

The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade

(A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year Ending: 31 August 2025

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Our Patron is HRH The Princess Royal.

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The Trustees are the directors of the charitable company (the charity) and are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. Throughout this report, they are collectively referred to as 'the Trustees'.

The Trustees serving during the 2024/25 year were as follows:

Andrew Hayday	Governor	
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Fr Chris Buckley	Staff Chaplain	Co-opted Member
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Benjamin Smith	North East	Elected Youth Representative (until Jan 25)
Martin Clayton	Ulster	Elected Representative
Rosie Williams	North East Elected	Co-opted Member (Until Jan 25)
Joanne Green	North West	Under 25s Elected Representative
Graham Procter	North West	Elected Representative

Staff and Finance Committee

The following Trustees are also members of the Staff and Finance Committee:

Andrew Hayday	Governor
Martyn Bedder	Deputy Governor
Alan Carter	Deputy Governor
Melvyn Lockhart	Deputy Governor
John Smith	Honorary Treasurer
Gareth Campbell	Co-opted Member
Derick Jackson	Elected Representative
Fr Chris Buckley	Co-opted Member

About this Report

The Board of Trustees is pleased to present its annual report and accounts for The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade (otherwise known as 'the CLCGB') for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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 Ireland (FRS102) (Effective 01 January 2015).

The Trustees (who are also directors of CLCGB for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (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 those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and 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;
- Prepare the financial statements as an ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

About the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade

Background

The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade ('the CLCGB') operates in the United Kingdom and overseas and enables children and young people to enjoy "fun, faith and friendship." It creates a caring and safe environment for children and young people under the guidance of positive, caring, and supportive adult role models.

How Our Activities Deliver Public Benefit

The CLCGB confirm that, in planning activities, they have complied with the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The focus remains to be a programme of positive youth engagement through activities, events, and training.

The CLCGB helps young people grow in their views, skills and abilities whilst developing moral values, as well as respect for the environment and communities. This leads to young people being better equipped to cope with the demands that society places upon them and to improve their self-confidence. We continue to support our members and young leaders and enhance their curriculum vitae and personal statements. We are proud that our members wear their CLCGB uniforms and that they are wonderful ambassadors for our organisation, their church, and the communities where they live.

The CLCGB welcomes all young people regardless of background, gender, socio-economic status, or faith.

Volunteers

The CLCGB units exist and are established where adult volunteers are prepared to run them, week by week, often on multiple evenings and at weekends. Dedicated officers, volunteers and helpers turn out to provide positive and worthwhile leisure time opportunities for their young members. It is estimated that in a normal year over 3,000 hours of voluntary work was donated to the work of CLCGB groups.

Membership

We currently have approximately 48 active Companies throughout the UK, plus National Band and many more in South Africa, Kenya, Newfoundland, Bermuda, St Helena and Toronto. The membership figures for the UK are as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Members	590 (53%)	524 (47%)	1,114
Leaders	242 (45%)	296 (55%)	538
Clergy	31 (94%)	2 (6%)	33

Age Groups

CLCGB operates several age groups, with tailored activities for each:

- Martins (5 to 7-year olds; 4 to 7 in Northern Ireland)
- Y Team (7 to 10-year olds)
- JTC (10 to 13-year olds)
- Seniors (13 to 21-year olds)
- Young Leaders (16 to 21-year olds)

Heritage

The CLCGB celebrated its 130th anniversary in 2021 and has a long and rich history of which it is justifiably proud. Founded on St Martin's Day, 11 November 1891, some 50,000 of its members enlisted in the First World War. At the Battle of the Somme, the CLCGB's own Battalion, the 16th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps, suffered 500 fatalities. Our members have earned no less than 22 Victoria Crosses in the service of their country. The history of our organisation, and our archives, are in the custodianship of the CLCGB Historical Group. The Historical Group, in addition to looking after the history, encourages international links to study, explore and record our shared heritage.

Structure, Governance and Management

The CLCGB was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity in 1978. A Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the board of Trustees, govern the charity. The board of Trustees can be made up of unlimited Trustees and meets three times per year.

Trustee Recruitment and Training

The Trustees are largely drawn from membership, with some external expertise, as well as representation from 16 to 25-year olds. New Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under Charity and Company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Council and decision-making processes, the business plan, and recent financial performance of the charity. New Trustees are given the opportunity to meet key volunteers and other Trustees. Trustees are also encouraged to attend appropriate external and internal training events to facilitate their role with the CLCGB. Trustees have a range of skills and professional backgrounds, including skills in financial oversight and full-time careers working with children & young people. They are able and willing to hold employees to account, and to provide their assistance in the growth of the CLCGB.

Highlights from 2024/25 (Full Reports are Available)

Governor's Statement

This report covers the period from 01 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. This past year has been defined by a renewed sense of purpose and a clear, ambitious vision for the future of the Brigade, with a strong focus on building foundations and growing our numbers. We are moving forward with great momentum, driven by the energy of an exceptional cohort of young leaders emerging from our national training programme. We look forward to a repeat of this programme's success in 2026.

As we look forward, our thoughts and prayers remain with those in our Brigade family who have lost loved ones this year. We continue to treasure the immense commitment and time they dedicated to our organisation, and their legacy remains a guiding light in our mission.

Royal Patronage and National Pride

A significant highlight of this reporting year was the official commencement of HRH The Princess Royal as our new Royal Patron. Her Royal Highness is held in the highest regard across the CLCGB, and indeed the World, and her support has already provided a tremendous boost to our collective spirit. Her dedication to service perfectly mirrors our own values, and we are excited to flourish under her patronage in the years to come.

