

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1971731  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 293417

**Hartcliffe & Withywood Ventures  
Company Limited by Guarantee  
Financial Statements  
31 July 2025**

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# **Hartcliffe & Withywood Ventures**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 July 2025**

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**Hartcliffe & Withywood Ventures****Company Limited by Guarantee****Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report)****Year ended 31 July 2025**

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The directors, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025.

**Reference and administrative details**

**Registered charity name** Hartcliffe & Withywood Ventures

**Charity registration number** 293417

**Company registration number** 1971731

**Principal office and registered office** The Gatehouse Centre  
Hareclive Road  
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Bristol  
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**The directors**

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**Company secretary** J Thomas

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report) *(continued)***

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#### **Structure, governance and management**

Hartcliffe and Withywood Ventures is a Charity registered under a scheme with the Charity Commission, governed by the Charities Act 2011, and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. The constitutional documents are the memorandum and articles of association.

The Trustees of the Charity are also Directors of the Company. They are drawn mainly from users of our services and local people in business, politics and likeminded agencies.

Residents living in the area of benefit are particularly welcomed. We monitor the make-up of the Board in terms of age, ethnicity, gender and disability and take action where there are gaps.

The full Board of Trustees meets at least six times a year. There is clear and agreed delegation of the day to day running of the organisation with Senior Managers also attending Board and sub-committee Meetings.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in setting the grant making policy for the year. There is clear public benefit as the charity assists people in a disadvantaged area of Bristol to gain and develop skills, qualifications and employment.

#### **Risk management**

Risk assessment is carried out annually as part of the business planning and self assessment processes. Actions are identified to mitigate risks where possible.

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##### Objectives and activities

The charitable objects for which the company is established are stated in the memorandum of association. The objects continue to be to increase the choices and opportunities available to people in the BS13 area of Bristol so that they have a better standard of living and higher quality of life.

The main objectives for the year were:

To continue to work to reduce barriers to accessing, remaining in and progressing in education, learning and employment for children, young people and adults.

To further develop provision of learning and qualifications in response to local needs. With a continued focus on the emotional health, well being and support to local people.

To further develop partnerships with other local community based projects and learning & education organisations, support agencies and businesses to benefit the local community.

To fully utilise space both at the Gatehouse Centre and satellite site The Lamp to encourage organisations to locate locally and add value to the services available in the local area.

To continue to develop the Gatehouse Nursery capacity to offer spaces to children & families in line with Government extended hours offer.

Our Strategies for achieving these objectives were as follows;

To continue to work with other development agencies in delivering events and initiatives locally including voluntary sector network development.

To retain our contracts with the City of Bristol College to provide qualifications to adult learners and young learners, adjusting our provision to meet needs and interests and engage new learners in their learning and employment aspirations. Whilst at the same time working to expand our service opportunities we provide utilising a wider range of funding streams.

To build the capacity of local people through volunteer placements and work experience opportunities.

To retain the contract with Bristol City Council to deliver the Nursery Education Grant for 2 and 3 year olds and prepare for the extended Nursery Education Grant offer with increased qualified staffing level and numbers of staff employed.

Look at opportunities for new ways to work with and support local people who are isolated disengaged and in need of support.

To market and promote office, shop and business unit space at competitive rates.

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#### Achievements and performance

We continue to deliver the Nursery Education Grant provision with Bristol City Council funding and private Nursery spaces. The Nursery has achieved full occupancy again this year with over 100 children on register, income in this area of our work has increased significantly. We remain good rating with OFSTED, we have secured additional funding to work on a 1:1 basis with several children with additional needs and employed staff to work directly with these children and reduce staffing ratios across the nursery.

At this time we have continued to sub-contract the majority of our training provision with the City of Bristol College.

We have worked with a significant number of young people 53 in this year alone, with around 15% having a high level of need and significant barriers to education and employment. We have worked with 158 adult learners in year again with a significant number needing additional learning support to achieve their goals.

Exam performance and qualification achievement for the year has been good with success rates of 71.2% in youth and 78.5% in adults. We have also been re-awarded our Matrix standard quality mark for the year.

Our community spaces have been well used this year and room bookings and spaces for local authorities, businesses and other agencies to rent has increased significantly. We also secured a longer term tenancy for our satellite site locally with an organisation that provides alternative learning provision for 5-18 year olds from Sept 2025.

