



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 Period start date

To 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Wool Village Hall

Charity registration number: 269727

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To provide a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Wool in the County of Dorset without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Running a village hall, The D'Urberville Centre, in Wool which can be booked for a range of activities.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees provide a village hall for use by the public. The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>The charity provides a space for the whole community to use as they see fit. The aim is to provide a safe space for activities that support the health and emotional wellbeing of local residents through classes and social events.</b></p> <p><b>The hall is used for a huge range of activities, often run by local people. In usual circumstances the hall is used on a weekly basis by: the drama group, youth club, short mat bowls club, dance classes, yoga classes and Slimming World. One of the most valued weekly bookings is Wool Country Market: a significant event for the elderly population of the village.</b></p> <p><b>The hall is frequently used for charity events, parties, christenings, wedding receptions, AGMs, Parish Council meetings, NHS blood donor sessions, small local business meetings and children's holiday clubs. Wool Community Library and the Parish Clerk's office are also based at The D'Urberville Centre as is The Purbeck Workshop, a charity providing free art and craft workshops and events to cancer patients, carers and their families. Once a year it is the venue of Wool Carnival and it is used throughout the year for their fund-raising events.</b></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>quadrupled in the last 6 years.</b>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>A grant of £2,000 was secured to install an audio-visual system.</b>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>Cash at Bank and In Hand on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 was £3,653</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Standing Financial Instructions are that the Bank Balance should normally be held at no less than £5,000.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>The Trustees decided to authorise expenditure to cause the Bank Balance to fall just below £5,000 in order to complete planned maintenance work.</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>No Deficit of Funds arose during the period.</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>None.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Hiring of the Village Hall to a number of different organisations and individuals.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Trust deed</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Unincorporated</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Trustees are elected in the AGM</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wool Village Hall
Other name the charity uses	The D'Urberville Centre
Registered charity number	269727
Charity's principal address	The D'Urberville Centre Colliers Lane Wool Dorset BH20 6DL

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Cornes	Treasurer		
2	Rod Webb	Chairman		
3	Sue Kerr		10.06.2024 onwards	
4	Steve Smith	Secretary		
5	Robin Thorn			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

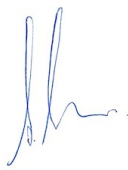
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Stephen Joseph Smith	
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Secretary	
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Date

20.09.2025
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**The D'Urberville Centre**

**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2024**

	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>Variance Fav/Adv</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>	£	£	£
Hirings	35 545	32 767	2 778
Grants	1 200	2 000	800
Donations	1 046	12 814	11 768
Solar Energy	549	1 110	561
	<u>38 340</u>	<u>48 690</u>	<u>10 350</u>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Electricity	1 979	1 361	618
Gas	1 742	2 359	617
Water	1 229	1 013	217
Insurance	1 623	1 705	82
Accountancy	758	900	142
Caretaking/Cleaning	21 893	19 948	1 945
Building Maint.	10 962	10 429	533
Cleaning Materials	1 185	969	216
Office Expenses	1 086	3 824	2 738
Depreciation	558	393	165
	<u>43 015</u>	<u>42 900</u>	<u>115</u>
<b><u>Surplus / Deficit of Income over Expenditure</u></b>			
<u>Deficit / Surplus</u>	<u>4 675</u>	<u>5 790</u>	<u>10 235</u>
 <u>Bank Balance at 31st December 2024</u>			<u>£11 199</u>

**The D'Urberville Centre**

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**

	<b><u>2024</u></b>		<b><u>2023</u></b>	
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>	£	£	£	£
At Cost	5 030		5 030	
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>3 558</u>	1 472	<u>3 166</u>	1 864
<b><u>Net</u></b>				
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>				
Cash at Bank	11 199		4 586	
Cash in Hand	<u>175</u>	<u>11 374</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>4 649</u>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>		12 845		6 513
<b><u>Less Current Liabilities</u></b>				
Accrued Liabilities		3 069		2 514
<b>Net Assets / Liabilities</b>		<u>9 776</u>		<u>3 999</u>

**Represented By:**

Accumulated Fund as at 31st December 2023	3 999
<b>Deficit</b> / Surplus of Income over Expenditure	<u>5 790</u>
Accumulated Fund as at 31st December 2024	<u>9 789</u>

Charity registration number: 269727

# Wool Village Hall

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

**Wool Village Hall**  
**known as The D'Urberville Centre**

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**Wool Village Hall**  
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**Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

**Objectives and activities**

***Objects and aims***

To provide a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Wool in the County of Dorset without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

***Objectives, strategies and activities***

Running a village hall. The D'Urberville Centre, in Wool which can be booked for a range of activities.

***Public benefit***

The trustees provide a village hall for use by the public. The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

**Achievements and performance**

The charity provides a space for the whole community to use as they see fit. The aim is to provide a safe space for activities that support the health and emotional wellbeing of local residents through classes and social events.

The hall is frequently used for charity events, parties, christenings, wedding receptions, AGMs, Parish Council meetings, NHS blood donor sessions, small local business meetings and children's holiday clubs. Wool Community Library and the Parish Clerk's office are also based at the D'Urberville Centre as in The Purbeck Workshop, a charity providing free art and craft workshops and events to cancer patients, carers and their families. Once a year it is venue of Wool Carnival and it is used throughout the year for their fund-raising events.