2024 Remembrance and Cenotaph Parade

On Sunday, 10 November 2024, the Brigade demonstrated exemplary discipline and respect during the National Act of Remembrance in London. Represented by 26 members from across the UK - the contingent received high praise from the public and veterans for their smart appearance and precision. A particular highlight was the Royal salute taken by HRH The Prince of Wales and our multiple features on the BBC, which provided incredible national coverage for the organisation.

National Band

The season focused on growth and performance, recruiting 10 new members for a total strength of 62. Highlights included a high-standard annual concert in York attended by the High Sheriff and a successful music festival in Beverley. Looking ahead, the band confirmed a summer 2026 tour to the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany following strong member commitment.

Strategic Growth and Innovation

The Brigade remains a proud Licensed Organisation for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which continues to serve as a cornerstone of our Senior Corps programme. In a safe, Christian environment, our young people are challenging themselves and developing vital life skills that will serve them long into adulthood. We continue to promote and support this programme by securing grants for new equipment and licence fees, ensuring that financial barriers do not limit our members' potential.

Our **digital transformation** is also reaching a major milestone. At the start of this year, we launched our redeveloped website, which was closely followed by a fully integrated stores system, going live at the end of the year. These advancements will streamline our operations and significantly enhance our social media presence, making the CLCGB more accessible and visible than ever before.

Safeguarding and Member Welfare

The Brigade remains steadfast in its legal and moral duty to protect all members, operating in full compliance with the Children's Acts. To ensure the highest standards, a National Safeguarding Panel—comprising the Governor, Deputy Governors, and Staff Chaplain—was established during the year. We are proactively looking toward the future by exploring the development of a bespoke safeguarding course specifically tailored to the unique mission and delivery of the CLCGB.

Looking Ahead

Our regional camps and activity weekends continue to thrive, providing the "Fun, Faith, and Friendship" that is the heartbeat of our organisation. We also continue to extend a hand of Christian friendship to our sister organisations globally, from Canada to South Africa, as we grow together in a shared mission.

I wish to offer my sincere thanks to our small but dedicated NHQ team and our committed trustees for their tireless work. The CLCGB is moving forward with confidence, modernisation, and an unwavering commitment to the children and young people we serve.

Andrew Hayday
Governor & Chair of Trustees

Staff & Finance Report

The Staff & Finance (S&F) Committee is a subcommittee of the Brigade Council. Its responsibilities include reviewing monthly management accounts, annual budget setting, five-year financial/business plans, the investment portfolio (managed by Rathbones), ongoing organisational risks and liabilities, and matters relating to NHQ paid staff. This last area covers staff contracts, annual pay awards, and all human resources issues. Approvals and Composition All committee approvals are passed to the Brigade Council for final ratification. The committee also discusses and provides updates on any ongoing financial issue. The committee comprises the Governor, Deputy Governors, Staff Chaplain, Honorary Treasurer, representatives from the Brigade Council, and the NHQ Finance Manager. Recent Activity and Scope Over the past Brigade year, the S&F Committee met six times via virtual Zoom meetings. A standard agenda was followed, covering key areas such as: • Company accounts • Engagement with the Church • Training and investment in resources • Eco-improvements to NHQ • Shareholdings/investments • NHQ staff and salaries • National insurance policy • NHQ leases and rental agreements • IT development (website, stores, and BMS) • Major liabilities/risks - Isle of Wight campsite • Business planning Committee Effectiveness The S&F Committee is an essential component in the successful governance of the organisation. It provides an effective and dedicated platform for proactive management of both financial and human resources issues. The Committee's structured approach ensures that all decisions and resolutions are fully compliant with regulatory requirements and internal policies. Furthermore, its work is strategically aligned with the organisation's overarching goals and objectives, ensuring resources are deployed efficiently and effectively to support the achievement of the Brigade's vision and mission. By providing rapid and well informed debate, the Committee actively mitigates risk and promotes sustainable organisational progress.

Andrew Hayday
CLCGB Governor

Safeguarding

The CLCGB fully accepts its legal and moral obligations under the Children's Act (1989) and (2004). We are committed to providing a duty of care to protect all children, young people and adults, and safeguard their welfare, without discrimination based on age, sex, disability, race, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religion or belief, creed, sexual orientation, or gender reassignment. All leaders and helpers are required to hold a valid, up-to-date DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certificate and complete current safeguarding awareness training, whether delivered online or face-to-face. While the CLCGB currently uses the standard Church of England's safeguarding training course, we are actively exploring the development of a more bespoke course specifically aligned with our mission, purpose, and programme delivery. For the 2024/2025 Brigade year, a National Safeguarding Panel has been established due to the National Safeguarding Officer's existing commitments. The panel currently comprises the Governor, Deputy Governors, and Staff Chaplain. We are seeking to expand this panel to ensure it is fully representative of our membership. Individuals with relevant safeguarding experience who wish to support this panel are invited to contact National Headquarters (NHQ). The Brigade year saw two formal safeguarding investigations. One investigation concluded with the termination of an officer's commission, and the second resulted in a suspension pending the outcome of a police investigation. Both cases were handled promptly in full collaboration with the necessary external authorities, including the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), the Diocesan Safeguarding Lead, and the company clergy.

