

Charity registration number: 1189689

Space4Autism CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1st April 2024 to 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

Aims and purposes

Our mission is to promote social inclusion for the benefit of children and adults on the autism spectrum and their families principally but not exclusively within Cheshire East, who are socially excluded from society or parts of society because of ASC by:

- Providing education and information to support and enable parents of children/adults with ASC to maximise educational opportunities for their children/adults.
- Raising public awareness of the issues facing children and adults with ASC and their families, both generally and in relation to their social exclusion.
- Providing workshops, forums, advocacy and general support.
- Providing recreational facilities and opportunities for children and adults with ASC and their families.

We are based within Cheshire East, but our information and educational services are for general public benefit. Therefore, our services are available to anyone able to attend our meetings or anyone that can access information on the internet.

Objectives and activities

We are an independent Cheshire based charity that provides a range of clubs, activities and services for children, young people and adults with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) and their families.

We began in 2005 when, as a group of parents of children with ASC, we got together to do something about the lack of support and services for families like ours. We felt isolated and excluded and feared for the future of our children.

We began meeting over a pub once a month with a handful of parents and in 2011 set up our 1st Social Skill Club for children aged 8-12yrs. In 2013 we moved to our first premises but outgrew this within 2yrs so moved again in 2015 to enable us to offer drop in sessions during the week whereby we invited professionals to come and speak to parents.

We moved to larger premises, in September 2017 due to increasing demand for our services. We now offer office and meeting room space, a sensory suite, sensory garden, art room and a community café.

Our HQ provides us with a number of rooms which means that we can run activities simultaneously and it even provides us with office space to sublet to complimentary services.

These include:

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Children and Adult Assessment and Diagnosis Team, assessing school age children and adults for ASC), Autumn Psychology and the Adult Hub which is run by CWP.

Our service:

We run a wide range of regular events, workshops and clubs for autistic children/young people, adults and their families.

From April 2024 to March 2025 we ran the following projects either face to face or online, which were accessed by over 9,000 family members.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Eight social clubs - the heart of our work, all our clubs run fortnightly for two hours giving essential respite to parent/carers- more details below.

Space for Kids & Apollo - two clubs, each accommodating ten children aged from 4 to 7 years. Activities include team games, taking turns, sharing, music and drama and sports sessions (running races, ball games, bean bag races etc.). All activities are 'child led'.

Saturday Club & Saturn Saturdays - two clubs, each for twelve children aged from 8 to 10 years. As well as providing a safe play environment, both clubs offer a program of activities designed to help children become more independent.

Space Mates & Fun Friday- two evening club for sixteen young people aged from 10 to 13 years. Fun Friday has a 'youth club' vibe and provides 'chill out time' at the end of the week, whilst offering valuable socialising opportunities. Activities include art, pottery, pool, air hockey, table tennis, music making and movie nights.

Space for You- An evening clubs for teenagers, 14 to 18 years. Providing opportunities to develop skills for independence such as relationship building and developing communication. In-house activities include games, bingo, chess, gaming, karaoke, movie nights and baking. Community activities include visiting climbing walls, bowling, BBQs, eating meals out and Laser Quest.

Galaxy Group - An evening club for up to 40 adults from 18+ years, providing a wide range of social and learning opportunities. Activities are varied and are decided by the people attending. They include Chat and Chill sessions, bingo, board games, pool, art and crafts, air hockey, karaoke, quizzes, food preparation sessions, and much more! In addition, we have interesting and educational visits from the likes of Healthwatch, Open2Autism and magicians.

School Holiday clubs - A club for the whole family, including autistic children/young people, their siblings, and parent/carers. This club often offer a variety of activities and events designed to engage and entertain family members of all ages, providing opportunities for bonding, learning, and fun experiences together during school breaks.

Educational Workshops - a wide range of workshops for parents, carers and professionals. Subjects include sensory issues, challenging behaviour and what its really like to live with ASC. We also ran workshops with Moneybox Wills and Trusts about planning ahead.

Art Sessions - We ran three art sessions per week during term time, two for adults with ASC and one for children and young people with ASC. They work with our artist using media as a mode of expression and communication.

Open Space - our 'drop in' project for autistic adults, parent/carers and professionals to drop in Mon-Thurs for advice and support.

"Space to Prosper" - For members who do not know where to turn. Our staff can make appointments with the outreach team to help with any problems and refer/signpost to the right service if necessary. The Outreach team also raise awareness in the community by attending various other services and schools.

