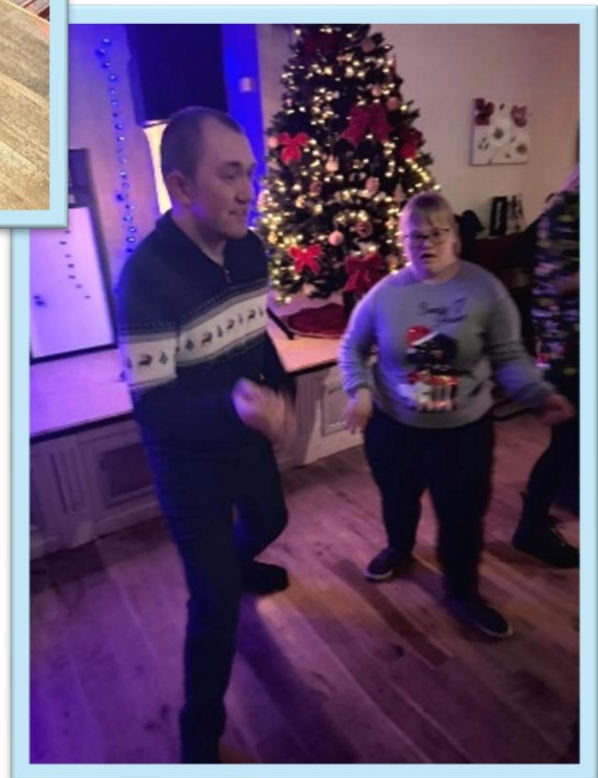
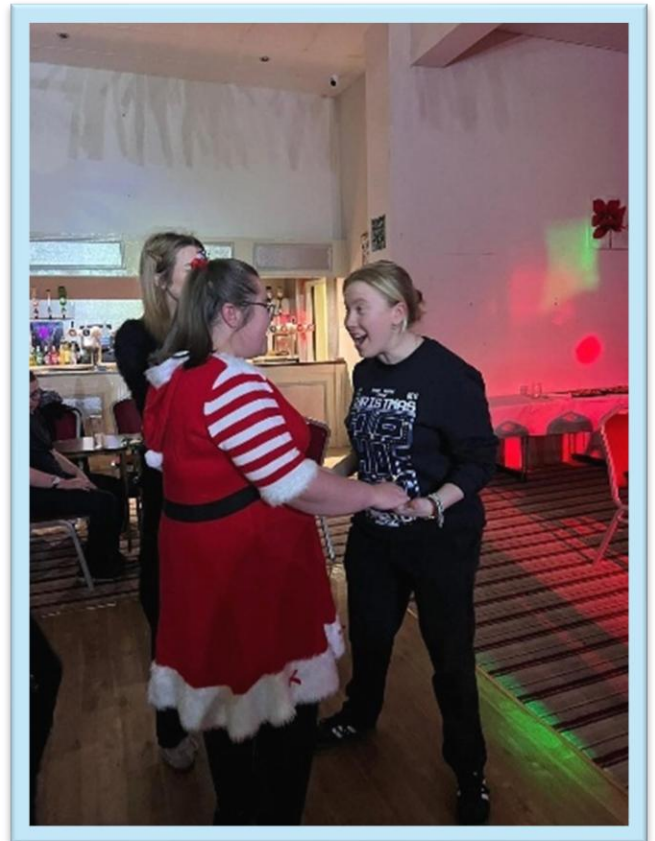
A huge thank you to our outstanding Events Team — your hard work and creativity truly made it a success once again!



CHRISTMAS PARTY

What a wonderful Christmas Party!

Every moment was filled with joy, and it was truly magical to see everyone so happy. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make it such a memorable celebration!



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JANUARY 2025 - CHINESE NEW YEAR

Celebrating Chinese New Year

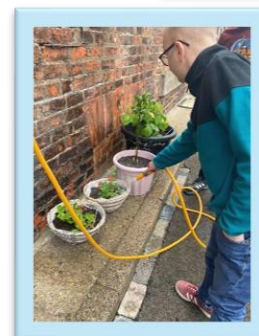
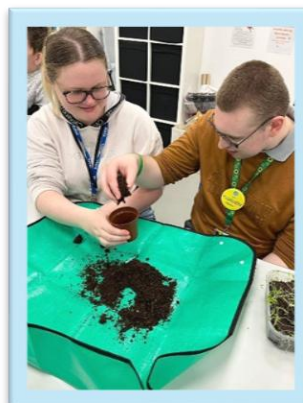
We had a fantastic time immersing ourselves in the traditions of Chinese New Year. From using chopsticks and sampling a variety of delicious foods to receiving fortune cookies and uncovering personal messages, it was a brilliant and engaging experience enjoyed by all.



BUSY BEES PLANT GROUP

Our Busy Bees in the Garden

Over the summer, our participants were hard at work potting and nurturing their crops with care and dedication. It's been wonderful to see their efforts flourish!



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THEY THEN SOLD THEIR WARES ON A PLANT STALL IN JUNE



2/7 RELEASING BUTTERFLIES From Caterpillars to Butterflies

We introduced some tiny caterpillars (larvae) to the group and everyone has been closely observing their incredible transformation. We watched as they became pupae (chrysalises) and, in time, emerged as beautiful butterflies. The group had the joy of releasing them at Ropner Park which was a truly magical moment for us all.



UNICORN VISITS

A Wonderful Day at the Unicorn Centre

We had a fantastic experience at the Unicorn Centre, where everyone enjoyed horse grooming and a lovely afternoon tea. It was a unique and memorable day filled with smiles and new experiences.



PONY PETTING

A Delightful Day at the Unicorn Centre

Some of us had the special treat of enjoying tea alongside a friendly pony at the Unicorn Centre. It was a lovely and memorable experience for everyone involved!



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HARTLEPOOL HOSPITAL DROPPING HAND MADE BAGS IN

Supporting Our Community: Creating Patient Drain Bags

Our young people and staff thoroughly enjoyed making these wonderful patients drain bags after Gemma brought an appeal from the hospital to our attention. We had the pleasure of delivering them to the Access Lounge Day Case Ward, where patients who have undergone breast surgery wear these drains for several days post-operation. It was a privilege to meet nurses Amanda, Jess, and Carrie, who expressed their sincere gratitude for our contribution. Special thanks to Karen, Lynn, and Tracy for supporting our young people throughout the making process, and to Gemma for connecting us with this meaningful opportunity.



OUR AMANDA GIVES A SPEECH ABOUT HER DIABETES

Congratulations to Amanda

A huge well done to Amanda for delivering a confident and insightful speech to the entire group and staff team about living with diabetes — especially meaningful today on World Diabetes Day! Your knowledge and courage truly impressed us all.

Thank you for sharing your experience and raising awareness with such passion.



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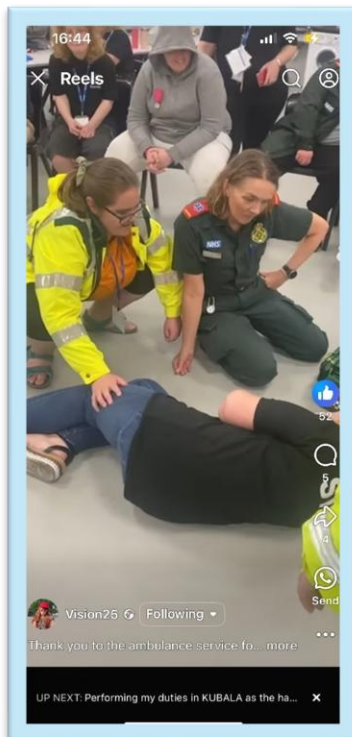
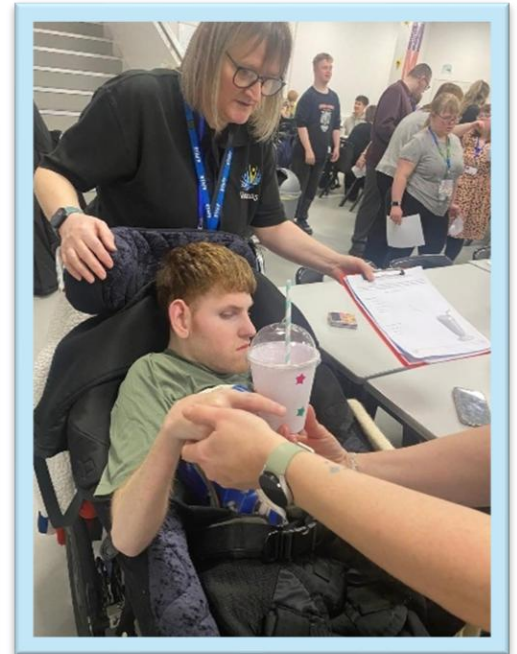
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SMOOTHIE MAKING

Our Smoothie Station Experience

We had a fabulous time creating our own smoothie station and blending delicious smoothies! It was a fun and interactive way to explore healthy choices together.



AMBULANCE SERVICE VISITED

Grateful Thanks to the Ambulance Service

Thank you to the ambulance service for visiting and teaching our young adults essential basic first aid skills. During the session, Karen (staff) kindly volunteered to simulate an injury, and Alex (paramedic) guided Rachel (brilliant trainee paramedic) on how to provide effective assistance. Well done to everyone involved for engaging so enthusiastically in this valuable learning experience!

