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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
The Bury St Edmunds Society CIO

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The Bury St Edmunds Society CIO

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The Bury St Edmunds Society CIO

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

The Trustees of the Bury St Edmunds Society CIO (the Bury Society) present their report together with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

On 18 November 2021, the Charity Commission authorised the formation of The Bury St Edmunds Society CIO (registered charity 1196640) to receive the assets of the 'old' Bury St Edmunds Society (registered charity 263230). Following confirmatory resolutions passed by the members of the Society, all assets, liabilities and undertakings of the 'old' Society were transferred to The Bury St Edmunds Society CIO on 31 March 2022. The Bury St Edmunds Society CIO commenced operations on 1 April 2022 and this report deals with the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

The Bury Society was originally established in 1971 as a Civic Society dedicated to caring about Bury St Edmunds, its past, present and future. It aims to improve the enjoyment and appreciation of Bury St Edmunds for all those who use the town through fostering its heritage and character, encouraging a balance of the new with the old and engaging communities on issues that impact on our local environment.

Bury in Bloom is that part of the Bury Society whose primary aim is to maintain its relationship with Anglia in Bloom and to co-ordinate its presentation for the annual Anglia in Bloom awards. Over the years, it has also assisted in the organisation of the hanging basket displays and many other schemes designed to maintain and improve the environment of the town.

2.0 OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE BURY ST EDMUNDS SOCIETY CIO

2.1 Objects of the Society

These are set out in the Society's constitution as follows:

The CIO is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in the area of Bury St Edmunds which shall hereinafter be referred to as 'the Area of Benefit':

- 1 To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit
- 2 To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history, culture and architecture of the area of benefit
- 3 To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features or areas of historic or public interest in the area of benefit, including through grant making
- 4 To promote horticulture and floriculture for the benefit of the public generally and in particular those who live in or visit the area of benefit, by the provision of floral displays in places visible to the public and other activities which directly promote horticulture and floriculture for the public benefit

2.2 General Policies of the Society

2.2.1 Risk Management

In compliance with the principles of CC 26 - Charities and Risk Management - the Society has a policy of regularly assessing the risks that might affect its future operation. The trustees have determined that in addition to the lingering risk of Covid disruption, the principal risks at present are the potential loss of membership and sponsorship income through the challenging economic circumstances that affect not only the Society but UK in general.

The trustees also believe that they should, as far as is practicable, be able to manage these risks in an appropriate manner.

2.2.2 Reserves

The Society operates a reserve policy to enable it to:

- o maintain its normal level of activities when its income has been reduced for whatever reason
- o finance expenditure on specific projects within its area of benefit

o maintain, replant and improve the roundabouts from which Bury in Bloom derives a substantial part of its income

In the Bury Society, funds have been earmarked for event failure and in Bury in Bloom, funds have been earmarked for the renovation of roundabouts, any potential 2025 hanging basket subsidy and additional installation costs etc.

In addition, both the Bury Society and Bury in Bloom retain funds amounting to one year's estimated fixed costs.

All the Society's reserves are either immediately accessible or held in interest bearing deposit accounts accessed on 90 days notice.

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2.2.3 Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit when setting objectives and designing future plans, events and activities.

3.0 ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

3.1 The Bury Society

Maintaining the membership numbers during the past year has proved challenging. As of 31 March 2025 we had 534 members, a drop of some 54 since the same time the previous year when there were 588 members. We have an ageing demographic and in addition to natural attrition have noticed a significant number of members relocating out of the area to be with family, particularly since Covid. Corporate memberships have dwindled due to financial tightening. The new member applications over the past year have not made up the shortfall despite efforts to promote The Society. Nevertheless 534 is a strong number to represent the interests of the town and the Committee will continue working hard to increase the size of the membership body.

The small increase in subscriptions from 1 June 2025 may have a further negative effect on the membership total, although the uplift is largely to cover the increasing administrative expenses like postage and printing.

The trustees would again like to thank Sue Savage - the Membership Secretary - for all her efforts to maintain the membership in difficult circumstances.

The Membership, Communication and Events (MCE) committee has continued its work to increase membership of the Bury Society, as well as connecting with existing members and promoting engagement with the history and culture of our town. The MCE committee have been making vital improvements to the Bury Society websites, implementing online payment for memberships, and improving the user experience overall.

