



**YEOVIL OPPORTUNITY GROUP**

Annual Report  
for the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Charity number 304693

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## **Who we are**

Yeovil Opportunity Group is a Registered Charity established in 1970.

We are governed by a constitution which was revised and accepted by the Charity Commission in 2010. Our charity number is 304693

### **Objectives and Activities:**

The aim of the Group is to enhance the development and education of children irrespective of their race, culture, religion, means or ability and in particular, those with additional needs. We offer specialist Early Intervention support and are dedicated to giving children and their families extra help and support through the early years learning and development journey.

The Group is based in Yeovil at the Balidon Centre, on the Summerlands Hospital site. We are grateful to the NHS Somerset Partnership for the provision of our facilities at a nominal cost, and are very fortunate to have a safe and secure building.

### **Our correspondence address is:**

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### **Our Bankers are:**

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### **Our independent examiner is:**

PS Wellspring FCCA  
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### **Public Interest**

How the Group delivers its principal charitable aim is demonstrated in the rest of this report. The public benefit arising from our work is implicit in the services delivered and the education and support provided for children with additional needs to help them reach their potential, to the benefit of society as a whole as well as the children and their families. We provide all of our pre-school and transport services at a subsidised cost and the Rainbows Time Together Group, free of charge.

### **Risk assessment**

The Trustees annually review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and take appropriate ameliorative action where necessary. Two major risks have been identified in 2024. The first is the proposed ending of the lease in three years' time and the introduction of a commercial lease, and the second is the rise in NMW without a similar inflationary rise in the entitlement rate paid to Early Years providers.

## People

### Structure, governance and management

The activities of the Charity are monitored by the Trustees, who all act in a voluntary capacity. The Trustees follow the principles of governance and control advocated by the Charity Commission.

#### Patron

Graham Cole CBE

#### Trustees

Chair	Jane Lock
Treasurer	Simon Rowbottom
Trustees	Rachel Goodfellow (Resigned 07.10.2024) Wendy Vincent Dr Gabriela Fillon
Secretary	Min Hodges
Financial Advisor	Simon Skipper

### YOG Team (2024/25)

Our thanks go out to the amazing team of staff who work tirelessly to ensure our children and families have the best possible start in life on their learning and development journey.

### Volunteers

We are extremely grateful to our volunteers who supplement the work of the staff team to great effect. Without them, the Group could not provide the services it does. During 2024/25, YOG welcomed five volunteers throughout the year.

### Students

We are delighted to offer work experience placements for students from local colleges and schools. In 2024/25, YOG offered work experience to seven students.

## Services and Support

Yeovil Opportunity Group was the vision of a Consultant Paediatrician and a Speech and Language therapist, 54 years ago who realised that children with special needs and disabilities were not receiving the learning & development support they needed in their early years.

Despite many changes over the past 54 years, YOG continues to provide support for children and families, but in a very different world from when we first started.

Our main aim is to provide “Early Intervention” learning & development support for children with disabilities and their families.

Some children may have as many as 12 professionals, sometimes more, working with them and come to us with a range of needs, including severe speech and language and communication difficulties, physical disabilities, complex medical needs and life-limiting conditions.

Our aim is also to work with the “whole” family, as this increases the chances of success, not just for the child we are working with, but also the whole infrastructure of the family and their support network.

Our children and families receive a range of services and support they would not normally be able to access; the opportunity to be able to have a positive start to their early learning and development journey and social benefit in terms of vulnerability and achievement.

Additional support includes safeguarding, reduction and prevention of escalation to high levels of complex need and intervention.

YOG supports children to be able to have a positive start to their early education rather than fail at such an early age. We also support families to become resilient, reducing the likelihood of family breakdown and crisis.

YOG provides a lifeline to many families when so many other support services have been reduced or cut, and waiting lists continue to increase. Specialist Early Intervention is proven to increase the chances of success for both the child and family throughout their lives, including successful transition into school and **prevention of exclusion**.