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27/6-ARMED FORCES DAY

A Fun-Filled, Action-Packed Day!

We extend our sincere thanks to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Creative Village CIC, the Globe Choir, and everyone involved in making Armed Forces Day on our high street such a fantastic event.

Your efforts helped create a memorable and engaging experience for all.



HAPPY ROOMS

A Wonderful Day at Happy Rooms

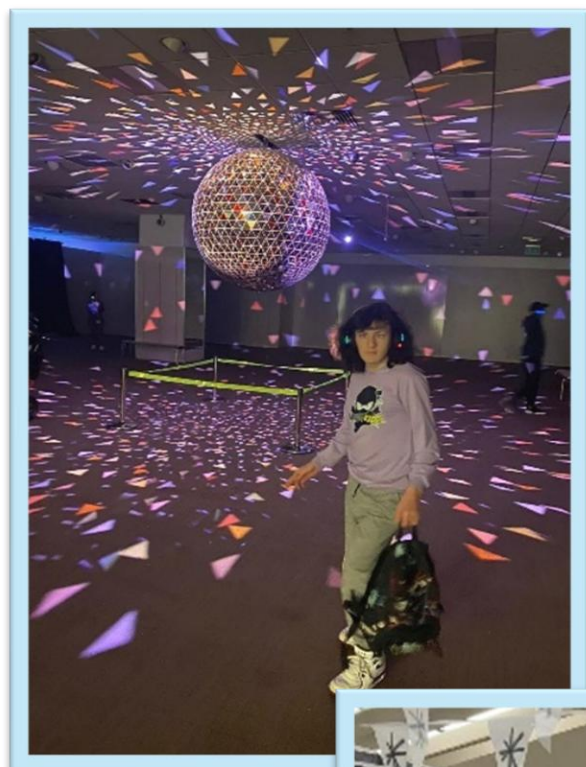
We had a fantastic time visiting Happy Rooms in Middlesbrough. It was an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone involved!



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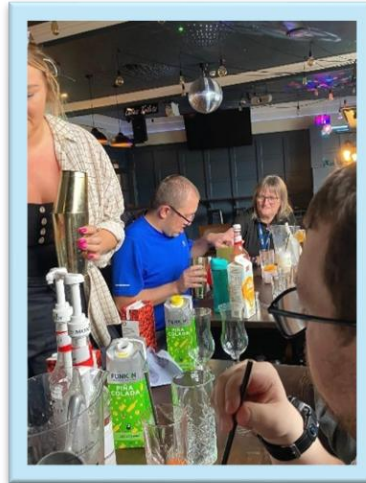


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MOCKTAILS AT THE RED LION

A Delightful Day Out: Mocktail Making at The Red Lion, Norton

We enjoyed a lovely bus trip to The Red Lion in Norton, where we had a fantastic time creating and tasting delicious mocktails. It was a fun and memorable experience for all!

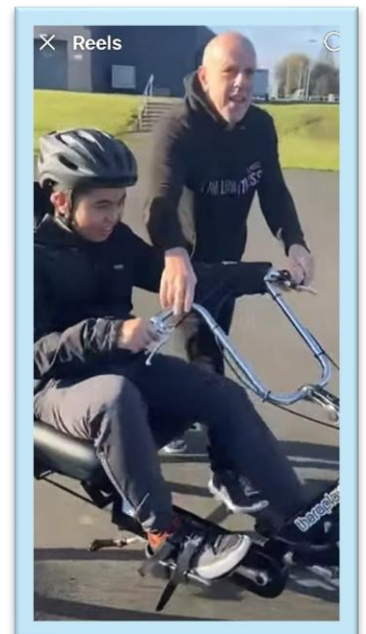


STOCKTON WHEELERS VISIT IN MIDDLESBROUGH

Thank You to Steve & Dave at Stockton Wheelers!

Our young adults had an amazing time cycling with Steve and Dave today! The rest of the group are eagerly looking forward to their turn.

A big thanks to Stockton Wheelers for such a fantastic experience!



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2/11 ACF CADETS VISIT

Special Visit from ACF Cadets

We were honoured to welcome SI McGowan and Staff Sergeant Major from the ACF Cadets for a special visit. Thank you both for taking the time to share your knowledge and provide such a thoughtful explanation to our young people. Your visit was greatly appreciated by all.



TEESSIDE PRINCESS

Exciting Day Out on the Teesside Princess!

Our young people had an amazing time on their trip aboard the Teesside Princess today. The smiles and enthusiasm said it all!



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ROTARY CLUB VISIT

Thank You to Our Rotary Club Visitors and Parents

We were delighted to welcome our visitors from the Rotary Club alongside our wonderful parents. It was great to see you all and share some special moments together.



HERITAGE SPEECHES

Exciting Heritage Project Update

Over the past few months, we have been collaborating on an exciting project with the Heritage Team from Stockton Borough Council, funded by the National Lottery. Sophie and her team, alongside our young people and staff, have been exploring the rich history of 144 High Street — our very own address.

Today, their fascinating findings were presented to the entire group, with Creative Village CIC joining us to guide the next stage of this wonderful project. We eagerly look forward to seeing the final display showcased in our café.

A huge well done to everyone who took part in today's presentation — you all truly smashed it!



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HERTAGE PROJECT BIG REVEAL

Thank You for Supporting Our Heritage Celebration

Special thanks to Creative Village CIC, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, and the National Lottery Heritage Fund for making this morning's event to celebrate the final pieces of our heritage programme truly wonderful.

We also extend our gratitude to the Northern School of Art students—especially Peter—for their hard work on our brochures. Thank you to all attendees and families for joining us in this memorable celebration.



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SUMMER - SIRF CARNIVAL

Our First Ever Community Parade with SIRF

We absolutely loved participating in our very first community parade with SIRF! A big thank you to Creative Village CIC, as well as all the staff, parents, and volunteers who supported us throughout the day.

Your support made this memorable event possible!



LINK CHOIR AND JOSH

A Wonderful Day with Josh and the Choir

We had a gorgeous morning in the Link, enjoying the brilliant choir led by our very own Josh. It was a truly wonderful day overall, filled with great music and fantastic company.



XMAS LUNCH



Well Done to Our Cooking Team!

A big thank you to our two talented cooks, Helen and Mel, along with their dedicated team, for preparing a wonderful Christmas lunch that was enjoyed by everyone. Well done to all involved for making it such a special occasion!





STAFF XMAS NIGHT OUT

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Wonderful Staff Team

Tonight's meal is dedicated to our incredible staff team. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for everything you do — for me, our young people, and their families.

Every day, I witness your kindness, love, care, and nurturing spirit, and I see the positive impact it has on our young people. You genuinely love being with them, day in and day out, and it's clear they absolutely love being with you.

I feel truly privileged to work alongside such a dedicated team, and I know from your expressions that you feel the same connection and commitment.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest and are truly spoilt over the festive holiday. I am deeply grateful to each of you for making Vision25 a magical and happy place — a sentiment I'm sure is shared by all our parents.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.



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AC HAIRCUT

Amanda's Fabulous New Look!

Today, our Amanda treated herself to a beautiful new hairstyle at the hairdresser's — shampoo, conditioning, cut, and blow dry!

Wow, what a stunning transformation. You look absolutely fabulous, Amanda!



20/1 GOODBYE TO TRACIE AT THE SUN INN

In Loving Memory of Tracie

We are deeply saddened and heartbroken to hear the news of Tracie's passing from the Sun Inn. Our thoughts and love go out to Sean and your family during this difficult time.

Tracie was loved by so many, including all of us at Vision25. Sean, you and Tracie have been incredibly kind and generous to us over the years — from your tireless fundraising efforts and generous donations to inviting the group for a truly memorable Christmas lunch.

We all cherish the special moments shared with you both. Tracie, you were truly one in a million. May you rest in peace. You will forever remain in our hearts and be deeply missed.



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19/2 CATALYST AWARDS AND JAKE B

Congratulations to Jake – Catalyst Awards Finalist!

Please join me in congratulating Jake, who was a finalist today in the Catalyst Awards Ceremony for Young Volunteer of the Year. Despite being visually impaired, Jake has achieved so much through his dedication and hard work in his voluntary role — always with a gorgeous smile on his face.

Jake, while you may not have taken home the award, to all of us at Vision25, you are a star and a true winner! Being among the top three finalists is a remarkable achievement, and we are incredibly proud of you today and every day.

Keep shining, keep smiling, and keep being your amazing self!



28/2 ELLIE MAY LEFT TO HAVE BABY

Best Wishes to Ellie-May as She Prepares for Baby!

Today, we wished our wonderful Ellie-May all the best as she prepares to welcome her baby boy in just two weeks! It's not goodbye — we look

forward to seeing you when you return after your maternity leave.

We hope you stay healthy and well throughout the remainder of your pregnancy, and that your little one arrives safely and smoothly without causing mummy too much trouble.

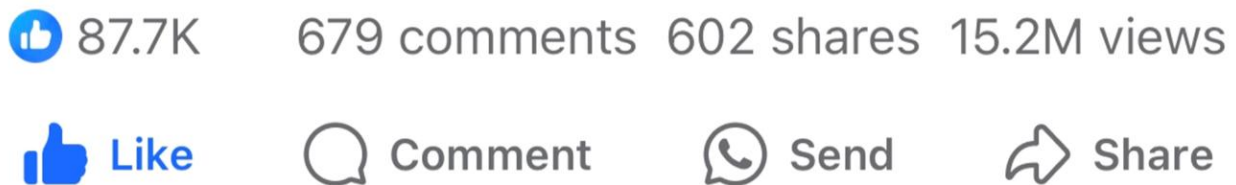
We will miss you (for now) but can't wait to meet your son!



