

**The Power House (Poole)**

Company Number 11625271 Registered Charity Number 1190962  
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**Annual General Meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Annual Report**

**Written by Chair of Directors/Trustees Maureen La Frenais & Project Manager Alix Rusling**

**Period of this Report**

This report covers the period since the December 2024 AGM.

**Vision and Objectives and Vision**

The purpose of The Power House (Poole) as set out in its revised Memorandum and Articles of Association is to:

"Further or benefit the residents of Poole without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political or religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the condition of life for the residents."

These words agreed with the Charity Commission allow The Power House to pursue its longstanding vision and ambition of creating a high quality and prominent Cultural, Community and Wellbeing centre to both provide facilities and run programmes for local community benefit.

**Introduction**

This is the sixth Chair's report written and submitted by The Power House Board of Trustees and Project Manager Alix Rusling.

The Power House has continued to expand its ambition to become a key asset within the Hamworthy community and Poole. Our charity is now recognised as a beneficial creative and wellbeing provider, and we have been successful in obtaining additional funding from a generous and supportive mix of organisations to support our main National Community Lottery funding.

This has been a busy year as we continue to manage our hub and Cornerstone Patch community garden. The final phase of our hub fit out includes an external ramp and better

utilisation of our current Snug space. Our partnership working has increased positively, and we have a wider understanding of how to dovetail and develop our programming of future activities and projects.

Activities in the hub have been managed by our team and volunteers and as well as by freelance contractors. One of the spring workshops held was for an external project facilitating participants to contribute artwork for an atrium sculpture – now a key feature within the redeveloped Poole Museum that opened just a few weeks ago. Based at the Cornerstone Academy, our Patch community garden is thriving, and gaining quite a following. We have a very enthusiastic team of staff and volunteers and our final event this year culminated with our November 'Garden Glow' including food tastings.

It has however been a challenging year, with some reduced hours in our hub. Two of our original staff (whose work enabled us to become an established provider) have moved on, and much of the workload has been ably managed by our Project Officer, Alix Rusling. Ongoing, to enable us to be fully resourced we are currently, in the process of recruiting 3 new team members. The Power House team is extremely sad to report the loss of our long-standing and very active trustee and friend, Marie Pandolfo.

As an update, we are recruiting more trustees, specifically those with the specialist experience to support our charity and to replace those retiring. In the meantime, we thank Simon Matthews who has kindly stepped in as a trustee and been with us since October.

This is a very brief overview of the year to date, and our Project Manager and Founder Alix Rusling will continue with a fuller report.

## **Progress over the last year**

2025 has seen The Power House as an organisation develop further as we set up a more functional and secure administration system.

**Accounts Migration** – the new 2025/26 financial year was a good point for us to start the migration of our accounts to Xero. This was made possible by National Lottery's grant portion for Organisational Development and has been overseen by our Treasurer Bernard and Alix Rusling with Sharon Toft of SJT Accounts providing accounting advice.

Our National Lottery Grant Manager was satisfied with our reflection of Year 1. In hindsight, it could have been better for us to delay the opening until the hub was ready. However, community engagement is a key priority for National Lottery funding, and along with public perception at the hub being closed and inaccessible, we took the decision to open

After securing £10,000 from Valentine Trust in February 2025, to enable us to focus on completing the hub set up and the wider organisational needs, National Lottery also agreed for the remainder our hub costs to be covered by some of our NL Year 1 underspend.

**Tech Set Up** - At the beginning of July, we purchased our new laptops and mobile phones, and had broadband installed and thanks to Alice Ellen Cooper Dean and Talbot Village Trust grants.

This included a switch to Microsoft Office, and the commencement of a migration and set up of a more functional and secure internal business administration.



Bringing forward a hub while onboarding a new team had its challenges but throughout, we have maintained connection and engagement with the community.

### **Staff employment and Trustee News**

After a positive response to recruitment, the challenges of continuing to set up the hub whilst onboarding a team and managing volunteers and not having-stable WiFi took its toll. Sadly, this resulted in two resignations in March and April 2025. The Power House is very thankful for Avril and Penny and wish them both well in their future endeavours.