We work in partnership with several incredible professional services, including the police, social services, integrated therapies, the Somerset Council SEND team, various NHS teams and Somerset Safeguarding.

### **We currently provide 3 core services:**

#### **1. Pre-school Sessions 18 months to 5 years**

We are open 5 mornings per week, during term time, catering for children aged 18 months to 5 years. In 2024, we extended our session times on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons to allow more children to access support.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum to support and enhance our children’s development. We use the Development Journal to monitor our children’s progress, providing additional personalised early intervention strategies to support their individual needs.

Our families are encouraged to access their local mainstream pre-school on a dual placement and work in partnership with these settings to support the best possible learning and development outcomes for the children. YOG's uniqueness stems from our incredibly strong working relationships with the many professionals who support our children & their families.

Our ratio is 1:3, that being a minimum of one qualified SENCo Early Years' practitioner per three children each day, as well as daily 1:1 specialist intervention.

To complement the support our children receive from the NHS Speech & Language therapists, we also commission our own Speech & Language therapist one morning a week to work with our children, our staff team, volunteers, students and parents. This is funded through grants.

## **2. Family Support Services**

Whilst we aim to ensure a smooth transition into school, with some of our children going on to attend mainstream school, our role is far more strategic, yet subtle, and dedicated holistic family support is crucial. All of our funding for direct family intervention comes from grants and donations.

From day one at YOG, we provide support strategies which give parents the resilience they will need through their SEND journey, and our role in Early Intervention is fundamental to the success of that journey.

We offer daily support to parents and carers, including signposting, liaison with professionals, submitting referrals and EHCPs, helping parents with complex paperwork, including housing support, DLA, and

applications for grant funding, to name a few.

We regularly Chair meetings and act as advocates for our children and families. Our door is always open, and parents feel confident that they can turn to any member of the team for support.

## **3. Rainbows Time Together**

Rainbows offers a unique opportunity for parents of babies and toddlers with additional needs to come together with staff and therapists in a supportive environment. Our sessions emphasise interactive and sensory play, allowing parents and children to engage meaningfully while benefiting from professional guidance.

Activities include singing, visits to our sensory room, and tactile play. We maintain a small group size to ensure individual attention for both children and parents, with plenty of opportunities for group discussions or one-on-one conversations throughout the sessions, fostering a strong sense of family support.

We have had the pleasure of working with 8 families over the past year, all of whom have now moved up to our main group sessions. Children from both Dorset and Somerset are warmly welcomed to participate in our sessions.

**Transport** We continued to provide subsidised transport for parents wishing to use our minibus service. During 2024/25, we have provided transport for 8 children, who without transport would not have been able to access YOG.

## Celebrating 54 Years of Specialist Early Intervention

### A view from the Trustees

#### **Introduction and Reflection**

The needs of children and families today are more complex than ever before. Those of us who have been involved for some time can clearly see how much has changed. Compared with years past, many children now have multiple, overlapping challenges, including developmental, emotional and social, affecting the whole family, not just the child.

This growing complexity makes early, specialist support not a luxury, but a necessity. When early help and intervention are put in place, children are far more likely to thrive, families feel less isolated, and pressures on schools and other services are reduced. When that support is missing, the long-term cost both human and financial, is far greater.

#### **Truly Unique – Specialist Support for Children AND Families**

Yeovil and the surrounding area are incredibly fortunate to have a specialist SEND Early Years support in the shape of YOG. It is not just another service; it is a carefully built network of expertise, trust, and continuity that has grown over time.

At a time where families are struggling to get the support they need for their children – parents navigating a maze of services, waiting months for appointments and watching small concerns grow into bigger challenges, our expert help can make all the difference for not only parents, but for children's life chances transitioning in to school and adulthood.