Counselling Space for ASC Adults - A counselling service for our autistic adults which is run by counsellors who have a breadth of knowledge of ASC. These are delivered either face to face, via zoom/teams or over the telephone.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Self-Help Online Counselling Course - We developed our own self-help course with our in-house psychotherapist. The course has 7 modules and can be completed over a 12-month period with videos and worksheets for the member to work through themselves, at a pace that is right for them. This is open to any adult member.

S4A café (including sensory café area) - open five days a week to members and the public. Staffed by a highly qualified chef supported by our kitchen team along with volunteers with ASC.

Monthly Carers lunch club - groups of six attend the S4A café for a three course lunch once a month.

Training programme - a wide ranging training programme throughout Cheshire East. Includes Cygnet ASC Parenting Programme, sensory and sleep courses, autism awareness and more, all delivered by highly qualified clinicians and trainers.

0-4yrs training programme - a 6 week course for parent/carers of younger children with ASC.

Pre-School Stay and Play - A chance for parent/carers of babies and toddlers to come together for a chat whilst their children play in the sensory room. Held one morning a week during term time.

Autism Awareness Training for Professionals - training for companies and other charities delivered by one of our autistic adult members to raise awareness of what living with ASC is like.

Space4Carers - a programme of lots of activities, social opportunities, relaxation therapies, residential weekends and learning for parent/carers.

Carers Coffee, Chat and Learn Morning - for all parent/carers of people with ASC, a chance to come and talk to other services including Occupational therapists, Parent Carer Forum, Disability Information Bureau, CWP Diagnosis team, Local Area Co-Ordinator's and many more whilst having a coffee and a cake. Held once a month during term time.

Crafty Carers - run by one of our wonderful volunteers. A chance for parent/carers to come together to craft and chat held every other week during term time.

SEND advice and support 1:1 Appointments - delivered by Smart Bright Training Consultancy to parent/carers and autistic adults, to offer support and advice surrounding any issues they are having and signposting to the right services should they require more intervention.

CEAT (Cheshire East Autism Team) 1:1 Appointments - a chance to come and speak to CEAT about any school issues and for advice and support

Walking Group - a monthly walking club for our parent/carers and ASC adults, visits to Dunham Massey, Lyme Park to name but a few - with coffee and cake at the end! Supported by BlackDog Outdoors.

Campaigning - we work with our local MP and statutory services to ensure that the experiences of those that we support are represented.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Staff Team:

We now have 7 full time and 26 part-time.

Full time

- Chief Officer
- Community & Projects Manager
- Chef
- Club Manager
- Communications Officer
- Booking & Activities Co-ordinator
- Specialist outreach worker

Part Time

- Booking & Activities Co-ordinator
- Kitchen technician
- Receptionist
- Data Administrator
- Volunteer Co-ordinator
- 4 Revive and Strive Wellbeing Worker
- 5 Senior club support workers
- 8 Club support workers
- 2 clinical training
- 2 Caretakers

Trustees:

We were fortunate to have a total of 8 talented and committed trustees at Space4Autism. However during the year through to job relocations and retirement 4 of them stepped down. We are in the process of recruiting another 2 at the start of the next financial year. Their diverse skills and experiences are invaluable as we continue to expand our programs and support our membership. Their ongoing commitment to the organisation is seen as a significant strength, as they not only contribute professional expertise but also bring a shared history, experience, passion, and unwavering dedication to the mission of Space4Autism.

Volunteers

We welcomed 60 volunteers in 2024/25 and they contributed 3375 hours during the year, using the national living wage of £11.44 per hour as a guide, this means our volunteers gave time to the value of £38,610.00 during the year.

We are members of or affiliated with:-

Cheshire Connect (business mentors and support) Police Cohesion Group
Community Mental Health Transformation
Open2Autism/ Macclesfield Hospital/Learning Disabilities and Autism Group Cheshire East
mental partnership board prevention sub-group
3rd sector partnership meetings
Cheshire Voluntary Service (CVS) Women's
Collaboration Group Autism Alliance UK
Community Live Well
Children and Young People Clinical Delivery Group
Clinical and practitioner network
Cheshire East Community Live well services
Cheshire East Family Hubs

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Trustees' Report (continued)

We are commissioned by:

- Cheshire East Council
- Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Health and Care Partnership (ICB)

We work closely with the following other agencies/charities

CaMHS - Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service
Cheshire & Wirral partnership (CWP) autism assessment/diagnosis teams for CYP and Adults
Cheshire Information and Advice Service (CEIAS)
Just Drop In
Cheshire and Warrington Carers Trust
Healthwatch
Healthbox
Family Support Workers Social
Prescribers
People Plus
Speaking Up Speaking Out House of
Healing
Peak Sleep
Harvest Fundraising
Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT)
Smart Bright training and consultancy
Disability Information Bureau
Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum
Local GP surgeries
CVS - Community and Voluntary Services CE Cheshire East
Carers Hub
Circus Starr
Adult Social Care
Local Schools
Cheshire East SEND Team Safer
Opportunities
Cre8
Therapy for Teens
Autumn Psychology
Time out Group
Rubys Fund
Visyon

Purchasing locally:

We have a policy of purchasing locally whenever possible - around 30% of our annual spend goes to local suppliers.

