

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

Charity Number 1197085

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted general funds £	Unrestricted designated funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
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INCOME FROM:						
Donations, grants and legacies	2	26065	0	61069	87134	96354
Charitable activities	3	5227	0	0	5227	3573
Investments	4	527	0	0	527	438
Total		31819	0	61069	92889	100365
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds	5	7165	0	0	7165	6596
Charitable activities	6,7	96249	90	13380	109720	96552
Total		103414	90	13380	116885	103148
Net income/(expenditure)		-71595	-90	47689	-23996	-2783
Transfers between funds		46932		-46932	0	0
Net movement in funds		-24663	-90	757	-23996	-2783
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2025		42426	90	10286	52803	55586
Total funds carried forward 31 December		17762	0	11044	28806	52803

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted general funds £	Unrestricted designated funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	8	789	0	0	789	141
Total fixed assets		789	0	0	789	141
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	9	951	0	0	951	9232
Cash at bank and in hand	10	16071	0	11044	27116	43713
Total current assets		17023	0	11044	28067	52945
Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	50	0	0	50	285
Net current assets/(liabilities)		16973	0	11044	28017	52660
Total assets less current liabilities		17762	0	11044	28806	52801
Funds of the Charity						
Restricted income funds	12			11044	11044	1436
Unrestricted funds		17762	0		17762	54150
Total funds		17762	0	11044	28806	55586

APPROVED by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Rebecca Mabey
Chairman

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2025

1a. FORMATION OF CHARITY

North Avenue Youth Centre was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registration number 1197085 on 13 December 2021.

1b. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2019 - FRS 102) issued by the Charity Commission, and the Charities Act 2016. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted, and the principal accounting policies set out below are applied consistently.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be established with sufficient reliability.

Grants are recognised when the general recognition criteria are met, and any applicable performance conditions are met.

Grant money unspent at the end of the period is considered to be a liability if repayment is probable.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and liabilities

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Tangible fixed assets

The premises used by NAYC are owned by the United Reformed Church (Eastern Province) Trust with whom NAYC has an agreement for use of the premises until 2046 in the first instance.

Tangible assets with a purchase value over £100, other than those purchased wholly by a specific grant, are depreciated over a period of 5 or more years.

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Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
2 Donations, grants and legacies:					
Donations and gifts	665	-	-	665	387
Grants	25,400		61,069	86,469	95,967
Total	26,065	-	61,069	87,134	96,354
3 Charitable activities:					
entrance money	1,703	-	-	1,703	2,059
YC activity receipts	3,525	-	-	3,525	1,514
Total	5,227	-	-	5,227	3,573
4 Income from investments:					
Interest income	527	-	-	527	438
Total	527	-	-	527	438

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
5 Expenditure on raising funds:					
Incurred seeking grants	7,148	-	-	7,148	6,596
Costs of fund-raising	17			17	-
Total	7,165	-	-	7,165	6,596

6 Expenditure on charitable activities					
Staff costs:					
Salaries	62,491		11,107	73,598	61,517
Training	109			109	40
Travel etc expenses	1,418			1,418	434
Recruitment				-	76
Youth Centre activities	19,629	90	2,273	21,992	22,274
Building costs:					
Rent	12			12	12
Charity administration:					
Insurance	1,117			1,117	1,033
Communications	1,462			1,462	1,260
Payroll services	307			307	327
Sundry costs	454			454	406
Support costs:					
Independent examiner's fee	-			-	-
Contribution to North Avenue Christian Centre	9,000			9,000	9,000
Depreciation	250			250	174
Total	96,249	90	13,380	109,720	96,552

7 Staff and Trustee Costs

Salaries and wages	79,005
Social security costs	7,119 fully reimbursed by NI allowance
Pension costs	1,400
Total staff costs	87,524

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000

NAYC has arranged with the NEST pension scheme for eligible employees to be enrolled

The charity trustees were neither paid nor received any other benefits from employment with NAYC in the year

neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity

The trustees are the key management personnel of the charity

The average monthly head count was 6 employees

8 Tangible assets

Equipment since 2017, value at 1 January 2025	141
Additions	898
Depreciation allowed in year	-250
Carried forward 31 December 2025	789

9 Analysis of debtors

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds
EYT Grant due			
Insurance in advance	951		
Total	951	0	0

2025 £	2024 £
0	8,400
951	832
Total	951

10 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds
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Co-operative Bank current account 60,57

