



**Derby Computer Museum Charity  
Incorporated Organisation**

**Accounts for year**

**1st May 2024 to 30th April 2025**

# **Derby Computer Museum Charity Incorporated Organisation**

## **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 30 April 2025**

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### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Charitable Objectives**

The charity's objective is the advancement of education of the public in the history and evolution of computer and console systems from the 1960s onwards. This is achieved by establishing, maintaining and operating a museum in Derby for the public benefit for the preservation, display and public experience of computers, console systems and associated technology.

The charity also provides opportunities for volunteers to develop skills in electronics, computing, museum curation, teamwork and communication.

In addition, the charity seeks to further or benefit the residents of the City of Derby and surrounding areas, without distinction of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, or political, religious or other opinions. This is achieved by associating together residents, the local authority and voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for residents.

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

All activities undertaken during the year were carried out in accordance with the charity's constitution and in furtherance of its charitable objectives. The museum remains committed to providing inclusive, educational and accessible opportunities to the public.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The year ended 30 April 2025 has been one of continued public engagement, operational development and investment in the long-term sustainability of the museum. While the financial year reflects increased operating costs, particularly in relation to premises and infrastructure, the charity has continued to deliver strong educational and community impact in line with its objectives.

#### **Public Opening and Community Engagement**

The museum has remained open to the public every Saturday throughout the year, providing a welcoming and engaging environment for visitors of all ages. The trustees remain encouraged by the continued support from the local community and the positive feedback received from families, enthusiasts and returning visitors.

Income from charitable activities remained broadly consistent with the previous year. This included entrance fees, online bookings, school visits and small-scale activity income. These figures demonstrate continued public interest in the museum and the effectiveness of online booking systems in supporting accessibility and visitor planning.

The museum continues to offer an inclusive space where people can explore the history of computing in a hands-on and interactive way. Visitors are encouraged not only to observe but to experience historic computer and console systems, reinforcing the educational value of the collection.



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### **Achievements and performance (continued)**

#### **Educational Activities**

Educational engagement remains central to the charity's mission. School visits continued during the year and remain an important element of the charity's objective to advance education.

These visits provide structured learning experiences aligned with computing and technology themes, allowing young people to understand the development of digital systems from the 1960s onwards. Through guided sessions, demonstrations and interactive exhibits, the museum supports learning in computing, problem solving and technological awareness.

#### **Birthday Parties, Corporate and Private Events**

The museum has continued to host birthday parties and private hire events, providing unique and memorable experiences for children and families. These events contribute to income generation while broadening the charity's reach within the community.

Corporate and private functions also remain part of the museum's income strategy. These events generate valuable unrestricted income that supports core charitable activities and contribute to the charity's financial sustainability.

#### **Trading and Secondary Income**

Trading and retail activity has shown improvement during the year, reflecting stronger performance in merchandise and visitor-related retail sales. The trustees recognise that strengthening secondary spend per visitor is important for long-term sustainability and will continue to focus on developing this area.

#### **Volunteer Development and Skills Advancement**

Volunteers remain central to the operation and development of the museum. During the year, volunteers have:

- Restored and repaired exhibits
- Maintained and catalogued equipment
- Supported visitor engagement
- Assisted with events and retail operations
- Contributed to asset tagging and collections management

Through these activities, volunteers develop practical skills in electronics, IT systems, exhibit maintenance, teamwork and communication, directly supporting the charity's objective of providing skills development opportunities.

#### **Asset Management and Collection Development**

The charity has continued to invest in maintaining and preserving its collection and operational infrastructure. Expenditure during the year reflects ongoing investment in premises costs, exhibit maintenance, IT systems, insurance and general operational requirements.

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### **Achievements and performance (continued)**

The trustees consider this expenditure essential to preserving the collection and maintaining a safe and engaging visitor environment. The tangible fixed asset base remains stable, representing the core operational infrastructure of the museum.

### **Financial Review**

The financial statements have been prepared on the accruals basis.

Total income for the year was £20,389.21 (2024 restated: £21,585.21).

Total expenditure was £21,789.02 (2024: £16,263.95).

This resulted in a net deficit of £1,399.81 (2024 restated: surplus of £5,321.26).

### **Prior Year Restatement**

During the preparation of the 2024/2025 accounts, the trustees identified errors in the comparative figures for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Online booking income had been overstated due to duplicate PayPal transactions totalling £986.08, which had been incorrectly held within a "GBP PayPal" account. Online sales income has therefore been restated from £10,644.00 to £9,657.92.

In addition, £2,219.05 of low value retail income had been incorrectly coded to "Scout/Guide/Youth Groups" and has now been reclassified correctly.

These adjustments reduced the previously reported net surplus for 2024; however, the restated figures continue to show a surplus for that year.

The trustees have reviewed internal processes to reduce the risk of similar errors in future reporting periods.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees recognise the importance of maintaining adequate reserves to ensure the charity can continue operating effectively and meet financial commitments as they fall due.

The charity's policy is to maintain unrestricted free reserves sufficient to cover approximately three months of core operating expenditure, including rent, utilities, insurance and essential running costs.