These resignations and ongoing challenges resulted in project delays with the Youth Project Lead postponed further. The re-recruitment of the Community Team was due at the end of July/beginning of August.

**Marie Pandolfo Trustee:** After a brave six-year fight, this May Marie had the news that cancer had spread in her liver, with her health rapidly going downhill in July. She sadly passed 11<sup>th</sup> August. Alix had grown a friendship with Marie over the years and supported her in her last months. Then had the privilege and sad task of coordinating her funeral.

**Trustee Appointment – Simon Matthews:** We are thankful, for Simon Matthews accepting our invitation to join the Board of Trustees following a year of engaging with him and seeing firsthand his passion for the best for Hamworthy and the power of art to bring the community together through his Hamworthy Beach Huts project. Simon is a Hamworthy resident, and already his professional expertise has added great value to our Board decisions.

**Trustee Recruitment Drive** – From the outset of “Love Hamworthy” the plan has been to grow and strengthen our Board of Trustees, aiming for five trustees. Our Treasurer Bernard has given six years of his voluntary time and in 2024 informed us he needs to step down at the end of this year as he is relocating. He has been a foundational, pragmatic, and calm influence over these years. Including through navigating the ever-changing horizon of the pandemic. Bringing his experience of managing local hotels to support our continued growth, we are so thankful for all Bernard has given and enabled to give The Power House has firm foundation. We shall miss him, and we wish him and his family all the very best.

Trustee recruitment commenced in November, with some positive responses.

Working with SJC Accounts we can continue to have a secure financial system in place while we take our time to appoint the right person to this key role.

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### ***Short-Term Contracts***

The Community Team recruitment was delayed due to the impact of Marie's passing. National Lottery agreed for administration support to be picked up through a temporary contract by our former Administrator.

We then needed to navigate Cornerstone Patch Lead Gardener's injury early September. Due to injury Bel was unable to lead community gardening and Cornerstone Academy Lunch Club and Woodwork sessions. Once agreed with National Lottery, a 3-month short-term contract was advertised, and Laura Smith was appointed.

National Lottery also approved another 3-month temporary contract. Having linked with The Power House since 2018 in an Advisory capacity, Michael Armstrong was in the position to offer two days a week working with Alix to bring forward key organisational development work, including completing our volunteer management work, trustee recruitment, and extensive budget work to enable the Community Team recruitment. Recruitment is currently underway for 3 of the 4 community roles.

As Talbot Village Trust's match funding for the Youth Project Lead needs to be drawn down by June 2026, we plan to bring forward this role in Q1 2026.

### **Volunteers**

The hub has offered more opportunities for community members to give back to their community as a volunteer. Figures below are of volunteers registered to support and lead sessions at the hub and Cornerstone Patch. (Cornerstone Patch volunteers numbers include session participants who are classed as volunteers. See p.12 for full Patch numbers)

*For the 2024-2025 Accounting year:*

53 Volunteers:

21 Males, 32 Females

27 Adults, 15 over 65, 11 young people

5 with long-term health issues or disability

Volunteers living in Hamworthy = 27, Turlin Moor = 3, Poole = 16, Parkstone = 1, Bournemouth = 5, Devon = 1

From April 2024 to December 2025 – date of this report

67 Volunteers:

26 Males, 41 Females

34 Adults, 20 over 65, 13 young people

8 with long-term health issues or disability

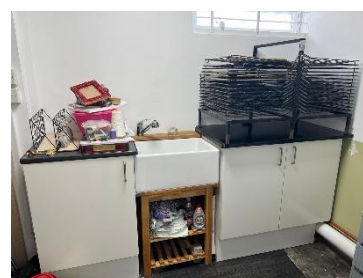
Volunteers living in Hamworthy = 29, Turlin Moor = 3, Upton = 1, Poole = 25, Parkstone = 1, Bournemouth = 8, Devon = 1

## Continued Hub Set-Up



**Office:** This was installed by Tim of HomeWorx Dorset thanks to National Lottery's additional funding in January. As this report is written, Poole Men's Shed Edd is in the final stages of building a bespoke wrap around desk to maximise the space.