2025 £	2024 £
60,57	3,152

Co-operative Bank savings account	9921	0	11043
Floats and cash awaiting banking	94		
	16,072	0	11,043

	20965	40,438
	94	125
Total	27,116	43,714

11 Analysis of Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds
Payroll	50		
Total	50	-	-

2025 £	2024 £
50	285
50	285

12 Funds and grants

The Jack Petchey Foundation makes grants and awards that are Restricted in terms of their use and time availability
In 2019 Chelmsford City Council made a grant of £18250 for a community defibrillator, improved lighting and equipment.
In 2025 Essex County Council topped up the defibrillator grant to cover replacement parts
In 2021 Active Essex through EBGC awarded £2500 for use with families to cope after the winter of Covid-19
In 2024 the PFCC provided £16,000 of grant funding to establish the Schools project
In 2025 a restricted income grant of £19,900 was received from Essex Community Foundation, for core costs

Movement on Restricted funds during the year:

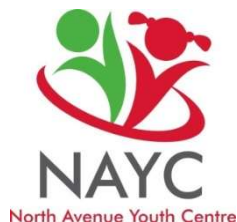
	Jack Petchey	Schools project	Defibrillator	Winter Covid
Balance b/fwd 1 January 2025	0	9572	24	690
Receipts	900	12874	364	
Expenditure	-897	-12119	-364	
Balance c/fwd 31 December 2025	3	0	10327	24

2025 £	2024 £
10,286	1436
14,138	16900
- 13,380	-8049
Total	11,043

Funding from other bodies which is not for core running costs is Designated for specific purposes. These are currently the purchase of equipment. This fund was added to a grant of £3000 from Bauer Radio for equipment
Movements on Designated Funds:

	Equipment
Balance b/fwd 1 January 2025	90
Receipts	0
Expenditure	-90
Balance c/fwd 31 December 2025	0

2025 £	2024 £
90	90
-	0
- 90	0
Total	0



North Avenue Youth Centre

Reg Charity No.1197085

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Address: North Avenue, Chelmsford CM1 2AL

Trustees: Trevor Andrews // to 2 July 2025
Peter Bardwell (Chair to 2 July 2025)
Lucy Belcher //
Lisa Cracknell resigned 12 March 2025
Yvonne Fitzgibbon // from 19 June 2025
Nicola Grieves // to 2 July 2025
Graham Handscomb //
Jane Humphreys (Treasurer)//
Rebecca Mabey (Chair from 18 September 2025)
Martin Solder#
Yvonne Spence
Matthew Willmott // from 18 September 2025

// Nominated by the United Reformed Church

Appointed by Essex Youth Trust

Other trustees are elected/re-elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Custodian Trustees: The United Reformed Church (Eastern Province)
Trust are the custodian trustees of the premises

Bankers: Cooperative Bank Plc
Miller Street
Manchester M60 0AL

Independent Examiner: Roger Louth FCCA

Governing document: Constitution agreed 07.07.2021

Objectives and activities

The aims and objectives of the North Avenue Youth Centre (NAYC) are to help boys and girls (age 8 to 18, or 25 with additional needs) through their leisure time activities so to develop their physical, mental and

spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and as members of society, and that their conditions of life may be improved.

In order to achieve this, a full-time Centre Manager, part-time youth workers, and a combined administrator and fundraiser have been appointed. The grants awarded to NAYC allow it to run a varied programme of out-of-school activities for young people from the local area, which is one of great social deprivation. NAYC has the use of purpose-built facilities which include a sports hall and an outside all-weather play space.

In their role of guiding and monitoring the planning and delivery of these activities, the NAYC Trustees (known as the Management Committee) have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

This year saw NAYC continue its valuable work with the young people of the area. This was carried out in several different ways.

During school term times, centre-based activities ran on three evenings a week. Seniors remained the largest group and the upper age limit was increased this year in response to requests from the young people, so the age range became for those school year 7 to age 17. Their Friday evening cooking sessions remained popular with young people keen to assist with the planning and preparation of the food each week. Due to the consistent funding for this session, we were able to run these sessions through most of the school holidays as well.

Juniors (age 8 to school year 6) met on Wednesdays. The group increased in attendance numbers throughout the year and reached full capacity on a few occasions. The group remained to have a high proportion of members with additional needs. Activities focussed on social skills, communication and kindness, promoted through group games and challenges, sports, crafts and discussion.

Monday Olders sessions continued to increase in numbers and in response to requests from the young people the age range was lowered to age 14 to 18. It remained a quieter session for activities exploring how to set boundaries and build respect.