Our Community Development Worker has continued to build partnerships with other agencies such as DWP, Family Hub, Job Centre, Brave & Bold, Caring in Bristol and Ways2Work and continued initiatives such as community winter warmer drop in service plus soft play provision.

Our lottery funded charity shop has seen several volunteers and learner placements with young people accessing vocational experience and skills development.

We have also been developing a new partnership with University of Bristol who have space in the building and are collaborating with us on an Office for Students funded project to engage local people in programmes of higher education.

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#### Financial review

Our main sources of funding are;

- Contracts for delivery of training & qualifications, City of Bristol College.
- Private Nursery fees & the Nursery Education Grant (NEG) funding from BCC.
- Rental income from letting space at the Gatehouse and the Lamp.
- Income from the café, room bookings and buffets.
- Partnership projects with University of Bristol and BCC

These funds have supported the charitable objectives through the employment of staff who:

- Keep the premises clean, welcoming and well maintained.
- Run the café as a 'hub' for local people to congregate and eat/socialise.
- Deliver advice and guidance, training, support and assessment to people wanting to upgrade their skills and knowledge, gain qualifications and work experience and ultimately become employed.
- Care for and educate young children whilst enabling their parents to train or work.

#### The Future

The current economic environment and agenda is bringing both difficulties and opportunities to HWV. Our Nursery education provision has seen a large amount of growth this year and this is projected to continue over the next couple of years. We will be looking at ways to expand the spaces available.

We have continued to provide the majority of our training courses through sub-contract arrangements with City of Bristol College. 24/25 has seen the introduction of some alternative funding for training and this will continue into 25/26 however changes at the end of 25/26 will see our long-term provision for learning reduced as we will not continue as a sub-contractor for City of Bristol College after this time.

We are planning to look at new creative and responsive strategies to provide opportunities to meet the development needs of local people and find new ways to engage them in meaningful learning and employment opportunities.

The 25/26 year is seeing new initiatives such as the Government Trail Blazer funding come to our area of benefit. We have collaborated with Bristol City Council on employability programmes for young people and these will continue at the Gatehouse Centre in 26/27. We are at the same time developing a new partnership with University of Bristol to engage local people in higher education programmes of learning.

Our building is full to capacity with a wide range of services and organisations, with our aim for a future vision being developed as the Gatehouse Centre becomes a central hub for learning education and support services for the local community.

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#### Financial review *(continued)*

##### Reserves policy

The directors and trustees of the charity have established a policy whereby the target free reserves (under normal conditions) should be four months' anticipated expenditure in the following financial year. We consider that this will give the charity sufficient unrestricted funds to continue current activities in the event of a significant reduction in funding and to ensure sufficient funding is available to cash flow the training contracts and to respond to emergencies and opportunities i.e. repairs/maintenance to the building or funding a bid which could bring further opportunities.

The charity's free reserves at the end of the financial year have been calculated at £1,055,139 compared with a target figure of £500,000, resulting in an excess of £555,139. In the current economic environment this excess is considered prudent in view of the increased uncertainties over future income streams. However, this will be kept under regular review and will be partly utilised by further premises maintenance and refurbishment expenditure.

##### Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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#### Auditor

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

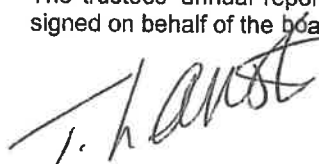
- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Small company provisions

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

The trustees' annual report (incorporating the directors' report) was approved on 14 April 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



T Anstey  
Director

## **Hartcliffe & Withywood Ventures**

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### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Hartcliffe & Withywood Ventures**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Hartcliffe & Withywood Ventures (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 July 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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#### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

#### Key audit matters: our assessment of risks of material misstatement

Key audit matters are those matters that in our professional judgement were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) identified by us, including those which had the greatest effect on the allocation of resources in the audit, and directing the efforts of the engagement team. There are no key areas identified as the audit is very low risk with normal audit procedures adequate in all audit areas. We agreed to report to the board of trustees any corrected or uncorrected identified misstatements.

#### Identifying and reporting of risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of the strategic directors and the trustees and inspection of key papers provided to those charged with governance as to high level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud.
- Reviewing the minutes of Trustees' meetings.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, and taking into account possible pressures to meet targets and our overall knowledge of the control environment, we performed procedures to assess the risks of management override of controls. To address the pervasive risk as it related to management override of controls, we reviewed material journal entries and agreed these to supporting documentation where appropriate.

#### Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the general manager and trustees. As the charity is regulated, our assessment of risks involved gaining an understanding of the control environment including the entity's procedures for complying with regulatory requirements.

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We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably:

- firstly, the charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting regulation (including related companies regulation), taxation legislation (payroll taxes) and pension legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures in the audit areas relevant to these items.

- secondly, the charity is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequence of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect:

Health and safety laws.

Food and hygiene regulations.

Laws relating to working with, and the safeguarding of, young people and vulnerable adults.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of management and trustees and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if any breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

#### Limitations to the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of laws and regulation

Owing to the inherent limitation of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as this may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement, and therefore we are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations. A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.

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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Paul Cridland FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of  
Charlton Baker (Bristol) Ltd  
Chartered Accountants & statutory auditor

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14 April 2026

**Hartcliffe & Withywood Ventures****Company Limited by Guarantee****Statement of Financial Activities  
(including income and expenditure account)****Year ended 31 July 2025**

		Unrestricted funds	2025 Restricted funds	Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	5	–	9,044	9,044	28,040
Charitable activities	6	1,356,569	–	1,356,569	1,280,568
Other trading activities	7	68,052	–	68,052	24,607
Investment income	8	10,333	–	10,333	8,608
Other income	9	5,245	–	5,245	2,828
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,440,199</u>	<u>9,044</u>	<u>1,449,243</u>	<u>1,344,651</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	<u>1,322,897</u>	<u>35,420</u>	<u>1,358,317</u>	<u>1,220,973</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,322,897</u>	<u>35,420</u>	<u>1,358,317</u>	<u>1,220,973</u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>117,302</u>	<u>(26,376)</u>	<u>90,926</u>	<u>123,678</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		847,222	472,317	1,319,539	1,195,861
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>964,524</u>	<u>445,941</u>	<u>1,410,465</u>	<u>1,319,539</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

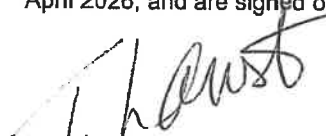
The notes on pages 17 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

**Hartcliffe & Withywood Ventures****Company Limited by Guarantee****Statement of Financial Position****31 July 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	16	522,502	533,262
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	17	86,618	90,171
Cash at bank and in hand		874,096	786,053
		<u>960,714</u>	<u>876,224</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	72,751	89,947
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>887,963</u>	<u>786,277</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,410,465</u>	<u>1,319,539</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,410,465</u>	<u>1,319,539</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		445,941	472,317
Unrestricted funds		964,524	847,222
<b>Total charity funds</b>	20	<u>1,410,465</u>	<u>1,319,539</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 14 April 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



T Anstey  
Director

The notes on pages 17 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

**Hartcliffe & Withywood Ventures****Company Limited by Guarantee****Statement of Cash Flows****Year ended 31 July 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income	90,926	123,678
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	10,760	12,525
Other interest receivable and similar income	(10,333)	(8,608)
Accrued expenses/(income)	2,837	(49,520)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	3,553	(60,769)
Trade and other creditors	(20,033)	21,692
Cash generated from operations	77,710	38,998
Interest received	10,333	8,608
Net cash from operating activities	88,043	47,606
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	88,043	47,606
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	786,053	738,447
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	874,096	786,053

The notes on pages 17 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is The Gatehouse Centre, Hareclive Road, Hartcliffe, Bristol, BS13 9JN.

#### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### 3. Accounting policies

##### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

##### Going concern

The trustees have prepared projections to July 2026 which show a surplus for the year. In addition, at July 2025 the charity had a strong reserves position as outlined in the Reserves Policy on page 4. Due to this the trustees are confident that there is no material uncertainty as to the charity's ability to continue operations.

##### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

In management's opinion there are no critical judgements or estimates to note.

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the directors for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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**3. Accounting policies (continued)****Incoming resources**

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Investment income is included when receivable.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is written off as an expense in the SOFA in the period in which it was incurred.

Costs on trading activities are costs associated with support and fund raising activities in relation to the Charity's main activity.

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 include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity. These are now reported under Support costs.