2024/25 was significant milestone for the Yeovil Opportunity Group (YOG): **55 years of service** to children with additional needs and their families. This anniversary provided an opportunity not only to celebrate our history, but also to reflect on the resilience, determination, and vision that has enabled YOG to survive and thrive through decades of change.

We are especially proud to acknowledge Ailsa Royston, one of YOG's original founders, whose courage and foresight shaped a model of specialist early years support that was revolutionary at the time, and remains even more relevant today. On behalf of the children, parents, and families who began their journeys at YOG, we extend our deepest thanks. Their futures were shaped by a vision that recognised the importance of early, specialist intervention long before it became widely understood.

#### **A Decade of Challenge and Renewal**

The past decade has been one of the most challenging periods in YOG's history. In 2014, national policy changes announced the withdrawal of funding for opportunity groups and specialist early years settings, with the expectation that all children would be absorbed into mainstream provision. As a result, many specialist early years providers across the country were forced to close.

In early 2015, the organisation was at a critical low point. There were just four children enrolled, team morale was extremely low, and the future was uncertain. At that time, specialist early years provision was not viewed favourably by policymakers.

However, the Trustees, staff team, and supporters of YOG made a collective decision to persevere. With determination and shared belief, they set out to prove that specialist early intervention was not only necessary, but vital.

### **Growth, Impact, and Specialist Support**

Over the past ten years, YOG has been rebuilt into a strong and respected organisation—one that is now recognised both locally and nationally. Today, we support **33 children and their families**, many of whom present with highly complex needs.

Children attending YOG may be supported by up to 12 or more professionals, reflecting the breadth and depth of their requirements. These needs include:

- Severe speech, language, and communication challenges
- Physical disabilities
- Complex medical needs
- Life-limiting conditions

Crucially, YOG's approach is centred on the whole family. Supporting parents, siblings, and wider family networks significantly increases the likelihood of positive outcomes, not just for the child, but for the stability and resilience of the family as a whole.

### **Preventative Work and Early Intervention**

YOG provides services and opportunities that many families would otherwise be unable to access. These include specialist early learning, therapeutic input, safeguarding support, and coordinated professional intervention.

Our work contributes to:

- Preventing escalation to higher levels of complex need
- Supporting family resilience
- Reducing the risk of crisis or family breakdown
- Enabling a successful transition into school
- Preventing exclusion and long-term disadvantage

At a time when many public services have been reduced, and waiting lists continue to grow, YOG remains a **lifeline** for vulnerable families.

Evidence consistently shows that specialist prevention and early intervention significantly improve life chances for children and deliver long-term benefits for society.

National Government has now recognised the fundamental role Early Intervention plays in child development and launched the national Best Start in Life Strategy. YOG has been a key partner in creating a local BSIL strategy with other local agencies.

### **Partnership Working**

YOG does not work in isolation. Our success depends on strong partnerships and collaboration. We would like to formally thank our colleagues and partners.

These partnerships ensure coordinated, child-centred support and strengthen outcomes for families.



## Amidst the SEND Crisis, Fighting for Survival

As we look to the future, one major challenge lies ahead: the **end of our lease at the Baildon Centre in August 2027**. Over the past year, we have been in negotiations regarding the lease and future terms. While the new arrangement will not be at a peppercorn rent, we are grateful to the NHS for their patience and willingness to negotiate fair terms.

YOG's operational model, rooted in longstanding relationships with families, deep knowledge of local needs, and integrated support, cannot be recreated from scratch. Its loss would represent something truly irreplaceable.

At a national level, the announcement in December 2024 that SEND provision is in crisis came as no surprise to those working on the frontline.

YOG submitted detailed evidence to the Education Committee in January 2025, including recommendations focused on early years provision.

Although the anticipated government White Paper has been delayed; we continue to monitor developments closely.

## Our Commitment to the Future

In a time of uncertainty and system-wide transformation, the Trustees remain fully committed to ensuring that YOG has a secure future.

