

Company registration number: **00953582**

Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

Company limited by guarantee

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for
the year ended 5 May 2025**

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number 258768

Company registration number 0953582

Registered office c/o 76 Grestone Avenue
Birmingham, B20 1AY

Trustees David Winkley
Ann Elizabeth Twells
Richard Alan Jones
Christopher Smith
Andrew Pilmore
Howard Matty (appointed as Trustee only)
Gill Sparrow
Kerensa Neal (appointed as Trustee only)
Charlene Bull
Frances Duncan

Honorary Secretary Kerensa Neal

Members Council Mr C Smith Chairman
Mr A Pilmore Treasurer
Mrs K Neal Honorary Secretary

Independent Examiner Mr D Thebridge
Aric Accountants Limited
Sutton Coldfield, B73 5XE

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Trustee's Report

Year ended 5 May 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 5 May 2025. The trustees, who unless otherwise indicated, are also directors of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

The company is limited by guarantee and the charity is governed by directors who are also Trustees as listed on page 1.

New Trustees

The board continually review the number of trustees, and encourage teachers at subscriber schools to get involved by attending management or trustee meetings to ensure continuity and a pool of people to replace trustees wishing to retire. Over a period of time they learn the processes of decision making and are guided through the demands and responsibilities required of trustees so that in due course they are willing to be formally appointed.

Objectives and activities

Objects

To advance the education of, and to provide or assist in providing country hostels and other facilities for recreation or other leisure time activities in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their condition of life for the benefit of poor and deprived children and young persons regardless of race, colour or creed.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that:

In the exercise of their powers as charity trustees, they have had due regard to the published guidance from the Charity Commission on the operation of the public benefit requirement; and

The aims of the charity are carried out for the benefit of the public.

Achievements and performance

The Brighouse building and site were again fully operational for both day and residential visits throughout the academic year 2024-25 with all BCCV member schools making the most of the outdoor experiences available at The Brighouse. The Brighouse has in place a busy booking calendar for 2025-26

The BCCV trustees held "in person" trustee meetings throughout the academic year (thank you to Plantsbrook Secondary School for hosting these meetings). The decision to make all termly BCCV members meetings all "virtual" meetings for the academic year 2024-25 both improved attendance and engagement with the BCCV. The final members meeting of the academic year took place on site at The Brighouse to view developments there across the academic year. BCCV trustees' main aims during 2024-25 were to ensure that The Brighouse remained fully operational and to regularly monitor the BCCV's financial position with a view to ensure the BCCV's sustainability and viability. Our reserves plus annual charges to member schools enabled the BCCV to remain financially viable for the financial year of 2024-25. The annual charge to member schools to cover increased annual running costs of The Brighouse remained at £2,000 for the academic year 2024-25.

Membership of the BCCV has remained strong. One school terminated their membership of the BCCV at the end of August 2025. This vacant membership was taken up by two schools on a joint membership agreement. There are currently no vacant BCCV memberships.

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The BCCV trustees have taken the opportunity to implement the following planned developments at The Brighthouse site during 2024-25:

1. The Chair's 2025 annual summer holiday audit of catering, cleaning and play equipment indicated the need for some replacement and replenishment of resources / equipment in advance of The Brighthouse reopening for the academic year 2025-26.
2. The delivery of a staff workshop led by EdVis Guidance focussed on outdoor learning activities. This workshop was of no cost to BCCV member schools.
3. The most significant development in 2024-25 was the completion of the successful fund-raising campaign which raised £30,000 to enable the installation of solar panels covering the front apex of the roof of The Brighthouse. The solar panels installation was completed in May 2025. The impact of the solar panels of generating electricity and consequently reducing the BCCV's energy costs is already having significant positive impact on The Brighthouse's running costs.
4. Key priorities for 2025-26 for the BCCV trustees are to continue to constantly monitor BCCV financial resources and The Brighthouse's annual running costs particularly in light of the increased "cost of living" costs. This is important in order to sustain the long-term financial viability of the BCCV. BCCV trustees are continuing to explore further opportunities to make The Brighthouse building as "green" and energy efficient as possible.

Financial review

Income before interest has increased from £48,926 to £51,200 because of increased grant funding including from Alfred Leadbetter Trust Garfield Weston Foundation and the Roughley Trust which are acknowledged with gratitude. Costs fell from £58,740 to £44,581 with reductions in energy costs and repairs and maintenance. As a result there is a surplus of £7,256 compared to a deficit of £9,077 in which is big improvement.. It has not been possible to add to the sinking fund intended to provide sufficient funds for the time when major repairs such as new roof are required.

