

The Russ Devereux Headlight Project

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

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Charity Information

Members of the Council of Management

Trustees:

Kenneth Devereux
Anna Forbes
Catherine A M Devereux
Alison Turner
Emma Simkins - resigned 13 March 2025
Richard Bowden
Paul Harrison
Andrew Ruffell - appointed 13 March 2025
Charlotte Nichols - resigned 25 December 2024

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Report of The Council of Management for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

The Trustees present their report together with financial statements for the period 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity seeks to preserve and protect mental health and wellbeing with the specific aim of reducing the number of deaths by suicide in the Tees Valley area. The charity achieves this through the provision of one-to-one counselling, trauma therapy and play therapy, provided by suitably qualified counsellors and therapists, for both adults and children who have been bereaved by suicide. The charity delivers workshops and presentations in schools, colleges, workplaces, and the local community to raise awareness about suicide, prevention, and mental health.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The demand for our counselling service continued to be high, and accounts for the largest part of the service provided. We delivered 2,359 individual therapy sessions (1,483 adults and 876 children).

We now run 8-week group bereavement hubs which operate 2 times per annum and a regular drop-in hub. The Project is now recognised locally as a service for those bereaved by suicide.

According to the most recent ONS data (2024), the North East region has the highest suicide rates in the country. Whilst the therapy led services are preventative in themselves, the Trust Board in this financial year have continued to focus on awareness, and rolling out preventative education and training to the Tees Valley community aiming to present to as many schools, colleges and workplaces as possible and expanding this offering. As part of its growth, in October 2024 the Trust Board appointed an Education and Training Lead to develop our offering and tailor our training to meet the specific needs of the Tees Valley community, this is not a one size fits all approach. The Trustee Board welcome the decision for the inclusion of suicide prevention on the National Curriculum from September 2026.

We created a Garden of Hope at National Trust Ormesby Hall from March to mid-July 2024. This was a temporary memorial site in Ormesby Hall gardens for families to remember their loved ones. A local steel manufacturer created the butterflies set on steel rods and our families decorated the butterflies in memory of their loved one.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

The majority of income continues to come from individual fundraisers and from established fundraising events ran by the charity throughout the year. We have a consistent number of Fifth wheel business and corporate supporters which continues to grow year on year and in this financial year we received grants from Public Health to deliver preventative education in the local community. We also received funds from CEO Sleepout and UKSE Community Fund.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity had a deficit of £8,281 (2024: surplus £53,565) during the year. The unrestricted funds at the year-end stood at £101,103. We now have detailed management accounts, including a cashflow forecast which goes out for a year and is looking robust.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to maintain free reserves at a minimum of 6 months expenditure to:-

- provide a level of working capital that protects the continuity of our core work
- provide a level of funding for unexpected opportunities.
- provide cover for risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income.

The charity has monthly expenditure of approximately £22,000 and the current free reserves amount to £97,626.

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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Russ Devereux Headlight Project was incorporated on 17 April 2020. The CIO started to operate on the same date and the governing document is its constitution dated 17 April 2020.

The charity employs a central team now overseen by a CEO. We now employ an Education and Training Lead to spearhead our preventative education programme across the Tees Valley. We continue to employ a Project Lead with clinical experience who manages the therapeutic services and an events and fundraising co-ordinator given the main source of funding comes from the regular charity events.

The Trustees continue to hold quarterly Board Meetings where key decisions around governance are made and recorded.

Trustees Training & Appointment

Safeguarding remains a priority for the service and is overseen by a dedicated safeguarding Trustee, who also leads an annual safeguarding workshop with our central and counselling team.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing document for a term of 3 years. In this financial year, Catherine Devereux replaced Anna Forbes as Chair of Trustees in December 2024. Towards the end of 2024, one trustee stepped down due to time constraints and another trustee retired in March 2025. Therefore we utilised a skills matrix to appoint one new trustee.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Focus in the coming year is to continue to develop our training offering for workplaces and design a specific piece of training to support schools with the delivery of preventative education in September 2026.
- Use Lamplight to gather client demographics information with the aim of reaching underrepresented groups and increasing our work in areas of the region where there is less engagement and also use the data to support our preventative education training development.
- Extend the number of weeks for our bereavement hubs from 6 weeks to 8 weeks per annum.
- Given the success of the art installation, we would like to develop another art installation in the local community.
- We continue to work on sustaining a regular/guaranteed income to enable us to better budget for staffing and running costs whilst also exploring longer term opportunities for funding by accessing larger grants and further embedding our 5th wheel membership.

TRUSTEES STATEMENT

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24/02/2026 and signed on its behalf by;



Catherine Devereux
Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

	Note	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Income			
Donations & legacies	2	239,210	226,331
Income from charitable activities	3	10,395	21,500
Other trading activities	4	13,715	17,190
Total Income		263,320	265,021
Expenditure			
Raising funds	5	22,504	11,439
Charitable activities	6	249,097	200,017
Total Expenditure		271,601	211,456
Net Expenditure/(Income) for the year		(8,281)	53,565
Reconciliation of funds:			
Funds brought forward at 1 May 2024		109,384	55,819
Fund balance carried forward at 30 April 2025	13	101,103	109,384

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet Period for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