**Art Studio Storage:** two wonderful volunteers have worked hard to install bespoke storage to accommodate our art materials and other essential operational items. Using his furniture making training, Dave completed the first phase of the art studio storage. Mike made shelving in the new Cloakroom.



To say that volunteers have enabled so much, by giving their time and making our grants go a long way is an understatement! Thank you so much!



**Disabled Toilet:** Another thank you to National Lottery for approving a repurposing of our Year 1 underspend to install an accessible toilet. Together with BH Coastal Lottery funding, the kitchenette in the rear of the premises was transformed into a Cloakroom – with art sink and storage and housing the disabled toilet.

Thank you Tim of HomeWorx Dorset for your expertise and craftsmanship once again. Just the finishing touches of a curtain for the storage and decorating to go.

At the same time, Tim installed the Art Studio making it usable by the installation of a wheelchair accessible door as well enabling the studio to be made warm.

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**Hub Kitchen:** Thanks to BCP Thriving Communities, our kitchen now has shelving put up by volunteer Mike and soon to be decorated by Upcycling Café participants.

**Hub Ramp:** We have now progressed an architect's drawings for a ramp to the premises to make the hub fully accessible. To ensure a fully compliant ramp can be installed, we need to progress with the larger plan of installing decking for outdoor seating also. BCP Thriving Communities have also awarded part-funding for the ramp, and we are about to submit our planning application before Christmas to ensure the hub ramp is installed by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**The Snug:** Thanks to BCP Thriving Communities fund, this private room for counselling, therapeutic treatments, and 1:1 meetings will be installed the first week of January 2026. We are waiting the outcome an application to a national grant funder to provide a bursary for low-cost counselling and Sports Therapy.

## 2025 Activities

The Power House's activities can be divided into operational and strategic.

### 1. Operational Activities – Community Projects

#### *The Power House Hub*

**2024/25 Winter Warm Hub** - funded by BCP Council's Food & Energy Support Fund started later than planned due to a delayed installation of our office.

While this made a significant improvement to heating the hub, we are also thankful to BH Coastal Lottery who approved our request to use some of their grant underspend to install a door to the studio to enable us to ensure the studio was warm. achieved through volunteers' construction of storage spaces.

In turn enabling Rachel Huggett's Creative Wellbeing Sessions to go ahead, thanks to our 2024 Community Wellbeing and Mental Health Fund from Dorset Community Foundation.



*Warm Hub volunteer Paula and husband Roger supplying matching tiles and fitting tiles from their garden to fix our outdoor step. Photo Credit: TPH*



*Above: Warm Hub volunteers Paula and Mim with visitors Josh (3) and John (Dad) Below: Warm Hub Visitors Photo Credits: TPH*

Kitchen equipment was purchased thanks to funding from BCP Council's Grassroots Fund,

Creative Wellbeing Session participants enjoyed hot, soup, homemade by Hamworthy resident and volunteer Jill, and staying in the hub for the rest of day – telling us the hub is warmer than home.



Since May, work has continued with the Studio kitchenette being turned into a Cloakroom with an accessible toilet funded by National Lottery's additional funding, installed by our trusted contractor HomeWorx Dorset. New cupboards and a Belfast sink were installed, with bespoke art storage shelving constructed by volunteer Mike - funded by BH Coastal Lottery.

Volunteer Dave completed the first phase of the Art Studio bespoke storage, with the second phase due for completion early 2026.

**INSTAR** – INSTAR are artists from Nottingham commissioned to create a sculpture for Poole Museum's atrium as part of their refurbishment. INSTAR asked to work with The Power House as one of their community organisations to hold community participation workshops.