In addition to our popular members' Coffee Mornings and the Winter Lunch, we organised trips to the Textile Conservation Studio and Blickling Hall in Norfolk to learn about heritage and conservation, and to Saffron Walden in Essex to visit the Fry Art Gallery and Bridge End Gardens. Additionally, we hosted talks on the Earl's Summerhouse restoration project at Ickworth House and on the life and writing of Ronald Blythe. The committee would like to thank Sam Saloway-Cooke and the other members of the MCE committee for all the hard work that was carried out in the organisation of these events. These events were aided by the generous support from the Alfred William's Charitable Trust, which helped to make these events more affordable for members over the age of 60, for which the Bury Society is incredibly grateful. Donations were made towards the purchase of the Witch Tryals book by Moyse's Hall Museum, the St Edmunds Church Heritage Vestments Project and to the Abbey Heritage Project (now The Abbey of St Edmund Reborn).

To ensure that communications were maintained with the Society members and the public, the normal three issues of the Society's Review were published in 2024-25. Copies were hand delivered or posted by mail. Copies of the Review are available on the Society's website www.burysociety.com. The committee would like to thank Russell Cook and Alan Baxter for their help in producing the Review and to Sue Savage for organising its distribution. Alan also continues his work to enhance the user experience of the Society's website and the committee would like to especially thank him for his efforts in this respect. Members of the Society regularly contribute articles to the Bury Free Press and other local and regional newspapers and have appeared on Radio Suffolk to discuss and comment on the heritage and economic development of the town.

In accordance with its objectives, the Society works to preserve and enhance the buildings and landscape in and surrounding the town. The Society monitors planning applications monthly and, if there is a consensus amongst committee members, submits reports to planning authorities. As a general rule, the Society's comments refer to the likely impact of any new development, paying particular attention to applications which are located in the conservation area. The Society has always made special efforts to bring together the community and local policy makers through participation in public meetings and presentations and it is hoped to continue this in the future. Thanks are due to the Society's architectural team of Ed Thuell (trustee) and Peter Riddington (adviser).

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3.2 Bury in Bloom

Bury in Bloom is led by its Chairman, Robin Burnett, and its co-ordinator, Chris Wiley. Whilst its primary focus is on preparing the town's entry in the Anglia in Bloom and the Britain in Bloom annual campaigns, it also has a key role in stimulating and maintaining public interest in the town. The Anglia in Bloom judging criteria now places more emphasis on conservation and environmental sustainability and this year the Society's activities have been adapted to support these aims.

A number of partly completed projects have been taken forward in 2024-25; these include the completion of the rainwater harvesting initiative to provide water for irrigating hanging baskets, planters etc. Some earlier projects, including the 'willow crown' and 'crowning glory' were completed along with the crown celebrating King Charles III's coronation.

The Green Fingers Scheme which encourages community participation in small horticultural projects was also continued during 2024. This is aimed at younger and older members of the community and culminated with a well-attended presentation at Ashlar House in Autumn 2024.

The Certificate of Merit Scheme in which volunteer judges review all of the front gardens in Bury and award certificates of commendation where appropriate, continued to be very popular with feedback showing continued support for this scheme and its place in 'nudging' an improvement in the urban landscape of the town. Our thanks go to Fiona Till and Lynne Wright, the respective volunteer coordinators of these two schemes, together with their very many helpers.

The Society entered Anglia in Bloom in 2024 and won another gold award in the Large Town category. The Committee's congratulations go to everyone connected with those successes.

4.0 LINKS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

In compliance with its objectives, the Society maintains relationships with many other local charities, schools and community-based organisations. These include the Bury Water Meadows Group, the Suffolk Preservation Society, The Bury St Edmunds Town Guides, Moyse's Hall Museum, the Friends of the Abbey Gardens, the Bury Past and Present Society, the Churchgate Area Association, and the Bury St Edmunds Heritage Trust (Guildhall). This may involve the making of small grants or providing speakers for events held by them if requested. Along with West Suffolk Council, St Edmundsbury Cathedral and Bury St Edmunds Town Council, the Society is a member of the Abbey of St Edmunds Heritage Partnership (now the Abbey of St Edmund Reborn) which has been set up to care for, conserve and enhance the Abbey Precincts. Its aim is to help people to understand the international significance of St Edmund and of the historic Abbey founded in his name.

5.0 SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Society would like to thank Greene King - its major sponsor - together with all other organisations and individuals sponsoring roundabouts or contributing towards individual projects. It would also like to thank Councillors and Officers from Suffolk County Council, West Suffolk Council and Bury St Edmunds Town Council for their guidance and financial support when needed. The Society has one part-time employee so without the dedicated support of its volunteers, it would not be in existence. The Trustees would like to express their grateful thanks to everyone whose efforts, large and small, have enabled the Society to operate as effectively as possible.

