

BEYOND THE MARGIN
Charity number 1194443

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st March 2025**



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Chair's Report for Beyond The Margin

For the Annual Report and Accounts, Year Ended 31 March 2025

Chair: Mark Howorth

Introduction:

It is my privilege to present this Chair's Report for Beyond The Margin (BTM) for the year ending 31 March 2025. This year has been one of significant growth, learning, and resilience for our charity, our beneficiaries, and the communities we serve. I am proud to share the progress, challenges, and future direction of BTM, and to acknowledge the dedication of our staff, volunteers, trustees, and supporters.

Governance and Structure:

Beyond The Margin is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1194443, registered address TFD Youth Hub, Broadstone Way, Bradford, BD4 9BU. Governed by a committed Board of Trustees. As of March 2025, the Board comprised:

- * Mark Howorth (Chair)
- * Lauren Batty (CEO)
- * Thomas Kendall (Trustee)
- * Leanne Windell (Trustee, joined May 2024)
- * Helen Syrop (Trustee)
- * Tanya Murphy (Trustee)
- * Graeme Craik (Trustee, joined February 2025)

None of the trustees or CEO are related or live at the same address. Trustees are appointed at Board meetings and adopt all BTM policies upon appointment. The Board meets regularly to oversee strategy, compliance, risk, and performance, and has strengthened its governance through new trustee appointments, policy reviews, and the development of a risk register.



Charitable Objectives

Our objectives remain:

1. The prevention or relief of poverty in Yorkshire by providing items and services to individuals in need and/or organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.
2. The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation for individuals in need, with the aim of improving their conditions of life.

The Board confirms compliance with the Charities Act 2006 and the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Strategic Progress and Activities:

In September 2024, we created and developed our three-year strategy and vision:

"Where every individual can realise their full potential, free from inequalities or the constraints of trauma and adversity."

We ensured that the organisation had alignment with the mission:

We are committed to supporting people facing inequalities through delivering community-based interventions that empower, enhance skills, build resilience, improve wellbeing and raise aspirations. We create a nurturing, safe space where healing, growth, and transformation are possible.

Beyond the Margin is a local charity dedicated to empowering individuals by providing education, therapeutic support, and creative initiatives. Our programs are designed to enhance skills, build resilience, improve well-being, and raise aspirations within the community. We strive to create a nurturing and safe environment where healing, growth, and transformation can flourish, allowing everyone to thrive and reach their full potential.

Empowering Individuals and Communities:

This year, BTM has continued to 'ignite potential and empower individuals' through education, therapeutic support, and creative initiatives.

To sit alongside our vision and mission, we developed a set of values that are our core beliefs and guiding principles that shape how an organisation operates, makes decisions, and interacts with beneficiaries, staff, volunteers, and the wider public. For BTM, our values are not just words, but are the foundation of our identity, clarifying what we stand for and how we see to achieve our mission:



S - Supportive - We work to support the people and communities in which we serve

P - People-focused - We are relational and place people at the centre of everything that we do

A - Asset based approach - We are committed to an asset-based approach, our passionate team believes in the potential of the people and communities we serve. By focusing on their strengths, we strive to facilitate positive change and growth.

R - Respectful - We are non-judgemental and respect everyone's opinions and beliefs and treat everyone with dignity, ensuring inclusivity and celebrating diversity

K - Kind - We act within our communities understanding shared experience, with our focus on creating a safe and supportive space for healing and growth.

Key Achievements:

- Childrens therapeutic support

Project HOPE was launched early 2024 and has continued to expand over this year offering a creative lifeline for children who've encountered four or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and experienced or witnessed domestic abuse. It steps in where other local services can't, providing support now and preparing children for future life challenges. Delivered in schools, Project HOPE sessions are delivered by our HCPC registered Dramatherapist available as one-to-one or group work, making dramatherapy accessible to those who need it most. Meeting children where they're at with a safe, creative outlet for processing trauma.

- Community Based Therapeutic Support:

We have deepened our trauma-informed approach, offering community based therapeutic interventions of 12 weeks minimum, with some lasting up to 52 weeks. This long-term, consistent support is vital for meaningful healing and resilience for both adults and children living with complex trauma and facing adversity.

- Adult Mental Health and Family Support:

Our partnership with NHS CORE20+5 has enabled us to support parents and families through our Head, Heart, Holme project, combining group work and one-to-one dramatherapy. This has improved parental mental health and their capacity to support their children. We also

launched a pilot male focused mental health project 'Men Matter' supporting local men with their mental health. Tackling the stigma that too often prevents them from seeking help. We create safe, accessible spaces where men can talk, connect, and be heard ultimately improving wellbeing and reducing the risk of suicide.

- **Community Initiatives:**

We have launched projects addressing food and fuel poverty, digital inclusion and social isolation, including warm space initiatives, coffee mornings, and community meals, providing both practical and emotional support.

- **Library and Community Hub:**

September 2024 has seen us take on the management of Holmewood Community Library, in partnership with Bradford Council. Transforming Holme Wood Community Library space into a centre for community activity with essential library services, Monday to Friday. This has created a vibrant hub for learning, creativity, and social connection. This new core project ensures robust partnership working, community engagement, and sustainability.

