

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
TOGETHER ACTIVE

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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TRUSTEES

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees 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 aims

The objects of the charity are:

- The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for and opportunities to participate in sport and other physical activities for the benefit of the inhabitants of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.
- To advance the education of the public in sport and physical activity.

Why we exist

We are an independent charity and the Active Partnership for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. As an active partnership we form one of 43 organisations across the UK funded by Sport England to work systemically across our region to address structural inequalities preventing people from living healthy, active lives.

We work to use physical activity as a tool to improve the lives of some of the most overlooked and unheard populations by working across three priority areas:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Social Inclusion
- Powerful Communities

Our work focusses on population groups who experience one or more of the following:

- Mental health distress
- A long-term physical health condition including physical disability
- Low or no income
- Exclusion as a result of gender/ gender identity and /or race

We work in collaboration with partners from systems across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent to work toward our vision.

Public Benefit Disclosures

Having reviewed the Objective and Activities, and the Achievements and Performance of the organisation, and having given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011, the Trustees are satisfied that Together Active's has delivered significant public benefit during 2024-25.

Objectives and Activities

Together Active's strategy was launched in 2024 which centres on increasing physical activity by addressing the systemic issues that create inequality and exclusion. Our approach is underpinned by three pillars:

- Health and Wellbeing - Working with partners to improve the prevention pathway for mental health
- Social inclusion - Testing new ways of working with socially excluded groups to increase opportunities for them to be active
- Powerful Communities - Proving that physical activity has a critical role to play in community development

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our Vision

Design out inactivity across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Safeguarding

This year, we strengthened our internal capacity by appointing both a Lead Safeguarding Officer and a Deputy Safeguarding Officer. Our safeguarding policies have been comprehensively reviewed and updated, including refinements to internal reporting mechanisms.

Staff have participated in a range of safeguarding training opportunities throughout the year, with over ten sessions attended both internally and externally. These included training on safer recruitment, safeguarding adults in sport, and Lead Safeguarding Officer development through the Ann Craft Trust and the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU).

We have continued to be involved in the national Sport Welfare Officer Network and have a dedicated Safeguarding and Welfare Adviser funded by Sport England to support local clubs and organisations in developing and maintaining safer cultures in sport. Our Safeguarding and Welfare Adviser has worked to build and maintain positive relationships across the sector and has developed key partnerships with National Governing Bodies for sport and the Staffordshire Children's Partnership, helping to strengthen how safeguarding is delivered at a local level.

Broadening training and development opportunities for our staff will remain a key priority, ensuring that safeguarding is embedded across all areas of our work and that staff develop a strong understanding of contextual safeguarding relevant to their roles.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements and Performance

Better Health Staffordshire

We have continued to grow our involvement with Better Health Staffordshire, moving to a more strategic role within the programme as it grows and deepens. The two core strands of work within it are physical activity and healthy eating, and we are a key partner in the physical activity side. We have worked in partnership with Staffordshire County Council Public Health to develop system maturity analysis, training around outcomes-based working and theory of change development and steering the development of the work both centrally and in localities. Additionally, we have led on the development of localised physical activity data and insights which have been central to determining the course of the work.

We have also continued to develop our Active My Way website, which is supported by the county council, developing new and updated content with communities to ensure their needs are represented and the content is relevant to them. The insight gained from this has also given us greater understanding of the barriers people face being active across our patch. We have focused on groups and communities who are most excluded from physical activity, looking through an intersectionality lens to understand more specific issues people may face or have questions about that are not covered by more generalised physical activity advice. We have also been careful to develop the tone of our content to keep it accessible, warm, and welcoming to people accessing the site.

Cannock Chase Wayfinding Project - increasing access to green space

The Cannock Chase Wayfinding Project has seen significant progress over the past year. Procurement of contractors has been completed for key capital works, including improvements to the car park and the Toc H trail. The car park has been resurfaced with dust granite, creating a durable and natural-looking surface that improves access for people with disabilities. The Toc H trail has been excavated and resurfaced along its full 1km length, from the car park to the viewing platform, and widened to 1.5 metres to enhance accessibility and user experience.

Contractor procurement has also been completed for planned improvements to the viewing platform, with construction expected to begin later this summer. In parallel with these physical enhancements, an outdoor artist and workshop facilitator has been appointed. More than six community engagement and design workshops have already taken place, with the remaining sessions scheduled for completion by the end of July 2025. These workshops ensure the community remains at the heart of the project, shaping both the design and experience of the site.

The project remains committed to increasing access to green space and addressing barriers to walking, such as low confidence and social isolation through inclusive, co-designed solutions and ongoing community engagement.