We are determined to:

- Identify and secure new premises by August 2027
- Protect and grow our specialist early intervention model
- Continue lobbying for recognition of early years SEND provision
- Remain a trusted, stable presence for families

The Trustees are excited by the opportunity to develop new premises that will support our long-term vision—and, on a very practical level, provide adequate parking for families and staff.

Though we are a small charity, our frontline experience and deep understanding of our community enable us to demonstrate the profound impact of specialist early intervention. YOG stands as evidence that early support transforms lives and strengthens society as a whole.

On behalf of the Trustees, we extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported YOG over the past 55 years—our staff, Trustees, parents, partners, businesses, funders, and friends. Your dedication and belief have sustained this organisation through its most difficult moments and enabled it to flourish.

We invite you to join us as we embark on the next chapter of YOG's journey. With courage, pride, and continued collaboration, we look forward to serving children and families for the next 55 years and beyond.

*Jane*

Jane Lock  
Chair of Trustees

## Financial Review 2024/25 (Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025)

Our main sources of funding during 2024/25 were from Somerset Council in the form of the 15 hours' entitlement, High Needs Funding and DAF (Disability Access Funding), which totalled £156,737; Session and transport fees of £8569; grants £48,425; and donations from individuals and organisations under £1000, £4966 and fundraising £3871. Expenses totalled £177,540, of which £158,500 represented our wage costs.

### **Reserves Policy**

The unrestricted reserves of the Group that were freely available for charity use at the year-end were **£103,774**.

The Trustees consider that a significant proportion of these are required for working revenue. The target is to maintain adequate reserves to enable the Group to continue running for a minimum of 12 months, even if there is a significant reduction in funding.

### **Supporters in our Financial Year 2024/25**

- Somerset Community Foundation
- Sherborne Castle Fair
- Sherborne Car Festival
- Parcroft pre-school
- Drandjeau Charitable Trust
- Hunts Foods

**We are massively grateful to all of our supporters who have given us grants, to our families, friends and our own team who tirelessly fundraise and to those individuals who support us through monthly donations and general donations.**

**Charity Number: 304693**

# **Yeovil Opportunity Group**

**Financial Statements  
for the year ended  
31 March 2025**

# **Yeovil Opportunity Group**

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## **Yeovil Opportunity Group**

<b>Charity Number</b>	304693
<b>Patron</b>	Mr G Cole CBE
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# **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Yeovil Opportunity Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 9.

## **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As the charity trustees of YOG you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records: or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Paul S Wellspring*

Paul S Wellspring FCCA

42 St. Andrews Avenue

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Date: 27 January 2026

# Yeovil Opportunity Group

## Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses) for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	22,341	31,050	53,391
Incoming resources from activities	4	169,792	-	169,792
Income from Investments	5	1,255	-	1,255
<b>Total income</b>		<b>193,388</b>	<b>31,050</b>	<b>224,438</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	6	216	-	216
Charitable activities	7	146,725	31,322	178,047
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>146,941</b>	<b>31,322</b>	<b>178,263</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		<b>46,447</b>	<b>(272)</b>	<b>46,175</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	15	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Total funds brought forward		57,327	34,975	92,302
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	15	<b>103,774</b>	<b>34,703</b>	<b>138,477</b>
	Note			<b>2024</b>
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	16,155	31,000	47,155
Incoming resources from activities	4	127,856	835	128,691
Income from Investments	5	1,255	-	1,255
<b>Total income</b>		<b>145,266</b>	<b>31,835</b>	<b>177,101</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	6	768	-	768
Charitable activities	7	156,401	1,899	158,300
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>157,169</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>159,068</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		<b>(11,903)</b>	<b>29,936</b>	<b>18,033</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	15	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(11,903)</b>	<b>29,936</b>	<b>18,033</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		69,230	5,039	74,269
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	15	<b>57,327</b>	<b>34,975</b>	<b>92,302</b>