INSTAR's Trish with participant Carolyn  
Photo Credit: TPH



INSTAR Participants Photo Credit: TPH

**Creative Wellbeing Sessions:** Thanks to NHS Dorset's Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, Rachel Huggett, has delivered Creative Wellbeing Sessions from January to November 2025. A number of women signed up in April and May but did not attend, potentially due to the nicer weather.

**15 women** have attended across 4 courses, with another two courses in January 2026 being held, thanks to a project extension granted by Dorset Community Foundation.

Rachel says: "In this course I have drawn from my experience as a qualified counsellor and mindfulness practitioner to put together a comprehensive course to tackle – through discussion, exercises and art activities – mental health issues experienced by the participants. I have had very good feedback from this course. Participants say they feel what they have been offered is unique and most of all, helpful to their daily lives. Many of the participants initially struggled to come to the class but now say they look forward to coming. They say they feel less isolated and have built up friendships with the other participants."

**Participant EH:** "The warm hub has been vital to me as I am new to the area after fleeing domestic abuse. I have been at the warm hub and have increased my social circle, reduced feelings of loneliness and isolation which has improved my mental health immensely."

Community colleagues, *CoCreate CIC* is hiring the studio to run weekly sessions with **24 women** attending.

### Weekly Drop-In Sessions

**Thrive** has continued throughout and welcomed new participants, both from the community and participants of Rachel's Creative Wellbeing Sessions. Frances a keen knitter joined in April, and donating lots of needles and wool to grow our supply and agreed to enable a second drop-in session, to host **Knit & Natter** on Thursdays. From the first session Pauline resettling in Hamworthy after living away, has attended every week. Both ladies joined by others each week. Frances having her own health issues, has had such joy teaching others how to knit, and tells us we are her lifeline. Pauline wanted to hold a Macmillan Coffee Morning, which we facilitated; promoting it as part of our week's activities for International Day of Older People on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.



Macmillan Coffee Morning held by Knit & Natterers  
Photo Credit: TPH

Both Knit & Natterers and Thrivers made a floral tribute for Marie's coffin. Our hub is now decorated with knitted Christmas decorations. Thank you so much!

At the end of September, Woodwork Sessions and hub volunteer Mike linked us with Uptown Junk to facilitate two upcycling sessions to launch our weekly **Upcycling Café Sessions**. Mike hosts these sessions, and we are delighted to have secured further funding from Wessex Water to hold more facilitated sessions and Community Woodwork Sessions in 2026.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have made these sessions happen. And to Jill for your delicious Patch Soup!

### Youth Project

Other than our engagement with young people volunteering at Cornerstone Patch and our After-School Woodwork Sessions and attending Cornerstone Academy Student Council this remains on hold.



**Woodwork Sessions at Cornerstone Academy** - from April 2025 these now continue thanks to National Lottery's funding for Bel's hours and volunteer Mike, with £500 2024 Neighbourhood Fund underspend being carried over for materials. Students are linking their projects to Cornerstone Patch. Kupa (14) has made a Cornerstone Patch sign with QR code that takes people to sessions on our website.



Due to Bel's injury, Laura picked up these sessions, and her Design Technology Assistant experience came into its own. While students have missed Bel, Laura has been able to connect well with students, supporting some with their engagement in activities.

Together, Bel and Laura have brought forward woodwork programme plan with skills progression to help with participants' sense of achievement and to line up with the school's house point system.

**8 boys and 13 girls** have attended woodwork sessions in 2025.



### ***Hamworthy Growing Together & Cornerstone Patch***

Cornerstone Patch has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Bel whose role was funded through Reaching Communities and extended through Dorset Community Foundation.