Living Springs Active Wellbeing Pilot

We're working in partnership with YMCA Living Springs to deliver an outdoor physical activity programme for families living in supported housing in South Staffordshire, many of whom are facing, or have faced, significant challenges such as domestic violence, trauma, and poverty. Mental health is a core focus of the work, with the sessions designed to support both individual wellbeing and collective connection. The programme includes ten inclusive, low-barrier activities, such as forest school, trampolining, climbing, and bike maintenance, that are free to access and shaped around the realities of residents' lives, including the provision of childcare.

Although the programme is still underway, early engagement has been strong. Initial feedback suggests participants are feeling more confident, more supported, and more connected to others in their community. Some have begun exploring ways to lead future activity themselves, from walking groups to cycling clubs. This work is helping us test how physical activity can be used as a tool for mental health prevention and support, community development, and community-led change, while deepening our understanding of what it takes to engage those most at risk of being left out.

Children and Young People with Diabetes Project

This project, delivered with Staffordshire University, is focused on increasing access to physical activity for young people with type 1 diabetes, particularly those from underserved or marginalised backgrounds. At its heart is a peer research model: young people with lived experience are helping to design, deliver, and evaluate training for local football coaches, to improve understanding of diabetes and remove practical and attitudinal barriers to participation. The programme also supports young people to build their own skills, confidence, and leadership, while contributing insight into how physical activity can be better integrated into long-term condition pathways.

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The work is still in progress, with sessions running through the summer. However, early reflections from participants show growing confidence, stronger self-advocacy, and a renewed motivation to be active. This project is part of our wider commitment to testing new approaches that centre inclusion from the outset; not just in who takes part, but in who gets to shape the system. It's also strengthening cross-sector capability, helping to embed inclusive design in places where it can make the most difference.

Virtual Schools

Our partnership with regional Virtual Schools teams has continued to thrive this year and we have been able to enhance our offer to children and young people currently in the care system. Funded by the West Midlands Virtual Schools Children in Care Foundation, we have been able to offer activities that contribute to wellbeing, inclusion, and personal development.

In its third year of delivery, the team listened closely to feedback from children and their foster families to design bespoke events that reflected their interests and needs. A clear preference emerged for more outdoor activities, opportunities that could involve the wider family, and support for teenagers exploring their options beyond school, including professional development.

In response, three events were delivered:

- Outdoor Adventure Fest - Activities included soft archery, orienteering and nature scavenging, obstacle courses, invasion games, and bushcraft. The event attracted strong attendance and was delivered in partnership with
 - Trentham's Wildlife Range team, Time4Sport, and Green Door.
- Lets Level Up - in partnership with the YMCA included indoor climbing, dance sessions, and Forest School workshops delivered by Nurtured Through Nature. The smaller group allowed for a personalised experience and
 - valuable insight into future planning.
- Element Explorers - Chasewater Activity Centre provided exclusive use of the site with children and young people taking part in raft building, bell boating, orienteering, and bushcraft.

Approximately 160 children, young people, and family members took part in the three events which focused on promoting confidence, connection, and personal development in safe, supportive environments.

Rise and Lead

Rise and Lead is a project inspired by the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme but delivered without eligibility restrictions. Over the past year, it has provided an inclusive and engaging half-term offer for girls aged 12 to 16. The programme was delivered in partnership with local activity providers Bee Active and 10 Count Boxing in Stoke-on-Trent, combining food provision with leadership development through sport.

The project began with four weeks of pre-engagement multi-sport sessions led by 10 Count Boxing. These sessions built relationships and supported recruitment for the main programme. During the February half term, 14 girls enrolled in a three-day leadership training course. Thirteen successfully completed their Level 1 Qualification in Sports Leadership, a nationally recognised award that prepares young people to assist in leading physical activity sessions under supervision.

The girls and young women took part for a variety of reasons, including spending time with friends, gaining new experiences, and developing skills for future careers. Many reported increased confidence, stronger communication skills, and a clearer sense of direction. Some now plan to volunteer in their communities, while others see the course as a stepping stone towards careers in sport, teaching, or healthcare.

Next steps include exploring opportunities for the group to progress to a Level 2 qualification, along with volunteering placements and experience-based learning to build on their achievements.

Strength in Motion

Strength in Motion was launched as a pilot initiative in collaboration with Gingerbread, Thrive at Five, and 10 Count Boxing, aiming to test new approaches to engaging young mothers in Stoke-on-Trent through physical activity, social connection, and leadership development.