**Operating leases**

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

**Tangible assets**

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Long leasehold property	-	over life of the lease
Equipment	-	33 1/3% reducing balance
Short leasehold property	-	over life of the lease

##### Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

##### Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

##### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

#### 4. Limited by guarantee

Under the terms of the company's Memorandum and Articles, every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company if it is wound up during the time that he or she is a member, or within one year afterwards, for payments of debts and liabilities of the company contracted before he or she ceased to be a member, up to a maximum of £1.00.

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#### 5. Donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations and grants	9,044	9,044	8,100	8,100
<b>Grants</b>				
National Lottery funding	—	—	19,940	19,940
	<u>9,044</u>	<u>9,044</u>	<u>28,040</u>	<u>28,040</u>

#### 6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Leisure learning	4,925	4,925	5,596	5,596
City of Bristol College	616,393	616,393	627,066	627,066
Nursery income	509,443	509,443	435,556	435,556
Tenants rental income	130,107	130,107	121,818	121,818
Tenants recharges	16,730	16,730	14,571	14,571
Gatehouse Cafe income	74,263	74,263	75,961	75,961
Other income	4,708	4,708	—	—
	<u>1,356,569</u>	<u>1,356,569</u>	<u>1,280,568</u>	<u>1,280,568</u>

#### 7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Conference & meeting room hire	68,052	68,052	24,607	24,607

#### 8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank Interest	10,333	10,333	8,608	8,608

#### 9. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Sundry income	5,245	5,245	2,828	2,828

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#### 10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Education	703,694	35,420	739,115
Nursery care	386,296	—	386,296
Gatehouse cafe	88,859	—	88,859
Support costs	144,048	—	144,047
	<u>1,322,897</u>	<u>35,420</u>	<u>1,358,317</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Education	705,379	8,267	713,647
Nursery care	326,358	—	326,358
Gatehouse cafe	44,353	—	44,353
Support costs	136,616	—	136,615
	<u>1,212,706</u>	<u>8,267</u>	<u>1,220,973</u>

#### 11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Education	739,115	70,773	809,888	785,754
Nursery care	386,296	58,280	444,576	376,177
Gatehouse cafe	88,859	9,710	98,569	53,530
Governance costs	—	5,284	5,284	5,512
	<u>1,214,270</u>	<u>144,047</u>	<u>1,358,317</u>	<u>1,220,973</u>

#### 12. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>10,760</u>	<u>12,525</u>

#### 13. Auditors remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>5,300</u>	<u>5,100</u>

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#### 14. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	927,803	902,996
Social security costs	77,626	51,451
Employer contributions to pension plans	18,754	19,045
	<u>1,024,183</u>	<u>973,492</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 55 (2024: 57).

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity and are considered to comprise of the Chief Executive and Trustees. The total compensation paid in respect of these personnel for services provided to the charity was £73,460 (2024: £61,233).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: £nil).

#### 15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No trustee received any remuneration during the year.

No trustee received any reimbursed expenses during the year.

#### 16. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Equipment £	Short Leasehold Property £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
<b>At 1 August 2024 and 31 July 2025</b>	<u>656,430</u>	<u>326,632</u>	<u>93,372</u>	<u>1,076,434</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 August 2024	164,297	316,953	61,922	543,172
Charge for the year	5,126	3,388	2,246	10,760
<b>At 31 July 2025</b>	<u>169,423</u>	<u>320,341</u>	<u>64,168</u>	<u>553,932</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
<b>At 31 July 2025</b>	<u>487,007</u>	<u>6,291</u>	<u>29,204</u>	<u>522,502</u>
At 31 July 2024	<u>492,133</u>	<u>9,679</u>	<u>31,450</u>	<u>533,262</u>

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#### 16. Tangible fixed assets *(continued)*

##### Shorthold Lease

The shorthold lease relates to industrial units at Lampton Avenue, these are held on a 50 year lease, which commenced in 1989. The expenditure on developing the site to March 1989 was partially covered by contributions from the Inner Area Programme and Bristol City Council.

##### Longhold Lease

The longhold lease relates to the Gatehouse Centre on Hareclive Road, this was assigned to the company in October 1995, this is a 125 year lease, expiring in 2120.

##### General

Tangible fixed assets are primarily used for charitable purposes. Use of tangible fixed assets for generating funds, managing and administering the charity is incidental relative to charitable use.