6.0 TRUSTEES

There were no new trustees appointed during 2024-25.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

7.0 FINANCIAL REVIEW

7.1 Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Society. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and for taking the appropriate steps for the avoidance and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are also responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and accepted United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

7.2 Financial Position at 31 March 2025

The financial statements, including the Independent Examiner's Report for the year to 31 March 2025 are attached to this report. As already mentioned in note 2.2.1 above, the Trustees believe that any risks relating to the reliability of the income sources are under control and that combined with the reserves, provide a secure base for its future activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1196640

Principal address

The Risbygate Centre
90 Risbygate Street
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Trustees

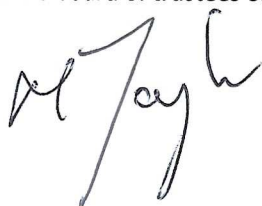
M Taylor
R N R Burnett
T J O'Donoghue
P Chung
Miss S J Nunn
R Cook
Ms J Hughes (resigned 31.3.25)
S G Moody
S A Saloway-Cooke
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

M Taylor - Trustee



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Bury St Edmunds Society CIO**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Bury St Edmunds Society CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bury St Edmunds Society CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

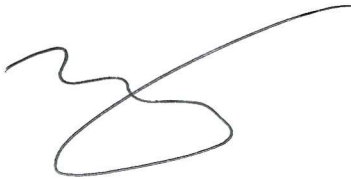
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the 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.



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27 June 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Memberships & donations		8,929	27,309	36,238	17,876
Charitable activities					
General activities		6,150	-	6,150	7,925
Bury in Bloom activities		-	49,871	49,871	51,020
Other trading activities	2	-	338	338	510
Investment income	3	243	3,108	3,351	2,769
Total		15,322	80,626	95,948	80,100
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General activities		12,820	12,000	24,820	24,795
Bury in Bloom activities		-	73,106	73,106	66,789
Total		12,820	85,106	97,926	91,584
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,502	(4,480)	(1,978)	(11,484)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		15,836	104,311	120,147	131,631
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		18,338	99,831	118,169	120,147

The notes form part of these financial statements

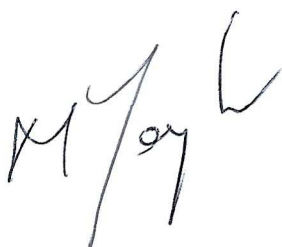
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Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	1,492	412	1,904	4,278
Cash at bank		<u>17,326</u>	<u>123,183</u>	<u>140,509</u>	<u>136,500</u>
		18,818	123,595	142,413	140,778
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(480)	(23,764)	(24,244)	(20,631)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>18,338</u>	<u>99,831</u>	<u>118,169</u>	<u>120,147</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>18,338</u>	<u>99,831</u>	<u>118,169</u>	<u>120,147</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>18,338</u>	<u>99,831</u>	<u>118,169</u>	<u>120,147</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				18,338	15,836
Restricted funds				<u>99,831</u>	<u>104,311</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>118,169</u>	<u>120,147</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Taylor - Trustee



B K W Booth - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries and taking into consideration future income streams, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they have adopted a going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Financial Instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value, with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other income	<u>338</u>	<u>510</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>3,351</u>	<u>2,769</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Russell Cook (Trustee) received payment of £1,200 (£100 per month) for his services in editing the Review.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

5. STAFF COSTS

Total staff costs incurred in the year of £17,374 (2024 - £13,203). Average number of employees during the year was 1 (2024 - 1).

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Memberships & donations	9,128	8,748	17,876
Charitable activities			
General activities	7,925	-	7,925
Bury in Bloom activities	-	51,020	51,020
Other trading activities	-	510	510
Investment income	<u>182</u>	<u>2,587</u>	<u>2,769</u>
Total	<u>17,235</u>	<u>62,865</u>	<u>80,100</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General activities	21,017	3,778	24,795
Bury in Bloom activities	<u>-</u>	<u>66,789</u>	<u>66,789</u>
Total	<u>21,017</u>	<u>70,567</u>	<u>91,584</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(3,782)	(7,702)	(11,484)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	19,618	112,013	131,631