- **Financial Overview:**

BTM has maintained a prudent approach to financial management, gradually building reserves to ensure sustainability. Our funding base has diversified, with support from West Yorkshire Mayors Safer Community Fund, NHS CORE20+5, BD4+ Community Partnership, Household Support Fund, Incommunities, Bradford Council, and others. We have secured and delivered on multiple project grants, including:

- o Creative arts and mental health projects
- o Library activities and adult social care projects
- o Unrestricted funding towards core costs and staff salaries

The Board regularly reviews budgets, actuals, and variances, and is committed to transparent reporting and responsible stewardship.

Governance and Risk:

The Board has strengthened governance through new trustee appointments, policy reviews, and the development of a risk register. Safeguarding remains a priority, with regular updates, policy amendments, and trustee training. The Board is committed to diversity, inclusion, and continuous improvement in all aspects of governance.

Challenges and Learning:

The year has not been without challenges. Demand for our services continues to outstrip capacity, particularly for therapeutic interventions. Funding remains competitive, and the need to build reserves and plan for long-term sustainability is ongoing. The Board recognises the importance of robust financial processes, contingency planning, and ongoing staff and volunteer development.

Looking Ahead:


BTM is poised for further growth and impact. Our strategic priorities for the coming year include:

- Expanding creative therapy work in schools and with adults, supported by new funding opportunities.
- Developing informal peer support networks alongside formal therapy groups.
- Strengthening volunteer recruitment and support.
- Enhancing financial resilience and diversifying income streams.
- Deepening our impact measurement and reporting, including the use of digital tools and case studies.

We remain committed to our purpose of igniting potential, empowering individuals, and fostering long-term positive change. The Board is inspired by the resilience of those we serve and the dedication of our team.

Acknowledgements:

On behalf of the Board, I extend heartfelt thanks to all of our staff and volunteers, and the communities we serve. Your commitment, generosity, and belief in our mission make our work possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Howorth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Howorth, Chair

Date: December 2025

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £ Unrestricted	2025 £ Restricted	2025 £ Total	2024 £ Total
Income :				
Grants	1,000.00	144,289.67	145,289.67	67,876.00
Service Income	5470.00	-	5,470.00	-
Total Income	6,470.00	144,289.67	150,759.67	67,876.00
Expenditure:				
Software Maintenance	-	3,138.60	3,138.60	-
Activity cost	-	16,635.98	16,635.98	2,122.00
Wages	-	57,992.92	57,992.92	29303.00
Room Hire	-	1455.00	1,455.00	455.00
Marketing	-	5864.67	5864.67	597.00
Staff Training	-	1324.05	1,324.05	-
Equipment & Resources	-	2212.81	2,212.81	3607.00
Clinical Supervision	-	4760.00	4,760.00	-
Volunteer Expenses	47.85	-	47.85	-
Insurance	-	523.89	523.89	327.00
Professional Fee	1,082.80	-	1082.80	850.00
Sundries	314.50	-	314.50	410.00
Meetings	7.00	-	7.00	50.00
Trips	-	-	-	75.00
Total Expenditure	1,452.15	93,907.92	95,360.07	37,796.00
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	5,017.85	50,381.75	55,399.60	30,080.00
Transfer between Funds	4,162.06	(4,162.06)	-	-
Balance of Fund Brought Forward	7,986.00	26,383.00	34,369.00	4288.00
Total Funds Carried Forward	17,165.91	72,602.69	89,768.60	34,369.00

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at Bank and in Hand	89,768.60	34,369.00
Total Current Assets	89,768.60	34,369.00
Represented by:		
Unrestricted	17,165.91	7,986.00
Restricted	72,602.69	26,383.00
	89,768.60	34,369.00

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Signed:



Date: 15/1/26

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The income did not exceed £250,000 and the charity is not a registered company.

Incoming Resources

All material incoming resources have been included on a receivable basis i.e. they are included if the date receivable falls within the period covered by these accounts.

Resources Expended

These have been analysed using a natural classification.

Going Concern

The charity is operating on a going concern basis.

2 Related Parties

There were no related parties within the year.

3 Fund Analysis

	Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	7,986.00	6,470.00	(1,452.15)	4,162.06	17,165.91
Restricted					
Project Hope	-	20,000.00	(20,051.06)	51.06	-
Clarion Resilience	9,542.00	-	(9,573.80)	31.80	-
Head Heart Holme ATR	-	14,384.00	(13,501.95)	(882.05)	-
Head Heart Holme	14,569.00	25,000.00	(18,501.62)	-	21,067.38
HSF	-	25,773.00	(24,170.62)	(1,602.38)	-
Lottery Post Code	-	7,500.00	(4,801.58)	0.00	2,698.42
Welcome Space	-	1,653.67	(1,622.11)	(31.56)	-
Sassy Girls	1,002.00	-	(543.07)	(458.93)	-
Community Chest	-	500.00	(495.00)	-	5.00
Mental Health Project	-	41,229.00	-	-	41,229.00
Dramatherapy	1,270.00	-	0.00	(1,270.00)	-
In Communities	-	7,500.00	-	-	7,500.00
Gardens	-	750.00	(647.11)	-	102.89
Total	34,369.00	150,759.67	(95,360.07)	-	89,768.60

4 Staff

Gross Wages	48,148.27
Tax and Social Security	9,844.65
	57,992.92

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Beyond The Margin for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under s.144 (2) of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145 of the Act.

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 the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

S Nixon

Date 15 November 2025

