

Registered charity number 1196698



Annual Report and Unaudited Financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 for Neurotastic

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Legal and administrative information for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Catherine Higney - Chair

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Independent examination of accounts

Not required — annual income under £25,000

Governance and management

The charity is a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1196698. It is operated under the rules of its constitution, registered 22nd November 2021. Trustees oversee governance, and projects are delivered by trustees, contractors, and volunteers.

Trustees annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Aims and objectives

We support children with complex neurodevelopmental differences and their families. We raise awareness, share practical information, and support joined-up approaches that highlight strengths. We do not provide individual advice.

Achievements for the year end 31 March 2025

Website and Information Growth

The website remains our main platform for sharing information. We expanded content and saw dramatic growth in the last year.

- We have added new information areas, making this now over 30 different topics.
- Over the past year we have doubled, with 1,500 new users to the site — up 130% from the previous year. There was strong growth in organic searches (979) — up 170%.
- Pages like *Hyperlexia* saw over 1000% traffic increase.
- Direct searches (538) are up 83% from the previous year. Most are from google (920).

Trusted Information Creator Tick awarded for the second time

We are pleased to announce that we have again gained the PIF quality mark (Patient Information Forum). This is a UK-wide quality mark for trusted health information.

New Name - Growing Different

Following user consultation, we are transitioning to “Growing Different — Understanding Unique Minds.” We are retaining “Neurotastic” during the transition phase, until September 2025.

Parent Survey Report

In May to June 2024, nearly 400 parents responded to a national survey on needs and priorities. Results were published and shared.

Children’s Picture Book “Alphabet Boy”

This was written in 2024, from a child’s lived experience of autism, speech delay and hyperlexia. This was developed and supported by Neurotastic using National Lottery Funds. It is being further edited and updated, with a view to launch in autumn 2025.

Policy Updates

With pro bono support from LawWorks and Morgan Lewis, and through the PIF (Patient Information Forum) assessment process, several governance and information policies were updated.

Thank you to our supporters

We thank everyone who support us with time, advice, or donations this year. We especially acknowledge a generous donation via JustGiving and pro bono legal support from Morgan Lewis view LawWorks.

Reserves policy

We aim to build reserves equivalent to 12 months of unrestricted costs. This is currently £300 and expected to rise to £2,000 in 2026.

Trustees, volunteers and self-employed contractors

We welcome our new trustee, Marivjena Menka.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signed _____ Date: 10th August 2025

Catherine *Higney*, Chair

Neurotastic - Registered Charity Number 1196698**Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
Receipts and Payments:				
Income Receipts				
Loans	0	0	0	333
Grants	0	0	0	9904
Direct Charitable Payments				
Donations	212	0	212	0
Net (payments)/receipts	212	0	212	10237
Bank Balance 31 March			299	6155
EXPENDITURE Charitable activities				
Parent Survey	0	119	119	498
Picture Book Production	0	3026	3026	1147
Information Production	0	1737	1737	186
Video Production	0	176	176	0
Governance & Membership	0	419	419	215
Project Administration	0	14	14	1668
Website / IT	0	547	547	116
Total payments	0	6038	6038	3830
Net (deficit) of receipts & payments	-5826	0	-5826	13
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	299	0	299	6155
Monetary Assets				
NatWest Bank Account	0	0	0	0
Liabilities				
Total Loan from Trustee (Note 2)	-1124	0	-1124	-1124
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	-825	0	-825	-791
NET ASSETS	-825	0	-825	5020
FUNDS				
Restricted funds	0	0	0	6144
Unrestricted funds	-825	0	-825	-1124
TOTAL FUNDS	-825	0	-825	5020

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the organisation by:

Trustee (Treasurer): Justine Harris

Dated 13th August 2025

Trustee: Catherine Higney

Dated 13th August 2025

Notes to the account for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Income and expenditure accounts

All income is recognised when the charity becomes entitled, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably. Cash includes bank accounts available for immediate use. Expenditure is recorded when there is an obligation to pay. Accounts cover the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Note: In 2025, expenses were grouped by project activity rather than itemised lines for clarity. Records remain consistent.

2. Grants, Donations and Loans

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Loans	0	0	0	333
Grants	0	0	0	9904
Donations	212	0	212	0
Total	212	0	212	10237

The loan from the trustee is interest free and repayable on demand once the CIO has generated sufficient funds to permit repayment. No guarantees or securities are in place..

3. Designated funds

There were no designated funds during the year ended 31 March 2025.

4. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds may be used at the trustees' discretion to support the charity's aims. Restricted funds must be spent on specified activities set by the donor. In 2024-25, we received £212 in unrestricted donations via JustGiving. We thank the giver for this generous donation. £6,074 of restricted National Lottery funding from the previous year was used for the picture book, information resources, video, and parent survey. The unrestricted fund showed a deficit due to no new income.

5. Trustee members remuneration

One trustee has provided an interest-free loan across 2021-2023 (£1,124 total), which remains unpaid. No other payments were made to trustees.

6. Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity 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.

7. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.