



THE
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SCIENCE
CENTRE



ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 26TH APRIL 2025

CHARITY NUMBER: 1194239

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INTRODUCTION

Exeter Science Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) dedicated to public engagement with STEAMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics and Medicine).

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report, together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity, for the fourth year of the charity, from 27th April 2024 to 26th April 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name:

Exeter Science Centre

Registered Charity Number:

1194239

Charity's Registered Office Address:

Exeter Science Centre
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Trustee name	Role	Dates acted if not for whole year
Prof. Justin Dillon	Chair	
Dr Sarah Usher		27/4/2021 - 9/5/2024
David Solomides		
Dr Celia Oxlade		
Prof. Pete Vukusic	Treasurer	27/4/2021 - 9/5/2024
Olga Petrakova-Brown		
Christopher Sims		
Oliver David Raud		06/11/2025 to present

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Exeter Science Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a CIO Foundation Model Constitution.

It is managed on a day-to-day basis by the two founders and directors, Dr Natalie Whitehead (1 FTE) and Dr Alice Mills (0.8 FTE), and overseen by the board of trustees.

Our Strategic Advisory Board (set up in 2023) meets twice a year and supports the development of the physical spaces and continues to be chaired by Stuart Brocklehurst, Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Exeter.

We are grateful to George Monbiot for continuing to be our inspiring Patron.

Appointment of trustees

At the year-end our trustee board is comprised of five trustees with a range of backgrounds and experience. Dr Sarah Usher and Prof. Pete Vukusic stepped down in May 2024 after their three-year terms; we are incredibly grateful for all of their support since the organisation was established.

The charity governing document sets out that there must be a minimum of three trustees and a maximum of 12. After assessing any skills gaps in our board we will seek to recruit new trustees in the coming year.

Trustees must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

CHAIR'S AND DIRECTORS' INTRODUCTION

Exeter Science Centre reached over 5,200 people this year through in person engagement projects, citizen science, workshops, festivals, fairs and events in schools and communities across the South West. We have collaborated with universities, local and national organisations, community groups, creatives, research and industry partners.

We continue to work with people of all ages and backgrounds, connecting them with current research, industry and local action with a focus on global challenges and their local relevance.

Particular successes this year have been extending our tour of the 'Our World from Space' programme, in particular, adapting this programme to be more accessible and inclusive. We have also been awarded funding for and have launched a citizen science programme in 8 schools across Devon to engage young people with water quality monitoring in their local streams and rivers.

We have recently signed a partnership agreement with North Devon Biosphere and have growing support from North Devon Council to create a science centre in Northern Devon. We are therefore continuing to pursue our plans of creating a network of smaller centres, with the first one being in Barnstaple.

Our volunteer base is growing and we are incredibly grateful for the time, expertise and enthusiasm that our volunteers bring to all our activities. This year 43 volunteers gave a total of 530 hours of their time to support our work and we couldn't have done it without them.

We are hugely grateful for the continued generosity from Lumi Therapy in providing us with rent-free space this year for our office and equipment storage, as well as a generous support package. They have also supported us in installing a living wall on the Lumi building as part of a collaborative research project with the University of Plymouth, for which an intern has joined us for 5 months to support with an engagement project around the benefits of living walls.

This has been a very busy but successful year of engagement and we look forward to growing our organisation and impact in the coming year.

Prof. Justin Dillon

Chair

Dr Natalie Whitehead, Dr Alice Mills

Directors

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our mission is to educate, motivate and empower the public to make a difference in the world.

CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Our main charitable purposes (as described in our CIO governing document) are:

To advance the education of the public, particularly in the South West of England in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics and Medicine (STEAMM), in particular but not exclusively by:

- providing interactive activities, events and information media;
- establishing, developing and maintaining a physical STEAMM Discovery Centre ('Science Centre') for public benefit;
- developing the public understanding of and engagement with STEAMM;
- developing public access to current scientific and technological advancements particularly in the South West of England.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that the objectives and activities for the year have been developed with due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

BENEFICIARIES

Our beneficiaries are people of all ages and backgrounds, particularly in the South West of the UK. We work with schools, the general public, and specific communities of people depending on the projects that we are working on.