Our 2024 Annual Report stated we needed several aspects brought forward. This year, thanks to Bel's dedication and several volunteers, we have achieved:



*BCP COAST Volunteer Daniel having the joy of opening the ramp and having access to the Edible Eden. Photo Credit: TPH*

- Installed an accessible ramp up to the pool/Edible Eden
- Laid accessible paths around the raised beds
- Laid Woodchip throughout the Patch
- Landscaped the front/footpath end and created a seating area
- Created flowerbeds, compost bins, and an Apothecary Patch with a second seating area.
- We are scheduling the fencing to be installed

**Bel Babbington says:**

Over the last eight months, the community garden has continued to grow as a vibrant, inclusive, and productive space. Between April and November 2025, **161 active volunteers** contributed an impressive **1,671.5 hours** of volunteering time. Across **77 sessions**, including lunch clubs, after-school clubs, Saturday socials and a range of pop-up community activities, we welcomed **428 visitors, volunteers, and participants** into the garden.

Our programme of activities has expanded significantly this year. We have established regular **Nature Makers, BioBlasts, Grow & Know sessions**, and **volunteer celebration events**, alongside ongoing **community cooking sessions and seasonal feasts**. During these events, volunteers harvested fresh produce from the garden and cooked meals at The Power House Hub. We hosted **three seasonal cook-ups and feasts**, providing nutritious meals for **120 community members**. Additionally, garden produce has been used to prepare soup served weekly at The Power House, regularly feeding **8-10** people on a weekly basis.

Partnership working has strengthened our impact. We have built strong links with local access-to-food organisations, including **Grounded Community, St Gabriel's Community Fridge, Waste Not Want Not, Poole Food Bank, Winton and Parkstone Community Fridge, Poole Community Trust Community Cook Up**, as well as local growers from **The Parks Foundation, Upton in Bloom, Deans Court**, and individuals within the Hamworthy area. These connections have enabled us to share surplus produce widely, helping to feed people beyond The Power House and further reducing food waste.

We have also continued working with partners such as **Friends of Hamworthy Park, Allianz, GoodGym, Scouts, Muddy Boots, Cornerstone Academy**, and **Poole Men's Shed**, supporting intergenerational learning, skills sharing and community resilience.

This year, we welcomed new collaborations with **AIM Community** and **COAST (TRICURO Care)**. These groups alone contributed an additional **532 hours** of volunteering, with **10 regular volunteers** attending weekly. Two participants have since transitioned into **Patch Volunteers**, continuing their involvement after completing their time with COAST.



Neil Duncan Jordan MP joins our Cornerstone Patch volunteers celebration, May 2025. Photo Credit: TPH

In addition to supporting our community, the garden's produce has also been **recognised for its quality**. For the **second year in a row**, we received **RHS horticultural awards** at the *Upton in Bloom Horticultural Show*. Our onions were awarded a **trophy**, with further prizes for our **onions, beans, and potatoes, and highly commended** recognition for the rest of our general produce. These awards highlight the skill, care, and collective effort of our volunteers and celebrate the growing success of the garden.



Bel Babbington talking about the Patch with the Mayor of Poole Cllr Mark Howell at our Cornerstone Patch Volunteer Celebration, May 2025 Photo Credit: TPH

Overall, this year has been a period of meaningful growth, deeper community connection, and increased access to healthy, locally grown food.

The continued engagement and support from volunteers, partners, and participants have made the community garden a thriving hub for wellbeing, learning, and shared purpose.



2025-2026	Volunteer hours	Active volunteers	Total Garden Visitors + participants	extra COAST hours
Apr 25	152.5	26	55	9
May 25	322.5	72	82	112.5
June 25	190	30	82	112.5
July 25	218.5	30	46	61
August 25	265.5	43	49	64
September 25	154.5	17	21	64
October 25	171	12	18	64
November 25	197	27	75	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1671.5</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>532</b>



*Cornerstone Academy Woodwork students and Cornerstone Patch Youth Volunteers creating the Apothecary Patch, with pond in the old swimming pool footbath.*  
 Photo Credit: TPH



After joining us for the Cornerstone Patch Volunteers Celebration, MP, Neil Duncan-Jordan invited Alix Rusling to speak at his Positive About Poole event held in September 2025.

Stories of how the Patch has impacted individuals' lives can be found on in our [Positive About Poole News Article](#).



"Positive About Poole" Photo Credit: Elisha Boothman

## 2. Strategic Activities

Our focus has been ensuring community engagement, while continuing hub set-up, managing the organisational development, and governance needs while planning next steps for The Power House Hub development.