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>15,836</u></u>	<u><u>104,311</u></u>	<u><u>120,147</u></u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	2,500
Gift Aid debtor	1,080	1,068
Prepayments	<u>824</u>	<u>710</u>
	<u>1,904</u>	<u>4,278</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	18,101	19,701
Other creditors	<u>6,143</u>	<u>930</u>
	<u>24,244</u>	<u>20,631</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,836	2,502	18,338
Restricted funds			
Dr Rae Bequest fund	56,166	(9,911)	46,255
Bury in Bloom fund	<u>48,145</u>	<u>5,431</u>	<u>53,576</u>
	<u>104,311</u>	<u>(4,480)</u>	<u>99,831</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>120,147</u></u>	<u><u>(1,978)</u></u>	<u><u>118,169</u></u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,322	(12,820)	2,502
Restricted funds			
Dr Rae Bequest fund	2,089	(12,000)	(9,911)
Bury in Bloom fund	<u>78,537</u>	<u>(73,106)</u>	<u>5,431</u>
	<u>80,626</u>	<u>(85,106)</u>	<u>(4,480)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>95,948</u>	<u>(97,926)</u>	<u>(1,978)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	19,618	(3,782)	15,836
Restricted funds			
Dr Rae Bequest fund	58,103	(1,937)	56,166
Bury in Bloom fund	<u>53,910</u>	<u>(5,765)</u>	<u>48,145</u>
	<u>112,013</u>	<u>(7,702)</u>	<u>104,311</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>131,631</u>	<u>(11,484)</u>	<u>120,147</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,235	(21,017)	(3,782)
Restricted funds			
Dr Rae Bequest fund	1,841	(3,778)	(1,937)
Bury in Bloom fund	<u>61,024</u>	<u>(66,789)</u>	<u>(5,765)</u>
	<u>62,865</u>	<u>(70,567)</u>	<u>(7,702)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>80,100</u>	<u>(91,584)</u>	<u>(11,484)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	19,618	(1,280)	18,338
Restricted funds			
Dr Rae Bequest fund	58,103	(11,848)	46,255
Bury in Bloom fund	<u>53,910</u>	<u>(334)</u>	<u>53,576</u>
	<u>112,013</u>	<u>(12,182)</u>	<u>99,831</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>131,631</u>	<u>(13,462)</u>	<u>118,169</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,557	(33,837)	(1,280)
Restricted funds			
Dr Rae Bequest fund	3,930	(15,778)	(11,848)
Bury in Bloom fund	<u>139,561</u>	<u>(139,895)</u>	<u>(334)</u>
	<u>143,491</u>	<u>(155,673)</u>	<u>(12,182)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>176,048</u>	<u>(189,510)</u>	<u>(13,462)</u>

Description of Restricted Funds

The Dr Rae Bequest fund represents the bequest of the late Dr Alison Rae, to be used for local projects whether of creation or preservation in or near the town centre of Bury St Edmunds.

The Bury in Bloom fund represents sponsorship and other receipts for the Bury in Bloom campaign. These funds are used for the maintenance and improvement of roundabouts, flowerbeds and planters within the control of West Suffolk Council and Bury St Edmunds Town Council together with a range of community projects. They also provide working capital for activities such as the provision of hanging baskets where expenditure may need to be incurred prior to the receipt of matching income.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The CIO paid Sustainable Plant Store Limited £3,448.50 for hanging basket plants. Sustainable Plant Store Limited is jointly owned by Christopher Wiley who is employed by the Society as the Bury in Bloom Coordinator.

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

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Memberships & donations		
Membership subscriptions	8,684	7,449
Donations	<u>27,554</u>	<u>10,427</u>
	36,238	17,876
Other trading activities		
Other income	338	510
Investment income		
Bank interest	3,351	2,769
Charitable activities		
Events & projects income	6,150	7,925
Roundabouts & flowerbeds	32,405	26,100
Baskets & planters	<u>17,466</u>	<u>24,920</u>
	<u>56,021</u>	<u>58,945</u>
Total incoming resources	95,948	80,100
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Advertising & communications	4,168	4,730
Planting & maintenance	37,654	34,071
Printing, postage & stationery	665	325
Co-ordinator	18,237	14,050
Other costs	2,129	1,794
Newsletter & publications	4,037	3,012
Subscriptions	-	744
Events costs	6,618	7,948
Community projects	8,807	17,903
Anglia in Bloom costs	<u>675</u>	<u>758</u>
	82,990	85,335
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fees	960	930
Insurance	710	626
Rent	1,266	915
Dr Rae fund contributions	<u>12,000</u>	<u>3,778</u>
	14,936	6,249
Total resources expended	<u>97,926</u>	<u>91,584</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(1,978)</u>	<u>(11,484)</u>

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