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for the year ended 31 March 2025

Registered Charity Number 227332

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Trustee and advisers for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The following information about the financial year ended 31 March 2025 is presented in the form required by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 2019.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is governed by a Deed of Trust dated 6 December 1940 and is a registered charity (charity number 227332). It has a corporate Trustee, the Community Foundation North East. Details of governance and management regarding the Trustee board and executive officers of the group can be found in the financial statements of the Trustee. The Charity is registered in the United Kingdom.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the Trust are to provide grants to charitable organisations helping people in need in the historic counties of Northumberland and Durham (currently Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, Durham and part of Cleveland). It gives priority to appeals linked to the Methodist Church, as the settlor was an active Methodist, and through Brough Benevolent Association also helps a large number of individuals in need. During the year 6 charities or organisations have benefited from grants from Joseph Brough Charitable Trust with total grants awarded of £43,933. The day to day running of the charity is carried out by its Trustee and during the year the charity paid £5,000 to its Trustee for administration costs.

The Joseph Brough Charitable Trust exists and operates for the public benefit. Through its grantmaking it works to help people in need in the historic counties as described above. The Trustee confirms that it has referred to the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and grantmaking and is satisfied that the requirements have been met.

Achievements and performance

During the financial year ended 31 March 2025 the Trustee awarded £43,933 of new grants, which are listed in Note 5 of the financial statements.

Investment policy

The trust deed provides power of investment and the assets of the Trust are invested by the investment managers who at the year end were CCLA Investment Management Limited. The Trustee appoints an Investment Committee made up of directors of Community Foundation North East and other co-opted members. The Investment Committee meet with the investment managers, usually on a quarterly basis, and monitor their performance in relation to a recognised charity benchmark. Clear guidelines have been agreed in relation to investment strategy and these are also reviewed by the Investment Committee on a quarterly basis or when the market has been particularly volatile. Performance information for the year showed the funds decreased by a total return of 1.46% (net). The Committee were content with performance on the funds in light of the difficult financial market conditions.

Financial Review

During the current financial year, the Trust had net expenditure of £78,866 (2024: income £241,135) after deduction of investment losses of £97,198 (2024: gains of £214,591).

Risk Management

The Trustee has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to manage these risks.

Reserves

Due to the nature of the trust fund it is the policy to pay its income out in grants and therefore reserves are kept to a minimum. The Trust only awards grants from income actually received, so although income will be reduced in the coming year commitments have not been made beyond those that are covered by income.

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Plans for future periods

The Trustee plans to continue to use available funds to provide grants to charitable organisations helping people in need in the historic counties of Northumberland and Durham.

Statement of the trustee's responsibilities

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustee 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgments 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 business.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the trust deed. It is 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.

Independent Examiners

Azets Audit Services have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their reappointment as independent examiners of the charity will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf:



Phil Moorhouse

**Chair and Director for Community Foundation North East
24 September 2025**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Member of Joseph Brough Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statement of the Joseph Brough Charitable Trust for the year ended 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 in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Date: 8.10.25

Azets Audit Services is a trading name of Azets Audit Services Limited

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Investment income	4	67,295	-	67,295	78,812
Total income and endowments		67,295	-	67,295	78,812
Expenditure on:					
Investment management costs		-	-	-	2,811
Charitable activities	5	48,963	-	48,963	49,457
Total expenditure		48,963	-	48,963	52,268
(Losses)/gains on investment assets		-	(97,198)	(97,198)	214,591
Net income/(expenditure) and movement on funds		18,332	(97,198)	(78,866)	241,135
Total funds brought forward		55,597	2,369,448	2,425,045	2,183,910
Total funds carried forward		73,929	2,272,250	2,346,179	2,425,045

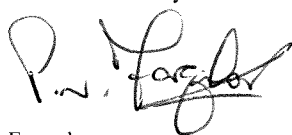
All of the above results are derived from continuing operations. All gains and losses which were incurred in the current year and prior year are included above. The comparative figures for each fund are shown in the notes to the accounts (note 2).