The detached sessions ran twice a week in the local neighbourhood. Conversations across the year have centred around mental health, friendships, healthy relationships and the danger surrounding the use of E-scooters. Later in the year conversations also included school transitions and college. During the spring a number of the sessions were run for young people to make small potted plants for Mother's day,

creating the opportunity to make gifts for mothers and talk about families and important relationships.

Surveys show that parents trust and appreciate the work done by team at NAYC.

Holiday sessions ran to the extent that funding was secured. During February half-term we ran very popular theatre workshops around stage combat and special FX make up skills. During the Easter break, we held our annual family Easter Egg hunt with over 100 eggs being given to children and young people. In the summer we took a group for five days to the EBGC camp in the Lake District. Other activities included a sleepover at the Centre, pottery painting, ice-skating, a trip to an escape room, a family fun day including magic shows and games, team challenges, and trainings sessions.

In October we held our annual Halloween parties, for which we received excellent feedback from young people and families.

Active Essex funded and supported our annual Christmas family day for young people and families. We further expanded the experience to 63 people focused on regular members and their siblings and parents who valued this opportunity to go to the pantomime – something which otherwise was unaffordable.

In the spring term we began working with St John Payne School offering 1:1 mentoring for 15 young people. During the autumn term we also began offering 1:1 mentoring at The Boswells School with a second member of staff in place.

At the end of 2025 staffing was stable with a full-time Centre Manager, a full-time Senior Youth Worker, three part-time Youth Support Workers a part-time Fundraiser / Office Administrator and a part-time Youth Mentor for the Schools project. We also highly value the 4 community volunteers and 5 young leaders.

The United Reformed Church (Eastern Province) Trust continued to discuss the transfer of ownership of the premises at North Avenue Christian Centre used by NAYC with The River Church (the other primary user of the premises). In early 2025 they made a proposal to replace the current hiring agreement with NAYC with a lease on similar terms. The Trustees accepted this in principle but will review the details to ensure that NAYC can continue to operate effectively from the premises which were built to provide the home for activities.

Financial Review

NAYC continues to rely primarily on grant funding to operate. In 2025 we were grateful to Essex Youth Trust for their funding towards our core costs of £16,800. We secured a further £69,669 in grants, over £8000

less than in 2024, reflecting the increasingly difficult environment for securing grant funding, particularly for core costs. Different elements of our activities, and contributions to core costs, were funded by a range of bodies. Our thanks go to Essex Community Foundation (specifically, the Four Acre Core Cost Fund, Thriving Third Sector Fund and the Roger and Jean Heath Charitable Fund), Chelmsford City Council, Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services, Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit, Active Essex, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Bauer Radio, John Lewis Partnership, and Fowler Smith and Jones Trust. We were pleased once again that our young people were able to enjoy awards from the Jack Petchey Foundation with three awards spent. The Schools Project operated thanks to £12,874 from the Police and Crime Commissioner with funding of £3803 approved for the period to March 2026. Essex County Council provided £364 for replacement parts for the defibrillator located on the Hall. Our members generated over £5200 from activities.

Overall expenditure in 2025 of £116,885 was £23,996 more than total income. The total assets of the charity therefore fell to £28,806.

The reserves policy of NAYC is to hold sufficient cash to cover six to nine months' expenditure. At the end of 2025, unrestricted cash held totalled £16,071, equivalent to less than two months' planned expenditure for 2026. The trustees are reviewing how to reverse this decline.

Looking forward

In January 2026 we were notified by ECVYS that we had been awarded Violence and Vulnerability Community Grant funding of £20,000 for the Schools Project and £15,000 for other activities for the year from April 2026 to March 2027. We are also confident that our long-term funders will continue to support us. We have applications to other funders for over £40,000 awaiting decisions.

Recognising the challenging funding situation for small charities like NAYC, we will

- Prioritise operating the current level of centre-based sessions during school terms, to provide a safe space and opportunity for young people to gather away from the risks and challenges of local gangs
- operate the Schools Project within the level of VVU funding plus any contribution from the school(s) involved
- provide off-site activities, and activities during the school holidays only to the extent that they are fully funded
- build a strong team of staff and volunteers who are trained and inspired to encourage the young people in enjoying the activities.

Declaration

This report and the accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 12th February 2026

Signed:

Position:



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

North Avenue Youth Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1197085

Set out on pages

5 pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date:

27th March 2026

Name:

Roger Louth

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (retired)

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