At 30 April 2025, unrestricted funds were modest, with the majority represented by tangible fixed assets rather than free cash reserves.

Rebuilding unrestricted free reserves is a priority for the coming year. The trustees intend to achieve this by increasing visitor numbers, expanding retail and private hire income, and exploring additional funding opportunities.



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### **Risk Management**

The trustees recognise their responsibility to identify and review the major risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure that appropriate systems and controls are in place to mitigate those risks.

The principal risks identified during the year include:

### **Financial Sustainability**

The charity is reliant on admissions income, trading income and private events to cover core operating costs, particularly rent and service charges. A reduction in visitor numbers or retail income could impact cash flow.

To mitigate this risk, the trustees:

- Monitor income and expenditure regularly
- Review cash flow at trustee meetings
- Seek to diversify income streams
- Maintain a reserves policy aimed at building financial resilience

### **Premises and Operational Costs**

The museum operates from leased premises and is exposed to increases in rent and service charges, as well as general operating costs. These are monitored through regular budgeting and financial review.

### **Asset and Collection Risk**

The charity holds a significant collection of historic equipment. Risks include damage, deterioration or loss.

- The charity mitigates this risk through:
- Appropriate insurance cover
- Regular maintenance and repairs
- Asset tagging and tracking systems

### **Health and Safety**

As a public-facing organisation, the museum must ensure the safety of visitors and volunteers. The charity maintains appropriate public liability insurance and ensures the premises are maintained in a safe condition.

Risk management is reviewed periodically by the trustees to ensure continued sustainability.

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**For the year ended 30 April 2025**

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### **Structure, Governance and management**

#### **Governing Document**

Derby Computer Museum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), Charity Number 1199054, registered on 25 May 2022.

The CIO operates in accordance with its constitution. Strategic decisions are taken by the Board of Trustees, while day-to-day operations are delegated to senior volunteers.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The charity must have a minimum of three trustees and a maximum of twelve. Trustees are appointed for a term of three years by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees consider the skills, knowledge and experience required for effective governance.

#### **Trustee Induction**

Each new trustee is provided with:

- A copy of the constitution
- The latest Trustees' Annual Report
- The most recent statement of accounts

# Derby Computer Museum Charity Incorporated Organisation

Report of the Trustees  
For the year ended 30 April 2025

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## Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity number: 1199054

### Principal Address

3-4 Iron Gate

Derby

DE1 3FJ

### Trustees

Robin Watson - Chair

Matthew Key

James Bridger

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Robin Watson – Chair

22<sup>ND</sup> FEB 2026

Date

**Derby Computer Museum Charity Incorporated Organisation**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**For the year ended 30 April 2025**

		Unrestricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds Restated
<b>Income from</b>				
Donations and legacies		202.00	202.00	2,913.48
Corporate sponsorship		0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable activities	1	15,286.74	15,286.74	15,952.42
Other trading activities	2	4,894.40	4,894.40	2,708.61
Interest Income		6.07	6.07	10.70
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,389.21</b>	<b>20,389.21</b>	<b>21,585.21</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>				
<b>Raising Funds</b>	3	<b>1,280.90</b>	<b>1,280.90</b>	<b>2,970.04</b>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Direct Costs of Charitable Activities	4	20,508.12	20,508.12	13,293.91
<b>Total</b>		<b>21,789.02</b>	<b>21,789.02</b>	<b>16,263.95</b>
<b>Net Income (Expenditure)</b>		<b>(1,399.81)</b>	<b>(1,399.81)</b>	<b>5,321.26</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(1,399.81)</b>	<b>(1,399.81)</b>	<b>5,321.26</b>
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,737.71</u>	<u>2,737.71</u>	<u>(2,583.55)</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><b>1,337.90</b></u>	<u><b>1,337.90</b></u>	<u><b>2,737.71</b></u>



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## BALANCE SHEET

30 April 2025

		2025	2024 Restated
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	5	12,756.57	12,820.75
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	6	815.93	1,747.85
Accounts Receivable		52.00	256.50
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>867.93</b>	<b>2,004.35</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	1,198.74	125.05
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>		<b>(330.81)</b>	<b>1,879.30</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<b>12,425.76</b>	<b>14,700.05</b>
 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	11,087.86	11,962.34
 <b>Net Assets</b>		<b>1,337.90</b>	<b>2,737.71</b>
 <b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		1,337.90	2,737.71
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>1,337.90</b>	<b>2,737.71</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and are authorised for the issue on

22<sup>ND</sup> FEB 2026

and were signed on its behalf by:



Robin Watson - Chair

# Derby Computer Museum Charity Incorporated Organisation

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 April 2025

<b>1. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Entrance fees (public opening)	6,152.75	5,900.00
Gift vouchers	0.00	34.50
Online Bookings	8,429.04	9,657.92
Corporate fun days	0.00	200.00
Scout/Guide/Youth Group visits	0.00	140.00
eBay Sales	227.95	20.00
School visits	477.00	
	<u>15,286.74</u>	<u>15,952.42</u>

<b>2. OTHER TRADING INCOME</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Branded Merchandise	405.60	489.56
Low value retail items	4,488.80	2,219.05
	<u>4,894.40</u>	<u>2,708.61</u>