Future developments

Key priorities for 2025-26 for the BCCV trustees are to continue to constantly monitor **BCCV financial resources** and **The Brighthouse annual running costs** particularly in light of increased energy costs. Solar panels were installed in May 2025 for which a grant was secured. This will sustain the long-term financial viability of the BCCV and go towards making the Brighthouse "green" and as energy efficient as possible. The intention is to return income and expenditure to positive figure.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who, with two exceptions, are also directors of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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select suitable accounting policies and the 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

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

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies entitled to the small companies exemption.



C Smith- Director
October 2025



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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited.

I report on the accounts of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the year ended 5 May 2025 set out on pages 2 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

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

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (i) proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with such accounting records
- (iii) where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102).



October 2025

David Thebridge FCA

Independent examiner

Keystone House, 247a Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5XE

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 5 May 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income (notes 3 and 4)		
Income and endowments from:		
Grants		
Donations and legacies	19,200	6,000
Charitable Activities- membership and joining fees	32,000	42,676
Charitable Activities- other hire and income	-	300
Investment income	637	737
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Total income	51,837	49,663
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Expenditure (note 6)		
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	0	-
Charitable activities	43,717	57,876
Depreciation and amortisation and depreciation	864	864
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Total expenditures expended	44,581	58,740
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Net income(expenditure) for the year and		
net income/(expense) for the year	7,256	(9,077)
Total funds brought forward	51,285	60,362
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Total funds carried forward	58,541	51,285

Statement of Total Comprehensive Income Year ended 5 May 2025

Surplus/Deficit for the financial year	<u>7,256</u>	<u>(9,077)</u>
Total comprehensive income	7,256	(9,077)

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 5 May 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	13,218	14,082
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments		1,568	1,484
Cash at bank and in hand		44,715	36,679
		<u>46,283</u>	<u>38,163</u>
		(960)	(960)
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>45,323</u>	<u>37,203</u>
Net current assets		<u>58,541</u>	<u>51,285</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			
Net Funds- all unrestricted			
		(1,459)	(8,715)
		60,000	60,000
Accumulated (deficit)/surplus		<u>58,541</u>	<u>51,285</u>
Designated sinking fund for major works in future			

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 5 May 2025

(c) that the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts:

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 5 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by


C Smith -Director

6.11.25

the notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 5 May 2025

	Other reserves	Income and expenditure account	Total
	£	£	£
At 6 May 2023	60,000	362	60,362
Deficit for the year	-	(9,077)	(9,077)
Total comprehensive income for the year			
At 5 May 2024	60,000	(8,715)	51,285
Surplus for the year	-	7,256	(9,077)
Total comprehensive income for the year			
At 5 May 2025	60,000	(1,459)	58,541

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Notes to the financial statements For Year ended 5 May 2025

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014.

1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income or is more likely than not to receive the resources and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included but is noted in the trustees report.

Income from investments representing bank interest is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Joining fees are not refundable and are payable when a school wishes to subscribe to use the facilities for residential experiences in order to deliver the curriculum. Annual subscriptions are payable at the start of the year and cover the use of the BigHouse for a specific number of days over the academic year subject to the terms and conditions. Both are recognised on the earlier of date of invoice or on receipt. No part of the annual membership is refundable.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred which is where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constrictive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise any costs associated with attracting voluntary income or grant funding. Generally there is no direct cost as trustees give their own time to seek grants.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and service for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs indirectly incurred in supporting the expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practise

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold properties	-	Straight line over the life of the lease (5 years)
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% straight line

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2. Voluntary income (all unrestricted)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations		
Alfred Leadbeater Trust	10,000	5,000
William Cadbury Trust	-	1,000
Edwards Trust	200	-
Garfield Weston	5,000	
Cole Charitable Trust	1,000	-
Roughley Trust	3,000	
	<u>19,200</u>	<u>6,000</u>

Income from charitable activities

Annual membership fees	32,000	42,626
Other income	-	300
	<u>51,200</u>	<u>48,926</u>

3. Investment income (all unrestricted)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	637	737

4 Expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
Operating Brigg House:		
Establishment costs, rates, power, insurance	11,838	15,705
Repairs, maintenance and running	17,881	26,008
Sundry costs	14,178	16,161
Total operating costs	<u>43,897</u>	<u>57,874</u>
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed asset	864	864
Total expenditure	<u>44,761</u>	<u>58,738</u>

Within sundry and admin costs are governance cost

Accountancy for independent examination	960	960
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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

5 Average number of employees

The average number of persons employed by the charitable company during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

6 Tangible assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery etc.	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 6 May 2024 and 5 May 2025	476,102	33,697	509,799
Depreciation			
At 6 May 2024	476,102	19,615	495,717
Charge	-	864	864
At 5 May 2025	476,102	19,615	495,717
Carrying amount			
At 5 May 2025	-	14,082	14,082
At 5 May 2024	-	14,082	14,082

7 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	1,568	1,484

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	960	960