Andrew Hayday
CLCGB Governor

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Activities on the DofE front have been quite quiet, although we have met regularly with DofE staff and have met with other National Operating Authority Managers. The Gold Residential section has also been reviewed and changes will likely be introduced in the future. We successfully received for a grant to support participation places and equipment. The expedition equipment has been distributed to regions and is available to borrow. It is still our ambition to run open Brigade expeditions where possible. We have previously had Brigade DofE meetings, but these have not been well supported. If we are to enable open expeditions, then all companies with DofE participants need to meet to discuss. Over this last year DofE activities have been quiet, with difficulty in planning expeditions, due to low numbers. We have supervisor and assessors willing to help. We currently have 58 (down from 72 previous year) participants signed up for the award, with 11 new members in the last 12 months. We had 8 bronze, 2 Silver and 1 Gold members signed up, with only 1

award completed. We have met via MS Teams with our DoFE National Officer each month. It has been our ambition for many years to run some open expeditions and we will continue to attempt to organise them.

Some Statistics

	01 Sep 2022 to 01 Sep 2023				01 Sep 2023 to 01 Sep 2024				01 Sep 2024 to 01 Sep 2025			
	B	S	G	Total	B	S	G	Total	B	S	G	Total
Total Awards Started	5	7	6	18	15	2	3	20	8	2	1	11
Disadvantaged Awards Started	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
Total Awards Achieved	3	5	3	11	2	2	1	5	1			1
Disadvantaged Awards Achieved	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			0

Current Centre Types	Total	%
Membership organisation	5	83%
Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations	1	17%
Total	6	100%

Current Adults	Total	Log in within last 30 days
Administrator	4	3
Co-ordinator	4	2
Helper	2	0
Leader	15	3
Manager	1	0
Total	26	8

Current Participants	Total	IMD1	IMD2	IMD3
Active	22	0	2	0
Inactive	28	1	1	1
New	8	0	0	0
Total	58	1	3	1

Awards Started												
Centre Name	01 Sep 2022 to 01 Sep 2023				01 Sep 2023 to 01 Sep 2024				01 Sep 2024 to 01 Sep 2025			
	B	S	G	Total	B	S	G	Total	B	S	G	Total
Lisburn District Ulster	2		2	6	10	5		3	8	5	2	7
St Marys Beverley					5				5			
St Michaels Tintern					4				4	2		2
St. James Gorton Manchester	2		2	4			2	2				
St Mark's Hextside	1		3	4	1			1	1			1

Awards Achieved												
Centre Name	01 Sep 2022 to 01 Sep 2023				01 Sep 2023 to 01 Sep 2024				01 Sep 2024 to 01 Sep 2025			
	B	S	G	Total	B	S	G	Total	B	S	G	Total
Lisburn District Ulster			5	2	7	1		1	2			
St. Andrew's, Bebington				1	1							
St. James Gorton Manchester					1				1	1		1
St Mark's Hextside	3			3			2	2				

Richie Clarke
CLCGB DoFE leader

CLCGB National Band

This reporting period has seen the NB season start with our recruitment weekend in September, when we gained 10 new members to the band. The band's strength stands at 62, broken down to; 48 band members, 8 Drum and Bugle School and 6 Kitchen Staff. This is down 7 members from last year.

With a new programme of music to learn, the band worked hard on our September and October weekends, producing fantastic results. Saturday evening on our October weekend, saw us holding a Halloween themed fancy dress party, complete with Halloween themed games and activities, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In December, we formally announced our intention to hold a summer tour in 2026 (27 – 31 July), where we would hope to perform in The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany (to include playing for the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate). The feasibility of this tour would come down to enough members committing to attend and a decision would be made in due course.

Musical progress continued in December, where alongside our usual schedule of rehearsals, we started our Christmas celebrations with a church service, which was followed by mulled wine, mince pies and carols. On Saturday evening, we held a formal regimental dinner and finished off with a Christmas disco.

Our February and March weekends went very well and the band continued with the hard work towards our annual concert, combined with the usual weekend fun activities and entertainment. Once again, we held a karaoke evening on our February weekend, which gave our members the opportunity to show off their vocal talents.

Our summer tour (2026) was confirmed due to the very encouraging number of members committing to the venture. It was also decided to precede the tour with a weekend of rehearsals at Raywell Park (24-26 July).

In May, we performed our annual concert to a large and very enthusiastic audience at St Peter's School, York. We were honoured to have the Sherriff of York and the Sheriff's Consort in attendance who both enjoyed the concert immensely and were very impressed with the standard of the band. The concert concluded with a selection of music from Joseph and the Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat, in which the band excelled themselves in a concert which was of the highest of standards throughout. After the concert we returned to Raywell Park and held our annual presentation evening and post-concert celebrations.

To end our band season, many of the band's members once again took part in The CLCGB Festival of Music and Drill in July, held at Raywell Park, either with their companies or as individual participants. This included several of the band's leadership team taking on important roles over the weekend, ensuring that the weekend run smoothly, safely and professionally. The weekend culminated with a massed band parade through Beverley, to and from St Mary's church and a static performance in Beverley's Wednesday Market square.

As always, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of NB's staff for their support and dedication, and to all its members for their hard work over this reporting period.

Lionel Burdett
Director of Music, CLCGB National Band

Brigade Memorial Garden (BMG)

Overview

This report summarises the key developments and activity relating to the Brigade Memorial Garden (BMG) at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA).

A special thank you to Maynard Scott for his valuable monthly reports.

Long-Term Maintenance Secured

The perpetual maintenance agreement appears to be working which will ensure that the BMG remains in its current, highly prominent position adjacent to the chapel.

Planting and Grounds Maintenance

This year presented several horticultural challenges as well as progress on rectifying planting issues.

Replacement Shrubs: Three Berberis bushes damaged during earlier NMA works had been replaced with the wrong species. This has now been corrected but there is a difference in the growing size and development.