4/2 PANCAKE DAY – POST WENT VIRAL

We Love Pancake Day!

We had a fantastic time celebrating Pancake Day, and shared some videos of our wonderful young people flipping pancakes. One video in particular — featuring our lovely Jazmin — went viral, reaching an incredible **15.2 MILLION views on Facebook!** Wow! We're so proud of Jazmin and all our amazing young people for making such a big splash online!



1 1/3 ELLA FIRST TO ACHIEVE 10 STAMPS ON HER REWARD CARD

Congratulations to Ella – Our First Reward Stamp Achiever!

Ella was the very first young lady to earn 10 reward stamps and chose to celebrate with a special treat alongside Jen at the café! We shared lots of laughs and had a wonderful chat.

Well done, Ella — here's to the next 10!



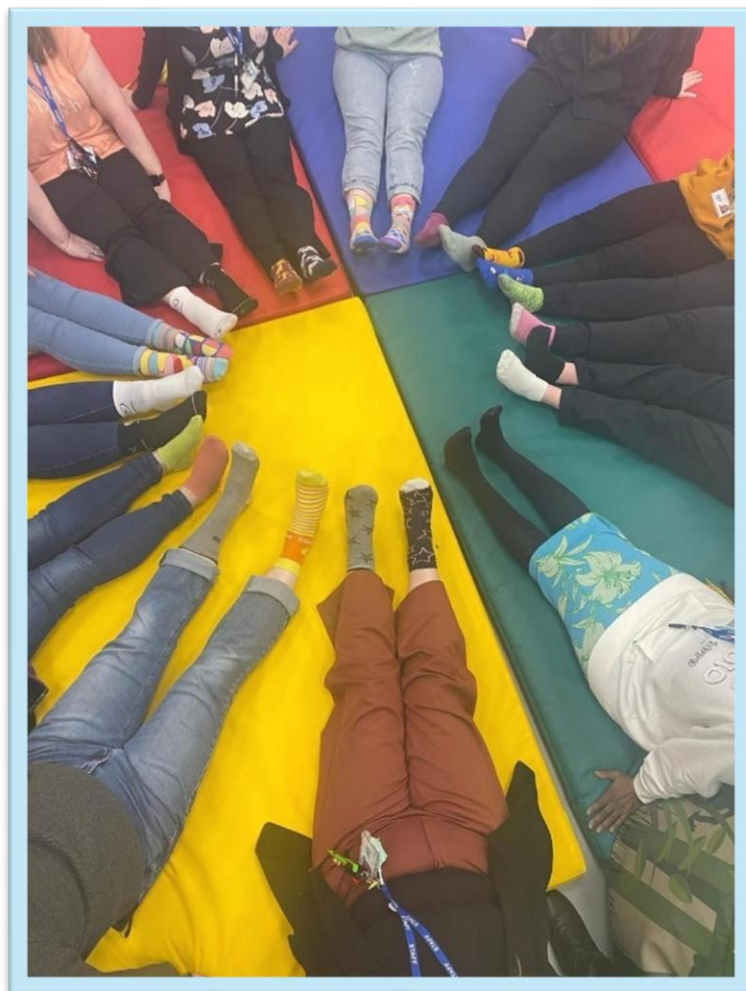
21/3 DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Celebrating World Down Syndrome Day with Odd Socks

Today, we proudly celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by embracing the "Lots of Socks" campaign. This initiative encourages wearing mismatched or brightly coloured socks to raise awareness and spark conversations about Down syndrome. The choice of socks is symbolic, representing the uniqueness of individuals with Down syndrome and the extra 21st chromosome they carry.

By donning our odd socks, we aim to challenge stereotypes, promote inclusivity, and celebrate the diversity that makes each of us special. It's a reminder that differences should not divide us but rather be embraced and celebrated. Every pair of mismatched socks represents a commitment to inclusion, understanding, and respect.

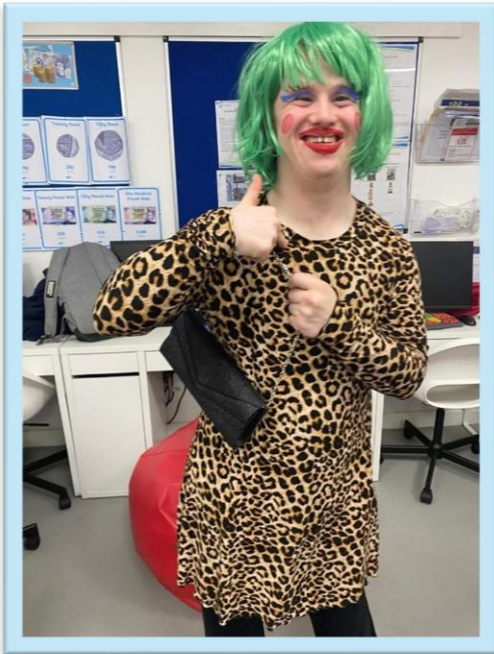
We encourage everyone to join this global movement by wearing odd socks, starting conversations, and sharing the message of acceptance. Together, we can make a positive impact and create a more inclusive world for all.



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CINDERELLA FOR THE PARENTS

Over the past few weeks, the group has thoroughly enjoyed preparing for their upcoming performance as part of their performing arts sessions. With great enthusiasm and teamwork, they dedicated themselves to rehearsals, refining their acting, singing, and stage presence. Their hard work culminated in a captivating adaptation of *Cinderella*, which was met with enthusiastic applause and heartfelt praise from families and friends. The performance not only showcased their creativity and confidence, but also highlighted the growth in their collaboration and communication skills.



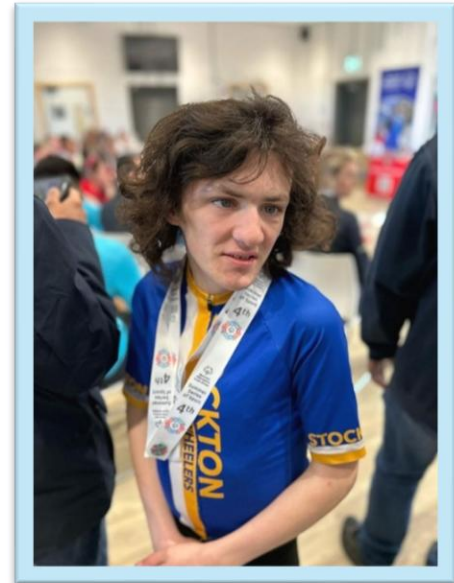
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REUBEN OLYMPICS

Our amazing Reuben had a fantastic weekend of racing with Stockton Wheelers at Wyke Sports Village in Bradford, competing in the Special Olympics Great Britain annual event. He gave it his all and proudly placed 4th in the 5km, 3km, and 1km Time Trials—a remarkable achievement! 🏆 🚴

Even more special than the results was the experience: Reuben reconnected with old friends, made new ones, and had an unforgettable time.

Reuben, we are so incredibly proud of you—your dedication, sportsmanship, and joyful spirit inspire us all. 💙 🙌



8/5 VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

We joined in the nationwide VE Day community celebrations!

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2025 marks the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, a momentous occasion in our shared history. Just as it was back in 1945, the heart of the VE Day 80 commemorations was found in local communities — and ours was no exception!

From street parties to music, laughter, and reflection, what fun we had coming together to honour the past and celebrate the peace that followed.

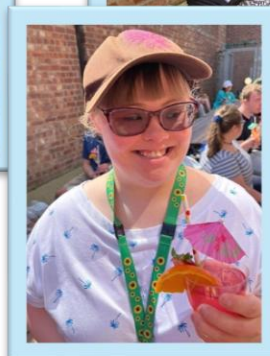
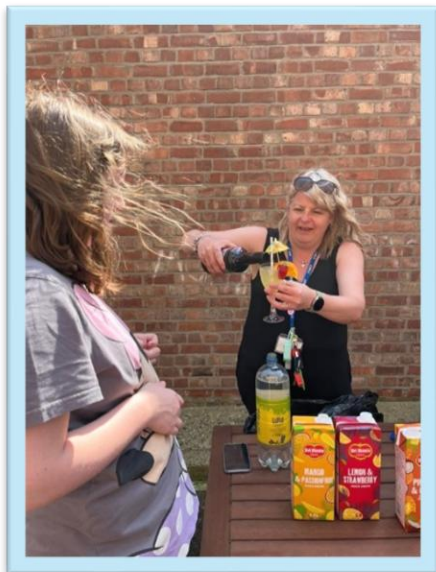
Here's to community spirit, remembrance, and a joyful tribute to history! 🎉 ❤️





COCKTAILS DAY

World cocktail day!!! Global celebration of cocktails! It marks the publication date of the first definition of cocktail on May 13th 1806. We loved celebrating with our mocktails!



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21/5 FIRST EVER DEAL OR NO DEAL

What a wonderful day — and the highlight? A full-group game of *Deal or No Deal*



We had it all: red boxes, dramatic sound effects, the phone ringing, and even Karen talking to the Banker! The atmosphere was electric.