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Delivered over six weeks as part of a broader 16-week concept, the programme provided a valuable opportunity to explore what helps young mothers become more active and involved in their local communities. Hosted at the YMCA and supported by Thrive at Five's on-site childcare, sessions included light physical activity such as boxing and park walks, creative engagement, and open discussions shaped around participants' interests, aspirations, and everyday challenges. Although attendance was modest, three young women under the age of 20 took part in the pilot. Each returned for multiple sessions and engaged meaningfully with the programme, highlighting the importance of consistency, relevance, and supportive environments.

The pilot surfaced several key insights that are now informing future development. Childcare provision was essential to enabling participation, particularly for mothers with limited support networks, while the location's proximity to supported housing significantly improved accessibility. Session length also emerged as an important factor, with the original format proving too long for those attending with young children. This reinforced the need for shorter, more focused sessions that are easier to manage alongside parenting responsibilities.

Building on these learnings, Together Active and its partners are preparing to launch the next phase of Strength in Motion in the coming year. The updated programme will include a revised session format and an expanded reach, including residents of Gingerbread's second supported housing site, which supports young families and pregnant women experiencing homelessness.

Opening School Facilities

2024-25 was the final year of the Opening School Facilities a national programme that offered locally through our delivery partner, The Hubb Foundation. In Year 3, the programme enabled the distribution of £252,849.99 across 22 schools, supporting the delivery of 672 sessions that reached 731 individual children and young people (CYP). These sessions contributed to a total of 7,457 CYP attendances over the course of the year.

The programme created 4,490 community engagement opportunities involving 102 individuals from across local communities. A variety of inclusive and impactful projects were delivered, including a custom-built go-karting track at a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) school, a family breakfast run club featuring a silent disco, and targeted swimming lessons designed to improve water confidence and broaden participation. The programme also supported staff training and upskilling, with equipment provided to schools to ensure long-term sustainability.

The OSF programme leaves a legacy of improved access, increased participation, and strengthened partnerships between schools and their communities.

Stoke on Trent Place Expansion

In July 2024, Together Active was successfully awarded £313,988 from Sport England to deliver the development phase of Place Expansion in Stoke-on-Trent. This investment supports the design and implementation of a new way of working, that uses a place-based approach to drive systemic change.

Together Active is leading this work in response to the significant and entrenched health and social inequalities across the city. While there are recognised strengths and assets in both local communities and existing systems, Stoke-on-Trent begins this work from a place of considerable challenge. The city faces high levels of deprivation, low system maturity, long-standing underinvestment, and growing pressure across public services.

The development award focuses on four priority areas: Abbey Hulton, Meir, Burslem, and Bentilee, places where disadvantage is particularly concentrated. This investment is designed to enable Together Active to create a cohesive partnership that works collaboratively to address structural issues that prevent physical activity from being integrated into local systems and services.

Our Place Partnership has a shared vision and purpose, bringing together system partners to learn and co-design sustainable, equitable approaches that increase activity, reduce inactivity, and address the root causes of health inequality. Integral to the work has been to connect local community activity directly into policy making wide decision making. Through our partnership we have embedded Community Activators who are trusted local connectors based within each of the priority areas. Hosted by partner organisations including Port Vale Foundation, Middleport Matters, the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Stoke-on-Trent City Council, and Bentilee Volunteers, the Activators are leading deep community engagement through appreciative enquiry and peer research. Their role is to gather local insight, convene meaningful conversations, and support test-and-learn activity.

Since the award was granted, this work has:

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- Engaged over 60 partners across Stoke-on-Trent
- Connected with over 400 community members
- Worked with 68 community groups
- Recruited five individuals into new roles
- Provided 35 opportunities for systems leadership and professional development for leaders across the city

This early phase is vital to deepening understanding of the local context and setting the stage for long-term, systemic change. The learning taken throughout this development stage will form the premise for work to be undertaken during the full award investment phase to deepen and embed this work in Stoke-on-Trent.

Plans for the Future

Our primary focus as an organisation will be to continue to work towards achieving our strategic outcomes under the three pillars of Powerful Communities, Social Inclusion and Health and Wellbeing. We have increasingly focused on place working applying a universal proportionalism to the allocation of our resources. In the coming year, we will be integrating our place approach fully with the development of our anchor/satellite model to enable us to work in place across our region. We are working with Sport England to launch a further place expansion area in East Staffordshire and will be rolling out the next phase of our place work in Stoke-on-Trent.

Our relationship with Sport England is critical to our organisation but we recognise the need to diversify our income and explore ways of improving our organisational sustainability. Consequently, we have committed in 2025-26 to the appointment of a Fundraising and Communications Manager and a Marketing Officer to help us develop a longer term income generation strategy. This will also enable us to expand the scope of our work to areas that may not be covered by Sport England funding but are of importance to our communities and aligned to the achievement of our strategic outcomes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

At 31.03.24 the total funds held were £855,464, and at 31.03.25 the total funds held were £573,510.

