

TOGETHER OUR COMMUNITY
a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

TRUSTEES' REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR END
31 March 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

Trustees' Annual Report for Together Our Community

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Charity Information

Charity Name: Together Our Community (TOC)

Charity Registration Number: 1206902

Registered Address: 9 The Boardwalk, Chichester, PO19 1AR

Trustees

- Michael Collins (Appointed 6th February 2024) (Chair)
- Hilary Freeborough (Appointed 6th February 2024) (Ex-Officio)
- Sue Emerson (Appointed 27th June 2024) (Finance Committee Chair)
- Rosamund Gentle (Appointed 6th February 2024)
- Steven Thomson (Appointed 6th February 2024)
- Eamonn Gilbert (Appointed 27th June 2024)
- Sally Finnamore (Appointed 27th February 2025)

Independent Examiner

Sterling Gate Accountants, 86-90 Paul Street, London, EC2A 4NE

Bankers

NatWest, 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purpose:

The objects of the CIO are, for the benefit of the public, the relief of those with learning disabilities through means including but not limited to:

- (a) Facilitating access to employment, training, and volunteering opportunities.
- (b) Activities to support their health and wellbeing; and
- (c) Providing access to activities, facilities, and accommodation which support progress towards future independence and improved conditions of life.

Activities Undertaken:

During the financial year, TOC carried out the following key activities to further its charitable objectives:

- Provided supported access to volunteering and work experience opportunities for 60 young adults over 5 days per week during term times.
- Provided access to a range of tailored health and wellbeing activities working with partners to improve both mental and physical health in young people involving gym sessions, aqua aerobics, mental wellness sessions, team sports sessions and music therapy.
- Completed fundraising applications and events that raised £83,832 in donations, which allowed the purchase of a new minibus for the young people to attend activities in the community and supported the introduction of new mental health and wellbeing initiatives.
- Increased partnerships with organisations creating work/volunteering experience placements across the community in cafes, shops, farm, holiday park, communal gardens, foodbank and care home.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm they have complied with their duty to consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the charity is working fully in line with its purpose. TOC have continued to increase work and volunteering opportunities that the young adults can access and take up training activities so that they can continue to practice and build on skills they have gained at school and college. TOC have provided a range of enriched learning activities to help equip the young adults with all the skills needed to live as independent life as possible. They have also developed and are delivering a health and wellbeing programme helping young adults to increase their confidence and build strong self-esteem alongside developing an understanding of the importance maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

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Financial Review

Income and Expenditure:

The charity received a total income of £231,534.44, primarily from service payments, grants, donations, and fundraising events. Expenditure totalled £95,240.55, with the main costs being:

- Staffing Cost (£70,178.69)
- Administrative and operational costs (£20,926.54)
- Depreciation [£4,135]

The charity had purchased a minibus costing £55,138 which has been capitalised.

Reserves Policy:

At the end of the year, the charity held reserves of £30,000. The trustees aim to maintain a reserve sufficient to cover three months' operating and overhead costs to ensure financial stability and the ability to continue services in unforeseen circumstances. The remaining funds are predominantly made up of grants to continue project activities for the young people during 2025/26.

Restricted funds

The charity received £87,004 in restricted funds through a combination of donations and grants. During the year, a portion of these funds was spent, including £49,900 on the purchase of a minibus and £4,411 on rent and staffing costs. The minibus was capitalised (refer to note 6.3 for details on the depreciation method applied).

Fundraising Activities:

The charity raised funds through a combination of:

- Donations and fundraising events (£83,832)
- Grant funding (£43,105)

TOC adheres to Charity Commission guidance on fundraising/donations and follows ethical fundraising standards while maintaining transparency.

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Structure, Governance, and Management

Together Our Community is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered on 6th February 2024.

Governing Document:

TOC's governing constitution was adopted on 6th February 2024.

Trustee Recruitment and Induction:

Trustees are recruited based on their skills and expertise and have a commitment to the charity's purpose and mission. Trustee inductions ensure there is an understanding of legal and operational responsibilities and will have access to staff training related to key operational matters such as GDPR and safeguarding.

Risk Management:

The trustees conduct regular risk analysis as part of trustee and finance committee meetings and ensure TOC implement measures to mitigate financial, operational, and safeguarding risks. The charity maintains appropriate insurance coverage for liabilities and keeps this under review as TOC continues to increase opportunities for young people.

Plans for the Future

In 2025 TOC aims to:

- Expand opportunities supporting up to 100 young people access work and volunteering activities each week.
- Provide an accessible training kitchen/café supporting young people develop their confidence and key skills in hospitality
- Continue to deliver a high quality tailored programme of health and wellbeing activities
- Provide accessible accommodation that allows young adults with spaces that responds to their particular mental health/wellbeing needs and supports their continued progress towards a more independent life.
- Strengthen and increase fundraising efforts to secure sustainable funding sources and help TOC continue to expand and increase high quality opportunities for young people.
- Introduce a revised learning and work pathway that helps young people that want to transition into more permanent volunteering and work placements

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

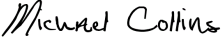
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Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records, safeguarding assets, and preparing financial statements that provide a true and fair view of the charity's financial status.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

Michael Collins
Chair of Trustees

Signed by:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

for the year ending 31/03/2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Together Our Community (1206902)