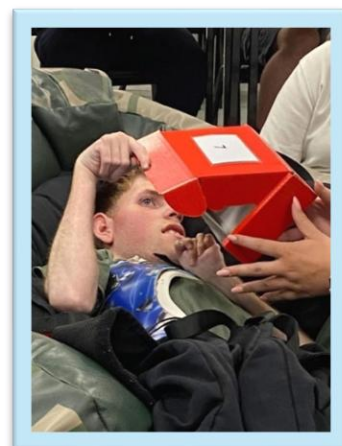
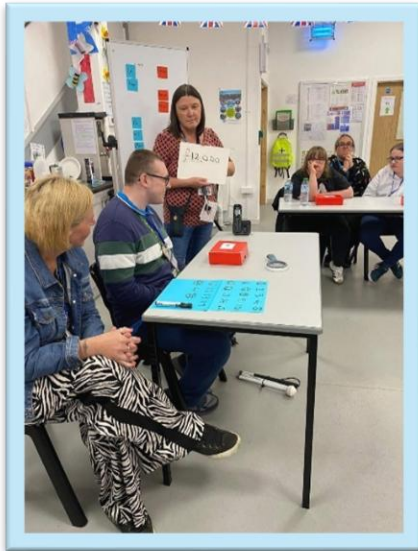
Jake was up first — and as a *huge fan* of the TV show, he could barely contain his excitement. From start to finish, he was fully immersed and ended up winning £5, which he swapped for a giant bar of chocolate 🍫. Afterwards, he turned to Karen and said: “This has been the best day of my life! Better than my birthday. I’ve loved it so much!!”

One very happy young man indeed!

Next up was Alexandra, who brought just as much energy and enthusiasm. She *beat the banker* and proudly walked away with a certificate declaring a £35,000 win — and an even bigger smile!

Everyone got involved, eagerly opening their red boxes and soaking up the fun. It was a joy to see so many happy faces.

Huge well done to Karen for organising such a brilliant session, and to our enthusiastic team and players for making it so memorable. ★👏



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

CREATIVE VILLAGE CIC

We have a strong and valued relationship with Creative Village, who deliver weekly workshops for us. Over the past year, we've explored a wide range of topics together. Here's a snapshot of the wonderful, creative, and exciting activities we've taken part in — from making mosaics and Halloween decorations to painting glass and creating a huge sign for our garden. Every session brings something new, inspiring, and full of imagination!



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THEY ALSO SUPPORTED US TO MAKE A SIGN FOR OUR ROPERY GARDENS

We've been working hard alongside Creative Village CIC to create a new sign for Ropery Gardens. It's been a great collaborative effort, and we're excited to see the final result! Thanks to Smithfield Timber for donating this huge piece of wood to make this possible!



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SMITHFIELD TIMBER

Thank You to Rob & the Team at Smithfield Timber

We are grateful to Rob and the entire team at Smithfield Timber for the wonderful visit to your premises today. Your generous donation of wood for our woodwork sessions is truly appreciated.

Eve, we're sure you felt proud seeing your dad at work! Well done to both Eve and Max — it was great to see how much you enjoyed your visit.



BILLINGHAM SOUTH SCHOOL VISIT

A Wonderful Visit to Billingham South Primary School

Some of our group had a fantastic time visiting Year One, Mrs. Howes' class, at Billingham South Primary School. We enjoyed a winter-themed art session and had a lovely chat with the children. It was a rewarding experience for everyone involved!



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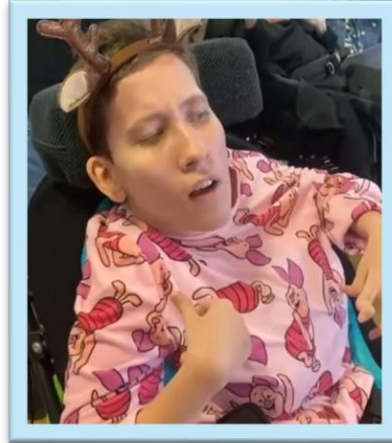
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BIG SINGING EVENT LIBRARY

A Magical Singing Session at Stockton Library

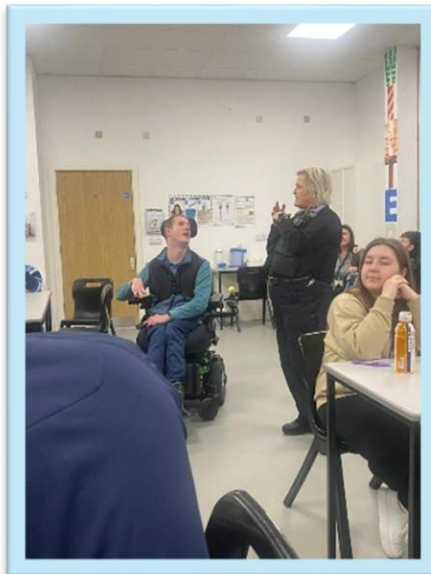
We absolutely loved our singing session at Stockton Library today. It was truly a magical experience. Thank you to everyone involved in making it so special!



POLICE VISIT

A Wonderful Day with Sharon

A special thank you to Sharon, who we're proudly claiming as our very own resident police officer. It was fantastic to see you, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the visit!



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STATUS QUO BILLINGHAM SOUTH

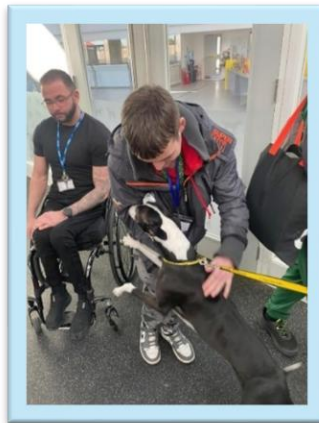
Rocking All Over the World with Jeff Rich

A big thank you to Billingham South Primary School for inviting some of our group to rock out with Jeff Rich, formerly of Status Quo. We loved every minute of this incredible experience! Meanwhile, the rest of us had a busy and fun-filled day rocking all over our day centre and beyond.

DOGS TRUST VISIT

Thank You to Dogs Trust

We are grateful to Dogs Trust for welcoming us this morning. We thoroughly enjoyed every minute of our visit — especially Paul, who loved it the most!



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CHRIST THE KING VISIT

A Delightful Visit to Christ the King Primary, Thornaby

We had a gorgeous morning making new friends during our visit to Christ the King Primary in Thornaby. Thank you for having us — it was truly lovely! Your pupils are a credit to you.



OUR LUCY MEETS RICKY TOMPLINSON

A Special Meet & Greet with Ricky Tomlinson

Our Lucy had a wonderful time meeting the brilliant Ricky Tomlinson. Ricky, next time you're in town, we'd love for you to pop in for a coffee!



FUNDRAISING EFFORTS & DONATIONS

BIKE RIDE IN THE WINDOW – MARY

Huge Thanks & Congratulations to Our Fundraising Team!

A huge thank you and well done to Mary, who leads our fundraising team, and her brilliant colleagues for coming together to make today's sponsored bike ride a tremendous success.

Special thanks also to our young people and their families, who were absolutely fabulous throughout the day. From 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, we rode continuously, with our young adults, parents, and staff all taking turns on the bike. Our café buzzed with supporters generously donating throughout the event.

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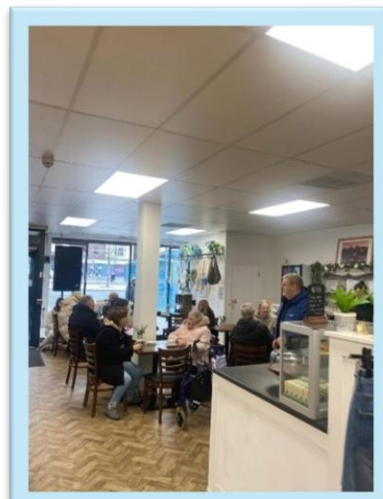
We are thrilled to share that we rode an incredible 72 miles and raised a magnificent £500.20 — with more donations expected from families who couldn't attend today. Thank you all for your generosity and support.



FUNDRAISING MEETING IN CAFÉ WITH PARENTS

Thank You to Our Wonderful Parents

A heartfelt thank you to Mary, Liberty, and Ella for hosting a fantastic coffee morning and fundraising meeting. It was a great success and another busy, productive day for us all!



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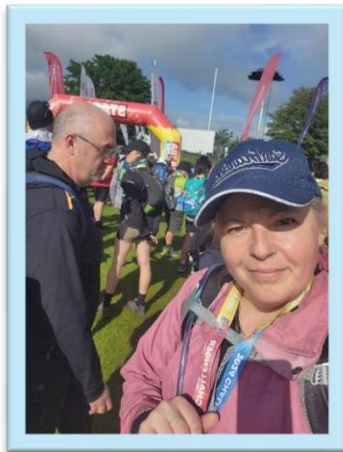
8/6 ULTRA CHALLENGE – HELEN AND FRIEND

Congratulations to Helen & Emma on the Lake District Ultra Challenge!

A huge congratulations to our staff member Helen and her wonderful friend Emma for completing the Lake District Ultra Challenge yesterday. They set off at 9:00 AM and triumphantly crossed the finish line at 12:15 AM, well past midnight!

Not only did they conquer this incredible feat, but they also exceeded their fundraising target of £1,000, which will enable us to install a defibrillator inside our day centre.

