

Ignite Penrith
Trustee Report and Financial Statements
Year ended 31 December 2025

Charity number 1191128

1. Reference and administrative details

Name: Ignite Penrith

Charity number: 1191128, registered in England and Wales

Address: 3 King Street, Penrith, CA11 7AR

Charity trustees:

Brian Davis (Chair)

Barry Halls

Elizabeth Mimmack

Michael Yoxon (Treasurer), (Resigned 3 September 2025)

2. Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Ignite Penrith is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on the formation of the CIO on 3 September 2020.

Trustees

The charity is governed and managed by the Trustees. Under the constitution, there must be at least 3 trustees and a maximum of 12.

New Trustees are selected by existing trustees having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Trustees are appointed for a term of 3 years and are eligible for re-appointment at the end of their term.

3. Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are to help young people under a Christian ethos, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

The trustees consider that the activities described below meet our charity's purpose for public benefit and that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

The Trustees met monthly throughout the year to discuss the programme and review the finances. They interact with other groups providing youth work in the Penrith Area to help share resources.

Following the change of venue in January 2026, the Gathering youth clubs now meet in Christ Church Penrith, where we aim to establish a strong youth community in the building, draw closer to Jesus through bible study, prayer and worship, and grow roots within the existing church congregations. The new space is much larger, with scope for more opportunities and activities for the young people to engage with – for example, badminton, pool tables, air-hockey tables, football tables, table tennis, card/board games, arts and crafts, music and band equipment, video games terminals, chill out zones and a library corner. We also have a relaxed/atmospheric Side Chapel decorated with beanbags, plants, fairy lights, lava lamps, and a selection of Christian youth resources. The church is close to a local playing field and is set in a grassy graveyard with footpaths running through it enabling us to offer outdoor activities too, such as frisbee, team-building challenges, football, rounders, scavenger hunts, and group games.

The youth clubs have continued to run throughout the year and meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays after school. We currently see around 50 young people through the Gathering, with a team of 12 volunteers and Emily Milburn, the Penrith Network Youth Church Leader supporting the work. There are 15 young leaders learning about leadership, helping during the sessions, and undergoing training through the diocesan Youth Labyrinth Young Leader's programme. Together, the team seek to create a safe and welcoming space where young people can gather, build relationships, chill out after school, and learn more about the Christian faith. We also offer termly trips, summer camps, and residential.

Last summer, the Network Youth Church took over 30 young people to the Christian youth camp, Dreaming The Impossible, on Staffordshire showground. Over five days, we joined over 5,000 young people and their youth leaders from across the UK, gathering to worship, pray, learn more about faith, and have fun. When we returned, seven young people from the Gathering decided to give their lives to Jesus and are still actively journeying with faith. We are currently in the stages of booking young people on for this summer.

Furthermore, in September, we took 25 young people from Penrith to the Network Youth Church's day event, The Big One. This event was in its third year and welcomed over 200 young people to Keswick Pencil Factory for a day of worship, connection, and fun. It was a huge success, with seminars, giant inflatables, quizzes, video games, and outdoor sports! Our group are excited to attend again this coming year.

Over 2025, we have watched our young people grow in their faith together, discipling and championing each other into the best versions of themselves. Each of our leaders have learned a lot from them – we are reminded each session of the wonderful potential of the future, which rests in the hands of these young people.

4. Premises

The activities of the Charity moved from 3 King Street to Christ Church at the end of December 2025. The building at 3 King Street, including the part occupied by Ignite Penrith, was sold during February 2026. We are enormously grateful to our landlord, who has provided The Gathering premises free of charge since the start of Ignite Penrith.

5. Cessation of operations

The sale of the premises and the move to Christ Church means that the activities previously undertaken by Ignite Penrith are now wholly the responsibility of Penrith Network Youth Church. In these circumstances, the trustees have decided that the Charity will cease its operations. All donors have been informed of the change. Penrith NYC is not yet fully operational for administrative purposes and does not have a bank account. In the circumstances, Ignite Penrith is continuing to accept donations and is administering payments on behalf of Penrith NYC.

The Trustees have decided that the appropriate course of action is to dissolve the Charity once all transactions have been completed. Under its Constitution, the remaining assets must be applied for charitable purposes the same as or similar to those of the CIO.

6. Financial review

This year total receipts increased slightly by £609 to £16,697. The main reason was an increase in one-off donations of £480, of which £400 related to the May Day outreach.

A substantial proportion of the individual donations are gift aided and we were able to recover £1,487 from HMRC.

Total payments increased by £6,230 to £33,703. This was comprised of an increase in Staff costs of £3,375 related to the longer period of employment for Emily Milburn, Premises costs of £1,792 related to higher utility and maintenance costs and £1,089 in Youthwork costs related to higher levels of activity.

As a result of the above, the net payments for the year were £17,006 and cash funds decreased by that amount to £27,703. In 2024 there were net payments of £11,385 which decreased cash funds to £44,709. These payments from reserves were anticipated and relate primarily to the three-year commitment to the Diocese to fund part of the employment costs of Emily Milburn.

The General Fund balance was £23,692 at the end of the year. The trustees are of the opinion that this level of reserves is reasonable.

The Maintenance Fund was opened when the Lease was signed because significant expenditure was likely to be required on the building and the equipment which was not easy to forecast by period. At the end of the year, the fund amounted to £4,011. The balance remaining on dissolution will be transferred back to the General Reserve.