### Holes Bay Site

There is still no progress with the Holes Bay site (former power station site), while BCP Council engages with Homes England, and turning their attention to looking after existing assets and making four of its libraries including Hamworthy community hubs and more accessible at times convenient to the public. From the outset of The Power House we have sought to work with the library service to enhance provision for the community and will continue to do so.

## Secured Funding Synopsis

A very big thank you to our funders who have made all our work possible.

### Grants awarded since the 2024's AGM:

- **Valentine Trust £10,000**
- **National Lottery Reaching Communities Year 2 funding**
- **Dorset Community Foundation Neighbourhood Fund: £5,000** for to extend the Cornerstone Patch Gardening Lead hours to offer more sessions and grow partnerships to ensure project sustainability.
- **Asda Foundation Celebrating Communities Fund: £1,000** contribution towards the hub ramp.
- **BCP Thriving Communities £4,760** for a contribution to the hub ramp, installation of the Snug, and kitchen shelves, through **Dorset Community Foundation**.
- **BCP Food & Energy Support: £3,000** for Winter 2025/26 Warm Hub, through **Dorset Community Foundation**.
- **Wessex Water Community Fund: £3,917** for Upcycling Café Sessions and Community Woodwork pilot project, through **Dorset Community Foundation**.
- **LHC Community Benefit Fund in association with Locality: £5,000** for "Whole-istic Wellbeing" pilot project to deliver Creative Arts Wellbeing Sessions alongside low-cost counselling and Sports Therapeutic Massage.

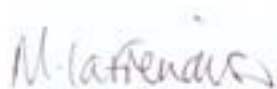


## Conclusion

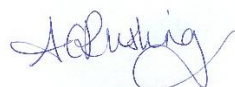
While it has been a challenging year, to see the positive impact on individuals' wellbeing also improving the lives of their families makes the difficulties worthwhile.

All the team and volunteers have given has gone a long way to make a difference in their community and for the progress made this year.

We look forward to what 2026 brings as we develop and extend our programme thanks to our upcoming team.



Maureen La Frenais  
Chair of Trustees & Co-Founder



Alix Rusling  
Project Manager & Co-Founder



Bernard Uzzell  
Trustee & Treasurer

# Annual Report and Accounts

The Power House (Poole)

For the period ended 31 March 2025



Prepared by

**Bernard Uzzell**

Prepared on

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### Company Information

During the year there were three trustees:

- Maureen La Frennaïs
- Marie Pandolfo
- Bernard Uzzell

At the end of the year there were three employees.

# Financial Year 2024-25:Balance Sheet - Financial Year 2024-25

As of March 31, 2025

	As of Mar 31, 2025	As of Mar 31, 2024 (PY)	Total Change
<b>FIXED ASSET</b>			
<b>Tangible assets</b>			
Equipment and Machinery	0	0	0
<b>Total Tangible assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>			
Cash	40		40
Current Account at Lloyds Bank	92,833	29,193	63,640
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>92,873</b>	<b>29,193</b>	<b>63,680</b>
<b>DEBTORS</b>			
Debtors	200	0	200
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Loan to Employee	0	0	0
Pre Payments	3,000		3,000
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>96,073</b>	<b>29,193</b>	<b>66,880</b>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
<b>Trade Creditors</b>			
Creditors	180	3,987	-3,807
<b>Total Trade Creditors</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>3,987</b>	<b>-3,807</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accruals for Holiday Pay	5,759	3,878	1,881
Payroll Liabilities	2,305	179	2,126
Pre-Paid Income Accrual	76,717	21,369	55,348
Tax Provision	0	0	0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>84,780</b>	<b>25,426</b>	<b>59,355</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>84,961</b>	<b>29,413</b>	<b>55,548</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>11,112</b>	<b>-220</b>	<b>11,332</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>11,112</b>	<b>-220</b>	<b>11,332</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£11,112</b>	<b>£ -220</b>	<b>£11,332</b>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>			
Retained Earnings	-220	3,031	-3,250
Surplus/(Deficit)	11,332	-3,250	14,583
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£11,112</b>	<b>£ -220</b>	<b>£11,332</b>