**Financial review**

The charity has free reserves of £8,288 as at 31 December 2024 (2023: £1,789). The Trustees consider this level of reserves to be sufficient to deliver charitable objectives for the next twelve months. Free reserves are calculated by deducting fixed assets from the unrestricted (and undesignated) reserves held at the year-end.

***Policy on reserves***

Cash at Bank and in hand on 31st December 2024 was £11,374 (2023: £4,649), Standing Financial Instructions are that the Bank Balance should normally be held at no less than £5,000.

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**Trustees' Report (continued)**

**Structure, governance and management**

***Nature of governing document***

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

Trustees are elected in the AGM.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity Registration Number: 269727

Principal Office: 3 The Briars  
Wool  
Dorset  
BH20 6NA

Trustees: S Smith  
S Kerr (appointed 10 June 2024)  
D M Cornes  
R Webb  
R Thorn (resigned 31 December 2024)

Independent Examiner: Ward Goodman Audit Services Ltd  
4 Cedar Park  
Ferndown Industrial Estate  
Wimborne  
Dorset  
BH21 7SF

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 16/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
S Smith  
Trustee

## Wool Village Hall

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### Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wool Village Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wool Village Hall for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Wool Village Hall 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 Wool Village Hall'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Wool Village Hall as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.



.....  
T M Mackey BSc ACA  
ICAEW

Ward Goodman Audit Services Limited  
4 Cedar Park  
Ferndown Industrial Estate  
Wimborne  
Dorset  
BH21 7SF

Date: 17/10/2025

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### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	12,814	2,000	14,814	1,046
Other trading activities	3	33,126	-	33,126	36,745
Other income	4	1,110	-	1,110	549
Total income		<u>47,050</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>49,050</u>	<u>38,340</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	<u>(40,943)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(42,943)</u>	<u>(43,361)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(40,943)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(42,943)</u>	<u>(43,361)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>6,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,107</u>	<u>(5,021)</u>
Net movement in funds		6,107	-	6,107	(5,021)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>3,653</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,653</u>	<u>8,674</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>9,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,760</u>	<u>3,653</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 11.



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**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	9	1,472	-	1,472	1,864
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		11,374	-	11,374	4,649
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<u>(3,086)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,086)</u>	<u>(2,860)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>8,288</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,288</u>	<u>1,789</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>9,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,760</u>	<u>3,653</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>					
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds				<u>9,760</u>	<u>3,653</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	11			<u>9,760</u>	<u>3,653</u>

The financial statements on pages 4 to 11 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 16/10/25... and signed on their behalf by:

  
D.M. Cornes  
Trustee

## **Wool Village Hall**

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#### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

##### **1 Accounting policies**

###### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

###### **Basis of preparation**

Wool Village Hall meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

###### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

###### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

###### ***Donations and legacies***

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

###### ***Grants receivable***

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

###### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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#### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

##### **1 Accounting policies (continued)**

###### ***Charitable activities***

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services 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.

###### **Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

###### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities

###### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is estimated individually for each asset in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Depreciation rates in the financial statements vary between 10% and 20% and are calculated on a straight line basis.

###### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due

###### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

###### **Creditors**

Creditors 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.

###### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	12,814	-	12,814	1,046
Grants, including capital grants;				
Grants from other charities	-	2,000	2,000	-
	<u>12,814</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>14,814</u>	<u>1,046</u>

### 3 Income from other trading activities

	Total funds £	Total 2023 £
Trading income;		
Hirings	33,126	36,745
	<u>33,126</u>	<u>36,745</u>

### 4 Other income

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other income	1,110	549

### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Village Hall		42,013	42,453
Governance costs	6	930	908
		<u>42,943</u>	<u>43,361</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

#### 6 Analysis of governance and support costs

##### Governance costs

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Independent examiner's fee	930	908
	<u>930</u>	<u>908</u>

#### 7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### 8 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies		1,046	-	1,046
Other trading activities		36,745	-	36,745
Other income		549	-	549
Total income		<u>38,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,340</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities		<u>(43,361)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(43,361)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(43,361)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(43,361)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(5,021)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,021)</u>
Net movement in funds		(5,021)	-	(5,021)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>8,674</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,674</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>3,653</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,653</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Furniture and equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January 2024	<u>5,030</u>	<u>5,030</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>5,030</u>	<u>5,030</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January 2024	<u>3,166</u>	<u>3,166</u>
Charge for the year	<u>392</u>	<u>392</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>3,558</u>	<u>3,558</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,472</u>	<u>1,472</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,864</u>	<u>1,864</u>

**10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Accruals and deferred income	<u>3,086</u>	<u>2,860</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

#### 11 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	3,653	47,050	(40,943)	9,760
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Magnox	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>3,653</u>	<u>49,050</u>	<u>(42,943)</u>	<u>9,760</u>
	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	<u>8,674</u>	<u>38,340</u>	<u>(43,361)</u>	<u>3,653</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Magnox - Funds restricted for the purchase of Sound and Vision equipment

#### 12 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