For project work where we have limited resources and thus have to limit the direct beneficiaries, we aim to prioritise those from underserved and disadvantaged communities.

When identifying underserved or disadvantaged communities, we prioritise those with less access to STEAMM-related opportunities and in locations that rank highly on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD, typically within the top 20% most deprived regions in the UK, deciles 1-2).

When working with schools, we prioritise those with more than 20% of pupils entitled to free school meals, or with a postcode ranking highly on the IMD. Where possible, we try to make our work publicly accessible, to increase our reach and impact. This includes making public-friendly video summaries of some of our activities, making our project resources freely accessible on our website and sharing our work via social media.

FUNDRAISING

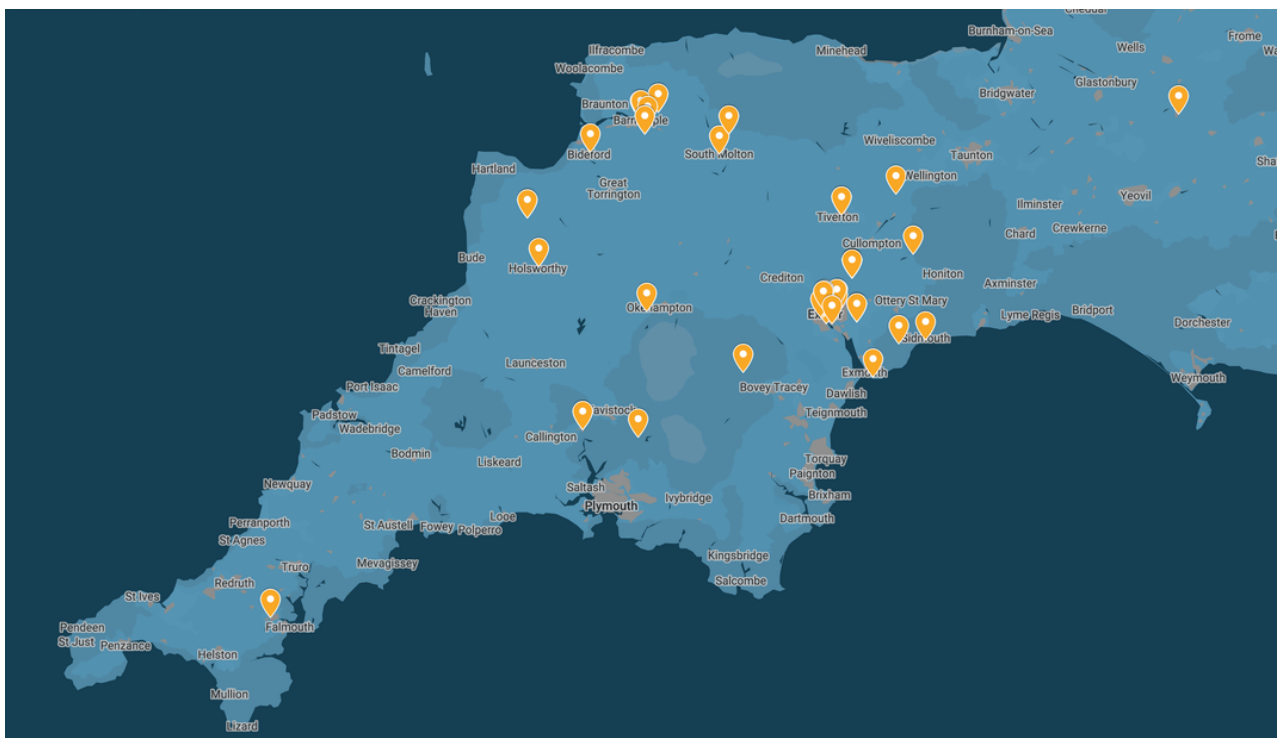
The directors have spent some of their time applying for grants and carrying out fundraising activity, which is estimated in the accounts. We are hugely grateful for funds donated by Lumi Therapy at the end of the last financial year to support our core costs, as well as other kind donations from individuals.

