

Company registration number 14613939 (England and Wales)

CREWE YOUTH ZONE LTD
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

CREWE YOUTH ZONE LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	G Ramsbottom	
	V J Haworth	
	J I S O'Doherty	
	J S Warren	
	C L Williamson	
	D M Ashwell	(Appointed 28 June 2024)
	N L Heath	(Appointed 28 June 2024)
	D M Smith	(Appointed 28 June 2024)
Senior Management Team	Stuart Manifould	Chief Executive
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Charity registration	England and Wales	
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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the company, present their Directors' report for the purposes of section 415 of the Companies Act 2006 and Trustees' Annual Report for the purposes of section 162 of the Charities Act 2011 together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the period ending 31 March 2025.

Crewe Youth Zone Ltd was incorporated on 24 January 2023 (Company registration number: 14613939) as a company limited by guarantee and registered as a Charity on 7 August 2023 (Charity registration number: 1204227).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Who we are

Crewe Youth Zone, recently named by young people as 'The Dome', will be a purpose built facility for the town's young people aged 8 – 19, and up to 25 for those with additional needs.

The Youth Zone will be located on the Oak Street Car Park to the south of the town centre, and is expected to be completed in 2026/27. It is core component of a wider development funded by Crewe Towns Fund which sees the development of several sites across the town. The Towns Fund programme focuses on town centre regeneration, culture and heritage, community spaces and connected places. The programme will achieve a range of benefits including substantial regeneration of the Flag Lane Community Hub, the extension of Cumberland Arena and the Mill Street Corridor which will see a significantly improved cycling and pedestrian route along the road.

Crewe Youth Zone will join a network of similar independent youth organisations that all share the same principles, developed by the Charity OnSide Youth Zones, which is building 21st century youth facilities across the UK. Youth Zones are based upon a proven model, which has been established in several other towns and cities across the country, and young people from Crewe will have access to a variety of fantastic activities for a cost of only £5 for an annual membership and 50p per visit. The Youth Zone will provide a safe environment, where young people can spend their leisure time, helping each young person to raise their aspirations, as well as improve their physical and mental health. Up to 20 different activities will take place each night, such as football, boxing, dancing, climbing, creative arts, music, drama and employability training – all for just 50p per visit.

The OnSide Youth Zone model uses a unique partnership approach; drawing together the Local Authority, private sector businesses, young people and the wider local community. This partnership approach aims to establish the Youth Zone right in the heart of the community for the long term, whilst meeting the needs of young people today. Preparation for Crewe Youth Zone has been taking place for a number of years, with all the capital funding in place to develop this amazing new facility, and an active revenue fundraising campaign underway that will provide the necessary funds required to operate the Youth Zone for the first three years. Following the end of the financial period, site preparations are underway, and we look forward to construction works progressing in 2025/2026. Expectations are for an official opening taking place in 2026 when Crewe's young people can begin to benefit from their amazing new Youth Zone.

Objective and activities

Crewe Youth Zone's objects are to help and educate children and young people resident in Crewe and surrounding areas through their leisure time activities by promoting their full physical and spiritual potential in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and their conditions of life may improve.

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Public benefit

All the activities of the Charity (as summarised above) were undertaken to further its charitable purposes for public benefit. The provision of a high-quality town centre facility for young people responds to a clear, ongoing demand from young people, parents and wider communities for more and better places for young people to go. Providing a service to all young people, Crewe Youth Zone will focus on attendance and participation by young members across the entire community who will be able to enjoy affordable access to all the opportunities that the facilities will provide. This will lead to improved achievements and enhanced aspirations amongst young members of the local community. They will be happier, healthier and make more constructive use of their leisure time which consequently will help reduce nuisance and antisocial behaviour. Longer term public benefits will include improved health, reduced crime, enhanced learning and employability and greater community cohesion.

The Trustees of Crewe Youth Zone believe they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Volunteers

Throughout the period all members of the Board of Trustees made invaluable voluntary contributions to the Charity's work in terms of governance, professional and business experience, financial planning, fundraising and leading initiatives across the project. Such contributions were, on average, equivalent to two full days each calendar month.

Achievements during the period

We are indebted to the capital funders who have committed to support the Youth Zone. Cheshire East Council, Crewe Towns Fund and the Government's Youth Investment Fund have committed their support to the capital project along with strategic funders the Garfield Weston Foundation and BP International Ltd; together these funders have provided all of the finances needed for the construction and fit out of the facility, provide all the remaining capital funding required and have been instrumental in driving the project forward. Cheshire East Council, Crewe Towns Fund, the Youth Investment Fund have also pledged revenue support during the pre-opening phase and early years of the Youth Zone's operation.

The Founder Patron campaign, which provides a significant proportion of the operating revenue for the Youth Zone, aims to secure a total of £3.4m to support the first three years of running costs of the Youth Zone; this will come from a combination of supporters at Founder Patron (£100k) and Cornerstone Patron (£400k) levels. We are pleased to report that we have already confirmed pledges of support from Julia and Hans Rausing Trust, UK Fuels Limited, Bentley Motors Limited, Morning Foods Limited, NWF Group plc and AO Smile Foundation.

In the lead up to incorporation and throughout 2024/2025, the Charity's Trustees and partners have worked tirelessly to ensure the project remains on course despite delays experienced. We are grateful for the resolute support of all the Youth Zone's funders, supporters and champions who have remained committed to our work with young people.

Crewe Youth Zone enjoys the support of OnSide Youth Zones (charity number 1125893) in its development and will become a member of the growing OnSide network of Youth Zones.

Financial review

A summary of the results is shown below:

£	
Incoming resources	2,990,237
Outgoing resources	(728,663)
Net incoming resources	2,261,604

The Charity is still in its early life with grants and donations being received to fund the design and construction of the Youth Zone. The Charity continues to cultivate further donations to support future revenue expenses from a variety of sources as outlined above (see "achievements in the period").

The Charity had total reserves of £3,051,228 at 31 March 2025.

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Reserves policy

The Charity has secured the funding to complete the construction of the Youth Zone and the Founder Patron (revenue) campaign is well underway. The Trustees have prepared projections of the operating costs expected once the facility is open. The Board of Trustees of Crewe Youth Zone has established a reserves policy which appropriately reflects the risks to which the Charity is exposed. Once the Youth Zone is operating and in compliance with such policy, it will review regularly both the sum it wishes to hold in reserves in the unrestricted budget and the basis for that figure. The reserves policy does not consider expenditure which is linked to restricted projects and therefore covered by restricted funds.

In reviewing the potential costs that could arise should a significant reduction in income be incurred, the Trustees have determined that unrestricted, 'free', reserves should be maintained at approximately 3 months running costs. This is based on the running costs when the Youth Zone is fully operational and is not therefore based on the expenditure in these accounts.

Total reserves at 31 March 2025 were £3,051,228 of which £2,799,961 are restricted reserves and £251,267 are unrestricted reserves.

Principal funding sources

The Directors wish to record their thanks to all those individuals and organisations who have made donations or pledged their support to the work of the Charity; this includes all those listed above plus other anonymous donors.

We cannot overstate the importance of the Founder Patrons who have committed their support to Crewe Youth Zone so far. In particular, as Cornerstone Patrons, the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust has shown incredible enthusiasm and generosity toward the project, and their involvement will only add to the credibility of our work, helping to draw further support from the local business and philanthropic community.

Investment activities

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the charitable company has the power to make any investment which the Trustees see fit. Investments are made where required to further the aims and objects of the Charity. The Charity does not currently hold any investments other than cash on deposit with Handelsbanken plc.

Plans for future periods

With all parties fully committed to the completion of Crewe Youth Zone, work is continuing to execute the construction of an incredible facility to provide a welcoming, high spec and attractive impression to all visiting young people. As construction progresses, the Youth Zone will look to significantly increase the size of the team employed; with just 3 members of staff currently in place, the Chief Executive will lead on this exercise, creating a large delivery and support team to include both paid staff and volunteers, who will be recruited and inducted ready for opening.

At the same time, the campaign will continue to grow the Youth Zone's family of Founder Patrons with a target of ensuring that the Youth Zone's pre-opening and first three years of running costs are fully funded.

Crewe Youth Zone already benefits from a Board of experienced and committed Trustees. To build on this, and in preparation for full operation, the organisation will continue to expand the Board of Directors / Trustees including portfolios for finance, legal, safeguarding, People, etc. who will provide effective governance, oversight and support across the full spectrum of Youth Zone operations and activities.

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Crewe Youth Zone is a company limited by guarantee without share capital and registered under the Companies Act 2006, registration number 14613939. The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 24 January 2023. Management of the company's affairs is vested in the co-Directors. It is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission on 07 August 2023.

In the event of a winding up, the present members and those who have ceased to be a member within one year of such an event have guaranteed the liabilities of the company to the sum not exceeding ten pounds each.

The directors/trustees who served during the period are:

G Ramsbottom

V J Haworth

J I S O'Doherty

J S Warren

C L Williamson

D M Ashwell

(Appointed 28 June 2024)

N L Heath

(Appointed 28 June 2024)

D M Smith

(Appointed 28 June 2024)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The first Directors were the subscribers to the memorandum as notified to Companies House as the first Directors of the Charity. A person appointed as a Director thereupon becomes a Member of the Charity and a Director who ceases to hold office for any reason thereupon ceases to be a Member of the Charity. Directors have the power to appoint, by ordinary resolution, any person to be a Director who is willing to act as such. New Directors will be recruited according to the needs of the Charity and the suitability of possible candidates. A unanimous approval of existing Directors would lead to their appointment.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association states that the number of members (Directors) shall have no maximum and shall not be less than three. At the first Annual General Meeting all Directors must retire and seek re-election. At each subsequent Annual General Meeting one third of the Directors are required to retire by rotation and seek re-appointment if they wish to continue.

The Members of the Charity are its Directors for the time being and the only persons eligible to be Members of the Charity are its Directors.

Full details of the rules are contained in the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated on incorporation on 24 January 2023, which may be inspected at the Crewe Youth Zone registered office.

A pay review will be conducted annually by the Chief Executive with a proposal being brought to the Nomination & Remuneration Committee. The CEO remains responsible for the proposal of the Organisation's employees remuneration with oversight from the Committee. The Committee shall be consulted on the CEO's proposed total planned aggregate employee costs for the next financial year, including the proposed standard annual salary uplift, prior to the setting of the annual budget. A number of scenarios may be presented to the Committee which consider economic conditions, individual performance and the financial security of the Organisation

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Organisational structure

Crewe Youth Zone is governed by its Trustee Board which is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation and the policy of the Charity. The Trustees carry the ultimate responsibility for the conduct of Crewe Youth Zone and for ensuring that the Charity satisfies its legal and contractual obligations. Trustees meet approximately 5 times a year and may delegate the implementation of their decisions or day-to-day operation of the organisation to senior management, any employee of the Charity, person or committee as they see fit. Any committee must include at least one Trustee. The Trustee Board is independent from management.

Decisions are determined by a simple majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting has the casting vote.

Risk management

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and have established suitable risk management and control procedures

Related party transactions

Are disclosed in Note 20 to the financial statements.

Statement of trustee's responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Crewe Youth Zone Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that DonnellyBentley Ltd be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

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Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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G Ramsbottom
Trustee

Date: *5th November 2025*

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CREWE YOUTH ZONE LTD

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Crewe Youth Zone Ltd (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other matter

The corresponding figures for the period to 31 March 2024 have not been audited as the charity was exempt from audit. This was because the level of income for the year to 31 March 2024 was below £1 million and therefore an audit was not required by the Charities Act 2011.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF CREWE YOUTH ZONE LTD

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustee's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustee's report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustee's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustee's report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustee's responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the company and the sector in which it operates and considered the risk of non-compliance with applicable laws or regulations.

We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial and Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), those that relate to safeguarding and child protection and those that relate to employment law. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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We obtained an understanding of how the company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making enquiries of the management. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of board minutes.

Our tests also included agreeing the financial statements disclosures to underlying supporting documentation. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud.

We also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the management or trustees that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Catherine Cole

Catherine Cole (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of DonnellyBentley Ltd, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

Hazlemere

70 Chorley New Road

Bolton

Lancashire

BL1 4BY

Date: *5 November 2025*

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	249,820	2,738,940	2,988,760	-	874,577	874,577
Investments	4	1,477	-	1,477	63	-	63
Total income		251,297	2,738,940	2,990,237	63	874,577	874,640
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	93	13,653	13,746	-	11,776	11,776
Charitable activities	6	-	714,887	714,887	-	73,240	73,240
Total expenditure		93	728,540	728,633	-	85,016	85,016
Net income and movement in funds		251,204	2,010,400	2,261,604	63	789,561	789,624
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		63	789,561	789,624	-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		251,267	2,799,961	3,051,228	63	789,561	789,624

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		2,648,940		787,069
Current assets					
Debtors	13	184,063		287,017	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,399,204		47,866	
		1,583,267		334,883	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,180,979)		(332,328)	
Net current assets			402,288		2,555
Total assets less current liabilities			3,051,228		789,624
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	17	2,799,961		789,561	
Unrestricted funds	18	251,267		63	
		3,051,228		789,624	

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 5th November 2025



G Ramsbottom
Trustee

CREWE YOUTH ZONE LTD

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	21		3,212,673		834,898
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,862,812)		(787,095)	
Investment income received		1,477		63	
Net cash used in investing activities			(1,861,335)		(787,032)
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			1,351,338		47,866
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			47,866		-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,399,204		47,866

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Crewe Youth Zone Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Suite Ge, Atria, Spa Road, Bolton, BL1 4AG.

1.1 Reporting period

The financial statements have been prepared for a period of 12 months. The prior year financial statements were prepared for a period of more than 12 months due to incorporation on 24 January 2023 (Company registration number: 14613939) as a company limited by guarantee. The comparative figures and related notes are therefore not entirely comparable.