We are so proud of you both — how lucky we are to have such inspiring women in our community!



THANK YOU, SPEECHES, FOR DEFIB

Heartfelt Thanks

Some of our wonderful young people delivered a speech to express their gratitude to Helen and Emma for their incredible efforts and generous donation. Their kind support means so much to us all.

from Our Young People



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FUNDRAISING BBQ KAREN AND GRACE

A Wonderful Fundraising Afternoon

We had a fantastic afternoon at the brilliant fundraising BBQ hosted by our wonderful friends Karen and Grace. The event was impeccably organized, featuring a live band, plenty of food and drink, and great company.

We are incredibly grateful to Karen and Grace, and to everyone who attended and supported the day. A special thank you and well done to our events team for running the successful tombola.

Karen and Grace also organized a quiz at David Lloyds Teesside and a huge raffle — your kindness and dedication truly do not go unnoticed. Sending lots of love and gratitude to you both!



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22/7 OLIVER MET US – COSTA RICA TREK

Support Oliver's Costa Rica Trek Fundraiser!

Oliver is embarking on an exciting trek across Costa Rica with his colleagues from Tracerco to raise funds for our cause. Although he only recently discovered our organisation, Oliver has already visited us several times — including today with his lovely family.



Between now and the challenge, Oliver will be raising money through raffles, car boot sales, and selling teddy bears personalized by our young people for local primary schools.

What an inspiring young man! Please join us in supporting Oliver and his incredible efforts.



JOSH GNR AND MILLIE

Good Luck to Our Great North Run Runners!

Our wonderful volunteer Gill's son, Josh, is raising funds for us by taking part in the Great North Run! Thank you, Josh, for supporting our young people — we know you'll smash it!

Our own Millie is also running in the Great North Run and is close to reaching her fundraising target. Please support her in achieving her goal. Go Millie, you'll smash it! We truly appreciate everything both Josh and Millie do to help our young people thrive.



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MARK ARROL 100 MILE BERLIN WALL

Mark's Fundraising Walk Along the Berlin Wall

Mark, one of our wonderful dads, will be walking along the Berlin Wall (Mauer Weg) on September 10th to raise funds for our young people.

Well done, Mark, and thank you so much for your incredible support!



VALARIS DONATION

Special Thanks to Entier LTD

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful catering team from Entier LTD for their generous donation to our charity. We know how hard you work aboard the oil rig Valaris72.

A special shoutout to James Dodd, who made our day by popping in to see us.



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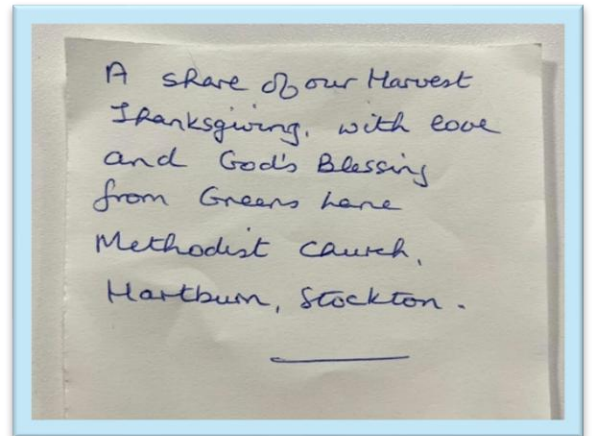
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GREEN LANE DONATIONS METHODIST CHURCH

Grateful Thanks to Greens Lane Methodist Church

Thank you so much to our wonderful friends at Greens Lane Methodist Church for the thoughtful food parcel from their Harvest Festival, accompanied by a lovely note. We also want to extend our thanks to our lovely Brian, James' grandad, who kindly carried three heavy bags to us. Your kindness means a great deal to us all.



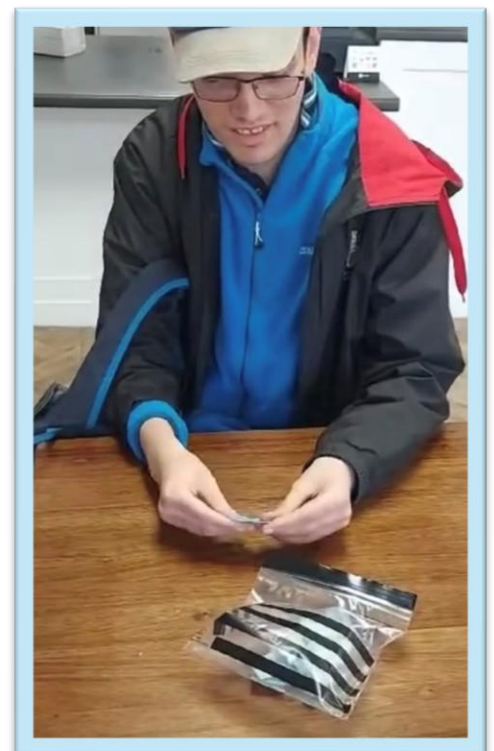
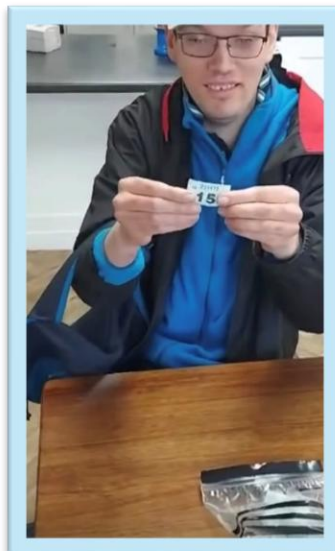
TEMPLE SPA ADVENT CALENDAR

Thank You to Ali and Family for Their Generous Fundraising

A big thank you to Ali, one of our wonderful parents, who raised £160 for Vision25 by raffling a Temple Spa advent calendar generously donated by her friend at cost price.

Here is James drawing the winning ticket in our café—well done, James! Congratulations to Lynn Mullen, the lucky winner.

We are so grateful to Ali and her family for their incredible support.



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ANNE RED LION DONATION

Thank You to Anne and Jeanette for Their Sponsored Walk

Special thanks to Anne from the Red Lion and her friend Jeanette, who completed a sponsored walk to Ropner Park this morning to raise funds for our Christmas celebrations.

We are incredibly grateful for their generous donation of £151 — a wonderful amount that will help us purchase something special for our young people.

Anne and Jeanette, you truly made our day!



PRODUCT AND TOMBOLA STALL

Successful Products and Tombola Stall!

Over the year we have had many successful product and tombola stalls, featuring items all lovingly made by our wonderful young people with the support of our dedicated staff.

The events have always been a great success, and we are proud of everyone involved!



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6/2 COSTA RICA TRIP

Tracerco Trek in Costa Rica – Day One Update

Day one complete! Our amazing team has walked 9.5 miles over six hours. Well done to everyone for their incredible effort and determination!



SUN INN DONATION

Thank You to Sean and the Sun Inn Pub, Stockton

A big thank you to Sean from the Sun Inn pub, just across the road from our premises, and to all the wonderful customers for their ongoing kindness and support. Your generosity means so much to us. Here's our Reuben happily collecting a donation from Sean — thank you once again!



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SHELL AND EAGLESCLIFFE PUB DONATIONS

Thank You for Today's Generous Donations

Please join me in expressing our gratitude to Chloe's dad, Peter; Terry Harvey from Shell UK Shearwater; and the Eagle Pub in Eaglescliffe, where our wonderful student Leon (Noah) works.

We truly appreciate everything you all do to support our young people.



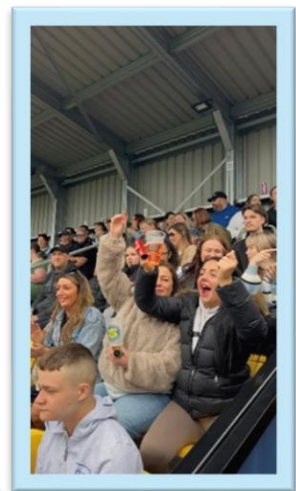
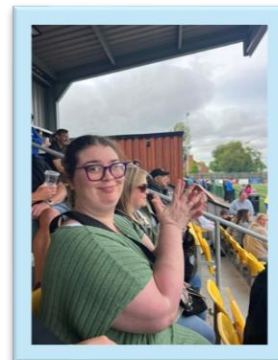
CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

A Fantastic Day at the Charity Football Match!

Yesterday's charity football match was a huge success! A big thank you to Dalton for organizing the event — our young people and staff thoroughly enjoyed every moment.

We're also incredibly grateful to Lindsey S Dkca and family, Daisy Brown, Paul and family, and Mary Bowden for manning the stall. Thanks to all our wonderful families and friends who baked delicious cakes to support the day.

A special thank you to all the players who took the time to get involved and show such kindness to our cause. Finally, thank you to Premier Interior Solutions and Buxton's Mobile Valeting for sponsoring the match and making this event possible.



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SCOTT MARATHON

Congratulations Scott – You Smashed It!

Well done on completing the challenge in an incredible 3 hours and 26 minutes, and raising an amazing £3,050 – It's still rising!!

Thank you so much for everything you do for us — we truly appreciate your dedication and support!