Our projects and activities this financial year (April 2024-2025) have been generously funded by: the University of Exeter; the University of Plymouth; the South West Peninsula National Institute for Healthcare Research; the Association for Science and Discovery Centres (ASDC) plus the UK Space Agency and Natural Environment Research Council for the Our World From Space project; The Adrian Swire Charitable Trust; Sovereign Network Group; The Royal Society of Chemistry; The National Trust; The Royal Albert Memorial Museum; Libraries Unlimited South West; North Devon District Scouts; 361 Energy; Exmouth Town Council; Exeter Phoenix; Exeter City of Literature; Heather Bridge School; CoLab Exeter; Resource Futures; The Institute of Physics.

ACTIVITIES

We have continued to develop and deliver a broad range of activities, predominantly in person. Over the following pages, we outline our main activities over the past financial year.

SUMMARY



Map showing the distribution of our activities this year. In some cases we visited the same group/location multiple times. Credit: Google Maps, 2025, [google.com/maps](https://www.google.com/maps).

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Kingfishers: School Freshwater Champions



In November 2024 we were granted £9,648 from the Royal Society of Chemistry to run a 6 month citizen science project in 8 primary schools across Devon, to engage Key Stage 2 children with water quality monitoring. This project was initiated by Reg Godwin, an Applications Specialist for Thermo Fisher Scientific. Reg reached out to us to help him expand his project with his local school to engage more schools, bring in additional collaborators and create a school education package.

We are also collaborating with Greenpeace, the University of Exeter and the Citizen Phage Library for the design of the programme, analysis of the water samples and interpretation of results. So far we have completed the introductory assembly in all the schools and trained all the schools in how to collect the data. They will all collect data monthly until July 2025.

IOP Festival of Physics



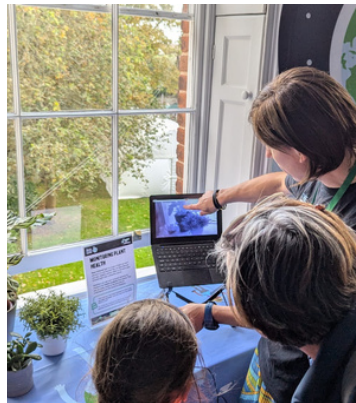
We supported the Institute of Physics South West Branch in planning and delivering their Festival of Physics, hosted for the first time at the University of Exeter's Penryn Campus in Cornwall in February 2025. The day included free talks, exhibitors and workshops around the theme of 'Worlds from Space', along with two zones from us: the Our World From Space activities and We Are Guardians VR experience.

Our World from Space

Our World from Space (OWFS) is a national STEM programme exploring the relevance of UK space science for the future health and sustainability of our home planet, funded by UK Space Agency in partnership with Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). This year we developed a more meaningful, locally-relevant programme of lasting resources, as well as extend the delivery of events into more schools and communities.

Thanks to a generous grant of £6,100 from the Adrian Swire Charitable Trust, we were able to continue our South West tour of the Our World from Space programme from August 2024 to February 2025. In addition, funding from the Sovereign Network Group (SNG) as part of the EDI Community Microgrants Programme, enabled us to engage smaller groups of people with learning or physical disabilities with OWFS activities. Other organisations paid for us to deliver this programme at events for them using their own funding, including the University of Exeter through the FUTURES researchers in schools programme.

In total this year, this programme reached 3,777 people through 22 events and workshops.

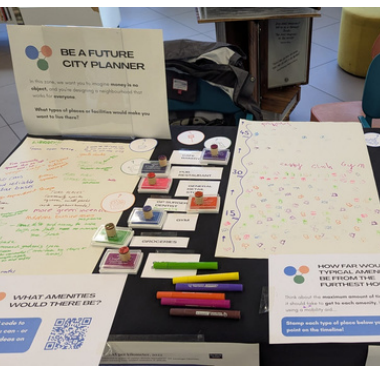


PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

This year we have worked on four public engagement programmes with researchers and research organisations in the region. This has provided an income whilst also working towards our charitable purposes.