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ending 31/03/2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions

given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and

content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn

H.M Tuffaha - AFA
Institute of Financial Accountants
Sterling Gate Accountants

Signed by:

H.M Tuffaha

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TOGETHER OUR COMMUNITY**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and Grants	2	39,933.66	87,004.00	126,937.66
Charitable activities	3	104,596.78	-	104,596.78
Total		144,530.44	87,004.00	231,534.44
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	86,694.23	4,411.00	91,105.23
Other	5	392.86	3,742.46	4,135.32
Total		87,087.09	8,153.46	95,240.55
Net income/(expenditure)		57,443.35	78,850.54	136,293.89
Net movement in funds		57,443.35	78,850.54	136,293.89
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		57,443.35	78,850.54	136,293.89

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6	4,845.14	46,157.54	51,002.68
Total fixed assets		4,845.14	46,157.54	51,002.68
Current assets				
Debtors	7	3,390.20	-	3,390.20
Cash at bank and in hand	8	56,659.19	32,693.00	89,352.19
Total current assets		60,049.39	32,693.00	92,742.39
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	5,007.38	-	5,007.38
Net current assets/(liabilities)		55,042.01	32,693.00	87,735.01
Total assets less current liabilities		59,887.15	78,850.54	138,737.69
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	10	2,443.80	-	2,443.80
Total net assets or liabilities		57,443.35	78,850.54	136,293.89
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted funds	11	57,443.35		57,443.35
Restricted income funds	11		78,850.54	78,850.54
Endowment funds	11			-
Total funds		57,443.35	78,850.54	136,293.89

The financial statements were approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

MICHAEL COLLINS

Chair

Signed by:

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1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.2 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation. These accounts 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 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.3 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2 Income from Donations and Grants

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£
Donation and Grants	39,933.66	87,004.00	126,937.66
	<u>39,933.66</u>	<u>87,004.00</u>	<u>126,937.66</u>

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3 Income from Charitable Activities

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£
Sale of service	104,596.78	104,596.78
	<u>104,596.78</u>	<u>104,596.78</u>

4 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Total funds 2025
Analysis	£
Wages and salaries	44,789.94
Materials	1,157.84
Subcontractor Costs	25,388.75
Rent	11,742.00
Web Hosting	560.03
Computer Software	123.18
Internet & Telephone	384.60
Mobile Phone	176.55
Printing	96.52
Stationery	126.36
Sundries	216.11
Staff Training	154.00
Motor Expenses	791.50
Accommodations and Meals	408.94
Advertising & Promotions	302.00
Staff Entertaining	42.75
Legal and Professional Fees	525.30
Accountancy Fees	1,600.00
Insurance	2,391.26
Travel	127.60
	<u>91,105.23</u>

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5 Other Expenditure

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£
Depreciation Charge for the Year - Motor Vehicles	392.86	3,742.46	4,135.32
	<u>392.86</u>	<u>3,742.46</u>	<u>4,135.32</u>

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6 Tangible Fixed Assets

6.1 Cost or valuation

	Motor Vehicles
	£
At 06 February 2024	-
Additions	55,138.00
Disposals	-
Revaluations	-
Transfers	-
At 31 March 2025	55,138.00

6.2 Depreciation and impairments

	Motor Vehicles
	£
At 06 February 2024	-
Additions	4,135.32
Disposals	-
Revaluations	-
Transfers	-
At 31 March 2025	4,135.32

6.3 Net book value

	Motor Vehicles
	£
At 06 February 2024	-
At 31 March 2025	51,002.68

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During the year, the charity purchased a minibus at a total cost of £55,138 to support its charitable activities. This purchase was funded primarily by a restricted grant of £49,900, with the remaining balance of £5,238 funded from the charity’s unrestricted general funds. The minibus has been capitalised as a tangible fixed asset and is being depreciated on a straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of 10 years. Depreciation is charged proportionately between restricted and unrestricted funds based on the original source of funding, with 90.5% of the annual depreciation allocated to restricted funds and 9.5% to unrestricted funds.

7 Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2025
	£
Trade debtors	3,390.20
	3,390.20

8 Cash at bank and in hand

	Total funds 2025
	£
Cash at bank and on hand	89,352.19
	89,352.19

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2025
	£
Trade creditors	5,007.38
	5,007.38

10 Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year

	Total funds 2025
	£
Taxation and social security	2,443.80
	2,443.80

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11 Charity funds

11.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	-	144,530.44	87,087.09	-	-	57,443.35
Restricted income funds	-	87,004.00	8,153.46	-	-	78,850.54
Total	-	231,534.44	95,240.55	-	-	136,293.89

11.2 Transfers between funds

This Year

	Amount £
Between unrestricted and restricted funds	-
Between endowment and restricted funds	-
Between endowment and unrestricted funds	-

Trustees Remunerations and Benefits

One trustee, Hilary Freeborough, received remuneration during the year amounting to £18,749.97. This payment was for services provided in a staff capacity and not in connection with her role as a trustee. She holds the position of Ex-officio and her remuneration relates solely to that role. No other trustees received any remuneration or benefits during the year

Related Party Transactions

Mrs. L Collins, the wife of a trustee, was employed by the charity during the year and received a salary of £18,749.97. The salary was determined based on her skills and experience and is considered fair and at arm's length, in line with the charity's governance standards. This transaction is disclosed in accordance with the requirements for related party transactions