Dry Summer Conditions: A long period of dry weather meant that the NMA ground staff had to water the trees and added mulch around the base. The trees are still being monitored to ensure their health. The grass has recovered although it now has a high weed infiltration that will be dealt with.

Memorial Stewardship and Future Aspirations

It had been hoped that the Historical Group (HG) would maybe set up a sub group to look at fund raising for future development, along with the maintenance of other Brigade memorials. To date this hasn't come to fruition. However, we just need one enthusiastic person to get the ball rolling!

Summary and Outlook

The Brigade Memorial Garden is secure in its present form. However, any future developments, such as information boards or interpretive materials, will require additional funding.

The Historical Group and wider Brigade community need to remain committed to safeguarding the BMG for future generations as well as for those who went before.

Alan Carter

Custodian of BMG

Cenotaph Report

Remembrance Cenotaph Parade Report to Brigade Council - November 2024

On Sunday, 10 November 2024, members of CLCGB took part in the Remembrance Cenotaph Parade in London, honouring the fallen and joining in a profoundly moving ceremony that always holds deep significance for all in attendance.

There were 26 Brigade members representing: Durham, Leicester, Longridge, National Band, Northern Ireland, Tintern and York.

The organisation was proudly represented by all members, each showing great honour and respect for the significant role they played during the Remembrance Parade. The Royal salute was taken by HRH The Prince of Wales.

Veterans, representatives from various organisations, and members of the public expressed great interest in the CLCGB. Many approached our members to compliment the smart appearance of our uniform, enquire about our company, and engage in discussions about the parade itself. A huge thank you to those that made sure everyone felt confident on parade, ensuring the drill and marching was to a high standard. Especially, because this was some members' first time experiencing being a part of the remembrance parade.

Looking ahead, it's important that we continue to share this experience and make it an exciting opportunity that everyone will want to be part of. By having conversations about the significance of the parade and the deep meaning of Remembrance Day for so many, we can inspire greater interest among members. As they learn more about what makes the parade so special, they'll be motivated to take pride in their appearance, work hard to look smart, and raise funds to participate themselves to allow more and more members to take part.

In summary, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, we had an outstanding turnout. We were featured on the BBC multiple times this year, which provided incredible coverage. It was truly wonderful to see our Brigade members representing the company so proudly, looking sharp, and marching with such precision.

Joanna Green

Warrant Officer, St Lawrence with St Pauls CLCGB, Longridge.

Regional Updates

Liverpool & Chester Battalion Report to AGM 2024 to 2025

We started our season with Our Camp Reunion and presentations.

We organized an evening at our local Pantomime, Beauty & The Beast, oh 'Yes we Did'

The Battalion organised an evening of Crazy Golf for youngsters and parents.

The officers and leaders have met on a regular basis for leaders and finance meetings.

We enjoyed a great camp at our "home site" in Prestatyn, North Wales. We were blessed by 'generally' good weather. The youngsters enjoyed a week of fun, faith and friendship with the usual field games, Swimming, I Games, indoor climbing, skiing, tobogganing and crazy golf. We welcomed Josh for our communion service.

Members of the Battalion have also continued to run the Brigade campsite "The Albert Wilson Memorial Field".

The field had a good season, welcoming some regular campers from BB/GB companies and some new campers.

I would like to thank all of our Leaders and Youngsters who continue to "Fight the Good Fight"

We look forward to recruiting new members in the following year.

Richie Clarke
CLCGB DofE leader

Wales & South West Battalion

This report provides an overview of the activities, achievements, and developments of the **Wales & South West Battalion** during the period **1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025**.

The year has been marked by strong membership engagement, successful events, renewed leadership involvement, and a continued focus on providing young people with opportunities for growth, friendship, and adventure.

Membership Overview

- The Battalion maintained **steady membership numbers**, but no growth remaining at three companies, Corsham, Stockwood and Lower Wye Valley.
- Retention remains okay, assisted by wider activity choices, supportive leaders, and increased communication with parents at some companies.
- Corsham still struggles with membership in single figures and without support from the church.
- Stockwood meet every fortnight which they say works for them.
- Tintern has around 40 young members and a strong leadership base although converting helpers into officers takes time.

Company Activity Highlights

Across the Battalion, companies continued to offer a varied programme of:

- Parade nights
- Games and physical activities
- Badgework and Christian education
- Crafts, skills sessions, and community involvement
- Seasonal events (Harvest, Christmas, Lent, Summer celebrations)
- Attending national events such as the Kings birthday parade and the National remembrance parade in London.

Training and Leadership

Leaders participated in:

- Safeguarding refreshers
- Local training
- First aid updates

Battalion Camp at Viney Hill (Forest of Dean)

Planning meetings agreed on a fun, engaging secret agent themed week designed to:

- Encourage teamwork
- Provide challenging activities
- Offer creative and outdoor activities suited to the Viney Hill environment

Location & Facilities

Viney Hill Adventure Centre, situated in the **Forest of Dean**, provides:

- Dormitory accommodation
- On-site adventure activities such as climbing, archery, tunnels, and team challenges
- Access to woodland areas for exploration and games
- Space for crafts, events, and evening entertainment

Parental Engagement

Parents were invited to information sessions covering:

- Equipment requirements
- Drop-off and pick-up procedure
- Costs and payment plans
- Safety and safeguarding

A **deposit system** was introduced, helping secure numbers early and supporting budgeting for activities

Finance & Fundraising

- Fundraising events were held which helped support both company funds and the upcoming Battalion camp.
- Careful budgeting allowed leaders to keep activity costs reasonable and accessible to families.
- The camp broke even again.
- The Battalion closed the financial year in a **stable position**.