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

**Yeovil Opportunity Group**  
**(Registration number: 304693)**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 March 2025**

		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	9		2,198		2,848
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	10	210		195	
Cash at bank and in hand		143,052		90,973	
		<u>143,262</u>		<u>91,168</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(6,983)</u>		<u>(1,714)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>136,279</u>		<u>89,454</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>138,477</u></u>		<u><u>92,302</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
<b>Funds:</b>					
Restricted funds	15		34,703		34,975
Unrestricted funds, including Designated funds	15		103,774		57,327
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><u>138,477</u></u>		<u><u>92,302</u></u>

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The financial statements on pages 3 - 9 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 23 January 2026.  
and signed on their behalf by:

*Jane Lock*

Jane Lock  
Chairman



# Yeovil Opportunity Group

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

### 1 Accounting policies

#### General information and basis of accounting

- Yeovil Opportunity Group is an unincorporated registered charity governed by a revised constitution dated 30 November 2009. Details of the Trustees and contact details are shown on page 1.
- The principle accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.
- The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention. They have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP)' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective from 1 January 2015 - Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.
- The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.
- The Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Cash flow statement

The charity has taken advantage of exemptions available to it and therefore has not prepared a cash flow report.

#### Income recognition

- All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.
- Donations and gifts are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis and is shown gross of income tax recovered and recoverable. Other income is accounted for on the basis of amounts receivable for the year.
- In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), unpaid general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

#### Expenditure

- All expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.
- All expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis, inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**Raising funds** - These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

**Charitable activities** - Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in 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.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are recorded at cost plus any incidental expenses of acquisition. Where fixed assets are donated, they are stated at their estimated market value on acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets based on the estimated useful life of the asset and their anticipated residual value, as follows:

Asset	Depreciation
Leasehold property improvements	10 years straight line
Mini bus	25% reducing balance
Office equipment	25% reducing balance
Furniture, equipment & toys	15% reducing balance

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

### 1 Accounting policies (Cont.)

#### Debtors

Prepayments are valued at the amount paid in advance for goods and services provided to the charity.

#### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Creditors

Creditors are stated at the original invoiced amounts.

#### Fund accounting policy

- Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.
- Restricted funds are those donated for the use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to the that area or purpose.
- Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 15.

### 2 Taxation

- The Group is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income where they are applied for charitable purposes.
- The charity is not registered for VAT and is therefore unable to recover VAT on any expenditure it incurs.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 £	2024 £
Donations				
Somerset Community Foundation		10,000	10,000	6,000
Sherborne Castle Fair	-	2,300	2,300	4,000
Sherborne Car rally	-	10,000	10,000	-
Parcroft pre-school (dissolution distribution)	15,000	-	15,000	-
Drandjeaw Charitable Trust	1,000	-	1,000	-
Westlands - Beer & Cider festival	1,375	-	1,375	3,100
Hunts Food Group Community Fund		8,750	8,750	
Estate of Mrs Dee Phillips	-	-	-	30,000
Various individuals and organisations, being below £1,000 each	4,966		4,966	4,055
	<u>22,341</u>	<u>31,050</u>	<u>53,391</u>	<u>47,155</u>

### 4 Incoming resources from activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income from fund raising activities	3,871	-	3,871	2,593
Session & transport fees (Parents)	8,569	-	8,569	4,769
Somerset Council - Statutory income including HNF/DAF	156,737		156,737	117,030
Training support grants	615		615	-
Provision of support services to SCC	-		-	4,299
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>169,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,792</u>	<u>128,691</u>

# Yeovil Opportunity Group

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

### 5 Income from Investments

Bank deposit interest	1,255	-	1,255	1,255
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### 6 Raising funds

Cost of generating income	216	-	216	768
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### 7 Charitable activities