Community Connections Project with Dr Federico Botta

In this community engagement project, we are working with University of Exeter (UoE) data science researcher Dr Federico Botta and his research team to understand Exeter residents' views on urban liveability, to help inform his research direction. This project runs from January to June 2025. So far we have carried out public consultations in Exeter library through a drop-in event and are planning in depth consultation sessions with community groups in the coming months.



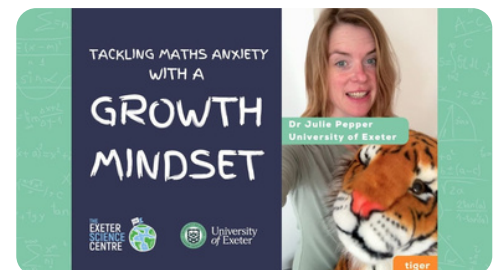
Prof. Janet Anders Research Videos

We continued to work with Prof. Janet Anders (from UoE) and her research team to explore what research is all about, from the perspective of physicists working on quantum devices. They funded us to produce a video on 'what is research?' which is now on our YouTube channel.



Growth Mindset Research video

We worked with psychologists at the University of Exeter to help explain the research around developing a growth mindset to tackle maths anxiety. This follows on from an earlier project on this topic, and the Shorts video is now on our social media channels and website.



Early Cancer Diagnosis Research Video

We worked with the South West Peninsula Regional Research Delivery Network (part of the National Institute for Health and Care Research) to develop videos answering public questions around early cancer diagnosis research. This project is currently paused.

FUNDED INTERNSHIP

Living Wall Research Project and Net Zero Exchange Internship

This year we have worked in collaboration with scientists at the University of Plymouth, along with living wall installers Western Geobuild, plus Lumi Therapy and Melo cafe, to install a living wall on the outside of the lower floor of the building in which our office is based, as part of a research project. The living wall was financially supported by Lumi Therapy who host us in their building, and the researchers' time and equipment was funded by the Net Zero Solutions fund.

The team from the University of Plymouth are looking at how the living wall reduces the amount of heat entering the cafe in the summer, and so reduces the need for artificial cooling. It will also have insulation benefits in winter. In particular, the team are interested in how the choice of leaf type and plant form can make a difference to the heat flux through the building. But there are many other benefits to living walls, including boosting biodiversity locally.

Thanks to the prior donation from Lumi Therapy, we were able to provide in-kind support with the design, installation and coordinating with the research team, and overseeing the Net Zero Exchange Internship which enabled us to connect the public with this project.

Our intern, Amy Thomas, was employed for 5 months and supported with planting the living wall, designing website content, running a public Bioblitz, encouraging participation in biodiversity citizen science, as well as running awareness-raising social media campaigns.



UPCOMING/CONTINUING PROJECTS

In the coming year we will be continuing with a number of funded projects, including:

- Prof Anders research videos.
- Community Connections (data science public engagement programme).
- Kingfishers: School Freshwater Champions citizen science project.
- FUTURES researchers in schools project.
- The Our Positive Future event in Exeter, June 2025.

GROWING THE ORGANISATION

This year has involved a lot of behind the scenes work to push forward our plans for our first centre in North Devon. Our team are excited by the shift from our original concept of a single large centre in Exeter to a network of smaller centres, to better fit the distributed population in the region.

Next year it is essential that we begin to grow our team and take on a Projects Officer to continue delivering on our project work while directors take time to focus on developing plans for a centre, including stakeholder consultations, financial planning and fundraising.

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This year, despite no growth in the size of our team, the number of in person interactions with the public increased again to over 5,200 people. This is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our directors and our growing pool of enthusiastic volunteers. Feedback from our partners and the schools and community groups we have worked with continues to be hugely positive and it is clear that we are reaching people who have not previously had many opportunities to engage with science.

This testimonial from one of the organisations we have worked with regularly demonstrates the impact that we have through our work and approach:

"Our learning-disabled members lose a significant amount of support and opportunity when they leave school, leaving them and their families vulnerable to isolation. They desperately need purposeful and fun activity that brings them to the heart of their community.