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed asset investments	6		2,272,250		2,369,448
Current assets					
Debtors	7	16,853		16,753	
Cash at bank and in hand		64,076		45,844	
Total current assets		80,929		62,597	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(7,000)		(7,000)	
Net current assets			73,929		55,597
Total assets less current liabilities			2,346,179		2,425,045
The funds of the Charity:					
Endowment funds	9	2,272,250		2,369,448	
Restricted income funds	9	73,929		55,597	
Total charity funds		2,346,179		2,425,045	

The financial statements on pages 5 to 13 were approved by the Trustee on 24 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Paul Farquhar

**Treasurer and Director for Community Foundation North East
Trustee**

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of listed investments. 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 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Joseph Brough Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) Cash flow

The Trust is a small entity and, as such, it has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of Section 7 of Financial Reporting Standard 102.

c) Income and expenditure

Investment income, deposit interest and expenditure are included in the financial statements on an accruals basis.

d) Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Grant commitments are accounted for on an accruals basis, once approved by the Trustee.

e) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants made and the administration costs associated with grantmaking.

f) Governance costs

Governance costs of the Trust have been met by its Trustee.

g) Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the year end and any gain or loss on investments is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

h) Permanent endowment and restricted funds

The permanent endowment fund is the Joseph Brough Charitable Trust Reserve. The income from this is applied to the restricted fund and utilised in accordance with the terms of the endowment, which states that the monies may be used to further the objects of the charity.

i) Debtors

Dividends and interest receivable are stated at the amount due to be received.

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1 Accounting Policies (continued)

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of twelve months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

k) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. This includes grants payable when the offer is approved and conveyed to the recipient. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

l) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

There are no such judgements within the financial statements.

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2 Statement of Financial Activities prior year fund comparatives

	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:			
Investment income	78,812	-	78,812
Total income and endowments	78,812	-	78,812
Expenditure on:			
Investment management costs	-	2,811	2,811
Charitable activities	49,457	-	49,457
Total expenditure	49,457	2,811	52,268
Gains on investment assets	-	214,591	214,591
Net income and movement on funds	29,355	211,780	241,135
Fund balances brought forward	26,242	2,157,668	2,183,910
Fund balances carried forward	55,597	2,369,448	2,425,045

3 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and its investment income is not subject to income, capital gains or corporation tax provided that the income generated is applied to charitable purposes.

4 Investment income

	2025 £	2024 £
Dividends and interest from endowment fund investments	67,295	78,812

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5 Charitable activities

The Joseph Brough Charitable Trust undertakes its charitable activities through grantmaking.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants payable	43,933	44,427
Direct costs – grants administration fee	5,000	5,000
Direct costs – bank charges	30	30
	48,963	49,457
Grants awarded during the year ended 31 March 2025 were:		£
Brundibar Arts Festival		9,582
Fenham Association of Residents		7,500
Greggs Foundation		7,000
P.R.O.P.S North East		5,000
South Shields FC Foundation Ltd		7,500
West End Refugee Service		7,351
Total grants awarded 2025		43,933
Total grants awarded 2024		44,427

The Trust does not employ any staff (2024: none) and therefore has incurred no staff costs during the year (2024: £nil).

The independent examination fees are paid by the parent charitable company and are included in the consolidated accounts.

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6 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Market value at 1 April 2024	2,369,448
Unrealised losses on revaluation	(97,198)
Market value at 31 March 2025	2,272,250
Cost at 31 March 2025	1,932,208
Cost at 31 March 2024	1,932,208

Listed investments are summarised as follows:-

	2025 Market Value £	2024 Market Value £
Collective Investment Schemes	2,272,250	2,369,448
	2,272,250	2,369,448

7 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Dividends and Interest Receivable	16,853	16,753

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants payable	7,000	7,000

9 Funds of the charity

	Balance 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Gains and (losses)	Balance 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowment fund	2,369,448	-	-	(97,198)	2,272,250
Restricted fund	55,597	67,295	(48,963)	-	73,929
Total funds	2,425,045	67,295	(48,963)	(97,198)	2,346,179

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Investments	-	2,272,250	2,272,250
Current assets	80,929	-	80,929
Current liabilities	(7,000)	-	(7,000)
Total net assets	73,929	2,272,250	2,346,179

11 Transactions with the Trustee and Related parties

During the year the Trust made payments totalling £5,000 (2024: £5,000) to its Trustee for administrative services provided in relation to the payment of grants.

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12 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Community Foundation North East a company incorporated in England whose company number is 02273708. The consolidated financial statements of Community Foundation North East can be obtained from Philanthropy House, Woodbine Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 1DD.

Community Foundation North East is the smallest and the largest group to consolidate the organisation's financial results.