#### Provision of playgroup facilities

Session expenses and refreshments	922	-	922	551
Wages & National insurance costs (Inc pensions)	132,450	26,050	158,500	140,566
Speech & Language therapist	1,120	5,000	6,120	1,200
Support consultant		-	-	1,630
Insurance	1,415	-	1,415	814
Rent	1,306	-	1,306	1,042
Staff training	169	-	169	737
Repairs and renewals			-	452
Depreciation	378	84	462	4,287
Mini bus running costs	2,546	-	2,546	2,481
Mini bus Depreciation	-	188	188	251

#### Governance costs

Office costs	4,833	-	4,833	3,165
Recruitment costs	507			
Professional fees	825	-	825	945
Sundry expenses	254	-	254	179
Trustees expenses	-	-	-	-
	146,725	31,322	177,540	158,300

### 8 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments a rate in excess of £60,000 during the year (2024 - None).

The average number of part time employees for the year was 14 (2024 - 12)

### 9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Improvements £	Mini Bus £	Furniture, Equip & Toys £	Office equipment £	Total 2025 £
<b>Cost</b>					
As at 1 April 2024	15,502	31,687	41,013	7,440	95,642
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	15,502	31,687	41,013	7,440	95,642
<b>Depreciation</b>					
As at 1 April 2024	15,502	30,934	40,398	5,960	92,794
Charge for the year	-	188	92	370	650
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	15,502	31,122	40,490	6,330	93,444
<b>Net book values</b>					
As at 31 March 2025	-	565	523	1,110	2,198
As at 31 March 2024	-	753	615	1,480	2,848

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<b>10 Debtors - due within one year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments	210	195
	<u>210</u>	<u>195</u>
<b>11 Creditors and accruals</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Creditors	5,558	568
Accruals	30	31
PAYE	1,395	1,115
	<u>6,983</u>	<u>1,714</u>

### 12 Related parties

#### Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the Trustees.

No Trustee, or any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year. (2024 £nil).

No expenses were paid to any trustee during the year.

<b>13 Reconciliation of movement in funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening funds at 1 April 2024	57,327	34,975	92,302
Operating surplus/(deficit)	46,447	(272)	46,175
Closing funds at 31 March 2025	<u>103,774</u>	<u>34,703</u>	<u>138,477</u>

<b>14 Analysis of net assets between funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Fixed Assets	1,155	1,043	2,198
Current assets	109,602	33,660	143,262
Current liabilities	(6,983)	-	(6,983)
	<u>103,774</u>	<u>34,703</u>	<u>138,477</u>

<b>15 Summary of funds</b>	<b>Opening funds</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Closing funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Outdoor play equipment	1,735	-	(35)	-	1,700
Time together	223	-	(33)	-	190
Kitchen equipment	539	-	(16)	-	523
Mini Bus fund	32,478	-	(188)	-	32,290
Somerset Community Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Sherborne Castle Fair	-	2,300	(2,300)	-	-
Sherborne Car rally	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Hunts Food Group Community Fund	-	7,500	(7,500)	-	-
	<u>34,975</u>	<u>29,800</u>	<u>(30,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,703</u>

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### Unrestricted /designated funds

Designated	40,642	-	-	4,408	45,050
General	16,685	193,388	(146,941)	(4,408)	58,724
	<u>57,327</u>	<u>193,388</u>	<u>(146,941)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,774</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>92,302</u></b>	<b><u>223,188</u></b>	<b><u>(177,013)</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>138,477</u></b>

### Restricted Funds

- **Outdoor play equipment** - being funds raised to update the outdoor play equipment
- **Sensory room** - being funds raised toward the cost of upgrading the sensory room
- **Sunshine Mini bus** - being funds initially provided by the Variety Club of Great Britain towards the mini bus purchased in 2011.

Additional funds were provided last year by the Estate of Mrs D Phillips towards the provision of a replacement vehicle.

# **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Yeovil Opportunity Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 9.

## **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As the charity trustees of YOG you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 27 January 2026