Our work with Exeter Science Centre has done just this. Members and their families, who have previously communicated that "science isn't for me", have engaged with a range of dynamic, accessible activities, facilitated by a team who are able to connect with individuals across our diverse cohort. As well as the brilliant delivery, the team have given the opportunity for the learning-disabled voice to shape the organisation and its offer so that we feel genuinely included and valued. We are excited to see how this partnership develops!"

Charlie Robinson - Director of the Pelican Project

FINANCIAL REVIEW

At the end of the period 27th April 2024 - 26th April 2025, Exeter Science Centre is in a secure financial position thanks to a significant donation and support package donated by Lumi Therapy at the end of the last financial year, to support our core costs. We have been able to increase the salaries of the two directors (1.8FTE total) to the median for the South West, and will be in a position to take on staff at a more competitive salary level as a result.

The charity's principal funding sources this year have been: donations; grant income (covering project costs and support costs); consulting and paid events. We are also registered with Easyfundraising and Paypal Giving.

RESERVES POLICY

Our reserves policy is regularly reviewed and updated to fit the financial situation of the charity. For this financial year, we intend to retain 2 months of running costs (approximately £10,000) in case of unforeseen delays in payments from grants or other income, to ensure that salaries, fees and other costs can be paid on time.

The directors are flexible on payment dates for their salaries, as they are dedicated to ensuring the charity's success and stability, so this allows for some additional flexibility.

When taking on employees, these will typically be for fixed terms and fully funded via grants. In future we will need to revise this policy to ensure stability for permanent staff members.

The reserves and funds for the previous financial years have been mostly retained in an interest-paying savings account, and when possible we will continue to do so.

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The trustees maintain a risk register which is reviewed and maintained regularly. The main risks in the year ending April 2025 are the dependence of the charity's activities on the two directors, and the risk of insufficient funds to pay their salaries. The impact of these risks are controlled through:

- having operations which are transparent to both directors and trustees (so that if either director is unable to fulfil their responsibilities, their work can be accessed and continued by their replacement);
- the directors being flexible on their salary payments.

The trustees are confident that the directors' management of the organisation will enable the organisation to grow and achieve its ambitions.

Going concern

The trustees are confident that the charity has sufficient funds to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, and prepare the accounts on this basis. The charity will need to get into a more secure financial situation in the next couple of years to grow to a sustainable level and to work towards creating physical centres, but the only risk to the charity currently ceasing to be a going concern is a lack of project funding, which is unlikely.

DECLARATIONS

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: 

Name: Prof. Justin Dillon

Position: Chair of the board of trustees

Date: 12 February 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 26th April 2025 which are set out in the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- review the accounting records kept by the charity.
- compare the accounts presented with those records.
- consider any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts.
- seek explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

Independent examiner's statement

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:

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

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

Geoff Archer

Geoff Archer

Bristol Community Accountants CIC
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23/02/2026
Date

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 26TH APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total for year ending 26th April 2025 £	Total for year ending 26th April 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations	2	6,256	-	6,256	72,220
Charitable activities	3	-	42,464	42,464	40,699
Total income		6,256	42,464	48,720	112,919
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	(3,784)	-	(3,784)	(1,668)
Charitable activities	4	(30,453)	(43,357)	(73,810)	(61,326)
Total expenditure		(34,237)	(43,357)	(77,594)	(62,994)
Net Income / (Expenditure)		(27,981)	(893)	(28,874)	49,925
Net Movement in funds		(2,642)	2,642	-	-
Fund balances brought forward		86,118	5,298	91,416	41,491
Fund balances		55,495	7,047	62,542	91,416

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 12 February 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



Prof. Justin Dillon
Chair

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		-	-
Current assets			
Prepayments		-	-
Debtors	5	3,050	71,508
Stock		-	-
Investments		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		60,331	20,108
Total current assets		63,381	91,616
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(839)	(200)
Net current assets		62,542	91,416
Net assets		62,542	91,416
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets	7	62,542	91,416
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	8	55,495	86,118
Restricted funds	8	7,047	5,298
Total funds		62,542	91,416