Funding Sources

Together Active has received £539,990 income during 2024-25. This consists of £470,865 of funding from Sport England during the period 01.04.24-31.03.25, along with £26,042 of funding from local partners (local authorities and universities), £39,453 of other restricted funding from a range of partners, £1,800 other unrestricted funding and £1,830 of bank interest.

Together Active recognises the risk of over-dependency on Sport England funding and long term aims to increase income generation and secure additional funding from other sources.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

At 31.03.25 total funds held were £573,510

Together Active's Reserves Policy outlines three types of funds which Together Active holds:

Restricted Funds

This is grant funding which has been received and is held for future delivery within the grant period or which is grant underspend where we have permission from the grant provider to carry it forward. It can only be spent on expenditure allowed within the terms of the grant agreement. At 31.03.25 this totals £56,824 and is detailed within the accounts.

Unrestricted Funds

This is the amount of funding which is not restricted and totals £516,686.

The trustees have identified the amount of funding which needs to be held to manage the dissolution of the CIO should this be necessary, meeting all associated liabilities as outlined in the organisation's Reserves Policy. As of 31.03.25 this figure was £124,469 and includes:

- Redundancy liabilities for all eligible staff
- Three months of employment costs (partly covered by restricted funding)
- Office lease (partly covered by restricted funding)
- Mobile phone contracts (partly covered by restricted funding)-

Unrestricted funds in excess of this policy are currently held. These funds can be invested back into the organisation and its delivery to support the organisation's growth.

As of 31.03.25 this figure was £392,217.

Designated Funds

These are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for specific costs or purposes.

At 31.03.25 £159,088 was designated for two staff posts covering fundraising and marketing.

Going concern

Together Active has a long-term financial forecast (currently running to 31.03.30) which is kept up-to-date. Based on these figures the Trustees have no reason to believe that Together Active will not be able to continue as a going concern during this period and beyond.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Together Active is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), entered on the Register of Charities on 13th January 2020. Our objects and powers are set out in our Constitution, which is reviewed annually.

Governance

Together Active is governed by Board of Trustees who oversee the strategic direction of the charity. The day to day running is delegated to the Chief Executive supported by a senior leadership team and specialist staff.

The Chair is supported by a Vice Chair/Senior Independent Director who is elected by existing trustees. Trustee, Chair and Vice Chair positions have role profiles that outline their duties and expectations.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Board comprises a minimum of three and not more than 12 Trustees. Trustees hold office for a term of three years. After three years Trustees who wish to continue their service can seek re-election via a Board decision, but can serve no more than three, three-year terms in total.

Trustees are appointed via an openly advertised recruitment process. We may utilise the expertise of a specialist agency to support with trustee recruitment and selection. The skills, knowledge and behaviours required are identified using the skills and behaviours matrix which is completed by existing trustees. Prospective trustees are assessed against specific criteria through an interview process.

It has been a key priority for Together Active in the last twelve months to ensure that our board is made up of people that reflect the communities we serve. We have actively sought to recruit those with lived experience of the issues we are seeking to address and who live locally in our communities. We have been delighted to appoint new trustees that have a range of backgrounds and experiences as well as relevant skills to govern the charity effectively.

Recruitment of board members is overseen by the Governance and Appointments Committee, acting as the Nomination Committee. All trustees sign a code of conduct, Declaration of Good Character and Declaration of Interest or Loyalty.

Organisational structure

In addition to our sub committees, we have trustee champions for safeguarding and whistleblowing.

Decision making

The Board of Trustees is responsible for agreeing the strategic direction of Together Active and delegates day to day running of the organisation to the Chief Executive and senior leadership team.

The Board meets a minimum of four times per year. Additional Board meetings may be required when circumstances dictate. The Board maintains a proper record of meetings and decisions, normally in the form of minutes.

Decisions can only be taken if a meeting is quorate. The quorum is three Trustees or the number nearest to one half of the total number of trustees, whichever is greater, or such larger number as the Trustees may decide from time to time.

Wherever possible decisions are reached by consensus. If this is not possible then a majority vote will decide the issue. In the event of a tied vote the Chair of the meeting has the casting vote.

The Board may establish Committees as required and delegate authority, responsibility and tasks, as appropriate. Any Committee established shall have clear terms of reference specifying the responsibilities and any powers delegated to the Committee, which shall be agreed by the Board. Any one-off delegations of authority will be agreed by the Board and appropriately documented.

Any Committee established shall maintain a proper record of meetings and decisions.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new Trustees are provided with an induction pack and have access to a shared area of key resources through an online platform. We provide an induction session attend an induction session with the Senior Leadership Team. The Chair and Chief Executive discuss specific training needs with all new trustees individually to ensure they feel confident in performing the duties of their role.

All Trustees are encouraged to attend relevant training as needed. In addition, training for the whole Board briefings may be organised from time to time when a need is identified.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Formal Board Committees

Governance and Appointments Committee - ensures the Board operates effectively. This committee also acts as a nominations committee as required.

Finance and Audit Committee - ensures the adequacy of the organisation's financial reporting, risk management and internal controls.

Pay and Remuneration

Staff pay is determined in line with Together Active's Remuneration Policy. All trustee roles are unremunerated, but trustees can claim reasonable expenses.

Governance Standards

As a recipient of Sport England funding, Together Active is required by Sport England to achieve and maintain Tier Three of A Code for Sports Governance. We were re-confirmed as being fully compliant with the Code at the beginning of 2025 following an update to some of the requirements.

Together Active adopts the Charity Governance Code and ensures that board members have an understanding of their obligations under the Charities Act.

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.

Together Active has an up-to-date Risk Management Policy and Risk Register. The Risk Register outlines the major risks faced by Together Active, and identifies existing and additional controls to mitigate them. This is reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Finance and Audit Group and reported to the Board, with the Board undertaking a full review of risk on an annual basis.

- Together Active's risks are outlined under five key headings:
- Governance – risks associated with the way the organisation is run and its strategic direction
- Operational - risks associated with the delivery of the organisation's objectives-
- Financial - risks associated with the financial structure of the partnership, the transactions the organisation makes, and the financial systems in place
- Environmental or External – risks associated with policy changes, financial climate etc.
- Compliance - risks associated with the need to comply with laws and regulations and any conditions of funding
- Having assessed the major risks, the Trustees are satisfied that the existing and proposed measures within the Risk Register are sufficient to adequately mitigate the identified risks.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity 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 Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of Information to Auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustee's report is approved has confirmed that:

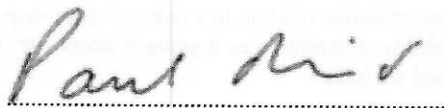
- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors
- are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant
- audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

Lawton Bradford Accountants Ltd has indicated its willingness to be re-appointed as statutory auditor, subject to approval of the Board of Trustees.

09/10/2025

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:



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P Muir - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Together Active

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Together Active (the 'charity') 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 charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 charity 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 charity'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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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:

As part of the planning process:

- We enquire of management the systems and controls the charity has in place, areas of the accounts most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and any instances of or suspected fraud.
- We obtain an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charitable company.
- We consider the incentives and opportunities that exist in the charity, including the extent of management bias, which presents potential for irregularities and fraud to occur, and tailor our risk assessment accordingly.
- Using our knowledge of the charitable incorporated organisation, together with discussions held with the charity at the planning stage, we form a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailor our audit procedures accordingly.

The key procedures we undertake to detect irregularities including fraud during the audit include:

- Identifying and testing journal entries and the overall accounting record, in particular those that were significant and unusual.
- Reviewing the accounts disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- Reviewing and challenging assumptions and judgements used by management, including any significant accounting estimates.
- Assessing the extent of compliance with relevant laws and regulations.
- Testing key income lines, including cut-off, for evidence of management bias.
- Assessing the validity of the classification of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities between Restricted and Unrestricted Funds.
- Obtaining third party confirmation of material bank balances.
- Documenting and verifying all significant related party balances and transactions.
- Reviewing documentation such as the charity board minutes, correspondence with solicitors, for evidence of irregularities including fraud.

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.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Together Active

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



for and on behalf of Lawton Bradford Accountants Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants and
Statutory Auditors
7 Marconi Gate
Stafford
Staffordshire
ST18 0FZ

Date: 12/01/2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	4				
Grants		2,842	535,318	538,160	677,096
Investment income	3	1,830	-	1,830	1,729
Total		<u>4,672</u>	<u>535,318</u>	<u>539,990</u>	<u>678,825</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Charitable activities		4,853	817,091	821,944	757,249
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(181)</u>	<u>(281,773)</u>	<u>(281,954)</u>	<u>(78,424)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		516,867	338,597	855,464	933,888
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>516,686</u>	<u>56,824</u>	<u>573,510</u>	<u>855,464</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS


The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	900	25,510	26,410	157,986
Cash at bank		515,786	398,524	914,310	763,614
		<u>516,686</u>	<u>424,034</u>	<u>940,720</u>	<u>921,600</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	-	(367,210)	(367,210)	(66,136)
		<u>516,686</u>	<u>56,824</u>	<u>573,510</u>	<u>855,464</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>516,686</u>	<u>56,824</u>	<u>573,510</u>	<u>855,464</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>516,686</u>	<u>56,824</u>	<u>573,510</u>	<u>855,464</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>516,686</u>	<u>56,824</u>	<u>573,510</u>	<u>855,464</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				357,598	516,867
Designated funds				159,088	-
				<u>516,686</u>	<u>516,867</u>
Restricted funds				<u>56,824</u>	<u>338,597</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>573,510</u>	<u>855,464</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 09/10/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


P Muir - Trustee


C Rowcliffe - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	148,866	(193,938)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		148,866	(193,938)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		1,830	1,729
Net cash provided by investing activities		1,830	1,729
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		150,696	(192,209)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		763,614	955,823
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		914,310	763,614

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(281,954)	(78,424)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	-	666
Interest received	(1,830)	(1,729)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	131,576	(124,972)
Increase in creditors	301,074	10,521
	<u>148,866</u>	<u>(193,938)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>148,866</u>	<u>(193,938)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	763,614	150,696	914,310
	<u>763,614</u>	<u>150,696</u>	<u>914,310</u>
Total	<u>763,614</u>	<u>150,696</u>	<u>914,310</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), incorporated and registered as a charity on 13 June 2020. The principal office is the Mellor building, 2nd Floor IEZ Hatchery & Incubator, Staffordshire University, College Road, ST4 2DE. The Charity's registered number is 1187329. The charity is registered in England & Wales

Together Active is an independent charity and the Active Partnership for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. It aims to work in collaboration with communities and partner organisations to influence the systems that work around it to incorporate physical activity at all levels, so that physical activity is used as a tool to achieve positive outcomes across a range of circumstances.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Together Active meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared in GBP, the functional currency, and rounded to the nearest GBP.

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.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Redundancy and termination costs only occur where absolutely necessary and are accounted for on an accrual basis when the commitment to terminate a post on the grounds of redundancy has been made.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £750 net of VAT or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer and office equipment - 33% straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by Trustees for specific costs or purposes.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,830	1,729
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Grants	538,160	677,096
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	469,193	352,751	821,944
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Charitable activities	-	77,912
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

During the last financial year, Together active operated the following grants programmes on behalf of Sport England, overseeing distribution of the funds across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent:

Together Fund - a national replacement for the Tackling Inequalities Fund, with a focus on supporting organisations to recover from the pandemic or to survive the cost of living crisis. These organisations target people from priority groups (those on low incomes, those with long-term health conditions or disabilities and those from ethnically-diverse communities). Maximum grants were normally £5,000 per organisation. The majority of organisations we funded through this programme are registered charities, Community interest Companies or local voluntary organisations.

Satellite Clubs (national Sport England programme) - a programme to set up local sport and physical activity clubs that are designed around the needs of inactive young people age 14 - 19 years. Maximum grants were normally £2,500 per organisation. The majority of organisations we funded through this programme were voluntary sports clubs, Local Authorities and Leisure Trusts.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>346,931</u>	<u>5,820</u>	<u>352,751</u>

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

	31.3.25 Charitable activities £	31.3.24 Total activities £
Wages	173,399	255,558
Social security	13,239	15,288
Pensions	9,370	10,407
Insurance	2,403	2,552
Telephone	4,440	4,281
Postage and stationery	384	674
Sundries	248	840
Professional fees	33,362	36,054
Travel	2,777	5,856
Training	41,967	8,787
Rent	14,328	13,535
Computer costs	21,301	11,329
Office equipment and furniture	1,258	328
Staff expenses	4,712	3,668
Recruitment costs	20,029	30,641
Subscriptions	3,714	3,704
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-	666
Auditors' remuneration	4,800	7,364
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,020	1,696
	<u>352,751</u>	<u>413,228</u>

8. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	4,800	7,364
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,696</u>

9. 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.

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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued

Trustees' expenses

During the year ended 31 March 2025, expenses totalling £135 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2024 - £71 to 1 Trustee). This was for the reimbursement of travel costs.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	467,391	449,683
Social security costs	37,428	15,288
Other pension costs	30,009	10,407
	<u>534,828</u>	<u>475,378</u>

During the year there were redundancy or termination payments recognised which amounted to £4,853 (2024 - £98,133). There was £Nil (2024 - £Nil) outstanding at the year end.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	13	9
Average number of employees	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	1	1
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The key management personnel of the charity consists of the Chief Executive, Head of Development and Head of Policy and Strategy. The total cost of key management personnel was £180,860 (2024 - £212,002).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
Grants	14,923	662,173	677,096
Investment income	1,729	-	1,729
Total	<u>16,652</u>	<u>662,173</u>	<u>678,825</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	98,131	659,118	757,249
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(81,479)	3,055	(78,424)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	598,348	335,540	933,888