Environmental impact

We use The Green Office Checklist - a self-evaluation tool, which helps us to assess the environmental performance of our work. The Checklist gives us clear directions for improvement. It asks questions to measure our level of "Green" performance.

It is a comprehensive checklist comprising of 65 questions relating to various environmental topics such as paper usage, energy efficiency, office supplies, general office activities, recycling, transport, Health and Safety and the process for implementation of all of our activities.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

We are pleased with our progress and we will continue to use the Green Office Checklist on a regular basis to improve our performance over the coming months.

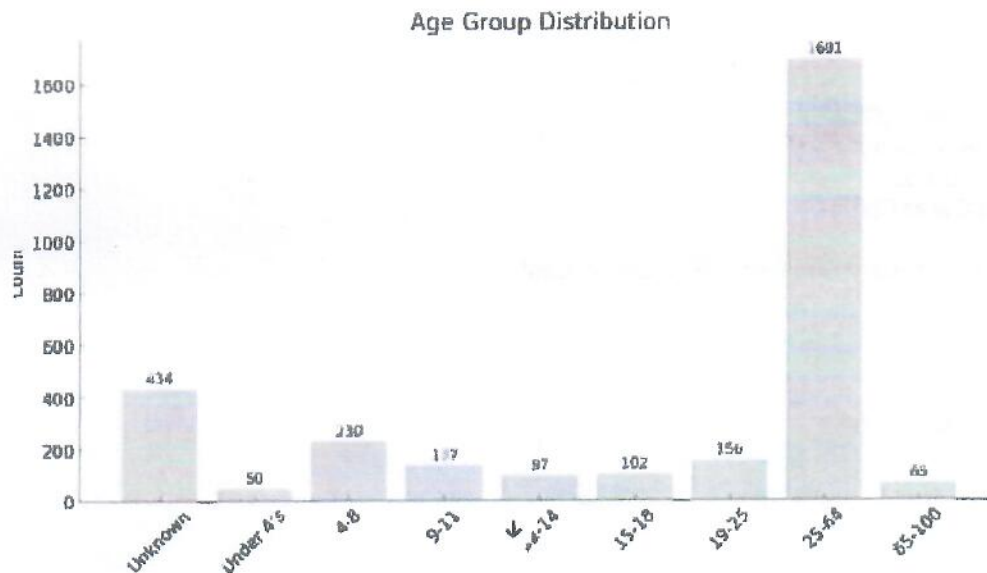
ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Project Delivery

Key findings – the the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025:

In the 12 months to 31st March 2025, we welcomed 972 new members, taking our membership to 9570. An increase of almost 12% in the last 12 months.

Our membership are broken down into the following age categories



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Trustees' Report (continued)

In the 12 months to 31st March 2025, we delivered 1406 individual club and activity sessions providing direct support for 4123 autistic children, young people adults and their families, giving a total attendances of 15,095. In addition, we have had 19,096 individual contacts with members via face-to-face meetings, emails, letters, remotely or via our social media platforms.

We signposted 681 people to relevant support ie Cheshire East Autism Team, CWP Helpline, Social Care and other charities local to the individuals. We also provided information and support to 577 professionals and their respective organisations.

We attended 50 community events during the year including Cheshire East Family Hubs, Disability networks, various schools, NHS clinical lead groups, GP surgeries, various SMASH care community events, and careers & job fair events.

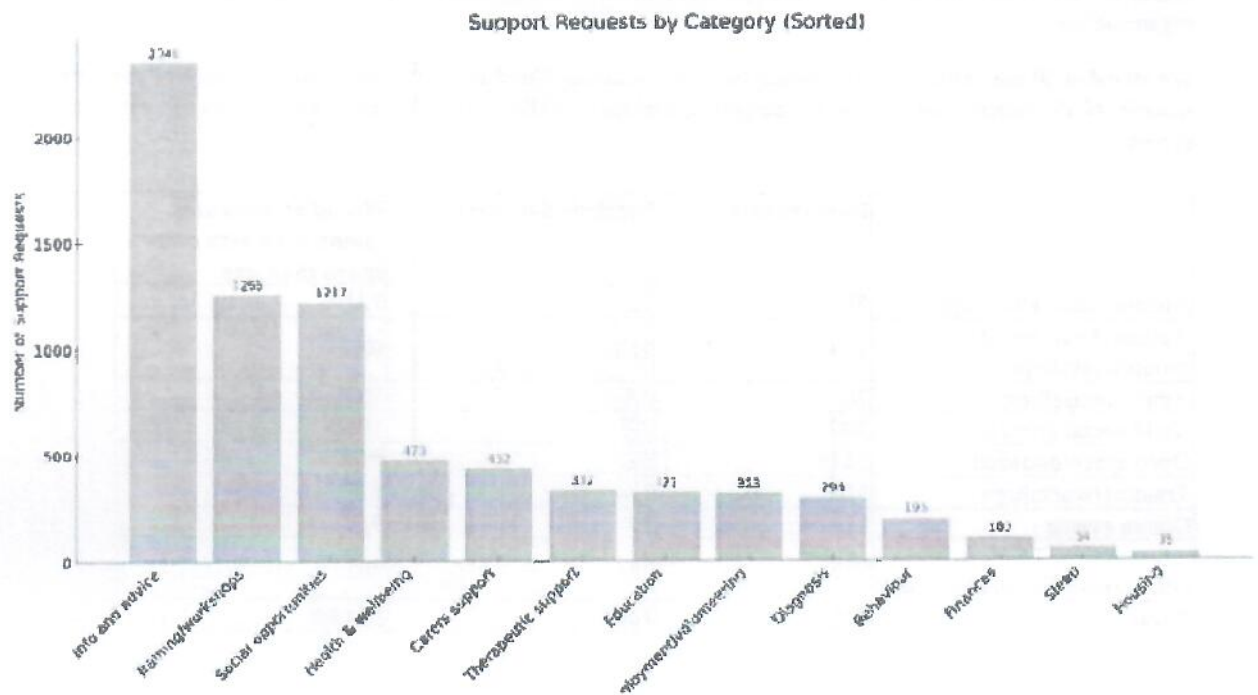
	Participants	Sessions delivered	Nos of attendances (some members come more than one)
Autism Adult Hub Support	53	75	127
Autism Adult social group/workshops	123	163	963
Adult counselling	20	57	73
Child social groups	309	221	1833
Open space/outreach	1546	628	9400
Training/workshops	344	174	971
Comm events	943	50	943
Other one-off events/activities	785	38	785
Total	4123	1406	15,095

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Trustees' Report (continued)

During the 12 months to 31st March 2025 we delivered intensive support to our members in the following areas;

- Intensive support is when we have worked with individuals or families on one or more occasions



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Trustees' Report (continued)

Staff activities:

7 staff left us during the year, and we employed 3 new staff members.

Our staff and volunteer team completed the following training:

- First Aid at work certificate delivered by Starfish Training
- GDPR training
- Cheshire East Safeguarding Children's Board training sessions
- Adult Safeguarding delivered by Visyon
- Autism Awareness level 2
- Senior and support club staff training day
- Oliver McGowan online training
- My Transgender journey delivered by Gender Space
- Team building canvas training delivered by Workplace HR
- Epilepsy Training delivered by Macclesfield Hospital
- Understanding PDA - delivered by Smart bright training
- Online Bullying - delivered by The Anti Bullying Alliance
- Food Allergy and Intolerance Training - delivered by Food Standards Agency
- Prevent Awareness - delivered by HM government
- Online Safety Training - Noodle Now
- Oppositional Defiance Disorder - Noodle Now
- Suicide Prevention - delivered by Papyrus
- Understanding Mental Health Needs of Autistic Teenagers - delivery by National Autistic Society

Other staff team achievements:

- S4A Cafe received 5 stars once again from the EHO
- Disability Confident employers gained once again.
- Our S4A Cafe was recommended by Restaurant Guru for the 3rd year
- We achieved Cyber Essentials certification for the 3rd year running
- Improved our social media presence

New services and activities:

- Adult Hub waiting well service in partnership with CWP
- Autistic Adult Tuesday social group
- Offered training to more schools, businesses and other services raising awareness of Autism
- Gaming Club
- Hospitality and basic cooking skills

Awards and supporter activities:

S4A Café received 5 star hygiene rates once again from the EHO.

We were delighted to have been chosen as the Charity of the Year by the Mayor of Macclesfield and Mayor of Bollington.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

We would not be able to deliver our services without the support of our funders - massive 'thank you' to everyone who has supported us in 2024/25

Martyn Bracegirdle CF Baker
Family CT Co-Op local
community fund Arnold Clark
Community Fund Sir Jules
Thom CT Felicity Wilde CT
Swallow Trust Risley Medical
St James's Place F UKH
Foundation Pilkington
Charities Fund Robert
McAlpine F Dorothy Pamela
Smith CIO Garfield Weston
Foundation N Smith CS Peter
Collins CT Wallace Bell CT The
Gledswood The Lucas
Harrison Trust The Nagle
Family Trust The
Clothworkers Foundation
Medicash Foundation
Cheshire Freemasons Brian
Wilson CT

Rylance and Smith CT
Marsh CT
Rycroft Childrens Fund
Grant Making Charity
Edward Gosling Foundation
Marland McAdoo CS
Julia and Hans Rausing Trust
Barnard Kenneth Hufton Charity
Evelyn May CT
N Smith CS
Lee and Bakirgian FT
Broome Family CT
Zochonis CT
Souter CT
Irving Memorial Trust
Ludlow Trust
Ludlow T
Douglas Arter CT
Barbara Wards Childrens Foundation
Boshier Hinton Foundation
Ann Rylands Trust
Access Foundation
Bain CT
Northern Rail

Other grant funders:

The National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities & Awards for All
Cheshire East Council
Cheshire East Integrated Care Board (ICB)
Macclesfield Town Council
Children in Need
Cheshire Community Foundation

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Companies, Individual's and JustGiving supporters

Spinners Arms Dignity Funeral Directors
AstraZeneca Macclesfield Buttylicious Shake & Bake
Rolph & Co Photography Castle Inner Wheel of Sandbach
Inner Wheel of Macclesfield B Lewis Bridge Players
Murray Smith Resources for Business Limited
Hays Travel S4A Charity box holders S4A
Legacy Funeral Care External fundraisers Mayor of Macclesfield
Corner Macclesfield
S4A monthly donators
Matt Rigby - Rundamentalist Run Club
Mayor of Bollington

Referring partners and agencies

We are committed to partnership working, sharing knowledge and resources to support the people we serve.

External project partners:

The Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Health and Care Partnership (ICB) CaMHS - Children and Adult Mental Health Services Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT)
Cheshire Information and Advice Service (CEIAS)
Disability Information Bureau, Local Area Co-ordinator Making Space
Cheshire East Council - commissioning of Short Break Social Skills clubs for children and young people aged 5-18.
CVS - Community and Voluntary Services Cheshire East Youth Federation
Healthwatch.
Adult Social Care.
Family Support Workers. Local Schools.
Social Prescribers.
Cheshire East SEND Team.
DWP
The Growth Company Local GP Practices
Smart Bright Training and Consultancy Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum Circus Starr
People Plus FedCap

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

As like last year 2024/25 has yet again been a very difficult year in terms of funding. However, we were able to keep the space ship flying with the wonderful support of our members, funders, grant givers and businesses.

Our donations increased from £187,547 in 2023/24 to £307,276 which is incredible in such difficult times. This was helped by our plea on BBC Northwest Tonight to raise £100k from donations which our supporters raised £116,000 in total.

Grants also increased from £228,215 in 2023/24 to £348,254 In 2024/25.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

With the direction of the board of Trustees who worked tirelessly through the year as well as the wonderful staff and volunteer team. We are pleased to report that our income increased from £585,413 in 2023/24 to £721,396 in 2024/25, however, this was helped by a deed of Gift of £145,000 which is going to be invested.

Our expenditure in 2023/24 was £579,478 and in 2024/25 was £561,310.

Reserves policy

The charity will hold unrestricted general reserves that total six months running costs. These funds will be viewed as an emergency fund (i.e. loss of vital funding) and will be used only at the discretion of the Trustees. Unfortunately, at the year end this has not been met. Estimated unrestricted running costs for the 6 months are expected to be £276,000. However, free funds and designated funds are available at the balance sheet date are only £200,018.

The general reserve fund will be achieved by attracting unrestricted funds from a variety of funding streams including: Trusts; Commissioned Services and Council Funding; Companies; Trading, including café, training and consultancy; Events; Community Fundraising and Individual Donations.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Pauline Girdwood
Chair of Trustees

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The governing document for the charity is the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) dated 18th May 2020.

Day to day operations:

Decision making, financial management and trust governance are all conducted in accordance with a fixed set of policies and guidelines.

Organisational structure

The organisational structure comprises the Board of Trustees (all volunteers with one selected as chairperson). There has to be a minimum of four Trustees but there is no maximum number.

The Trustees meet regularly during the year for full board meetings. All major policy, financial and operational decisions are decided by a majority of the Trustees. The constitution covers the structure and voting requirements.