Safeguarding & Welfare

Safeguarding standards were maintained throughout the year. All leaders continued to adhere to CLCGB policies, including:

- Updated DBS checks
- Mandatory training
- Clear communication with parents and guardians
- No safeguarding incidents were reported during this period.

Looking Ahead

The Battalion faces challenges as Cosham continue to struggle and Stockwood are going through a leadership transition.

- Growing inter-company cooperation
- Expanding activity options
- Strengthening youth leadership pathways
- Delivering an unforgettable Viney Hill Camp experience

Conclusion

The Wales & South West Battalion has enjoyed a positive and productive year, thanks to the dedication of its leaders, the enthusiasm of its members, and the support of parents and local churches.

Financial Review

The year 2024/25 was a relatively stable year financially, with thankfully no surprises.

The Staff & Finance Committee continue to look at our buildings and we had our communal areas decorated this year to keep the building looking clean and fresh.

We also created a new Training room named the "Florence Milner Training Suite" we purchased new tables and chairs, had it decorated, had new windows fitted and new blinds fitted.

Staff & Finance continue to look into Solar panels which will hopefully prove to be prudent management in the long term. Hopefully 2026 will see this come to fruition.

NHQ Stores sales have been slow, but we did have the electronic stores shut down for redevelopment.

We had the Web site re built from scratch and then the new stores site added. All completed in November 25.

We do still have an ongoing problem regarding the Vectis Isle of Wight campsite, previously operated by London Regiment. We continually get optimistic about a solution, and as at 31st August 2025 are seemingly no nearer to such a solution. *update; post year end our legal team advised closing the case, as we had heard nothing from the landlord of the site.

Principal Sources of Income

For the financial year the specific principal funding sources were:

- Rental income from the National Headquarters premises for individual office units and from the residential centre, including telephone and utilities.
- Members' capitation fees (or donations from Brigade Companies)

Grants, Donations and Legacies

In addition to preparing and submitting grants to national trusts and funds, which for this financial year have again yielded very little, the NHQ has been successful in applying for local grants to directly support the work of local CLCGB groups. Legacies are occasionally bequeathed to CLCGB and for this we are extremely grateful.

Investment Policy

The CLCGB holds reserves in an investment portfolio, which is used to generate income whilst the capital serves as an emergency reserve fund. The reserves should be held in accordance to the following principles, which have been influenced by the Church of England's own Ethical Investment Advisory Group (EIAG).

- The reserve fund should be held and managed by an independent, expert body.
- At least three Trustees should be listed as signatories of the investment portfolio, normally including the Governor and the Treasurer.
- At least 50% of the signatories are required to authorise day-to-day decisions and cash withdrawals. All signatories are required to close the account or withdraw more than 50% of funds.
- The reserves should be held in line with the reserve policy.
- There should be no direct investment in any companies involved in the following: weaponry/arms manufacturing; any company that derives more than 3% of its revenue from pornography; any company that derives more than 10% of its revenue from tobacco, gambling, nonmilitary firearms, or high interest rate lending; any company that derives more than 5% of its revenue from alcoholic drinks (if they do not meet standards for responsible marketing and retailing); any company of which the main focus is the production or sale of fossil fuels.
- Indirect investment in the aforementioned restricted companies may be permitted via pooled investments/derivatives/investment funds as long as they are not the primary focus of the fund.
- At least 10% of the portfolio should be explicitly ethical investment funds.
- The investment strategy and risk level of the portfolio should be reviewed at least every 10 years.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees of the CLCGB have reviewed the need for reserves in line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission and set aside or designated funds to meet future commitments. The majority of NHQ running costs are funded through unrestricted funds and the total of unrestricted funds are kept to a minimum level. Any restricted funds held at the year-end are reserved for the project to which they relate and its future use of these funds. Where a substantive surplus of "unrestricted" funds exists at the year end, it would be invested in the CLCGB Investment Portfolio held by Rathbones Investment Management Limited. This fund is used to generate income in line with the ethical investment policy and the capital serves as an emergency reserve fund. The CLCGB Investment Portfolio should not exceed a value equivalent to 18 months of central operating expenditure. Should it do so, a withdrawal should take place to reduce the value of the Investment Portfolio equivalent to 12 months of central operating expenditure. The cash withdrawn will then be spent on specific projects (rather than on day-to-day spending) that are deemed to provide long-term benefit to the CLCGB, as approved by Brigade Council. The value of the Investment Portfolio should not normally fall below a level equivalent to 6 months of central operating expenditure.

Perry Gunn, on behalf of John Smith, Treasurer.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees:



Andrew Hayday
Governor

Date: 25th April 2026



Martyn Bedder
Deputy Governor

Date: 25th April 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
OF THE CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on pages 18 to 30.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement- Matter of concern identified.

I have completed my examination. The only matter of concern is that returns were received from 84% of active units with some returns not signed by Independent Examiners.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.