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	516,869	338,595	855,464
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	1,999
	<u> </u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	1,999
	<u> </u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	-
	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2024	-
	<u> </u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Trade debtors	874	21,496
Prepayments	25,536	136,490
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	26,410	157,986
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Trade creditors	19,968	36,078
Taxation and social security	10,495	9,617
Other creditors	336,747	20,441
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	367,210	66,136
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	1,042	3,583
Resources deferred during the period	300,629	1,042
Amounts released from previous periods	(1,042)	(3,583)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	300,629	1,042
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Included in deferred income at 31/03/2025 is £232,406 for System Partner Funding Grant and £68,223 Stoke-on-Trent Place Expansion Grant for funding received relating to the next financial year.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	516,867	(181)	(159,088)	357,598
Designated funds	-	-	159,088	159,088
	<u>516,867</u>	<u>(181)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>516,686</u>
Restricted funds				
System Partner Funding	280,946	(280,946)	-	-
Moving Communities	26,400	(26,400)	-	-
Staffordshire County Council - Open Data				
Post	10,073	-	-	10,073
Other Restricted Grants	4,468	-	-	4,468
Staffordshire County Council - Partner				
Funding	-	5,900	-	5,900
Sports Welfare Officer	16,710	19,673	-	36,383
	<u>338,597</u>	<u>(281,773)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,824</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>855,464</u>	<u>(281,954)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>573,510</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,672	(4,853)	(181)
Restricted funds			
System Partner Funding	327,493	(608,439)	(280,946)
Moving Communities	-	(26,400)	(26,400)
Active Partnerships - Opening School			
Facilities	30,319	(30,319)	-
West Midlands Virtual Schools - Virtual			
Schools	9,134	(9,134)	-
Stoke-on-Trent Place Expansion (Sport			
England)	88,772	(88,772)	-
Staffordshire County Council - Partner			
Funding	25,000	(19,100)	5,900
Sports Welfare Officer	54,600	(34,927)	19,673
	<u>535,318</u>	<u>(817,091)</u>	<u>(281,773)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>539,990</u>	<u>(821,944)</u>	<u>(281,954)</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	598,348	(81,481)	516,867
Restricted funds			
System Partner Funding	223,134	57,812	280,946
Moving Communities	-	26,400	26,400
Staffordshire County Council - Open Data Post	10,073	-	10,073
West Midlands Virtual Schools - Virtual Schools	45	(45)	-
Together & Tackling Inequalities Funds Birmingham 2022	82,367	(82,367)	-
Satellite Clubs	557	(557)	-
Black County Consortium - Gen 22	4,622	(4,622)	-
British Blind Society - See My Voice	5,274	(5,274)	-
Other Restricted Grants	5,000	(5,000)	-
Sports Welfare Officer	4,468	-	4,468
	-	16,710	16,710
	<u>335,540</u>	<u>3,057</u>	<u>338,597</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>933,888</u>	<u>(78,424)</u>	<u>855,464</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,652	(98,133)	(81,481)
Restricted funds			
System Partner Funding	575,780	(517,968)	57,812
Moving Communities	26,400	-	26,400
Active Partnerships - Opening School Facilities	30,319	(30,319)	-
Staffordshire County Council - Open Data Post	5,250	(5,250)	-
West Midlands Virtual Schools - Virtual Schools	7,714	(7,759)	(45)
Together & Tackling Inequalities Funds Birmingham 2022	-	(82,367)	(82,367)
Satellite Clubs	-	(557)	(557)
Black County Consortium - Gen 22	-	(4,622)	(4,622)
British Blind Society - See My Voice	-	(5,274)	(5,274)
Sports Welfare Officer	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
	16,710	-	16,710
	<u>662,173</u>	<u>(659,116)</u>	<u>3,057</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>678,825</u>	<u>(757,249)</u>	<u>(78,424)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

15. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	598,348	(81,662)	(159,088)	357,598
Designated funds	-	-	159,088	159,088
	598,348	(81,662)	-	516,686
Restricted funds				
System Partner Funding	223,134	(223,134)	-	-
Staffordshire County Council - Open Data Post	10,073	-	-	10,073
West Midlands Virtual Schools - Virtual Schools	45	(45)	-	-
Together & Tackling Inequalities Funds	82,367	(82,367)	-	-
Birmingham 2022	557	(557)	-	-
Satellite Clubs	4,622	(4,622)	-	-
Black County Consortium - Gen 22	5,274	(5,274)	-	-
British Blind Society - See My Voice	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Other Restricted Grants	4,468	-	-	4,468
Staffordshire County Council - Partner Funding	-	5,900	-	5,900
Sports Welfare Officer	-	36,383	-	36,383
	335,540	(278,716)	-	56,824
TOTAL FUNDS	933,888	(360,378)	-	573,510

