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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
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Cheryl Kwok (Appointed August 2025)
Mark Storey, DL (Appointed October 2025)
Amita Fearon (Appointed February 2025, resigned October 2025)

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RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ending 31st December 2025.

Structure, governance and management

Resolute Women's Support Services is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution, dated 7 July 2023. Prior to the incorporation of the CIO, Resolute Women's Support Services was an unincorporated association. The CIO acquired the charitable funds and activities of the unincorporated charity on 07 July 2023.

The members of the CIO are the charity trustees. Membership of the CIO cannot be transferred to anyone else. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to a sum not exceeding £1, but apart from that the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to assets and no personal responsibility for settling debts and liabilities in the event of winding up.

The affairs of the charity are managed by the trustees, who may exercise all the powers of the charity.

Appointment of Trustees

In accordance with the terms of the constitution, there must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustees can act only to call a meeting of the trustees or appoint a new trustee. There is no maximum number of trustees.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Each new trustee is given a copy of the constitution and the latest trustee's annual report and accounts, on or before appointment.

The trustees who served during the year are shown on page 3 of this report.

Charitable aims and objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

- To relieve the distress and suffering of victims of domestic abuse, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of advice and practical support.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. This report illustrates the activities undertaken to support the public benefit requirement.

Annual report of activities, achievements and performance during the year

1. Introduction and Overview

This report covers the activities and financial position of Resolute Women's Support for the period from January 2025 to December 2025. The charity has continued to provide critical services and support for women and children affected by domestic abuse, operating with a focus on survivor-centred approaches. During this period, the charity has made significant progress in our core mission to empower, advocate for, and support women impacted by domestic abuse. We now have 1 paid member of staff our CEO Deborah Jones (From 28/10/25) who has worked as a volunteer from the launch of the charity in 2022. We've renovated the Lotus Hub to give extra therapy space and to also launch a coffee shop.

2. Charitable Activities and Achievements

Throughout this period, Resolute Women's Support has continued to deliver a range of vital services to survivors of domestic abuse in Barnsley and the surrounding areas. Our activities included:

- **Peer Support Groups - women**

Resolute's peer support groups offer survivor-led, trauma-informed spaces where women can share experiences, reduce isolation, and build mutual support. Facilitated by staff with lived experience, groups empower participants through connection, shared understanding, and practical coping strategies, helping survivors rebuild confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging.

- **Advocacy Support**

We provide one-to-one advocacy and support for survivors navigating the criminal and family justice systems. Trained advocates offer emotional support, practical guidance, and safety planning, ensuring women feel informed, believed, and supported while engaging with legal processes during highly stressful and traumatic times.

- **Therapeutic Support Packages**

Resolute offers funded therapeutic support packages, including EMDR, for survivors experiencing trauma and PTSD. Delivered by qualified therapists, therapy helps women process abuse, reduce trauma symptoms, and improve emotional wellbeing, supporting long-term recovery and enabling survivors to move forward with greater stability and confidence.

- **Volunteering at The Lotus**

The Lotus offers volunteering opportunities within a safe town-centre hub, including a newly launched coffee shop, high-end clothing outlet and wellbeing space. Volunteers build confidence, develop practical and employability skills, form supportive connections, and gain experience that supports progression into training, education, or employment. Our services continue to be delivered on a volunteer-led basis, and we aim to expand our reach and increase the impact of our services in the future. We've also had a student work placement volunteer for the shop from the local college.

- **Workplace Domestic Abuse Training**

Resolute Women's Support delivers accredited online domestic abuse training to workplaces, equipping employers and staff to recognise abuse, respond safely and support survivors. The training improves safeguarding, reduces risk and helps organisations meet their duty of care while creating informed, compassionate, and trauma-aware working environments.

- **Campaigning and Advocacy**

We continued to amplify the voices of survivors, engaging in both national and local campaigns to raise awareness and influence policy on issues relating to domestic violence. We worked closely with local authorities to ensure our voices were heard on the topic of domestic abuse. Deborah has also been a key component in driving forward the Tag & App initiative with central government and the House of Lords. A trial of this is now planned to take place during 2026 across 3 different UK Police Forces. Deborah Jones has also attended many specialist meetings around the UK as a guest speaker to talk about Domestic Abuse Survivors and the Tag & App initiative.

3. Trustees' Responsibilities and Governance

As Trustees, we are committed to ensuring that Resolute Women's Support is run efficiently and responsibly. The charity is governed by a group of trustees who meet regularly to review our activities and strategic direction. We ensure that the charity adheres to its core mission, complies with legal requirements, and upholds the highest standards of transparency and accountability.

During this period, we have implemented the following:

- **A full review of the governance** of the charity including all the associated policy and procedural documentation to ensure it is all in place and up to date.
- **Strategic Planning:** We have worked on developing a longer-term strategy for the charity, with the aim of scaling up services and ensuring sustainability.
- **Risk Management:** We have continued to monitor risks associated with the charity's operations, including financial risks, safeguarding risks, and reputational risks. Appropriate measures have been put in place to mitigate these risks.
- **Volunteer and Staff Development:** We have invested in training and developing our volunteers and staff, ensuring that they have the skills and knowledge required to provide high-quality services. We have also ensured the charity CEO Deborah Jones became a paid member of staff and we hope to add to the paid staffing numbers over the next year.