# Financial Year 2024-25: Financial Activities 2024-25 (Summary)

April 2024 - March 2025

	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024 (PY)	Change	Total % Change
<b>INCOME</b>				
Donations - Restricted	2,591	1,575	1,016	65%
Donations - Unrestricted	2,177	1,091	1,086	100%
Gift Aid Tax Refund	62		62	
Grants - Restricted	102,052	22,132	79,920	361%
Membership Fees	15	100	-85	-85%
Sales	1,503	618	886	143%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>108,401</b>	<b>25,516</b>	<b>82,885</b>	<b>325%</b>
<b>COST OF SALES</b>				
Card Processing Fees	6	42	-36	-85%
Consumables	708	14	694	5,085%
Direct Employment Costs		530	-530	-100%
Direct Expenses	1,212	4,707	-3,495	-74%
Equipment or Room Hire	38	362	-324	-90%
Subcontractors	6,544	4,078	2,467	60%
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>8,508</b>	<b>9,733</b>	<b>-1,225</b>	<b>-13%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99,893</b>	<b>15,783</b>	<b>84,110</b>	<b>533%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Advertising/Promotional	245		245	
General Administration & Office Expenses	3,099	2,082	1,017	49%
Indirect Employment Costs	53,763	9,235	44,528	482%
Insurances	1,478	454	1,024	226%
IT, Phone and Internet Services	136	580	-444	-77%
Overheads	29,350	6,165	23,185	376%
Recruitment Costs	86		86	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>88,156</b>	<b>18,516</b>	<b>69,640</b>	<b>376%</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>11,737</b>	<b>-2,733</b>	<b>14,469</b>	<b>529%</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>				
Depreciation		470	-470	-100%
Governance Costs	405	48	357	748%
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>-113</b>	<b>-22%</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>-405</b>	<b>-518</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£11,332</b>	<b>£ -3,250</b>	<b>£14,583</b>	<b>449%</b>

# Financial Year 2024-25:Financial Activities 2024-25 (Detail)

April 2024 - March 2025

	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024 (PY)	Change	Total % Change
<b>INCOME</b>				
Donations - Restricted	2,591	1,575	1,016	65%
Donations - Unrestricted	2,177	1,091	1,086	100%
Gift Aid Tax Refund	62		62	
Grants - Restricted	102,052	22,132	79,920	361%
Membership Fees	15	100	-85	-85%
Sales				
Hire of Hub Facility	1,255		1,255	
Sales of Product Income	213	251	-37	-15%
Sales of Services	35	367	-332	-90%
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>143%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>108,401</b>	<b>25,516</b>	<b>82,885</b>	<b>325%</b>
<b>COST OF SALES</b>				
Card Processing Fees	6	42	-36	-85%
Consumables	708	14	694	5,085%
Direct Employment Costs				
Gross Wages		530	-530	-100%
<b>Total Direct Employment Costs</b>		<b>530</b>	<b>-530</b>	<b>-100%</b>
Direct Expenses	1,212	4,707	-3,495	-74%
Equipment or Room Hire	38	362	-324	-90%
Subcontractors	6,544	4,078	2,467	60%
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>8,508</b>	<b>9,733</b>	<b>-1,225</b>	<b>-13%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99,893</b>	<b>15,783</b>	<b>84,110</b>	<b>533%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Advertising/Promotional	245		245	
General Administration & Office Expenses	191	33	158	471%
Expense Claims & Mileage Reimbursed	1,986	108	1,877	1,732%
Printing, Postage and Stationery	794	20	774	3,918%
Purchases	128	1,920	-1,792	-93%
<b>Total General Administration &amp; Office Expenses</b>	<b>3,099</b>	<b>2,082</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>49%</b>
Indirect Employment Costs				
Employer Pension Contributions	2,047	335	1,712	511%
Gross Salary	45,160	8,918	36,242	406%
Holiday Pay Accrual	5,481		5,481	
Taxes and NI	541	-18	559	3,057%
Training	533		533	
<b>Total Indirect Employment Costs</b>	<b>53,763</b>	<b>9,235</b>	<b>44,528</b>	<b>482%</b>
Insurances	1,478	454	1,024	226%
IT, Phone and Internet Services	136	580	-444	-77%