A number of meetings, comprising a subset of Trustees, are arranged as and when necessary to discuss matters relating to specific topics.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

A Prior, (resigned May 2024)
L Killilea
P Girdwood, (chair as from June 2024)
D Bramwell, (resigned February 2024)
L Pope, (resigned)
L Beresford
R Brown, (appointed on May 2025)
E Jones, (appointed on December 2024)

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Independent Examiner

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The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 31/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:

P. Girdwood

P Girdwood
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 8/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:

P. Girdwood

P Girdwood
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Space4Autism CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Space4Autism CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Space4Autism CIO 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 the Space4Autism CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

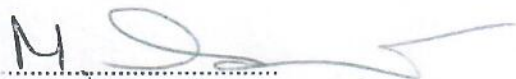
Independent examiner's statement

Since Space4Autism CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Bright Partnership Limited, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Space4Autism CIO 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 accounting 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.



Michael Senior FCA
Bright Partnership Limited
Chartered Accountants & Business Advisor

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Date: 31/10/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		166,264	489,266	655,530	415,762
Charitable activities		-	-	-	15,105
Other trading activities		35,145	(897)	34,248	37,942
Investment income	5	4,377	18,191	22,568	51,398
Other income		2,212	6,838	9,050	65,206
Total income		<u>207,998</u>	<u>513,398</u>	<u>721,396</u>	<u>585,413</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		(13,730)	(1,289)	(15,019)	(15,497)
Charitable activities		<u>(200,130)</u>	<u>(346,161)</u>	<u>(546,291)</u>	<u>(563,981)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(213,860)</u>	<u>(347,450)</u>	<u>(561,310)</u>	<u>(579,478)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(5,862)</u>	<u>165,948</u>	<u>160,086</u>	<u>5,935</u>
Net movement in funds		(5,862)	165,948	160,086	5,935
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>141,336</u>	<u>96,070</u>	<u>237,406</u>	<u>231,471</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>135,474</u>	<u>262,018</u>	<u>397,492</u>	<u>237,406</u>

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	15,863	21,252
Current assets			
Stocks	10	947	2,450
Debtors	11	2,208	15,798
Cash at bank and in hand		392,877	213,932
		396,032	232,180
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(14,403)	(16,026)
Net current assets		381,629	216,154
Net assets		397,492	237,406
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		262,018	96,071
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		135,474	141,335
Total funds	13	397,492	237,406

The financial statements on pages 16 to 28 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 31/03/25 and signed on their behalf by:



P Girdwood
Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income		160,086	8,876
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation		5,629	8,416
		165,715	17,292
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease in stocks	10	1,503	-
Decrease in debtors	11	13,590	29,839
Decrease in creditors	12	(1,623)	(7,641)
Net cash flows from operating activities		179,185	39,490
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisitions of tangible assets		(240)	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		178,945	39,490
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		213,932	174,442
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		392,877	213,932

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Space4Autism CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

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

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Improvements to property	Straight line over 5 years
Fixtures and fittings	25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	Straight line over 3 years

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Trade creditors

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations	307,276	187,547
Grants	348,254	228,215
	<u>655,530</u>	<u>415,762</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Club income	-	15,105

4 Income from other trading activities

	Total funds £	Total 2024 £
Cafe income	27,997	31,815
Fundraising events	5,419	4,963
Shop income	832	1,164
	<u>34,248</u>	<u>37,942</u>

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

5 Investment income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable - trading	141	319
Room hire income	22,427	51,079
	<u>22,568</u>	<u>51,398</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising trading costs;		
Fundraising	15,019	15,497
	<u>15,019</u>	<u>15,497</u>

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	<u>356,040</u>	<u>371,225</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Staff	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Improvements to property £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	9,110	33,592	11,040	7,284	61,026
Additions	-	240	-	-	240
At 31 March 2025	<u>9,110</u>	<u>33,832</u>	<u>11,040</u>	<u>7,284</u>	<u>61,266</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	9,110	17,929	5,970	6,765	39,774
Charge for the year	-	3,935	1,260	434	5,629
At 31 March 2025	<u>9,110</u>	<u>21,864</u>	<u>7,230</u>	<u>7,199</u>	<u>45,403</u>
Net book value					
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>11,968</u>	<u>3,810</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>15,863</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>15,663</u>	<u>5,070</u>	<u>519</u>	<u>21,252</u>

10 Stock

	2025 £	2024 £
Stocks	<u>947</u>	<u>2,450</u>

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11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	11,898
Prepayments	2,208	3,900
	<u>2,208</u>	<u>15,798</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	-	5,968
Other taxation and social security	5,595	5,078
Accruals	8,808	4,980
	<u>14,403</u>	<u>16,026</u>