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised and thus included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the amount can be quantified accurately and the charity is legally entitled to the income. For grants or other income which is paid in advance, the income is stored in a current/savings account, accruing interest when possible (although not within this financial year). Interest is allocated to the fund that accrues it, as required by trust law and highlighted in the Charities SORP. Any unspent income at the year end is retained in that fund, and will be noted as funds carried forward in the following year.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. We recognise an expenditure as soon as a transaction has occurred, or if a quantifiable amount is due to be spent on a particular item or service; in the latter case, the expenditure is listed as a liability (creditors). If funds are expected to be spent in the future – for example on a restricted funding grant that needs to be fully expended in a certain period – but the purchases have not yet been determined, then the amount is retained in the fund and not listed as a liability. The actual expenditure will be acknowledged in future accounts, once the funds are expended.

Tangible fixed assets

Items with a tangible cost price of £500 and above will be included in fixed assets. In this financial year, the charity has no items in this category.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used by the charity to fulfil its charitable objectives.

Restricted funds can only be used on particular projects or for a particular purpose. Expenditure includes the direct staff time, materials or other expenses required to

fulfil the obligations of the restricted funds, along with a fair allocation of support costs.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Total 2025	Total 2024
	Income received £	Interest accrued £	Income received £	Interest accrued £	£	£
Donations	6,256	-	-	-	6,256	72,220
Total income	6,256	-	-	-	6,256	72,220

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds Income received £	Restricted funds Income received £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Core Cost Grants:</u>				
Postcode Local Trust	-	-	-	224
<u>Other grants:</u>				
Low Carbon Devon Internship	-	4,500	4,500	-
Public Engagement Programmes	-	6,400	6,400	13,531
Project Grants	-	24,904	24,904	18,864
<u>Other Activities:</u>				
Events	-	5,745	5,745	2,220
Consulting	-	915	915	5,860
Total income	-	42,464	42,464	40,699

Note that since no interest was received during this year, we have omitted this column in the table.

4. EXPENDITURE ON FUNDRAISING AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Fundraising	Direct costs of projects	Support costs	Governance costs	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Materials and payments for projects / activities	-	3,085	6	-	3,091	8,590
Accommodation and Meals	-	139	270	-	409	560
Rent / Space Hire	-	789	2,400	-	3,189	1,473
Computer Hardware	-	15	-	-	15	-
Travel (including mileage)	-	822	188	-	1,010	1,422
Insurance	-	-	96	-	96	96
Accounting software fees	-	-	198	-	198	174
Consultancy fees	-	-	-	839	839	884
Administrative and website costs	-	-	18	-	18	61
Subcontractor costs	-	350	-	-	350	1,000
Staff training and conference fees	-	-	306	-	306	333
Organisation memberships	-	-	1,197	-	1,197	470
Salaries (inc. employers NI)	3,784	30,934	29,501	2,659	66,877	47,932
Total expenditure	3,784	36,133	34,179	3,498	77,594	62,994

Staff salaries have been allocated to project work ("Direct costs of projects") based on the salaried time spent on these projects. The support costs apportioned to salaries account for the salaried time operating the charity, including: administration, finances, social media and website maintenance, planning, networking, volunteer management and carrying out other activities that further our purpose and

increase our audience (such as unpaid events). Any additional support costs are covered by unrestricted funds. Note that donated office and storage space has been quantified as a support cost expenditure at a reasonable market rate, balanced by an unrestricted donation income of the same value (£2,400).

Governance costs, as defined in the Charities SORP (FRS 102), relate to the salary costs of the employees assisting or reporting to the trustees (which we account for in "Staff salaries (inc. employers NI)") or any costs associated with trustee expenses or preparing statutory accounts.