FARU CHARITY MEAL AT LORD CREWE ARMS

Special Charity Event Hosted by Chef Jake Siddle

We are incredibly grateful to head chef Jake Siddle from Restaurant Faru Durham for hosting a special one-off charity event at the Lord Crewe Arms in Northumberland.

All proceeds from the event were kindly donated to us, and we sincerely appreciate the generosity of Jake, Laura, and the entire Lord Crewe Arms team.

Thank you for your wonderful support!

A Special Charity Event by Our Head Chef, Jake

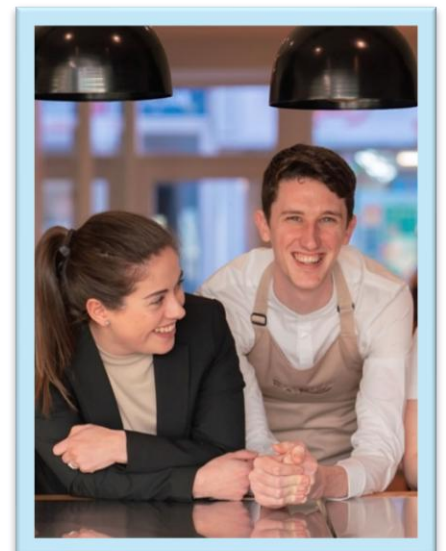
We're also incredibly proud to announce that our Head Chef, Jake, will be hosting a one-off charity event at the Lord Crewe Arms in Northumberland on May 28th. This special evening is now sold out, but all proceeds from the event will be donated to Vision 25, a fantastic charity based in Stockton-on-Tees that supports young adults with learning disabilities.

We're honoured to contribute to such an important initiative. We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has supported this event, and we can't wait to see the difference it will make for those who benefit from the charity's work.

If you do wish to see what Vision 25 does for young adults you can visit their website here - [Vision25](https://www.vision25.org.uk/).

Thank You for Your Continued Support

We are incredibly grateful for your loyalty and the trust you place in us. Your ongoing support allows us to continue creating memorable dining experiences and contribute to important causes like Vision 25.



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NICKELS & DIMES FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Special Thanks to Nickels & Dimes Country & Western Club

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Margaret and Maureen from the Nickels & Dimes Country & Western Club, based at the Longlands Club, for their incredible efforts in raising £1,041.23 in support of our charity. Your ongoing dedication and generosity mean so much to us, and we truly appreciate everything you do to help make a difference in the lives of our young people.



OUR RETAIL DEPARTMENT CHARITY SHOP - PRELOVED@V25

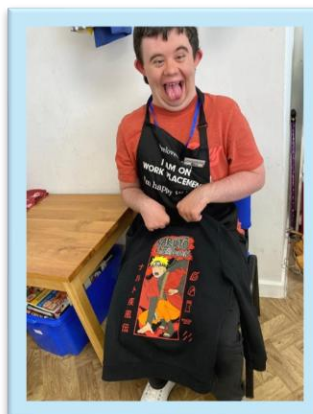
Since relocating from Fountains Mall in January 2024, our charity shop has seen steady month-on-month revenue growth. It has become a popular spot for locals—not only to browse and shop but also to enjoy friendly chats.

Most importantly, our young adults take great pride in working there, serving customers, and engaging with the community, making the shop a truly welcoming place for all.

Our retail department is managed by Dawn, who leads a team of shop, café, and stockroom assistants, supported by a dedicated group of volunteers.

The department includes a popular

preloved clothing shop, which receives regular donations from both the public and our supportive families. The shop is consistently busy and has become a valued part of the community. Many customers visit not only to shop but also to see our young adults in action as they complete their work placements, gaining valuable retail and customer service experience in a real-world environment.



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CAFÉ – HAPPYCAFE@V25

Our café officially opened on June 10th, 2024. Although we initially faced some staffing challenges, we have worked diligently to overcome them and are now proud to have a wonderful, dedicated staff team ensuring smooth and successful operations.

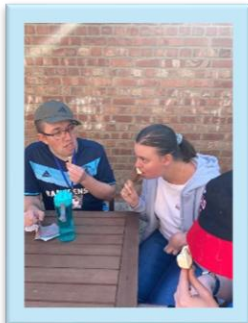
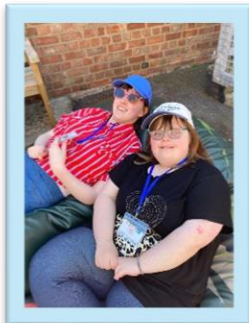
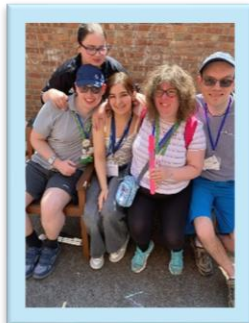
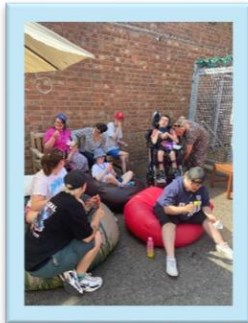
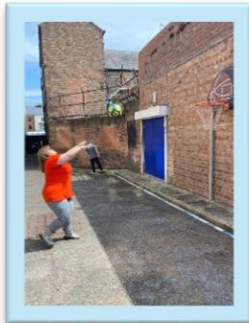
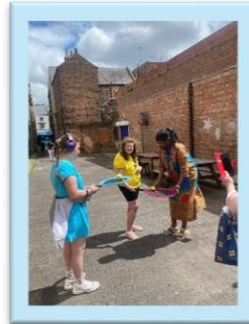
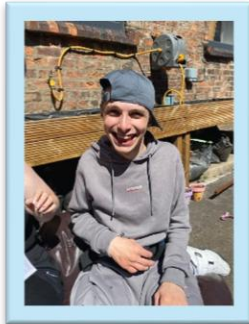
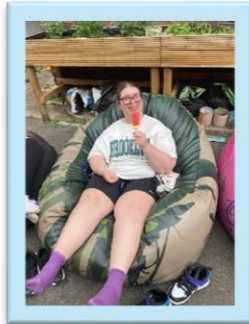
The café serves as another valuable work placement setting for our young people. It has become a well-loved community hub and a popular meeting place for local residents. The café offers a range of hot and cold drinks, as well as simple meals and homemade cakes, all served by our young adults as part of their skills development. This environment provides meaningful hands-on experience in food service, hospitality, and customer interaction, further supporting their journey toward independence and employability.

We also had a visit from environmental health who graded us 5 stars from Johnny our fave man!!

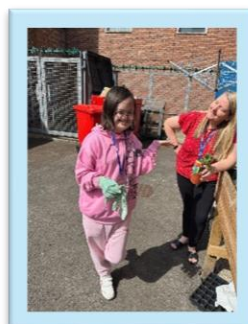
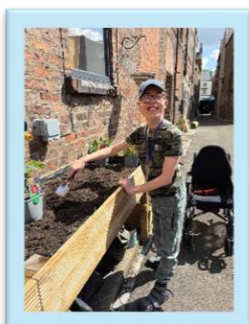
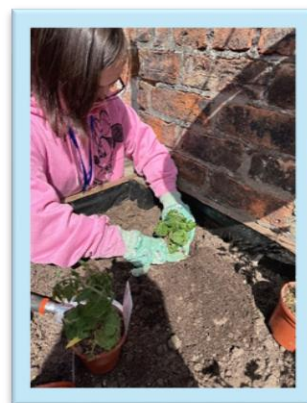
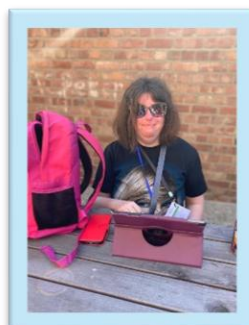
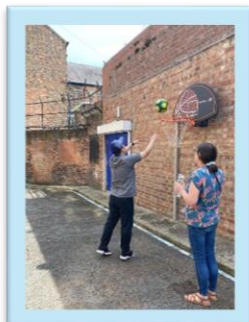
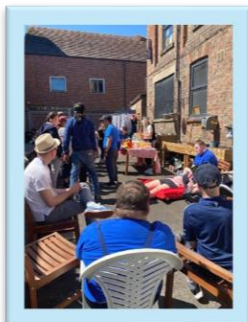
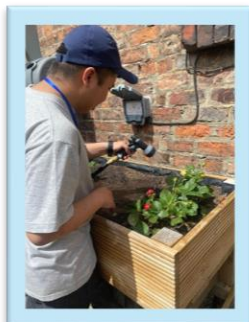


ROPERY GARDENS

Our wonderful Ropery Gardens has proven to be an incredibly valuable space, offering us a safe and welcoming environment to enjoy the outdoors, fresh air, and sunshine. The space serve a variety of purposes, and we make the most of this special place at every opportunity. We cannot overstate the importance of this treasured space, as the images below clearly show. A heartfelt thank you goes to Dave, our dedicated volunteer, for keeping the gardens weed-free and in immaculate condition throughout the year. His hard work ensures we can continue to enjoy this beautiful space to the fullest.







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VOLUNTEERS

OUR WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS ARE IRREPLACEABLE!!

I'm Beryl, I have been volunteering now for about 8 weeks at Vision 25 and really enjoy it, I initially started doing it as my granddaughter attends Vision and I was amazed to see how much she enjoys it, the range of activities and the obvious dedication and enjoyment the support workers get from working with the young adults.

