



FOUNDATION FUTURES
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity No 1188809

FOUNDATION FUTURES

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Legal and administrative information

Board of Trustees:

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

Structure, governance and management

Foundation Futures is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales since 30 March 2020 (charity number 1188809). Foundation Futures is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Trustees are nominated as needed (by skill, speciality and interest) and appointed by a majority agreement from the whole board of trustees. Trustees are re-appointed at the AGM held in October.

Membership of Youth Clubs are open to young people aged between 4 and 16 years in the Pottery Bank and Byker areas of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Our specialised Young People and Adult community groups are open to those aged 14 and above. Some of these service users have been referred to us via the Police, Social Workers and GPs, but are not limited to only those receiving a direct referral.

The trustees who manage the charity are in charge of overseeing the day to day running of the clubs. In addition, Jennifer Maughan is in charge of all community related programmes. The trustees seek the views of funders, members, its volunteers and wider community stakeholders in deciding the activities to run.

All trustees receive training on the role and responsibilities of being a trustee through the information provided in the Charity Commission document 'The essential trustee, what you need to know, what you need to do', updated 3 May 2018.

Foundation Futures CIO has an extensive range of policies covering Child Protection, Safer Recruitment, Health and Safety and Equal Opportunities including: safeguarding children & safeguarding vulnerable adults. We also have comprehensive Risk Assessments for working in various settings, and through a number of different activities, both on site and trips out of the locality. We hold suitable insurance covering both public, employer and employee liabilities.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are carried out prior to the employment of any staff or trustees who have contact with our clients (in line with statutory requirements).

Foundation Futures CIO has undertaken several collaborations this financial year, including working with Pottery Bank Community Centre and Kids Kabin. Foundation Futures is also a member of the Byker Children's and Young People's Partnership and Walker Worker groups, both of which encourages the sharing of resources and non-confidential information to encourage a broad participation from residents in the east end of Newcastle upon Tyne. Foundation Futures has also collaborated with other charities and social enterprises including The Community Cafe, The LGA Foundation, Sir James Knott Trust and the Badur Foundation.

All trustees have the opportunity to give of their time freely and voluntarily to support the work of the charity.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. In setting our objectives and planning activities, our Trustees have given consideration to public benefit and in particular to

- To advance in life and relieve the needs of vulnerable young people affected by economic disadvantage who have a disability, mental health issue or a behavioural difficulty.
- To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

The main activity in relation to these objects is the provision of youth clubs promoting creativity, wellbeing and confidence, in both the Byker and Walker areas of Newcastle upon Tyne which fall into the bottom 1% of the Government's index of multiple deprivation.

The provision of specialised youth services to young people at risk of involvement, or peripheral involvement in criminal activities.

The provision of adult community programmes to enhance the wellbeing, mental health and financial literacy of residents in the community. To encourage their active participation through volunteering and fundraising to improve the lives of themselves and others in their communities.

Achievements and performance

Youth clubs - we have two youth clubs per week during term time reaching 35+ children per week, between the ages of 5 and 16. A range of creative activities, wellbeing activities, trips and social action projects have engaged the children. Our sessions provide a safe place and consistent (safe) faces to encourage socialisation, resilience, creativity and mindfulness. The Senior Youth Club in Byker has participated in a number of projects this past year with a talented local artist - **Mark One87** to improve the look and feel of their local environment. In addition, the Senior Youth Club prepared for and participated in a fundraising event by hosting a stall at the Ouseburn Festival, in order to raise funds towards a 3 day residential in the Lake District in August 2024. The children are encouraged to participate in a range of activities and receive a light meal during each session. Our youth clubs are also supported by both adult and young volunteers from the local community. We are grateful to the **National Lottery Awards 4 All, The Wellesley Trust, The Pawprint Trust, The Badur Foundation** & a number of individuals participating in charity walks and the Great North Run, who have issued grants, or undertaken fundraising to support these programmes. As part of this funding the youth clubs' members have expanded their horizons through a

variety of visits and trips to educational, cultural and leisure destinations throughout the year, in addition to a 3 day residential programme.

Our adult Byker Wellbeing group offered a range of crafting activities for adult residents in the Byker Wall estate, funded by (**The People's Health Trust, The Health Lottery North East & Cumbria**, and continued through legacy funding from **Mr. H Campbell**). The wellbeing group has engaged in a wide range of activities including sewing, stone painting, cross stitch, wood work, cooking, T-Shirt printing and enterprise. Group members have learned to use the CRICUT machine to produce and sell keyrings, pencil cases, photo frames, glasses and gifts for teachers and fathers' day. The newly focused wellbeing group have undertaken first aid training with Thrills & Skills for Life in addition to some social action projects over the Christmas period, including preparing and distributing food parcels to the vulnerable in their community (funded through **The LGA Foundation**) and distributing selection boxes on our Santa Bus (funded by **Karbon Homes**) As well as planning and carrying out a Christmas parade in Byker which was funded by Newcastle Council Ward Funding, they hope this will become an annual event. They have also been on several wellbeing walks.

The Active Communities Social Glue Wellbeing group in the Pottery Bank area of Walker (funded by **People's Health Trust, The Health Lottery North East & Cumbria** and continued through legacy funding from **Mr. H Campbell**), continued into its second year and provided an extensive programme to a diverse group of women from the Walker area of the east end of Newcastle upon Tyne (including women referred in through GP social prescription programmes). Activities included meditation, crocheting, cake decorating, diamond art, rag wreath making and self care, as well as workshops on anxiety, health issues, and financial wellbeing. This group also planned a second small business enterprise, using their skills to source, upcycle and create products for sale at a Christmas market to raise further funds for the benefit of the community. In addition, the group has participated in a number of day trips to the Coast and beyond, designed to increase a sense of wellbeing.

The Byker Real project, (funded by the **Elsie Davis Trust**, and continued by funding from **The Willan Trust**, the **Community Foundation (Hokey Cokey Fund)**, **The KFC Foundation**, along with some **Ward funding**, has continued to support young people from the Byker area of Newcastle upon Tyne to make positive choices in their lives. This group meets twice per week and has undertaken a variety of visits and activities to support them as they transition through school or into work as well as workshops to help them make positive choices and equip them with information/skills which will help them in the future such as healthy relationships, morals, goal setting and street doctors emergency first aid for stab wounds. We have had a number of successes in supporting young people onto apprenticeships this year, in addition to supporting others with housing and benefits who have faced homelessness. We have a regular cohort of 10 young people who come to both sessions and are looking to train some of the older ones up as youth mentors.

The Best Life Byker (NEET) project has continued working with young people aged 16 to 24 years to help them fill in gaps in their skills in order to secure employment.

This project is funded by **The Community Foundation (CABWI)**. Participants have created CVs, undertaken a variety of training courses and taken exams to gain their CSCS cards. **The Badur Foundation** supported this programme with a pot of funding to meet the costs of items which young people may find difficult to acquire and would otherwise create a barrier to employment such as photo identification, workwear, copies of birth certificates etc.

We started one of our largest projects to date during this financial year. The Charity was awarded funding from **The National Lottery Community Fund, Reaching Communities/Partnerships** fund to deliver a 3 year programme (Safe Places & People). This programme operates 4 days per week from the Chevron in the Byker Wall estate and seeks to be an advocate for the community by providing support, advice and guidance with any issues they may be facing. Things such as housing & benefits, meetings with statutory services such as social services, youth justice and the police. The funding has also allowed us the time to be able to improve communication and build stronger relationships with those services allowing us to provide a more holistic approach to supporting families in need.

We were delighted to be granted a further £1,500 from **The LGA Foundation** this financial year and £1,500 from **North Standard** to assist local community members with the cost of living crisis. We helped over 50 families in the Byker and Walker areas of Newcastle upon Tyne with Christmas care parcels including food, household and hygiene products. Our Wellbeing group in Byker helped with the distribution of these in the Byker area, and we worked with the food bank at Pottery Bank Community Centre to distribute parcels to residents in Walker. We added the funding from North Standard to top up our hardship fund, which we can use at our discretion to help individuals or families with specific needs in the local area.

In addition, Foundation Futures CIO carried forward money from **The Pears Foundation (via the UK Youth Fund)** to assist with our organisation's rising core costs.

The **Badur Foundation** granted £2,250 to employ a grant funding specialist to assist in the application of continued funding.

Financial review, reserves and risk policy

The financial statements show a surplus of £39,790. Funds carried forward at 31 March 2025 were, unrestricted £55,514 and restricted £64,656, making a total of £120,170.

The main financial risk to the charity is the loss of ongoing funding from existing grant funders to continue programmes, or the inability to secure sufficient new grants to cover costs.

It is the policy of Foundation Futures CIO to hold 4 to 6 months of necessary expenses (operational costs) in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Basis of accounting

The Charity has adopted the accruals basis of accounting as allowed by regulations.

Income

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

One source of funds in this financial year has been surpluses gifted to the CIO from our sister non-profit company Foundation Futures CIC. These surpluses accrued from commissioned work undertaken for North Tyneside Local Education Authority, individual North Tyneside Secondary Schools, Middle Schools and High Schools along with some Newcastle City Secondary Schools. The Alternative Education 'Building Foundations' programmes are offered to students at risk of, or permanently excluded from, school. Alongside our Alternative Education programmes, we have also offered 'This Life' in-school mentoring programmes for girls in Key Stage 3 to schools in North Tyneside.

Expenditure

Costs are recognised as and when they become a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources.

The funds to the charity have allowed us to promote the charity in the areas of pottery bank and Byker. Foundation Futures CIO has reached in excess of 150 young people and adults in the areas of Walker and Byker where feedback obtained indicates that participants have benefited significantly in terms of their socialisation, mental health and wellbeing.

Foundation Futures CIO, at the end of the accounting period, held one material asset in the form of a minibus valued at £23,000 bought thanks to grant funding from **Children In Need** in 2022. No other property or investments were held by the Charity at the end of the accounting period.

Future plans

The coming year will see a continuation of our existing community programmes in the Walker and Byker areas of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Reference and administration details

Company number

CE021329

Registered charity number

1188809

Charity principal address

Pottery Bank Community Centre, Yelverton Crescent, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3SW

Executive trustees

Craig Bankhead Chair
Susan Davison Secretary
Tracy Dobson Treasurer

Non-executive trustees

Philip Davison
Eleanor Roberts
Xander Brouwer
Karen Williamson
Lee Smith
Andrew Hall

Independent examiner

J Hart FCCA, TIG Accountants, Metropolitan House, Long Rigg Road, Swalwell, Gateshead, NE16 3AS

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Management Committee and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees of Foundation Futures

I report on the financial statements of Foundation Futures for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Respective responsibility of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities,

have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

J Hart FCCA

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Date: 13 October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2025

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	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Grants	2	23,000	126,624	149,624	110,329
Other income		28,900	-	28,900	5,448
Total income		51,900	126,624	178,524	115,777
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	3	37,875	100,859	138,734	135,078
Total expenditure		37,875	100,859	138,734	135,078
Net income		14,025	25,765	39,790	(19,301)
Transfers					-
Net movement in funds		14,025	25,765	39,790	(19,301)
Total funds brought forward		41,489	38,891	80,380	99,681
Total funds carried forward		55,514	64,656	120,170	80,380

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

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	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>56,414</u>	<u>64,656</u>	<u>121,070</u>	<u>92,280</u>
Creditors – amount due within one year	8	<u>900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>11,900</u>
Net current assets		<u>55,514</u>	<u>64,656</u>	<u>120,170</u>	<u>80,380</u>
Net assets		<u>55,514</u>	<u>64,656</u>	<u>120,170</u>	<u>80,380</u>
Funds of the charity	9	<u>55,514</u>	<u>64,656</u>	<u>120,170</u>	<u>80,380</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 13 October 2025 and signed on the trustees behalf by:

T Dobson
Trustee

1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Basis of accounting

The charity has adopted the accruals basis of accounting as required by the regulations.

Income

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Expenditure

Costs are recognised as and when there becomes a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources.

Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

2 Grants

	2025	2024
	£	£
Unrestricted		
Foundation Futures CIC	23,000	16,075
UK Youth Fund (Pears Foundation)	-	30,000
	23,000	46,075

2 Grants – continued

	2025	2024
	£	£
Restricted		
Badur Foundation	14,250	13,350
Newcastle City Council Ward	4,943	-
Byker Community	2,000	-
Elsie Davis Trust	-	10,000
Comic Relief	-	4,986
Edge UK	563	-
Communities Foundation	17,440	7,340
Groundwork COL	-	-
LGA Foundation	1,500	3,500
Peoples Health Trust	7,116	17,792
Sir James Knott Foundation	2,500	2,500
Ward Funding	-	3,500
KFC Foundation	2,620	-
The National Lottery Community Fund, Reaching Communities/Partnerships	31,100	-
The National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All	20,000	-
Haigh Co Clients	17,844	-
Proctor and Gamble	3,000	-
Karbon Homes	1,228	-
Others	520	1,286
	126,624	64,254

3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Direct Costs	12,442	18,989	31,431	32,379
Wages	25,433	50,564	75,997	71,611
Pension	-	5,731	5,731	4,113
Rent	-	10,668	10,668	12,590
Insurance	-	7,095	7,095	4,810
Post and stationery	-	1,248	1,248	1,426
Repairs and capital	-	673	673	5,608
Training	-	1,016	1,016	326
Professional fees	-	275	275	1,104
Accountancy	-	720	720	900
Sundry	-	3,880	3,880	211
	37,875	100,859	138,734	135,078

4 Trustees expenses

Expenses paid to trustees during the year: £Nil (2024: £Nil)

5 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2025 £	2024 £
Fee for reporting on the accounts	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>

6 Wages

	2025 £	2024 £
Total staff costs	<u>81,728</u>	<u>75,724</u>

7 Staff numbers

Staff numbers during the year were as follows

	Part time	Full time	Total
Management and administration	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

8 Creditors – amount falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Creditors	-	11,000
Other creditors and accruals	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>900</u>	<u>11,900</u>

9 Net movement on funds

	As at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	As at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted					
General	41,489	51,900	37,875	-	55,514
Restricted					
Other Funds	<u>38,891</u>	<u>126,624</u>	<u>100,859</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,656</u>
	<u>80,380</u>	<u>178,524</u>	<u>138,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,170</u>