4. Plans for the Future

Looking ahead, Resolute Women's Support plans to:

Expand our reach and support more women and children affected by domestic abuse.

- **Survivor Recovery Retreats**

Our survivor recovery retreats provide safe, restorative spaces for women affected by abuse to rest, reflect, and rebuild. Combining therapeutic support, peer connection, and wellbeing activities, the retreats help survivors process trauma, regain confidence, and take meaningful steps towards recovery away from everyday pressures.

- **Peer Support Groups – young people**

Resolute's peer support groups offer survivor-led, trauma-informed spaces where young people can share experiences, reduce isolation, and build mutual support with peers of their own age. Facilitated by staff with lived experience, groups empower participants through connection, shared understanding, and practical coping strategies, helping survivors rebuild confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging.

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- **Therapeutic Support Packages/Creative workshops – young people**
Resolute offers funded therapeutic support packages for young survivors experiencing trauma and PTSD. Delivered by qualified therapists, therapy helps them process abuse, reduce trauma symptoms and improve emotional wellbeing. Paired with a range of creative workshops we enable young people to connect, be heard and feel supported in a safe place.
- **Tag & App launch across trial police forces**
During 2026 – Deborah Jones part of team working with Ministry of Justice to trial this new initiative to protect Domestic Abuse survivors when the perpetrators are released.
- **New Training course for Legal Professionals for the Repeal of the Presumption of contact rule**
To be developed with Claire Throssell MBE this training will be aimed at Legal professionals in the first instance to highlight the changes needed in practise to accommodate the upcoming repeal of the Presumption of Contact law. The plan is to also modify this training for other professional organisations and public services such as the police, social services etc
- **Increase our fundraising efforts and apply for new grants** to ensure the financial sustainability of our operations.
- **Develop coworking partnership opportunity with YWCA**
- **Research and develop additional partnership opportunities** throughout the year

We will also continue to monitor and evaluate our services to ensure we are providing the best possible support to survivors of domestic abuse.

Resolute Women's Support remains committed to supporting women and children affected by domestic abuse in Barnsley. We are grateful to all of our volunteers, staff, donors, and partners who help us continue our work. We look forward to another year of growth, impact, and positive change as we work to empower survivors of domestic abuse and make a lasting difference in our community.

We'd like to thank our Grant donors: Awards for All, Brelms Trust, Allen Lane Foundation, Wharfedale Foundation, Garfield Weston Fund, Webmart, Freshgate Foundation, Holgate Lodge, Screwfix, Hillards Charitable Trust, Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust & Gripple. Their charitable donations this year have enabled us to continually provide so many vital services, to renovate the Lotus safe space hub as well as launch the coffee shop and to run our Peer Support workshops and new Trauma based therapies. We also want to thank local trades people who provided materials and vital skills free of charge for our renovation work at the Lotus – Wickes, Brewers, MKM Barnsley, Ace Carpet Barnsley, Jurassic Spark Electricians, G Hackett Plastering and Sliders Wardrobes.

The Charity's policy on reserves

The trustees recognise the need to keep reserves at a level which will give the charity stability to enable it to continue to operate in the future. For these purposes, the charity will aim to maintain a general reserve in the region of £5,000 at any one time, with a view to increasing this as necessary once the activities of the charity become more established. The actual level of reserves held by the charity on 31.12.25, represented by unrestricted funds, was £8,005 (2024: £980).

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Related parties

The trustees consider that there are no related parties to the charity.

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time and enable the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Financial Position

The financial statements are set out in pages 10 to 14. The Receipts and Payments Account shows a surplus for the year of £9,329 (2024: £8,843). The total funds of the charity at the year-end stand at £25,658 (2024: £16,329). The reserves of the charity, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £8,005 at the year-end.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: _____



Date: 23 March 2026

Mark Storey, DL (Chair)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year, under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts, under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records, in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met;

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date: 23 March 2026

Stephanie Tolson
Community Accountant
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | 2025 Total Funds £ | 2024 Total Funds £ |
|------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants Received | 2 | 800 | 30,200 | 31,000 | 27,600 |
| Fundraising & Donations | | 40,058 | - | 40,058 | 14,546 |
| Other Income | | 24 | - | 24 | 50 |
| Total receipts | | 40,882 | 30,200 | 71,082 | 42,196 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Salaries | | 3,861 | 2,461 | 6,322 | - |
| Freelance & Consultancy | | 18,281 | - | 18,281 | 1,229 |
| Rent & Room Hire | | 1,553 | 7,657 | 9,210 | 12,038 |
| Events & Activities | | 344 | 243 | 587 | 2,256 |
| Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings | | 1,088 | 74 | 1,162 | 3,795 |
| Buildings Repairs & Maintenance | | 2,662 | 618 | 3,280 | 75 |
| Utilities | | - | 1,350 | 1,350 | - |
| Admin & Office costs | | 981 | 3,559 | 4,540 | 7,157 |
| Website & IT Systems | | - | 6,258 | 6,258 | - |
| Insurance | | - | 159 | 159 | 565 |
| Marketing & Publicity | | 620 | 1,317 | 1,937 | 408 |
| Volunteer & Staff Expenses | | 3,784 | 158 | 3,942 | 3,036 |
| Training | | 33 | 4,042 | 4,075 | 1,927 |
| Accountancy | 5 | 650 | - | 650 | - |
| Misuse of funds | | - | - | - | 572 |
| Sundry & Miscellaneous Expenses | | - | - | - | 295 |
| Total payments | | 33,857 | 27,896 | 61,753 | 33,353 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | | 7,025 | 2,304 | 9,329 | 8,843 |
| Transfers between Funds | | - | - | - | - |
| Total Funds Bought Forward | | 980 | 15,349 | 16,329 | 7,486 |
| Total Funds Carried Forward | 6 | 8,005 | 17,653 | 25,658 | 16,329 |