7. Leadership

After a joint recruitment process with the Diocese of Carlisle and a fixed term appointment in the summer of 2023, Emily Milburn was appointed as Penrith Network Youth Church Leader and started full-time work for the Diocese in May 2024. This position was the subject of a Memorandum of Understanding between Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance (CDBF) and Ignite Penrith with a 3-year term, subject to funding, ending in March 2026. Emily has led the work at the Gathering and her Management has been a joint responsibility between CDBF and Ignite. Ignite was committed to fund 38% of her employment costs.

Ignite and CDBF consider that this arrangement ended when Ignite ceased operations on 31 December 2025 and have agreed that there will be no further obligations for Ignite following payment of the invoice for December 2025. This was paid in January 2026. The Diocese will now fund Emily's work without support from Ignite.

Approved by the trustees on 14 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Brian Davis

Chair

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Ignite Penrith**Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2025**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>Total</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
RECEIPTS					
Donations and legacies					
Donations		10,984	-	10,984	10,149
Gift aid		1,487	-	1,487	1,402
Grants		-	-	-	-
Bank interest		703	-	703	1,272
Other income		3,523	-	3,523	3,265
TOTAL RECEIPTS		16,697	-	16,697	16,088
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities					
Administration		350	-	350	376
Premises		13,406	-	13,406	11,614
Staff Costs		15,173	-	15,173	11,798
Youthwork		4,774	-	4,774	3,685
TOTAL PAYMENTS		33,703	-	33,703	27,473
Net receipts/(payments)		(17,006)	-	(17,006)	(11,385)
Transfers					
Transfers in			-	-	-
Transfers out			-	-	-
Cash fund last year end		44,709	-	44,709	56,094
Cash fund this year end		27,703	-	27,703	44,709

The Notes on pages 7 to 9 form an integral part of these accounts.

Ignite Penrith**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2025**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
CASH FUNDS	£	£
CAF Bank CafCash account	4,011	699
CAF Bank Gold account	23,692	44,010
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	27,703	44,709

	<u>Fund to which asset belongs</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
ASSETS RETAINED FOR USE IN CHARITY		£	£
Computer equipment (purchased 2021)	CCS	3,278	3,278

OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		£	£
Gift Aid not yet received	General	325	312
Accounts receivable	General	159	311
		484	623

LIABILITIES		£	£
Accounts payable	General	2,111	2,677
Deposit to repay	General	-	-
Staff expenses to pay	General	-	-
		2,111	2,677

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Brian Davis

Barry Halls

Chair

Trustee

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1. Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Fund structure

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a General Fund, for the day-to-day running of the charity, and a Maintenance Fund which is designated for the obligations accepted under the lease of the premises.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

During 2020, the Unincorporated Association received a grant from the Coronavirus Community Support (CCS) Fund, which was restricted to the activities described in the application. During 2021, a grant was received from The Anchor Foundation which was used to open the Staffing Fund. Grants from The Joseph Rank Trust were received in 2021, 2022 and 2023. These were directed to be used for "Core Costs" which was defined as any area of expenditure except capital purchases. A separate Restricted Fund was established for these costs.

Both the Staffing Fund and the Core Costs Fund had nil balances at 31 December 2023 and are no longer required.

The CCF fund also had a nil balance on 31 December 2023 and is only required because capital purchases were made from it and are shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

3. Related Party Transactions

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees or to any connected persons during the year. During the year, for operational reasons, trustees paid for some charity expenses and were reimbursed by the charity.

The premises and equipment used by Ignite Penrith at 3 King Street, Penrith are owned by Liz Mimmack, a trustee, and by The Meeting Place (Penrith) Ltd, a company limited by guarantee. The only member and director of the company is Liz Mimmack. Until 1 June 2021, all the facilities were donated, free-of-charge to Ignite Penrith. A lease came into effect on 1 June 2021 under which Ignite agreed to pay a nominal rent of £1 per annum for the use of the premises and equipment. From this date, Ignite has been responsible for the running and maintenance costs of the premises and equipment.

4. Commitments

Ignite agreed a contract for fundraising services for the period from 1 March to 31 December 2021. On 31 December 2021, £2,376 of work had not been done or paid for. Ignite has agreed with its supplier that this work will not be invoiced and that no payment will be required.

5. Charity funds

See Note 2 for an explanation of the Purposes and Restrictions of the Funds.

(a) Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Type *	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
		£	£	£	£	£
General	U	39,177	16,697	(32,182)	-	23,692
Maintenance	U	5,532	-	(1,521)	-	4,011
CCF	R	-	-	-	-	-
Staff	R	-	-	-	-	-
Core costs	R	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
Total Funds		44,709	16,697	(33,703)	-	27,703

(b) Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Fund names	Type *	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
		£	£	£	£	£
General	U	49,258	16,088	(26,169)	-	39,177
Maintenance	U	6,836	-	(1,304)	-	5,532
CCF	R	-	-	-	-	-
Staff	R	-	-	-	-	-
Core costs	R	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
Total Funds		56,094	16,088	(27,473)	-	44,709

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds

6. Disclosures required for CIOs

No guarantee has been given by the CIO, where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of the statement.

No debt is outstanding at the date of any statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO.