

The Tute

Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 30 November 2025

Registered Charity No. 1205700

**The Tute
Members of the Management Committee
and Professional Advisors
For the year ended 30 November 2025**

The Management Committee have pleasure in presenting their report and the un-audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 November 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity No 1205700

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Miners Welfare Institute
Ridley Terrace
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Jennifer Eddis
Tony Bowler

Accountant Mark Thompson MAAT
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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 November 2025

Achievement and performance

The year under review has been one of consolidation, growth, and increasing confidence for The Tute, as we continued to build on the strong foundations established in our first year as a registered charity. It has been heartening to see both our core activity and our ambition develop in ways that are clearly valued by the Cambois community.

Our core offerings of dance, writing, and creative playgroup have continued to thrive, and this year we were delighted to extend this programme with the introduction of a regular art group. The success of this group has exceeded expectations, quickly developing a waiting list and demonstrating a real appetite for visual art within the community. In response, we made the decision to use a portion of our reserves to make the group a permanent part of our programme while actively fundraising to secure its long-term future.

All of our regular groups were brought together through the Stronger Shores project, which created a valuable opportunity for collaboration across disciplines. Working with artists Linda France and Katja Roberts, participants explored the Cambois coastline through film, visual art, and poetry. This project not only strengthened relationships between our groups but also deepened people's connection to place and to one another. Across all activities, participation has continued to grow, with many attendees reporting significant benefits to their health and wellbeing, reduced isolation, and describing The Tute's groups as a "lifeline".

This year also saw us deepen our relationship with QTS, whose support has been both practical and strategic. In addition to sponsoring the Rude Health festival, QTS staff took part in a volunteer day, helping to clear decades-old rubbish from beneath the stage and assisting with other essential tasks around the building. Encouraged by this partnership, we explored the possibility of purchasing the Miners Welfare Institute. A structural survey and valuation were commissioned, and while the landlord was ultimately not amenable to what we considered a fair market price, the process proved to be a net positive. It gave us a clearer understanding of the building, our responsibilities, and our position as tenants, strengthening our ability to plan for the future.

The summer months were marked by the welcome return of the Cambois Art Exhibition. With over 30 local artists exhibiting and more than 200 community members attending over the weekend, the event had a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere. It was a powerful reminder that the artistic spirit of Cambois is growing and that there is pride and excitement in seeing local creativity shared and celebrated.

Esther and Alex once again successfully fundraised for and delivered an ambitious second year of the Rude Health festival. The 2025 programme built on the strong foundations laid in 2024 and delivered marvellous results: eight unforgettable performance events, four workshops, two exhibitions, two creative school programmes, and a primary school tour. In total, Rude Health 2025 reached 1,162 people in person and provided work for 46 freelance practitioners. It is a testament to the strength of The Tute's reputation that renowned artists such as Liz Aggiss and Alistair McDowall were willing to come to Cambois to take part. Feedback and evaluation of activities and events has shown that audiences and participants from further afield are more and more interested and prepared to join the Cambois community for the offer The Tute is making.

Recognition of our work extended beyond the community this year, with The Tute being named a finalist in the North East Culture Awards in the category of Best Museum or Cultural Venue. We regard this as a significant achievement, particularly given that we were shortlisted alongside organisations with turnovers at least thirty times larger than our own.

Volunteer opportunities have continued to expand, and we also trialled a new Tea and IT initiative in partnership with NCVA. This programme has supported less tech-savvy community members to build confidence and skills, addressing a growing area of need and further reinforcing The Tute's role as a welcoming and supportive hub.

While funding remains a constant challenge, Esther and Alex have done a remarkable job in ensuring the organisation remains financially resilient. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of the Community Foundation, Sir James Knott Trust, the National Lottery Community Fund, the EDF Windfarm Fund, and QTS, whose continued belief in our work enables us to keep serving the community.

Looking ahead, we remain optimistic and ambitious. In the coming year we aim to continue working in schools to increase empathy and ambition, to produce the third Rude Health festival, to keep investing in and improving our space, and to explore new possibilities such as opening a bar for events. Above all, we remain committed to ensuring that The Tute continues to be a place where creativity, care, and community are at the heart of everything we do.

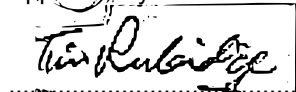
Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any 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 operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. 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.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Rubidge', is written over a rectangular box. Below the box is a horizontal dotted line.

Tim Rubidge, Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Report to the
trustees of**

The Tute

**On accounts for
the year ended**

30 November 2025

Charity no 1205700

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 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 Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; 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 January 2026

**Name:
Address:**

Mark Thompson MAAT
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Statement Of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30 November 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Incoming Resources	Notes				
Grants	2		116087	116087	110524
Donations		15429		15429	11425
Room Hire		1650		1650	965
Commissions		4500		4500	
Utility Refund		2709		2709	815
Miscellaneous				0	1450
Total Incoming Resources		24288	116087	140375	125179
Resources Expended					
Freelance Fees	3	11812	81528	93340	81924
Subs		75	85	160	357
Utilities		5254		5254	3632
Rent		5852		5852	6775
Insurance		0	2861	2861	299
Equipment		0	22315	22315	11570
Fundraising		4677		4677	
Advertising		231	1250	1481	436
Repairs		164	350	514	394
Training		584	1500	2084	1255
Misc		228		228	350
Total Resources Expended		28877	109889	138766	106992
Net income (expenditure) for the year		-4589	6198	1609	18187
Funds as at 1 December 2024		16320	1867	18187	
Total Funds as at 30 November 2025		11731	8065	19796	18187


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Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Currents Assets					
Cash at Bank		17296		10897	
Debtors & Prepayments	5	<u>2500</u>		<u>18529</u>	
		19796		29426	
Current Liabilities				11239	
Net Current Assets			19796		18187
Net Assets			19796		18187
Funds					
	4				
Restricted Funds			8065		1867
General Funds			11731		16320
			<u>19796</u>		<u>18187</u>

Approved by the Committee on **23.01.2026**

and signed on their behalf:



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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2025

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

The Tute meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Grant receivable and local authority fees

Grants received are accounted for on a receivable basis and credited to income. Any grants restricted to future accounting periods are deferred and recognised in those accounting periods.

1.3 Donations & Other Income

All income is accounted for when it is received.

1.4 Funds

Restricted funds comprise funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors and funders. The purpose and uses of the restricted reserves are set out in note 7 to the accounts. Unrestricted funds comprise funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Management Committee.

1.5 Expenditure

All is included on the accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the SOFA. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

2 Grants Received:

Sir James Knott Trust	4000
Community Foundation (EDF Wind Farm Fund)	20000
Community Foundation (Prime)	2000
November Club (Heritage Lottery Fund)	1400
Suez Communities Fund	19500
Rude Health (North of Tyne Combined Authorities) 2024	6915
Rude Health (North of Tyne Combined Authorities) 2025	42342
National Lottery Awards for All	19930

Total Grants Received	116087
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3 Staff Costs

No staff are directly employed by the organisation.

Freelance fees for the period were:

£93,093

4 Restricted Funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expend	C/fwd
November Club (Heritage Lottery Fund)	1867	1400	2022	1245
Sir James Knott Trust		4000	4000	0
Community Foundation (EDF Wind Farm Fund)		20000	18653	1347
Community Foundation (Prime)		2000	0	2000
Suez Communities Fund		19500	19500	0
Rude Health (North of Tyne Combined Authorities) 2024		6915	6915	0
Rude Health (North of Tyne Combined Authorities) 2025		42342	42342	0
National Lottery Awards for All		19930	16457	3473
Total	1867	116087	109889	8065

5 Debtors

Grant due (paid in arrears)

£2,500

Rude Health (North of Tyne Combined Authorities)