I R North FCA
North Accounting Limited
Chartered Accountants
12 Manvers House, Pioneer Close
Wath Upon Dearne, S63 7JZ

30 April 2026

THE CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted HQ funds	Funds Units	Restricted Funds HQ	2025 Total	2024 Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and legacies		2,930	11,544	-	14,474	13,598
Income from charitable activities						
Subscriptions & membership fee		-	34,590	-	34,590	33,365
Fundraising income		-	26,202	-	26,202	23,032
DBS income		236	-	-	236	208
Grants	3	7,038	4,000	-	11,038	15,869
Other income	3	35,407	37,479	-	72,886	52,167
Income from investments						
Investment income		787	1,294	-	2,081	5,231
Rental income		88,254	-	-	88,254	80,789
Total income		134,652	115,109	-	249,761	224,259
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds						
Fundraising, publicity and start up kits		-	7,806	-	7,806	9,510
Charitable activities						
Staff and related costs		62,730	-	-	62,730	61,382
Company activities and events		-	21,956	-	21,956	20,769
Company camps		-	46,776	-	46,776	45,695
Materials purchased		10,788	-	-	10,788	6,887
Other direct costs	5	3,924	3,229	-	7,153	7,755
		77,442	71,961	-	149,403	142,488
Other support costs						
Headquarters admin	5	54,383	-	-	54,383	77,705
Depreciation		2,053	773	-	2,826	3,177
Training and programme development		2,291	-	120	2,411	1,949
Travel & subsistence		2,933	-	-	2,933	3,283
Repairs & maintenance		1,300	-	-	1,300	1,090
Other expenses		273	16,260	-	16,533	5,877
Other governance costs	5	12,356	-	-	12,356	11,618
		75,589	17,033	120	92,742	104,699
Total expenditure		153,031	96,800	120	249,951	256,697
Net income/expenditure for the year		(18,379)	18,309	(120)	(190)	(32,438)
Transfers between funds		4,068	-	(4,068)	-	-
Other gains/losses						
Realised gains/(losses) on investments		3,009	-	-	3,009	11,819
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments		613	-	-	613	999
Net movement in funds		(10,689)	18,309	(4,188)	3,432	(19,620)
Fund balances brought forward at 1.09.24		245,803	201,388	28,427	475,618	495,238
Fund balances carried forward at 31 August 2025		235,114	219,697	24,239	479,050	475,618

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expanded derive from continued activities.

THE CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		69,424		72,250
Investments	7		<u>180,183</u>		<u>186,966</u>
			249,607		259,216
Current assets					
Stocks		10,202		10,452	
Debtors	8	14,951		13,702	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>234,230</u>		<u>223,866</u>	
		259,383		248,020	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>29,940</u>		<u>31,618</u>	
Net current assets			<u>229,443</u>		<u>216,402</u>
Net assets			<u><u>479,050</u></u>		<u><u>475,618</u></u>
Funds					
Income funds					
Restricted funds	11		24,239		28,427
Unrestricted funds			454,811		447,191
			<u>479,050</u>		<u>475,618</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>479,050</u></u>		<u><u>475,618</u></u>

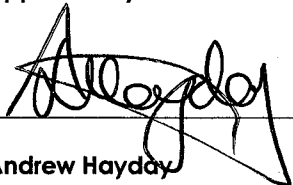
For the financial year ended 31 August 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements.

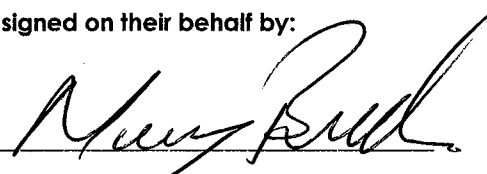
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on the 25 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:


Andrew Hayday
Governor


Martyn Bedder
Deputy Governor

Dated: 25 April 2026

Dated: 25 April 2026

Company Registration No. 1395966

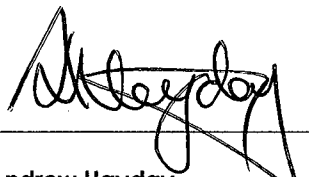
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BALANCE SHEET – NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

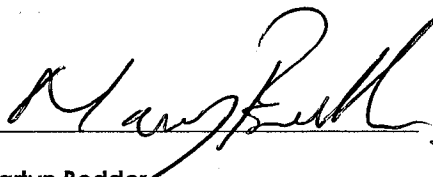
	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		67,103		69,156
Investments	7		180,183		186,966
			<u>247,286</u>		<u>256,122</u>
Current assets					
Stocks		10,202		10,452	
Debtors	8	14,951		13,702	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>16,854</u>		<u>25,572</u>	
		42,007		49,726	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>29,940</u>		<u>31,618</u>	
Net current assets			<u>12,067</u>		<u>18,108</u>
Net assets			<u>259,353</u>		<u>274,230</u>
Funds					
Income funds					
Restricted funds	11		24,239		28,427
Unrestricted funds			<u>235,114</u>		<u>245,803</u>
Total charity funds			<u>259,353</u>		<u>274,230</u>

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Dated: 25 April 2026



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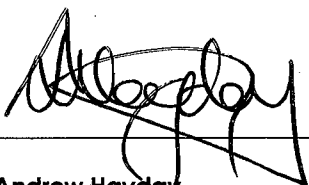
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BALANCE SHEET – BRIGADE UNITS

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025


	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	2,321	3,094
Investments	7	-	-
		<u>2,321</u>	<u>3,094</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		-	-
Debtors	8	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>217,376</u>	<u>198,294</u>
		217,376	198,294
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	-	-
Net current assets		<u>217,376</u>	<u>198,294</u>
Net assets		<u>219,697</u>	<u>201,388</u>
Funds			
Income funds			
Restricted funds	11	-	-
Unrestricted funds		<u>219,697</u>	<u>201,388</u>
Total charity funds		<u>219,697</u>	<u>201,388</u>

Approved by the trustees on the 25 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Andrew Hayday
Governor

Dated: 25 April 2026



Martyn Bedder
Deputy Governor

Dated: 25 April 2026

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1. Accounting policies

- a. The charity is a private limited company by guarantee and constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the charities Act 2011, the companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice. The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS102 Section 1A. The financial accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