	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024 (PY)	Change	Total % Change
Overheads	10		10	
Accounting and Bookkeeping	466	165	301	183%
Legal and Professional Fees		3,134	-3,134	-100%
Memberships and Subscription Costs	986	318	668	210%
Office Rates and Utilities	2,457	43	2,415	5,638%
Office Rental	10,775	1,121	9,654	861%
Office Set Up Costs	14,655	1,384	13,270	959%
<b>Total Overheads</b>	<b>29,350</b>	<b>6,165</b>	<b>23,185</b>	<b>376%</b>
Recruitment Costs	86		86	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>88,156</b>	<b>18,516</b>	<b>69,640</b>	<b>376%</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>11,737</b>	<b>-2,733</b>	<b>14,469</b>	<b>529%</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>				
Depreciation		470	-470	-100%
Governance Costs	405	48	357	748%
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>-113</b>	<b>-22%</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>-405</b>	<b>-518</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£11,332</b>	<b>£ -3,250</b>	<b>£14,583</b>	<b>449%</b>

# Financial Year 2024-25: Financial Activities 2024-25 - Restricted vs. Unrestricted

April 2024 - March 2025

	Restricted	Unrestricted	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations - Restricted	2,591		2,591
Donations - Unrestricted		2,177	2,177
Gift Aid Tax Refund		62	62
Grants - Restricted	102,052		102,052
Membership Fees		15	15
Sales		1,503	1,503
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>104,643</b>	<b>3,758</b>	<b>108,401</b>
<b>COST OF SALES</b>			
Card Processing Fees		6	6
Consumables	409	299	708
Direct Expenses	1,104	108	1,212
Equipment or Room Hire		38	38
Subcontractors	6,544		6,544
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>8,057</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>8,508</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96,585</b>	<b>3,307</b>	<b>99,893</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Advertising/Promotional		245	245
General Administration & Office Expenses	2,329	770	3,099
Indirect Employment Costs	53,707	56	53,763
Insurances	1,478		1,478
IT, Phone and Internet Services	136		136
Overheads	29,055	295	29,350
Recruitment Costs	86		86
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>86,790</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>88,156</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>9,796</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>11,737</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>			
Governance Costs		405	405
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>405</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-405</b>	<b>-405</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£9,796</b>	<b>£1,536</b>	<b>£11,332</b>

# Financial Year 2024-25:Donor/Debtor Balance Detail

As of March 31, 2025

Date	Transaction Type	No.	Location	Due Date	Amount	Open Balance	Balance
Ian Davey							
28/02/2025	Invoice	IN250202	Interim Hub	30/03/2025	200.00	200.00	200.00
Total for Ian Davey					£200.00	£200.00	
TOTAL					£200.00	£200.00	

# Financial Year 2024-25:Supplier/Creditor Balance Detail

As of March 31, 2025

Date	Transaction Type	No.	Location	Due Date	Amount	Open Balance	Balance
EDF Energy - Residential & Small Business							
20/01/2025	Supplier Credit	P25003	Interim Hub		-532.18	-426.96	-426.96
31/03/2025	Bill	P25033	Warm Hub	15/04/2025	231.83	231.83	-195.13
Total for EDF Energy - Residential & Small Business					£ -300.35	£ -195.13	
TOTAL					£ -300.35	£ -195.13	



1<sup>st</sup> October 2025

The Power House (Poole)

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

### **Report to the trustees of The Power House (Poole), on accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

#### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - a. Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
  - b. Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed...*SueW*.....

Date... 01/10/2025.....

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