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	21,324	(102,986)	(81,662)
Restricted funds			
System Partner Funding	903,273	(1,126,407)	(223,134)
Moving Communities	26,400	(26,400)	-
Active Partnerships - Opening School Facilities	60,638	(60,638)	-
Staffordshire County Council - Open Data Post	5,250	(5,250)	-
West Midlands Virtual Schools - Virtual Schools	16,848	(16,893)	(45)
Together & Tackling Inequalities Funds	-	(82,367)	(82,367)
Birmingham 2022	-	(557)	(557)
Satellite Clubs	-	(4,622)	(4,622)
Black County Consortium - Gen 22	-	(5,274)	(5,274)
British Blind Society - See My Voice	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Stoke-on-Trent Place Expansion (Sport England)	88,772	(88,772)	-
Staffordshire County Council - Partner Funding	25,000	(19,100)	5,900
Sports Welfare Officer	71,310	(34,927)	36,383
	<u>1,197,491</u>	<u>(1,476,207)</u>	<u>(278,716)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,218,815</u></u>	<u><u>(1,579,193)</u></u>	<u><u>(360,378)</u></u>

Designated funds: During the year the Trust designated funds for two staff posts covering fundraising and marketing.

Together Active reports the breakdown of restricted funds, giving individual fund balances, rather than totals grouped by cost centre.

Sport England System Partner & Delivery Funding: In April 2022 Sport England adopted a new approach to partner funding which considered their investment in existing partners to help deliver the Uniting the Movement Strategy. Key investment funding was awarded in April 2022 to run until 31st March 2027 and includes support for agreed systemic outcomes, and delivery funding in relation to children and young people.

West Midlands Virtual Schools: Funding for a programme designed to be a support mechanism for children and young people in care, via multi-sports events for children and young people to access alternative activities to 'give it a go' and festival events.

Open Data (Staffordshire County Council): funds designed to support the growth of our open data platform and work. Open data allows activity providers to share their sessions online, so that participants can find and book them easily. By uploading the details of an activity to one location, activity finders like ours can pull that information through and display it in multiple locations on the internet or within apps.

Opening School Facilities (Active Partnerships): A programme designed to allocate funds to eligible schools with the aim of creating and increasing sport and physical activity opportunities via opening school facilities.

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Stoke-on-Trent Place Expansion (Sport England): Funding for Place Expansion work, which aims to evaluate Stoke-on-Trent from a place-based perspective, to help reduce inequalities by understanding the barriers our communities face. This work involves community engagement & insight gathering, systems overview & analysis, and partnership working & collaboration.

Staffordshire County Council Partner Funding: This funding is to support the shared aims of SCC and Together Active around increasing physical activity and tackling health inequalities by enabling Together Active to develop and share bespoke data and insight to guide decision making, direct engagement with communities to shape content and messaging around health promotion, and supporting SCC to establish outcomes-based approaches to monitoring, evaluation, and learning. It also allows for the continued development of the Active My Way website, with improved functionality and content tailored to users, as well as its ongoing maintenance.

Other Restricted Grants : Other small restricted grants, including underspends from previous years.

16. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £4,615 (2024 - £3,062) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in other creditors.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,830	1,729
Charitable activities		
Grants	538,160	677,096
Total incoming resources	539,990	678,825
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	293,992	194,125
Social security	24,189	-
Pensions	20,639	-
Marketing and promotions	2,215	901
Programmes	75,341	58,682
Professional fees	40,772	-
Travel	523	21
Training	255	50
Computer costs	10,950	12,330
Telephone	317	-
Grants to institutions	-	77,912
	469,193	344,021
Support costs		
Other		
Wages	173,399	255,558
Social security	13,239	15,288
Pensions	9,370	10,407
Insurance	2,403	2,552
Telephone	4,440	4,281
Postage and stationery	384	674
Sundries	248	840
Professional fees	33,362	36,054
Travel	2,777	5,856
Training	41,967	8,787
Rent	14,328	13,535
Computer costs	21,301	11,329
Office equipment and furniture	1,258	328
Staff expenses	4,712	3,668
Recruitment costs	20,029	30,641
Subscriptions	3,714	3,704
Fixtures and fittings	-	666
	346,931	404,168

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	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	4,800	7,364
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,020	1,696
	<hr/> 5,820	<hr/> 9,060
Total resources expended	<hr/> 821,944	<hr/> 757,249
Net expenditure	<hr/> (281,954) <hr/>	<hr/> (78,424) <hr/>

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