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Fundraising	Direct costs of projects	Support costs	Governance costs	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Materials and payments for projects / activities	-	8,590	-	-	8,590	1,709
Accommodation and Meals	-	418	142	-	560	358
Rent / Space Hire	-	1,473	-	-	1,473	-
Computer Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	837
Travel (including mileage)	-	1,236	185	-	1,422	1,972
Insurance	-	-	96	-	96	96
Accounting software fees	-	-	174	-	174	174
Consultancy fees	-	-	684	200	884	920
Administrative and website costs	-	-	61	-	61	104
Subcontractor costs	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	586
Staff training and conference fees	-	-	333	-	333	696
Organisation memberships	-	-	470	-	470	819
Salaries (inc. employers NI)	1,668	32,269	12,709	1,286	47,932	35,732
Total expenditure	1,668	44,986	14,854	1,486	62,994	44,003

5. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	-	70,508
Public Engagement Programmes	-	-
Project Grants	2,000	-
Events	1,050	-
Consulting	-	1,000
Total	3,050	71,508

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination	839	200
Total	839	200

7. NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets	56,334	7,047	63,381	91,616
Current liabilities	(839)	-	(839)	(200)
Net assets	55,495	7,047	62,542	91,416

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 27th April 2024 Total £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 26th April 2025 Total £
Unrestricted:					
General funds	86,118	6,256	(34,237)	(2,642)	55,495
Total unrestricted funds	86,118	6,256	(34,237)	(2,642)	55,495
Restricted:					
UoP - Net Zero Exchange Internship	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-
Public Engagement Programmes:					
UoE - Prof Anders Research Videos	3,401	-	(1,219)	-	2,182
UoE Growth Mindset Research Video	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
SWP - Early Cancer Diagnosis Research Video	-	900	(900)	-	-
UoE - Community Connections	-	4,000	(2,230)	-	1,770
Project Grants:					
RAMM - Community Consultations	106	45	(190)	40	-
SNG - EDI Community Microgrants Programme	977	-	(977)	-	-
ASDC - Our World From Space	-	4,750	(6,392)	1,642	-
ASCT - OWFS Extension	-	6,100	(6,100)	-	-
UoE - FUTURES 2024-2025	-	6,000	(4,311)	-	1,689
RSC - Kingfishers: School Freshwater Champions	-	8,010	(7,427)	-	582
Other Activities:					
Events	815	5,745	(6,698)	960	822
Consulting	-	915	(915)	-	-
Total restricted funds	5,298	42,465	(43,358)	2,642	7,047
Total funds	91,416	48,720	(77,594)	-	62,542

The University of Plymouth (UoP) funded the Net Zero Exchange Internship.

'Public Engagement Programmes' include projects funded via the University of Exeter (UoE) and South West Peninsula National Institute for Health and Care Research (SWP).

'Project Grants' include funding from the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM), Sovereign Network Group (SNG), Association for Science and Discovery Centres (ASDC), Adrian Swire Charitable Trust (ASCT) and Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). The "Kingfishers..." project income also received £291 from a crowdfunder campaign for purchasing water testing kits, in addition to £7,719 (rounded) from the RSC.

'Events' income included festivals and single-day events where the organiser funded all or some of our time / expenses to attend, including taking Our World From Space to North Devon District Scouts Camp 2024, CoLab Exeter, Exmouth Festival, the 361 Energy Fair and the Institute of Physics Festival of Physics (which we helped to organise), plus installing a version of our Climate Exhibition at the National Trust Killerton for Big Green Week, running climate-related activities at the Community Action Groups Devon Skills Share (funded by Resource Futures), Exeter City of Literature 'Exeter City Reads' evening and the Exeter Phoenix 'Green Phoenix Festival', running an Operation Earth event for young people as part of the Holiday Activities and Food programme at Barnstaple Library (funded via Libraries Unlimited), running a space-themed workshop at Heather Bridge School in Devon, and working on the Our Positive Future event (running in the next financial year) funded by UoE.

'Consulting' income was from a workshop around addressing the Sustainable Development Goals in the workplace for University of Exeter researchers and students, mapping our schools data for the ASDC, and engaging with academics to gauge interest in a prospective project for UoP.