		2025		2024	
	<u>Notes</u>	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	10		3,477		4,421
Current Assets					
Debtors	11	16,570		15,873	
Cash at bank and in hand		102,064		110,561	
		118,634		126,434	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(21,008)		(21,471)	
Net Current Assets			97,626		104,963
Net Assets			101,103		109,384
Funds					
Unrestricted	13		101,103		109,384
Total Funds			101,103		109,384

Paul Harrison

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Paul Harrison
Trustee



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Catherine Devereux
Trustee

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 24/02/2026

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) General information and basis of preparation

The charity is a registered charity in England. The address of the principal office is given in the charity information on page 1. The nature of the charity's activities is shown in the Report of the Trustees.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) published in October 2019) rather than the accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The charity currently has sufficient reserves to continue in operation. The Trustees therefore believe that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Income

Income is recognised and included in the accounts when all the following criteria are met:-

- The charity has entitlement to the funds;
- Any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity.
- There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are credited to income as they are received. Grants received are recognised as income for the period which they relate to.

There is no netting off within the accounts.

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(c) **Expenditure**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount can be measured reliably. Irrecoverable VAT is included in expenditure against the relevant cost for which the expenditure was incurred. Expenditure is classified under the following headings: -

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs which can be directly allocated to activities and those costs of an indirect nature.
- Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs.
- Governance costs are those incurred in connection with compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(d) **Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Assets costing less than £500 are not capitalised.

Fixtures and fittings are depreciated on a 15% straight line basis to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

(e) **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors with no stated interest rate and receivable within one year are recognised at the transaction price.

(f) **Cash at bank**

Cash at bank and cash 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.

(g) **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

(h) **Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which 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 funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering the funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(i) **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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(k) **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	237,590	197,831
People's postcode lottery grant	-	25,000
Miscellaneous grants	1,620	3,500
	<u>239,210</u>	<u>226,331</u>

Income from donations and legacies for 2025 was £239,210 (2024: £226,331) of which £4,750 (2024: £Nil) was attributable to restricted and £234,460 (2024: £226,331) was attributable to unrestricted.

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Counselling services	10,395	18,500
Warburtons grant	-	3,000
	<u>10,395</u>	<u>21,500</u>

Income from charitable activities for 2025 was £10,395 (2024: £21,500) of which £Nil (2024: £3,000) was attributable to restricted and £10,395 (2024: 18,500) was attributable to unrestricted.

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising income	13,715	17,190
	<u>13,715</u>	<u>17,190</u>

All the income from other trading activities in 2025 and 2024 was unrestricted.

5 RAISING FUNDS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising costs	22,504	11,439
	<u>22,504</u>	<u>11,439</u>

All the income from raising funds in 2025 and 2024 was unrestricted.

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6 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities:		
Therapy costs	116,158	91,626
Counselling wages	37,537	44,330
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	153,695	135,956
Support Costs allocated to activities		
Rent	30,627	30,627
Advertising	8,040	5,725
Insurance	2,362	1,497
Salaries	32,000	3,282
Pension costs	773	64
Sundries	2,797	2,212
Post & stationery	31	48
Depreciation	944	827
Computer costs	8,641	4,599
Training	5,925	12,450
Governance costs (note 7)	2,930	2,458
Room hire	-	210
Telephone	332	62
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	95,402	64,061
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Total	249,097	200,017
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Expenditure from charitable activities for 2025 was £249,097 (2024: £200,017) of which £4,750 (2024: £3,000) was attributable to restricted and £244,347 (2024: £197,017) was attributable to unrestricted.

7 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy - independent examination	1,730	1,000
Accountancy - other services	900	1,010
Professional fees	300	448
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	2,930	2,458
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8 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

None of the Trustees received any remuneration from the Charity. No expenses were paid to the Trustees during the period.

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9 EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	68,787	46,918
Social security	167	-
Other pension costs	1,356	758
	<u>70,310</u>	<u>47,676</u>

The average number of employees was 4 (2024: 3).
No employees earned over £60,000.

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The charity considers the Key Management Personnel to be the Trustees and the Chief Executive Office. The salary of the Key Management Personnel (including pension contributions and employers National Insurance) amounts to £36,008.

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 May 2024 & 30 April 2025	6,294	6,294
Depreciation		
At 1 May 2024	1,873	1,873
Charge for period	944	944
At 30 April 2025	<u>2,817</u>	<u>2,817</u>
Net Book Value 30 April 2025	<u>3,477</u>	<u>3,477</u>
 30 April 2024	 <u>4,421</u>	 <u>4,421</u>

11 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	9,313	7,702
Prepayments	5,875	6,790
Other debtors	1,382	1,381
	<u>16,570</u>	<u>15,873</u>

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12 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	9,929	7,716
Accruals and deferred income	10,010	12,822
Other creditors	1,069	933
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	21,008	21,471
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13 ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

	Balance 1 May 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	109,384	258,570	(266,851)	101,103
Restricted Funds	-	4,750	(4,750)	-
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Total	109,384	263,320	(271,601)	101,103
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14 PENSION COSTS

The charity operates a contributory pension scheme. It is a defined contributions scheme and contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate. The charge for the year was £1,356 (2024: £758).

15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the charity paid £2,362 to Attis Insurance Brokers in which former trustee Emma L Simkins is a shareholder.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Russ Devereux Headlight Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 30 April 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

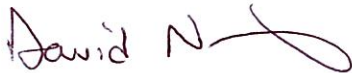
I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 26/02/2026