#### 17. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	67,049	76,651
Prepayments and accrued income	9,069	8,520
Grant income receivable	10,500	—
Other debtors	—	5,000
	<u>86,618</u>	<u>90,171</u>

#### 18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	16,869	24,421
Accruals and deferred income	10,633	7,796
Social security and other taxes	10,170	23,622
Deposits and other creditors	35,079	34,108
	<u>72,751</u>	<u>89,947</u>

#### 19. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £18,753 (2024: £19,045).

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	At 1 August 202 4	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 July 2025 £
General funds	847,222	1,440,199	(1,322,897)	964,524

	At 1 August 202 3	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 July 2024 £
General funds	743,317	1,316,611	(1,212,706)	847,222

General funds represent those funds available to the charity for use in any of its recognised activities at the discretion of the management and trustees.

**Restricted funds**

	At 1 August 202 4	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 July 2025 £
Capital fund	439,357	–	(7,470)	431,887
Community Fund	352	–	–	352
Family Hub	–	4,294	(4,294)	–
Nursery staff training fund	5,751	–	–	5,751
John James Bristol Foundation	228	–	–	228
Nursery -Sound Play	2,000	–	(1,317)	683
Winter Warmer	4,689	4,750	(8,466)	973
National Lottery Community Fund	19,940	–	(13,873)	6,067
	<u>472,317</u>	<u>9,044</u>	<u>(35,420)</u>	<u>445,941</u>

	At 1 August 202 3	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 July 2024 £
Capital fund	446,177	–	(6,820)	439,357
Community Fund	352	–	–	352
Family Hub	–	–	–	–
Nursery staff training fund	5,787	–	(36)	5,751
John James Bristol Foundation	228	–	–	228
Nursery -Sound Play	–	2,000	–	2,000
Winter Warmer	–	6,100	(1,411)	4,689
National Lottery Community Fund	–	19,940	–	19,940
	<u>452,544</u>	<u>28,040</u>	<u>(8,267)</u>	<u>472,317</u>

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#### 20. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

The Capital Fund is represented by the book value of the leasehold properties and property improvements purchased with grant funding. This includes capitalised assets purchased with a grant from Bristol City Council to furnish and open the refurbished Studio 9 which is now available for hire. Expenditure in the year is the depreciation charged against those assets.

The Community Fund represents the residual balance of funds received in a previous year from Knightstone Housing Association used to fund a visit to the Houses of Parliament.

The Nursery Staff Training Fund represents funds received from Bristol City Council to support staff to access CPD opportunities in order to maintain the quality of the early education entitlement for eligible 2 year-olds.

John James Bristol Foundation funding has been received for the development of an area of the Nursery meadow.

Quartet Community Foundation has been received to provide 6 week courses on art & crafts and cooking, introductions to maths and english, computer support and guidance.

Nursery Sound Play has been awarded to carry out an EEF programme.

Winter warmer has been awarded for the purpose to provide winter fuel support on a drop in basis.

The National Lottery Community Award has been provided for provision of a staff post in the donation shop in the Gatehouse Centre.

Family Hub funding has been provided to run activities and support families to access services and information at Family Hub centres and online.

#### 21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	90,615	431,887	522,502
Current assets	946,660	14,054	960,714
Creditors less than 1 year	(72,751)	—	(72,751)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>964,524</b>	<b>445,941</b>	<b>1,410,465</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	93,905	439,357	533,262
Current assets	843,264	32,960	876,224
Creditors less than 1 year	(89,947)	—	(89,947)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>847,222</b>	<b>472,317</b>	<b>1,319,539</b>

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#### 22. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Aug 2024	Cash flows	At 31 Jul 2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>786,053</u>	<u>88,043</u>	<u>874,096</u>

#### 23. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	11,651	10,756
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	34,775	35,771
Later than 5 years	55,689	20,000
	<u>102,115</u>	<u>66,527</u>

#### 24. Related parties

The Park Community Centre, is connected through a common trustee, Helen Holland, HWV hired rooms from the charity during the year at the cost of £4,310 (2024: £nil). The balance outstanding at the year end was £4,310 (2024: £nil).

Jeff Way Group, is connected through a common director, Christopher Way, HWV hired rooms to the company during the year, recognising revenues of £4,559 (2024: £nil). The balance outstanding at the year end was £1,604 (2024: £nil). All transactions were at standard rates.

There were no other related party transactions that require disclosure.