I attend once a week and sort out the stock for the charity shop, it is like being part of a family as soon as you walk into the building, everyone is so friendly and welcoming. I love seeing the young adults coming and going to their visits in the community.

Personally, now that I am retired, it gives me something to do, I am meeting lots of new people, it is also giving me an awareness of what is happening in my community, and I very much enjoy it.



Hi my name is Caitlin, Volunteering at Vision25 is an absolute pleasure. Supporting the young service users with activities be it going out into the community, or cooking lunch to help gain life skills, has helped me too with my own confidence. I feel like everything I have learnt through volunteering has been beneficial towards my own future.

Hi my name is Dave. Always a pleasure to volunteer at Vision 25. Good for the soul to enter the building and see all the smiling happy young adults. Always a nice welcome from the staff too. It's obvious that they all love their jobs. Vision 25 is a very special place.



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I'm Eileen, I chose to volunteer for vision 25 as my grandson and granddaughter attend the service and have the most amazing time there. It's my chance to support them and other young adults with learning needs. I love going and seeing all of the happy faces and especially enjoy feeling like part of something special, I have been volunteering there for nearly a year and the young adults now recognise me, they will come and talk with me and as I'm a recent widow their company is priceless.



I'm Gill, I began volunteering as I retired from work and a very close friends' daughter had been attending Vision for a few years and absolutely loved it! It has been over 2 years now!

From the very first day both the staff and the young adults made me feel welcome and part of the team. Everyday I am amazed at how kind and inclusive the young adults are. They always look after each other and check in on both each other and the staff. The activities they do are wide ranging and educational. From cooking to writing to nature to crafting and so much more. Every day is different and

full of activities and learning, for all of us! If I am unable to attend, I feel like I missing out!

I consider Vision to be my happy place as do all young adults I think 😊

I'm Leon, Vision 25: Where do I begin I first volunteered back in October, and it totally transformed my life. It's such a great place to volunteer everyday a new lesson, and personal highlights for me include being able to hear so many stories from so many service users and seeing so many achieve their goal in a particular session big shout out to every staff member including Paul and Jen for giving me an opportunity to help me grow as a person.





I'm Liz, I've been volunteering at Vision 25 for about three years, and I love it. Every day is different, I never know what I might get involved in when I arrive, but it's always fun. I'm in awe of the fabulous staff, who create such a safe and loving environment for the young adults, whilst also consistently pushing them to be the best that they can be. And as for the young adults themselves, they are a joy to be around; funny, curious, and always surprising, they're all amazing.

Hi my name is Lorraine, I'm the mother of a young adult who comes to Vision 25, I am also a volunteer in our lovely charity shop, which I enjoy very much, it's a great opportunity to meet new people and be a part of the local community, while helping to raise funds for this fabulous charity.



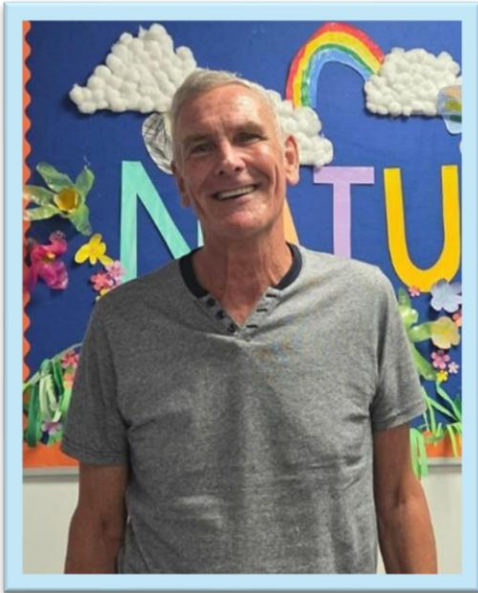
Hello my name is Madeline but in Vision25 I am Maddie. I have been here volunteering for over a year and love every minute of my time there. I started just to get out of the house and see some different faces, at home can be a bit boring. However, I now feel part of the Vision25 family and love it. In my own way I feel as if I am giving something back for all the care and help, they give families like ours. Come and join the volunteering, it beats sitting at home waiting for a visitor or the phone to ring.

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Hi I'm Maureen, I have only been volunteering for a short time and I enjoy the experience. Seeing everyone's happy faces when I walk through the door. I have made new friends and have been made very welcome.



Hi, I'm Mel When I first visited the building you acquired Jen and your Vision you had for it and the Benefits for all the children to come to and make like a home I was touched and you caught my emotions, and spending my first couple of days painting 4 rooms and thinking of how it would all plan out and always like helping others and now calling myself a Volunteer which is so rewarding for me and the appreciated feed back which I committed myself to carry on with my voluntary work until the building was up and running and popping back when required it's so rewarding

and the friends made for life.

" I and anyone can volunteer is so rewarding I recommend to everyone"

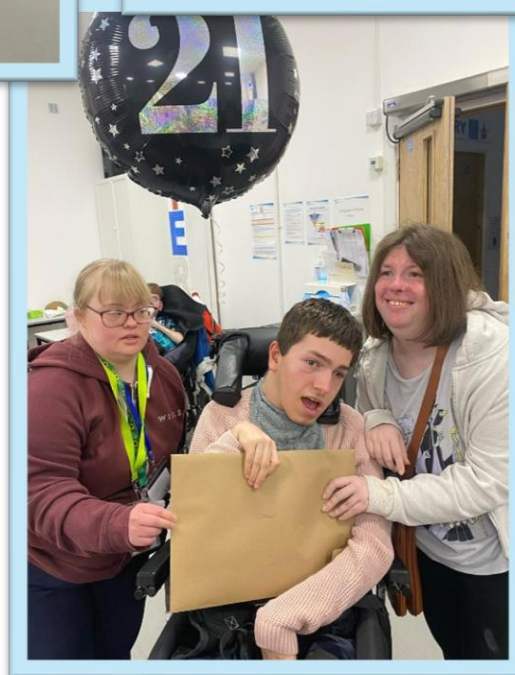
A RING WORKSHOP WITH CREATIVE VILLAGE TO SAY THANK YOU!

Some of our wonderful volunteers and staff recently enjoyed a creative ring workshop with Creative Village CIC. We truly appreciate the dedication and enthusiasm each of you brings to our community.



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS THIS YEAR!!

We have had quite a few 21st birthdays this year! Many happy returns to you all.



NEW SPECIALIST POSTS

This past year we have two new jobs which we haven't had before, a Family Liaison Officer (FLO) and a Grants Officer.



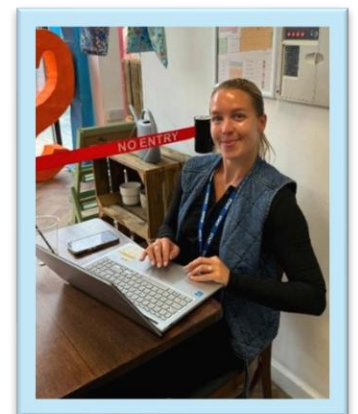
Helen, our Lead Staff Member, has recently taken on the role of Family Liaison Officer (FLO) and is working diligently to support families in navigating the often-complex systems surrounding care and support. As this is a new area for her, she is using the initial phase of her role to research key issues. This proactive approach will ensure she is well-prepared to offer accurate, timely, and effective guidance to families as they face these challenges.

In addition to her current responsibilities, Helen will provide comprehensive support to families by signposting them to relevant services such as healthcare, mental health support, education, and legal advice. She will also organise workshops and information sessions covering topics like financial planning, benefits entitlement and disability rights. To reduce isolation and foster community, she will facilitate peer support networks that enable families to share experiences and offer mutual encouragement. Furthermore, Helen will actively gather feedback from families to identify service gaps and contribute to continuous improvement. Finally, Helen will develop accessible resources, including guides and checklists, to empower families with information and tools they can use independently.



Steph is our new Grants Officer, she will be responsible for applying for grants and preparing funding bids to expand opportunities for our young people. As she is new to this role, she will initially undertake targeted training to develop the necessary skills, ensuring she can effectively secure vital funding to support the charity's mission. In addition to grant applications, Steph will explore a range of fundraising avenues, including:

- Identifying and applying to trusts and foundations aligned with our charitable objectives
- Developing corporate partnerships and sponsorship opportunities with local businesses
- Organising community fundraising events and campaigns to raise awareness and generate donations
- Exploring digital fundraising platforms and social media campaigns to reach wider audiences
- Seeking individual donor support through tailored communication and stewardship programs



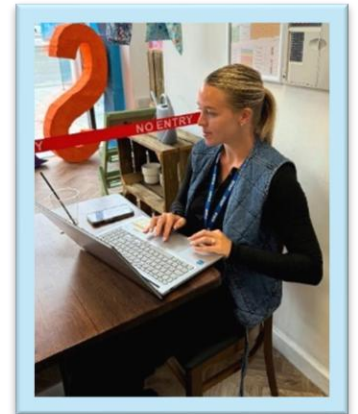
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- Investigating potential social enterprise initiatives that can generate sustainable income streams

Through a multi-faceted approach, Steph will work to diversify and increase the charity's income, enabling us to deliver and expand vital services for our young people.



THE YEAR AHEAD

We have secured £150,000 from the Key Fund, comprising a part-grant and part-loan, to support the purchase of our building. Additionally, we have submitted an application to Reaching Communities and have progressed to Stage 1. We are currently awaiting further updates, though we have been advised there may be a delay until late August or September due to recent changes in their application process.