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	82,526	90,833	(142,434)	30,925
Designated	58,810	117,165	(71,426)	104,549
Total unrestricted funds	141,336	207,998	(213,860)	135,474
Restricted funds	96,070	513,398	(347,450)	262,018
Total funds	<u>237,406</u>	<u>721,396</u>	<u>(561,310)</u>	<u>397,492</u>

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

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	82,526	90,833	(142,434)	30,925
Designated				
Lucas Harrison Trust	10,708	-	(3,446)	7,262
Swallow Trust	17,663	15,000	(9,393)	23,270
M&C Trust	3,485	-	(2,750)	735
Social Clubs	5,797	25,709	(3,650)	27,856
Kitchen Wages	5,708	-	-	5,708
Galaxy	2,150	36,854	(21,330)	17,674
S4A Cafe	6,866	30,602	(21,806)	15,662
Broome Family 2024	6,433	9,000	(9,051)	6,382
	<u>58,810</u>	<u>117,165</u>	<u>(71,426)</u>	<u>104,549</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>141,336</u>	<u>207,998</u>	<u>(213,860)</u>	<u>135,474</u>
Restricted funds				
Short Break	-	37,669	(34,532)	3,137
Broom family	459	-	-	459
Apollo	1,125	10,000	(8,383)	2,742
Space4Carers Awards for All	20,000	-	(16,667)	3,333
Space4Carers Hub	2,410	629	(3,936)	(897)
Sir Jules Thorn	250	-	-	250
CCF-Youth Space	5,729	249	(5,978)	-
Garfield Weston	19,675	30,000	(9,887)	39,788
Edward Gostling	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Barbara Ward	3,000	6,000	(5,978)	3,022
Clothworkers Foundation	2,100	-	-	2,100
Saturday Club	9,748	38,370	(33,121)	14,997
Health- NHS Health and Wellbeing	4,250	200	(1,200)	3,250
Space to Prosper	3,630	71,916	(60,710)	14,836
Freemansons	6,020	-	(6,000)	20
Zochonos/Souter - Kitchen salaries	-	3,292	(7,708)	(4,416)
Charles Sharland	-	-	(13,085)	(13,085)
ICB	7,674	100,833	(99,872)	8,635
Felicity Wilde Fun Friday	-	-	(500)	(500)

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	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Don't USE - BBC	-	10,000	-	10,000
ICB ASC Adult Tues Club	-	7,942	(2,695)	5,247
ICB Counselling	-	17,654	(9,403)	8,251
ICB Drop In	-	18,925	(12,231)	6,694
ICB Walking Group	-	4,719	(2,063)	2,656
St James FF	-	10,000	(3,501)	6,499
The Edward Gostling Fund	-	145,000	-	145,000
	<u>96,070</u>	<u>513,398</u>	<u>(347,450)</u>	<u>262,018</u>
Total funds	<u>237,406</u>	<u>721,396</u>	<u>(561,310)</u>	<u>397,492</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	72,701	108,552	(126,359)	27,759	82,653
Designated	<u>89,071</u>	<u>95,331</u>	<u>(79,205)</u>	<u>(46,515)</u>	<u>58,682</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>161,772</u>	<u>203,883</u>	<u>(205,564)</u>	<u>(18,756)</u>	<u>141,335</u>
Restricted funds	<u>69,699</u>	<u>381,530</u>	<u>(373,914)</u>	<u>18,756</u>	<u>96,071</u>
Total funds	<u>231,471</u>	<u>585,413</u>	<u>(579,478)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,406</u>

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

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	72,701	108,552	(126,359)	27,759	82,653
<i>Designated</i>					
Renovation Work	35,000	-	-	(35,000)	-
Lucas Harrison Trust	7,158	15,000	(12,399)	949	10,708
Swallow Trust	12,412	10,000	(4,749)	-	17,663
M&C Trust	1,292	3,000	(807)	-	3,485
Social Clubs	22,733	15,105	(9,041)	(23,000)	5,797
Minibus	350	243	(593)	-	-
Kitchen wages	10,126	4,000	(8,417)	(1)	5,708
S4A Cafe	-	31,027	(24,212)	51	6,866
Broome Family 2024	-	7,500	(1,067)	-	6,433
Galaxy	-	9,456	(17,920)	10,486	2,022
	<u>89,071</u>	<u>95,331</u>	<u>(79,205)</u>	<u>(46,515)</u>	<u>58,682</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>161,772</u>	<u>203,883</u>	<u>(205,564)</u>	<u>(18,756)</u>	<u>141,335</u>
Restricted funds					
Short Break	3,078	22,980	(36,817)	10,759	-
Big Lottery	2,511	-	-	(2,511)	-
Tudor Trust	1,734	-	(1,734)	-	-
Sister Gwen Space4Art	-	828	(3,608)	2,780	-
Saturday Club	-	25,450	(19,300)	3,476	9,626
NHS England	-	-	71	(71)	-
Broom family	3,672	-	(3,212)	(1)	459
JDI Counselling	2,057	-	(2,057)	-	-
Apollo	9,708	-	(8,583)	-	1,125
Galaxy Covid Recovery	5,615	-	-	(5,615)	-
Space4Carers Awards for All	3,825	21,174	(5,000)	1	20,000
Space4Carers Hub	7,303	10,100	(15,890)	897	2,410
Bright Ideas Cheshire	-	-	(13)	13	-
NHS England - Space					
Mates/Saturn	10,192	243	(10,435)	-	-
1:1	75	-	(75)	-	-
Sir Jules Thorn	1,750	-	(1,500)	-	250
Youth Space	3,379	10,414	(8,064)	-	5,729