- b. Grants including grants for the purchase of fixed assets are recognised in full on the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are received. However where the donor has imposed restrictions on the expenditure of resources which amount to pre conditions for use, the grants are deferred to the relevant future accounting period.
- c. Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.
- d. Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the object of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- e. Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.
- f. Designated funds are unrestricted funds, earmarked by the board of management for a particular purpose.
- g. Resources expended.
All expenditure other than that capitalised has been reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.
Charitable expenditure includes 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 include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- h. Fixed assets for charitable use where over £100 are capitalised at cost. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or the private sector, they are included in the balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. The relevant grants are credited to a restricted capital fund carried forward on the balance sheet. The relevant fund is reduced over the useful economic life of the asset in line with its depreciation policy. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life as follows;

Freehold Land & Buildings	2%
Motor Vehicles	25%
Fixtures & Fittings	15%
Equipment	10% - 25%

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YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

- l) Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.
- J) Investments.
Assets held for investment purposes are valued at market value at the balance sheet date.
- k) Irrecoverable VAT is written off to the Statement of Financial Activities except where amounts relate to the purchase of fixed assets in which case the costs are capitalised with the relevant asset.
- l) Defined Contribution Pension Scheme
The pension costs charged against profits represents the amount of contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period. The pension cost charge against profits in the year amounted to £1,842 (2024: £1,850). There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.
- m) The financial statements consolidate the assets, liabilities, funds, incoming resources and application of resources of 43 active units within the charity. They are compiled from certified financial statements and returns supplied by unit treasurers. A total of 7 active units failed to submit financial statements in time for inclusion in the consolidated financial statements. The charity is taking measures to work with units to achieve as full a return as possible in future years.
- n) Taxation
As a charity the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade should be exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity. The organisation is VAT registered.

2. Staff costs and numbers

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were as follows:		
Salaries and wages	60,888	59,532
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	1,842	1,850
Healthcare	203	202
	<u>62,933</u>	<u>61,584</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000

The average number of employees (head count) during the year was as follows:

	No	No
Administration	2	2
Development	1	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No trustee received any remuneration for the year (2024 £nil). Travel, deputational costs and sundry costs were reimbursed to 3 (2024:3) members of the Brigade Council during the year amounting to £2,126.

THE CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

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YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

3. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted HQ funds	Unrestricted Unit funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Grant Income					
Various Grants (inc The Duke of Edinburgh)	7,038	4,000	-	11,038	4,319
Sheffield Council low carbon grant	-	-	-	-	11,550
	<u>7,038</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,038</u>	<u>15,869</u>

	Unrestricted HQ funds	Unrestricted Unit funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income receipts					
Camp Receipts	-	33,777	-	33,777	34,896
Other Income:					
Miscellaneous Income	7,774	25,164	-	32,938	11,691
Trading Stores	4,163	(4,163)	-	-	-
Capitation Fees	23,470	(17,299)	-	6,171	5,580
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>35,407</u>	<u>37,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,886</u>	<u>52,167</u>

4. Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources is
stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	2,826	3,177
Independent examiners fee	2,000	2,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

5. Total Resources Expended

	Unrestricted funds £	Units funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Costs Directly Allocated to activities:					
Other direct costs					
Staff healthcare	203	-	-	203	202
Other unit costs	-	3,229	-	3,229	3,631
DBS costs	175	-	-	175	114
Miscellaneous expenditure	3,546	-	-	3,546	3,808
	3,924	3,229	-	7,153	7,755

Support Costs:
Headquarters Administration

Cleaning	769	-	-	769	1,379
Heat & light	13,721	-	-	13,721	14,503
National Mem Arboretum & gardening	566	-	-	566	11,879
Premises costs	9,629	-	-	9,629	25,032
Rates & water	5,489	-	-	5,489	5,163
Telephone	4,017	-	-	4,017	2,675
Insurance	10,517	-	-	10,517	8,659
Printing	827	-	-	827	898
Postage	936	-	-	936	865
Stationery	1,152	-	-	1,152	1,497
Minor equipment & computer costs	4,930	-	-	4,930	3,473
Subscriptions	1,830	-	-	1,830	1,682
	54,383	-	-	54,383	77,705

Other Governance costs

Professional fees	5,237	-	-	5,237	3,944
Investment management fees	1,578	-	-	1,578	1,790
Trustee travel and related costs	2,126	-	-	2,126	2,673
Bank charges	85	-	-	85	97
Accountancy services	3,330	-	-	3,330	3,114
	12,356	-	-	12,356	11,618

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YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

6. Tangible fixed assets

COST	Freehold land and buildings £	NHQ Fixtures, Fittings & equipment £	Brigade Companies Vehicles Fixtures, Fittings & equipment £	Total £
As at 1 September 2024	152,649	45,669	367,494	565,812
Additions	-	-	-	-
As at 31 August 2025	<u>152,649</u>	<u>45,669</u>	<u>367,494</u>	<u>565,812</u>
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 September 2024	87,006	42,156	364,400	493,562
Charge for year	<u>1,526</u>	<u>527</u>	<u>773</u>	<u>2,826</u>
As at 31 August 2025	<u>88,532</u>	<u>42,683</u>	<u>365,173</u>	<u>496,388</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
As at 31 August 2025	<u>64,117</u>	<u>2,986</u>	<u>2,321</u>	<u>69,424</u>
As at 31 August 2024	<u>65,643</u>	<u>3,513</u>	<u>3,094</u>	<u>72,250</u>

All tangible fixed assets are for charitable purposes. The Brigade Company Assets are for the use of the individual units and are not at the disposal of the National Headquarters.