Following the purchase of the building, refurbishment will begin on the first floor to establish Vision25plus. This initiative will support young people in developing workplace skills, improving their chances of securing paid supported employment.

As part of our vision, we will develop a range of social enterprises to provide meaningful training and employment opportunities for our young people. These will include a digital printing studio offering B2B services, a fully equipped hair salon, and a ceramic studio with a kiln, producing items for sale online. We will also establish a clothing alteration business under our own brand, *WearAble*, which will specialise in adaptable clothing for people with a range of disabilities. In addition, we aim to build strong relationships with local high street businesses, inviting them to volunteer their time and expertise to help train and mentor our young people.

Once the purchase is made, the role of our CEO will transition to focus primarily on research and the implementation of a housing scheme, providing shared accommodation and 24-hour support for all our young people."

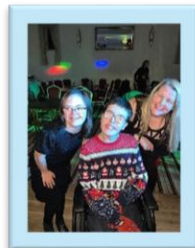
This project is driven by a strong personal and professional commitment, reinforced by the concerns expressed by parents who have asked, *"Who will look after my child when I'm no longer here?"* In response, I began researching supported living options several years ago and have since established working relationships with key stakeholders, including Stockton Borough Council's Strategic Housing Manager, North Star Housing, Thirteen, and UBU. These partnerships, along with ongoing research, will continue to inform and shape the development of our first supported property, ensuring it meets the needs of the young people and their families.

This question underscores the critical need for sustainable, long-term supported living solutions for young people with additional needs. Our project aims to provide not only a safe and stable living environment, but also the skills, support, and structure that will empower these individuals to live as independently as possible—offering families peace of mind about their future care.

We will also be exploring opportunities to offer short breaks for our young people. These breaks will not only provide valuable respite for families, but more importantly, to offer young people a chance to experience a level of independence in a safe and supported environment. It's an important step in helping them prepare for adult life, giving them a taste of what it's like to live away from home and begin building the confidence and skills needed for independent or supported living.

The day service will continue to expand to meet growing demand, with a current waiting list exceeding three years. As more young adults join, the staff team will also increase accordingly. While the ground floor day service will eventually reach capacity, the new facilities on the first floor will provide opportunities for older young adults (aged 25 and above) to spend the majority of their week engaged in work-based upskilling, as outlined previously. This approach will help alleviate pressure on the day service while supporting greater independence and employability.

To conclude this report – a personal message from Jen, our CEO;



I'm proud to say that our charity is thriving — and more importantly, it's an incredibly happy and uplifting place to be. We see this every single day in the smiles, laughter, and confidence of the young people we have the privilege of supporting.

What makes this possible is the remarkable team of staff who bring this service to life. Your care, dedication, and unwavering commitment are the heart of everything we do. Every day, I witness countless moments of love, empathy, kindness, and genuine connection — and I never take that for granted.

To each and every one of you: thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the passion and positivity you bring to this work. You are what makes this place so special.

Thank you for the unwavering support and love I feel every day from our wonderful parents. Your encouragement uplifts me daily and inspires me to work tirelessly for your sons and daughters. It's a privilege to be part of their journey, and your trust means the world to me.

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Of course, special thanks must go to my Senior Leadership Team, whose daily support is instrumental in maintaining the high standards of our day service. Their dedication and hard work play a vital role in keeping our service truly outstanding.



Financial review

The results for the period are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities in the accounts. The accounts for the year show a surplus of £129,631.

The reserves stand at £196,591, with £166,591 being unrestricted funds with free reserves of £137,319.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim is to expend all funds on their charitable objects; however, they recognise the need to maintain a certain level of reserves as a cushion against possible future difficulties. Free reserves at the level of 6 months running costs would allow the charity to continue its operations while alternative funding sources were sought.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 11th July 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

T.L Dooley
Trustee

J Langford
Trustee

G Williams
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of VISION25

Year ended 31 May 2025

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2025, which comprise the statement of financial activities, statement of financial position and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

SJ Accounting Service (NE) Ltd
Independent Examiner

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Stockton on Tees
TS17 5JD

The notes on pages 71 to 80 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 May 2025

			2025		2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	17,436	31,250	48,686	27,390
Charitable activities	5	892,883	—	892,883	638,925
Total income		<u>910,319</u>	<u>31,250</u>	<u>941,569</u>	<u>666,315</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	810,688	1,250	811,938	671,773
Total expenditure		<u>810,688</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>811,938</u>	<u>671,773</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>99,631</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>129,631</u>	<u>(5,458)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		66,960	—	66,960	72,418
Total funds carried forward		<u>166,591</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>196,591</u>	<u>66,960</u>

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

The notes on pages 71 to 80 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

Year ended 31 May 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	12	45,917	37,505
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		159,089	31,789
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	8,415	2,334
Net current assets		150,674	29,455
Total assets less current liabilities		196,591	66,960
Net assets		196,591	66,960
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		30,000	—
Unrestricted funds		166,591	66,960
Total charity funds	15	196,591	66,960

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 11th July 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



T.L. Dooley
Trustee



J. Langford
Trustee



G. Williams
Trustee

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 144 High Street, Stockton on Tees, TS18 1LX.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102.(a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.

(b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)***Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)***Tangible assets** *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% straight line
Equipment	- 20% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations type 1	17,436	—	17,436
Grants			
SBC High Street Improvement Grant	—	—	—
Charities Trust	—	—	—
Tees Valley Community Foundation	—	1,250	1,250
Postcode Lottery	—	30,000	30,000
Noble Trust	—	—	—
	<u>17,436</u>	<u>31,250</u>	<u>48,686</u>

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations type 1	14,890	–	14,890
Grants			
SBC High Street Improvement Grant	–	10,000	10,000
Charities Trust	–	500	500
Tees Valley Community Foundation	–	–	–
Postcode Lottery	–	–	–
Noble Trust	–	2,000	2,000
	<u>14,890</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>27,390</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	879,545	879,545	616,967	616,967
Other income from charitable activities type 1	<u>13,338</u>	<u>13,338</u>	<u>21,958</u>	<u>21,958</u>
	<u>892,883</u>	<u>892,883</u>	<u>638,925</u>	<u>638,925</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Activity type 1	786,898	1,250	788,148
Support costs	<u>23,790</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>23,790</u>
	<u>810,688</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>811,938</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Activity type 1	643,617	15,500	659,117
Support costs	<u>12,656</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>12,656</u>
	<u>656,273</u>	<u>15,500</u>	<u>671,773</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Activity type 1	788,148	–	788,148	659,117
Governance costs	–	23,790	23,790	12,656
	<u>788,148</u>	<u>23,790</u>	<u>811,938</u>	<u>671,773</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>12,488</u>	<u>6,316</u>

9. Independent examination fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>840</u>	<u>840</u>

10. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	604,319	452,096
Social security costs	28,075	20,365
Employer contributions to pension plans	8,633	6,225
	<u>641,027</u>	<u>478,686</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 49 (2024: 35).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

- no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees; or

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 June 2024	38,059	9,155	47,214
Additions	20,000	900	20,900
At 31 May 2025	<u>58,059</u>	<u>10,055</u>	<u>68,114</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 June 2024	5,984	3,725	9,709
Charge for the year	10,612	1,876	12,488
At 31 May 2025	<u>16,596</u>	<u>5,601</u>	<u>22,197</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 May 2025	<u>41,463</u>	<u>4,454</u>	<u>45,917</u>
At 31 May 2024	<u>32,075</u>	<u>5,430</u>	<u>37,505</u>

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	840	840
Social security and other taxes	5,640	–
Other creditors - desc in a/cs	1,935	1,494
	<u>8,415</u>	<u>2,334</u>

14. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £8,633 (2024: £6,225).

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15. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 June 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 May 2025 £
General funds	51,185	910,319	(810,688)	(13,497)	137,319
Redundancy Reserve	15,775	–	–	13,497	29,272
	<u>66,960</u>	<u>910,319</u>	<u>(810,688)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>166,591</u>

	At 1 June 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 May 2024 £
General funds	59,825	653,815	(656,273)	(6,182)	51,185
Redundancy Reserve	9,593	–	–	6,182	15,775
	<u>69,418</u>	<u>653,815</u>	<u>(656,273)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>66,960</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 June 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 May 2025 £
Tees Valley Community Foundation	–	1,250	(1,250)	–	–
SBC High Street Improvement Grant	–	–	–	–	–
Noble Trust	–	–	–	–	–
Charities Trust	–	–	–	–	–
Community Foundation	–	–	–	–	–
Postcode Lottery	–	30,000	–	–	30,000
	<u>–</u>	<u>31,250</u>	<u>(1,250)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>30,000</u>

	At 1 June 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 May 2024 £
Tees Valley Community Foundation	–	–	–	–	–
SBC High Street Improvement Grant	–	10,000	(10,000)	–	–
Noble Trust	–	2,000	(2,000)	–	–
Charities Trust	–	500	(500)	–	–
Community Foundation	3,000	–	(3,000)	–	–
Postcode Lottery	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>(15,500)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	45,917	–	45,917
Current assets	120,674	30,000	150,674
Net assets	<u>166,591</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>196,591</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	37,505	–	37,505
Current assets	29,455	–	29,455
Net assets	<u>66,960</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>66,960</u>