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

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Garfield Weston	14,800	20,000	(15,125)	-	19,675
Edward Gostling	-	20,000	(10,000)	-	10,000
Barbara Ward	-	6,000	(2,500)	(500)	3,000
Clothworkers Foundation	-	2,100	-	-	2,100
Health- NHS Health and Wellbeing	-	18,158	(12,958)	(950)	4,250
Space to Prosper	-	80,328	(83,545)	6,847	3,630
Freemansons	-	12,020	(6,000)	-	6,020
ICB	-	110,838	(108,119)	4,955	7,674
Sat Club - Cheshire Community	-	-	-	123	123
622	-	897	-	(897)	-
Charles Sharland	-	20,000	(16,950)	(3,050)	-
	<u>69,699</u>	<u>381,530</u>	<u>(371,414)</u>	<u>16,256</u>	<u>96,071</u>
Total funds	<u>231,471</u>	<u>585,413</u>	<u>(576,978)</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>237,406</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	655,530	415,762
Charitable activities (analysed below)	-	15,105
Other trading activities (analysed below)	34,248	37,942
Investment income (analysed below)	22,568	51,398
Other income (analysed below)	9,050	65,206
Total income	<u>721,396</u>	<u>585,413</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(15,019)	(15,497)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(546,291)	(563,981)
Total expenditure	<u>(561,310)</u>	<u>(579,478)</u>
Net income	<u>160,086</u>	<u>5,935</u>
Net movement in funds	160,086	5,935
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>237,406</u>	<u>231,471</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>397,492</u>	<u>237,406</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Donations	307,276	187,547
Grants	348,254	228,215
	<u>655,530</u>	<u>415,762</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Club income	-	15,105
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,105</u>
<i>Other trading activities</i>		
Cafe income	27,997	31,815
Fundraising events	5,419	4,963
Shop income	832	1,164
	<u>34,248</u>	<u>37,942</u>
<i>Investment income</i>		
Interest receivable - trading	141	319
Room hire income	22,427	51,079
	<u>22,568</u>	<u>51,398</u>
<i>Other income</i>		
Recharged utilities and office costs	9,050	7,632
Training income	-	57,574
	<u>9,050</u>	<u>65,206</u>
<i>Raising funds</i>		
Fundraising services	(15,019)	(15,497)
	<u>(15,019)</u>	<u>(15,497)</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities		
Wages	(356,040)	(371,225)
Rent	(45,843)	(45,868)
Insurance	(3,166)	(3,122)
Water, electric and gas	(12,041)	(11,451)
Telephone	(1,525)	(1,402)
Printing, postage and stationery	(5,126)	(8,663)
Advertising	(625)	(64)
Sundries	(1,446)	(2,219)
Maintenance	(5,617)	(4,854)
Club running and consumables	(29,221)	(32,375)
Workshop delivery	(5,130)	(182)
Travel expenses	(1,107)	(617)
Subscriptions	(1,288)	(610)
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	(5,629)	(8,416)
Other	(1,252)	(1,106)
Social outings	(2,548)	(2,324)
Minibus expenses	(1,617)	(1,289)
Computer expenses	(7,850)	(11,969)
Clinicians fees	(19,561)	(17,784)
Accountancy	(12,448)	(10,440)
Legal fees	(5,632)	(6,610)
Professional fees	(750)	(306)
Training	(13,128)	(16,766)
HR and payroll services	(4,950)	(4,139)
Cleaning	-	(180)
Website	(1,400)	-
UK Entertainment	(1,106)	-
Motor expenses	(245)	-
	<u>(546,291)</u>	<u>(563,981)</u>

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