7. Investments

UK Listed Investments	2025 £	2024 £
Valuation		
At 1 September 2024	186,966	200,131
Additions	-	227,797
Disposals	(10,404)	(253,780)
Unrealised (Losses)/Gains	612	999
Realised Gain/(Losses)	<u>3,009</u>	<u>11,819</u>
At 31 August 2025	<u>180,183</u>	<u>186,966</u>

The historical cost of the investments at 31 August 2025 was £176,893(2024: £176,893)

Individual investments which comprise over 5% of the value of the portfolio are:	£	%
Rathbones Asset MGMT Greenbank def gwth	<u>171,385</u>	<u>178,467</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

8. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	7,734	5,182
Prepayments & Other debtors	7,217	8,520
	<u>14,951</u>	<u>13,702</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,101	6,684
Taxes	529	551
Other creditors	10,791	17,977
Accruals	11,519	6,406
	<u>29,940</u>	<u>31,618</u>

10. Cash at Bank and in hand

Brigade Companies currently hold funds on deposit and current accounts and cash in hand amounting to £217,376(2024: £198,294). These sums are for the use of the individual units and are not at the disposal of National Headquarters.

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YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

11. Restricted funds

The movement on the restricted funds of the charity were as follows:-

	As at 31 August 2024 £	Income £	Outgoing £	Other Gains, losses & Transfers £	As at 31 August 2025 £
Restricted Funds: HQ:					
The Rothley Trust	120	-	(120)	-	-
Disbanded Units	14,690	-	-	(4,068)	10,622
The Owen Family Trust	157	-	-	-	157
Mains Grant Manchester	1,833	-	-	-	1,833
Sir John Priestman Charity Trust	4,147	-	-	-	4,147
Mains Grant 2017	3,038	-	-	-	3,038
Liz and Terry Bramall Trust	1,790	-	-	-	1,790
Manchester Guardian	900	-	-	-	900
Hamish Forbes	700	-	-	-	700
PF Charitable Trust	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
George Bairstow Trust	52	-	-	-	52
	28,427	-	(120)	(4,068)	24,239
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds					
HQ	245,803	134,652	(153,031)	7,690	235,114
Units	201,388	115,109	(96,800)	-	219,697
Total Unrestricted Funds	447,191	249,761	(249,831)	7,690	454,811
Total Funds	475,618	249,761	(249,951)	3,622	479,050

THE CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

11. Restricted funds- continued

Purposes of Restricted Funds:

Restricted Funds: HQ:

The Rothley Trust	for North East Activities
Disbanded Units	To hold for the future
Memorial Garden	for the Memorial Garden
The Owen Family Trust	for use in the area of Lichfield and Wolverhampton working with young people
Mains Grant Manchester	for Sports Leaders North West
All Churches Trust	for NHQ Laptops for training
Sir John Priestman Charity Trust	for North East Mini bus driver training
Mains Grant 2017	for North East Sports
Liz and Terry Bramall Trust	NHQ National DofE Youth Leader Training
Manchester Guardian	for Youth Leadership
Hamish Forbes	unit growth award
PF Charitable Trust	funds to work with young people
George Bairstow Trust	funds to work with young people
Music Competition	funds for music competitions
Sheffield CC low carbon	funds for premises upkeep

The movement on the restricted funds of the charity for the previous year were as follows:-

	As at 31 August 2023 £	Income £	Outgoing £	Other Gains, losses & Transfers £	As at 31 August 2024 £
Restricted Funds: HQ:					
The Rothley Trust	120	-	-	-	120
Disbanded Units	19,612	-	-	(4,922)	14,690
Memorial Garden	3,122	-	(3,122)	-	-
The Owen Family Trust	157	-	-	-	157
Mains Grant Manchester	3,899	-	(2,066)	-	1,833
All Churches Trust	788	-	(788)	-	-
Sir John Priestman Charity Trust	4,800	-	(653)	-	4,147
Mains Grant 2017	4,040	-	(1,002)	-	3,038
Liz and Terry Bramall Trust	1,790	-	-	-	1,790
Manchester Guardian	900	-	-	-	900
Hamish Forbes	700	-	-	-	700
PF Charitable Trust	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
George Bairstow Trust	52	-	-	-	52
Music Competition	406	-	(406)	-	-
Sheffield CC low carbon	-	11,550	(11,550)	-	-
	41,386	11,550	(19,587)	(4,922)	28,427
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds					
HQ	258,340	120,660	(150,937)	17,740	245,803
Units	195,512	92,049	(86,173)	-	201,388
Total Unrestricted Funds	453,852	212,709	(237,110)	17,740	447,191
Total Funds	495,238	224,259	(256,697)	12,818	475,618

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12. Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2025 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fixed assets	69,424	-	69,424
Investment	160,183	20,000	180,183
Current assets	255,144	4,239	259,383
Current liabilities	(29,940)	-	(29,940)
Total net assets	454,811	24,239	479,050

13. Related party transactions.

Various Trustees of The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade have in their personal capacities, links with other organisations with whom The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade works in partnership with. The Trustees monitor these links and a register of declared interests is maintained to foster a policy of transparency. The Trustees strive to promote fairness and consider that no transactions have been influenced by interests other than the charity.

Transactions with Directors and Trustees (see also Staff Costs and Numbers note 2)

As far as it has been possible to ascertain, there have been no material transactions with directors and Trustees during the year.

14. Ultimate Controlling Party

The company is under the control of the Brigade Council.

15. Constitution

The charity is a private limited company by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Incorporated within England & Wales with registered office 2 Barnsley Road, Wath Upon Dearne, Rotherham, S63 6PY. In the event of the company being wound up the members are committed to a contribution of maximum £10 each.