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Monetary Assets: | | |
| Virgin Bank Current Account | £25,658 | £16,141 |
| Petty Cash | £0 | £188 |
| Total monetary assets | <u>£25,658</u> | <u>£16,329</u> |

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Current Assets: | | |
| Debtors | <u>£0</u> | <u>£37</u> |
| | <u>£0</u> | <u>£37</u> |

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Accountancy Fee | £700 | £650 |
| PAYE | £276 | £0 |
| Rent | £776 | £0 |
| Utilities | <u>£816</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| | <u>£2,568</u> | <u>£650</u> |

Fixed Assets held for the Charities own use:

Laptops, printers & computer equipment
 Security Cameras
 Shelving & Clothes rails
 Office and shop Furniture
 Coffee machine and kitchen equipment
 Mobile phones

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Date: 23 March 2026

Mark Storey, DL (Chair)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis which summarises the movement of cash in and out of the organisation. In this context 'cash' includes cash equivalents, such as bank accounts where cash can be readily available to pay debts as they fall due. This format of accounts is available to non-company charities with gross annual income of £250,000 or less.

Classification of income & expenditure

Income and expenditure has been analysed in the accounts using natural classification.

Funds structure

The charity maintains an unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Unrestricted funds may arise from grants and donations of a general nature, member subscriptions & fees, charges for goods and service provided and payment for service contracts delivered.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding. Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes.

2. Grants Received

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Total | Total |
| | funds | funds |
| | £ | £ |
| Garfield Weston Foundation | 7,500 | - |
| Allen Lane Foundation | 5,000 | - |
| The Wharfedale Foundation | 10,000 | - |
| Webmart Ltd Grant | 7,350 | - |
| Gripple Foundation | 350 | - |
| Freshgate Foundation (unrestricted) | 800 | - |
| Brelms Trust | - | 6,000 |
| National Lottery Awards for All | - | 20,000 |
| Asda | - | 1,600 |
| | 31,000 | 27,600 |

3. Trustee payments, benefits and expenses

Other than reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the Charity, there were no payments, remuneration or expenses made to trustees during this or the previous accounting period.

4. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in this or the previous accounting period.

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5. Independent Examination of accounts

The cost of the independent examination and accountancy services for the year was £700 (2024: £650).

6. Fund Analysis

| | Opening Balance £ | Receipts £ | Payments £ | Transfers £ | Closing Balance £ |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| General Fund | 980 | 40,882 | (33,857) | - | 8,005 |
| | 980 | 40,882 | (33,857) | - | 8,005 |
| Restricted funds | | | | | |
| National Lottery Awards for All | 10,858 | - | (10,858) | - | - |
| Brelms Trust | 3,813 | - | (3,796) | - | 17 |
| Asda | 678 | - | (678) | - | - |
| Garfield Weston Foundation | - | 7,500 | (7,043) | - | 457 |
| Allen Lane Foundation | - | 5,000 | (2,719) | - | 2,281 |
| The Wharfedale Foundation | - | 10,000 | (2,461) | - | 7,539 |
| Webmart Ltd Grant | - | 7,350 | - | - | 7,350 |
| Gripple Foundation | - | 350 | (341) | - | 9 |
| | 15,349 | 30,200 | (27,896) | - | 17,653 |
| Total Funds | 16,329 | 71,082 | (61,753) | - | 25,658 |

7. Restricted Funds

- National Lottery Awards for All – grant funding received in 2024 towards rent, office costs, equipment and developing a new website.
- Brelms Trust – grant funding received in 2024 for core costs. The charity used the funds to develop training courses, design course manuals and cover trainer and accreditation costs.
- Asda – grant funding in 2024 for therapy and art events and office supplies.
- Garfield Weston Foundation – Grant funding to cover general building, rent, utilities and office costs.
- Allen Lane Foundation – Grant funding to cover rent, core running costs and educational materials for the Lotus.
- The Wharfedale Foundation – Grant funding towards peer support workshops and staff salaries.

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- Webmart Ltd – Grant funding received at the end of 2025 to fund the setting up and running of Trauma Recovery Retreats.
- Gripple Foundation – Grant funding towards the refurbishment of the Lotus Therapy room including flooring and lighting.