1.2 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.5 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computer equipment	33% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	249,820	-	249,820	-	-	-
Government grants	-	2,738,940	2,738,940	-	874,577	874,577
	<u>249,820</u>	<u>2,738,940</u>	<u>2,988,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>874,577</u>	<u>874,577</u>

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4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Bank interest received	1,477	63

5 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity						
Staging fundraising events	-	5,184	5,184	-	-	-
Film production	-	6,000	6,000	-	-	-
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	8,944	8,944
Trips and minibus hire	93	2,469	2,562	-	2,832	2,832
	<u>93</u>	<u>13,653</u>	<u>13,746</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,776</u>	<u>11,776</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2025 £	Charitable activities 2024 £
Direct costs		
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	714,887	73,240
Analysis by fund		
Restricted funds	<u>714,887</u>	<u>73,240</u>

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7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	109,570	8,096
Depreciation	941	26
Telephone	419	173
Computer costs	5,062	761
Brand design	-	9,000
Insurance	1,121	567
Other staff costs	7,938	858
Other costs	2,887	684
OnSide capital project fees	514,045	36,000
Accountancy fees	6,292	3,080
Recruitment costs	9,600	11,775
Marketing & research	54,492	-
Governance costs	2,520	2,220
	<u>714,887</u>	<u>73,240</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>714,887</u>	<u>73,240</u>

8 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	8,100	-
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>941</u>	<u>26</u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or had expenses reimbursed by the charity during the year. (2024 £nil).

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Administration	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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10 Employees

(Continued)

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	100,506	7,906
Social security costs	6,783	-
Other pension costs	2,281	190
	<u>109,570</u>	<u>8,096</u>

Key management personnel is considered to be the Chief Executive. The total amount of employee benefits paid to the key management personnel for the period was £68,644 (2024: £3,923).

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
£60,001 to £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Crewe Youth Zone - building under construction £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	784,702	2,393	787,095
Additions	<u>1,857,354</u>	<u>5,458</u>	<u>1,862,812</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>2,642,056</u>	<u>7,851</u>	<u>2,649,907</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	-	26	26
Depreciation charged in the year	<u>-</u>	<u>941</u>	<u>941</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>967</u>	<u>967</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	<u>2,642,056</u>	<u>6,884</u>	<u>2,648,940</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>784,702</u>	<u>2,367</u>	<u>787,069</u>

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13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	152,592	286,808
Prepayments and accrued income	31,471	209
	<u>184,063</u>	<u>287,017</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security		6,994	1,524
Deferred income	15	490,605	262,035
Trade creditors		658,001	58,713
Other creditors		20,015	4,756
Accruals		5,364	5,300
		<u>1,180,979</u>	<u>332,328</u>

15 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Arising from Deferred income	<u>490,605</u>	<u>262,035</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	<u>490,605</u>	<u>262,035</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	262,035	-
Resources deferred in the year	<u>228,570</u>	<u>262,035</u>
Deferred income at 31 March 2025	<u>490,605</u>	<u>262,035</u>

16 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>2,281</u>	<u>190</u>

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16 Retirement benefit schemes

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The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
	-	-	-	-
Youth Investment Fund – revenue grant	1,657	726,937	(728,540)	54
Youth Investment Fund – capital grant	392,904	1,862,003	-	2,254,907
Cheshire East Capital - capital grant	395,000	150,000	-	545,000
	<u>789,561</u>	<u>2,738,940</u>	<u>(728,540)</u>	<u>2,799,961</u>
Previous Period:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
Youth Investment Fund – revenue grant	-	86,673	(85,016)	1,657
Youth Investment Fund – capital grant	-	392,904	-	392,904
Cheshire East Council - capital grant	-	395,000	-	395,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>874,577</u>	<u>(85,016)</u>	<u>789,561</u>

The restricted funds relate to monies received to fund the initial construction and fitting out of the building and the operating costs of Crewe Youth Zone. The Youth Investment Fund capital grant and Local Government grant relate to the construction of the Youth Zone.

18 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	63	251,297	(93)	251,267

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18 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Previous Period:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	-	63	-	63

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 March 2025:			
Tangible assets	-	2,648,940	2,648,940
Current assets/(liabilities)	251,267	151,021	402,288
	251,267	2,799,961	3,051,228
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	-	787,069	787,069
Current assets/(liabilities)	63	2,492	2,555
	63	789,561	789,624

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

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21	Cash generated from operations	2025 £	2024 £
	Surplus for the year	2,261,604	789,624
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,477)	(63)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	941	26
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	102,954	(287,017)
	Increase in creditors	620,081	70,293
	Increase in deferred income	228,570	262,035
	Cash generated from operations	3,212,673	834,898

22 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.