<b>3. RAISING FUNDS COSTS</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Advertising & Marketing	603.80	1,506.12
Goods for resale	677.10	1,463.92
	<u>1,280.90</u>	<u>2,970.04</u>

<b>4. CHARITABLE DIRECT ACTIVITIES COSTS</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Direct Expenses	1,046.27	786.47
Bank Fees	426.14	455.90
Cleaning	224.76	189.25
Entertainment 100% Business	0.00	242.52
General Expenses	0.00	22.05
Insurance	484.47	347.63
IT Software and Consumables	835.48	436.78
Postage, Freight & Courier	158.85	96.76
Printing, Signage & Stationery	161.74	775.91
Rates	1,198.74	
Rent & Service Charges	12,901.49	6,684.18
Repair of exhibits	1,576.40	686.74
Repairs & Maintenance	724.48	1,847.19
Depreciation	759.60	719.74
Telephone	10.00	
Rounding Adjustment	(0.30)	2.79
	<u>20,508.12</u>	<u>13,293.91</u>

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### 5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment	Exhibit - Accessories	Exhibit - Computer monitor	Exhibit - Computer software	Exhibit - Computers (inc laptops, servers, desktops)	
<b>NBV At 1 May 2024</b>	<b>675.31</b>	<b>822.39</b>	<b>1,181.00</b>	<b>115.13</b>	<b>3,754.62</b>	
<b>Cost</b>						
<b>At 1 May 2024</b>	<b>1,551.58</b>	<b>849.16</b>	<b>1,223.18</b>	<b>119.88</b>	<b>3,835.47</b>	-
Additions	-	285.24	-	-	57.90	
<b>At 30 April 2025</b>	<b>1,551.58</b>	<b>1,134.40</b>	<b>1,223.18</b>	<b>119.88</b>	<b>3,893.37</b>	
<b>Depreciation</b>						
<b>At 1 May 2024</b>	<b>876.27</b>	<b>26.77</b>	<b>42.18</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>80.85</b>	-
Charge for the year	517.19	19.97	23.62	2.30	76.06	
<b>At 30 April 2025</b>	<b>1,393.46</b>	<b>46.74</b>	<b>65.80</b>	<b>7.05</b>	<b>156.91</b>	-
<b>NBV At 30 April 2025</b>	<b>158.12</b>	<b>1,087.66</b>	<b>1,157.38</b>	<b>112.83</b>	<b>3,736.46</b>	-

  

	Exhibit - Game consoles	Exhibit - Other	Exhibit - Portable computing	Leasehold Improvements	Fixture & Fittings	Totals
<b>NBV At 1 May 2024</b>	<b>468.35</b>	<b>168.48</b>	<b>556.64</b>	<b>869.03</b>	<b>4,209.80</b>	<b>12,820.75</b>
<b>Cost</b>						
<b>At 1 May 2024</b>	<b>485.21</b>	<b>172.97</b>	<b>579.28</b>	<b>886.68</b>	<b>4,362.82</b>	<b>11,213.03</b>
Additions	-	90.00	-	-	262.29	
<b>At 30 April 2025</b>	<b>485.21</b>	<b>262.97</b>	<b>579.28</b>	<b>886.68</b>	<b>4,625.11</b>	<b>14,761.66</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>						
<b>At 1 May 2024</b>	<b>16.86</b>	<b>4.49</b>	<b>22.64</b>	<b>17.65</b>	<b>153.02</b>	<b>525.71</b>
Charge for the year	9.37	4.12	11.13	8.70	87.15	759.61
<b>At 30 April 2025</b>	<b>26.23</b>	<b>8.61</b>	<b>33.77</b>	<b>26.35</b>	<b>240.17</b>	<b>1,285.32</b>
<b>NBV At 30 April 2025</b>	<b>458.98</b>	<b>254.36</b>	<b>545.51</b>	<b>860.33</b>	<b>4,384.94</b>	<b>12,756.57</b>

### 6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2025	2024
	£	£
Derby Computer Museum	706.36	1,672.91
GBP PayPal	-	-
Square Balance	-	-
Cash	109.57	74.94
<b>Bank Total</b>	<b>815.93</b>	<b>1,747.85</b>



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accounts payable	1,198.74	125.05
	<u>1,198.74</u>	<u>125.05</u>

### 8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Owed to ph9	11,087.86	11,950.34
Owed to R Watson	-	12.00
	<u>11,087.86</u>	<u>11,962.34</u>

PH9 is a Limited company wholly owned by a Trustee and R Watson is a Trustee.

### 9. RESTATEMENT OF COMPARATIVE FIGURES

During the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2025, an error was identified identified in the prior year (2024) income figures.

Online booking income had been overstated by £986.08 due to duplicate PayPal transactions incorrectly recorded within a "GBP PayPal" balance. This has been corrected in the comparative figures.

In addition, £2,219.05 of low value retail income had been incorrectly classified and has been re-presented within trading income.

The correction reduced the previously reported surplus for 2024 by £986.08. Comparative figures for 2024 have been restated accordingly.