The transfers into each project account for any additional salaried time spent on project delivery, beyond the amount of time originally allocated as part of the fee/grant. This additional time is contributed when there are core costs to do so, and when deemed necessary; to ensure the best quality of our project delivery, and to make the most of potential opportunities to reach more people or have a greater impact.

This year, the transfers covered the additional time required for the RAMM Community Consultations project, plus additional time required across some of our events this year. Due to increasing running costs, and the challenges with preparing and delivering high-quality experiences for an affordable fee, we will use this and prior years' data to better inform what we charge and offer for events. The major project for this and the previous year, Our World From Space (OWFS), was overspent although supplemented by support costs from other funded extensions and events for the project and core costs.

COMPARATIVE MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 27th April 2023 Total £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 26th April 2024 Total £
Unrestricted:					
General funds	20,497	72,444	(1,970)	(4,853)	86,118
Total unrestricted funds	20,497	72,444	(1,970)	(4,853)	86,118
Restricted:					
<u>Public Engagement Programmes:</u>					
Prof Meakin	170	1,661	(1,831)	-	-
FQXi University of Oxford	1,391	17	(1,408)	-	-
Prof Mayne	-	2,526	(2,526)	-	-
Dr Pepper	-	1,515	(1,632)	117	-
Dr Ashbullby	-	3,397	(3,397)	-	-
Prof Anders	-	4,416	(1,015)	-	3,401
<u>Project Grants:</u>					
ASDC - Operation Earth	1,280	16	(1,296)	-	-
Mindsets + Missions Learning Programme	992	12	(1,004)	-	-
ASDC - STFC Impact Project	7,375	90	(10,502)	3,036	-
Adrian Swire Charitable Trust - Operation Earth Tour	9,784	120	(9,904)	-	-
UoE Research - Climate Exhibition 2023	-	10,689	(10,689)	-	-
ASDC - Our World From Space	-	5,932	(7,492)	1,560	-
RAMM - Community Consultations	-	1,003	(898)	-	106
SNG - EDI Community Microgrants Programme	-	1,002	(25)	-	977
<u>Other Activities:</u>					
Events	-	2,220	(1,545)	140	815
Consulting	-	5,860	(5,860)	-	-
Total restricted funds	20,993	40,475	(61,024)	4,853	5,298
Total funds	41,491	112,919	(62,994)	-	91,416

9. STAFF NUMBERS, COSTS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INCLUDING KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The average number of employees this year was two. The two directors (i.e. the key management personnel), Dr Natalie Whitehead (1FTE) and Dr Alice Mills (0.8FTE), were employed for the entire financial year, and one intern was employed from October 2024 until February 2025 on a £12/hour basis.

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	£65,434	£47,932
Redundancy and termination costs	-	-
Social security costs	£959	-
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	£485	-

The total employee benefits paid to the key management personnel were £60,934. No employees received total benefits exceeding £60,000. There are no other employee benefits offered during this financial year.

Any indirect benefits are accounted for in Note 10.

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related party transactions this year involved one payment from a business associated with key management personnel:

£2,006 (rounded) - remaining donation to ESC from Lumi Therapy.

The husband of Dr Natalie Whitehead (Director) is Co-Director of Lumi Therapy which provided a support package to ESC in the last financial year. This payment is for the interest accrued before the original donation amount was paid to us.

The trustees received no payments or expense reimbursements in this financial year.

11. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 26TH APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total for year ending 26th April 2024 £	Total for year ending 26th April 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations	2	72,220	-	72,220	732
Charitable activities	3	224	40,475	40,699	59,144
Total income		72,444	40,475	112,919	59,876
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	(1,668)	-	(1,668)	(3,227)
Charitable activities	4	(302)	(61,024)	(61,326)	(40,776)
Total expenditure		(1,970)	(61,024)	(62,994)	(44,003)
Net Income / (Expenditure)		70,474	(20,549)	49,925	15,873
Net Movement in funds		(4,853)	4,853	-	-
Fund balances brought forward		20,497	20,993	41,491	25,618
Fund balances		86,118	5,298	91,416	41,491