

COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 515538

Details

Other names	RURAL ACTION YORKSHIRE LIMITED, YORKSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	01839458
Registered	1984-09-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Objects2. The Charity's objects are specifically restricted to the following-to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community particularly in Yorkshire and the surrounding area (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit') in particular, the advancement of education and health and the relief of poverty and distress, the sustainability of rural life or in pursuing any other charitable purposes by promoting and organising co operation in the achievement of the said purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the voluntary organisations, statutory authorities, and other organisations within the area of benefit.

Activities: To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community particularly in Yorkshire and the surrounding area in particular the advancement of education and health and the relief of poverty and distress, the sustainability of rural life, or in pursuing any other charitable purposes by promoting and organising cooperation in the achievement of the said purposes.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTIES OF NORTH, SOUTH AND WEST YORKSHIRE
- Barnsley
- Bradford City
- Calderdale
- City Of Wakefield
- Doncaster
- Kirklees
- Leeds City
- North Yorkshire
- Rotherham
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,042,875	£1,206,484	£890,756	29
2024-03-31	£1,164,542	£1,096,211	£1,054,365	30
2023-03-31	£1,012,567	£1,041,296	£986,034	29
2022-03-31	£1,157,493	£1,021,220	£1,014,763	32
2021-03-31	£1,110,098	£1,076,512	£878,490	35

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ADRIAN Stuart WILLIS		
DAVID SHARP		2017-04-25
DAVID WATSON		2017-04-25
Dr Rebecca Claire Buckley		2021-04-20
Louise Jane Terzza		2025-11-25
Richard Anthony Jones		2025-03-18

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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout the report

ABCD – Asset Based Community Development
ACRE – Action with Communities in Rural England
CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group
CLH – Community Led Housing
CIO – Charitable Incorporated Organisation
CLH – Community Led Housing
CLHH – Community Led Homes Hub
DEFRA - Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
ERYC – East Riding of Yorkshire Council
HCV – Humber, Coast and Vale
HCP – Health and Care Partnership
HEY – Hull and East Yorkshire
HNY – Humber and North Yorkshire
HNY HCP – Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership
HPOC – Harnessing the Power of Communities
HWRA – Humber and Wolds Rural Action
ICS – Integrated Care System
IVAR – Institute for Voluntary Action Research
NAVCA – National Association for Voluntary and Community Action
NHS – National Health Service
NHS HNY ICB – NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
NLCF – National Lottery Community Fund
NY – North Yorkshire
NYC – North Yorkshire Council¹
NY & ER – North Yorkshire & East Riding
PCN – NHS Primary Care Network
REPF – Rural England Prosperity Fund
RHE – Rural Housing Enabler
SOFA – Statement of Financial Activities
TRCF – Two Ridings Community Foundation
UKSPF – UK Shared Prosperity Fund
VAL – Voluntary Action Leeds
VCS – Voluntary and Community Sector
VCSE – Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector
YNYER – York, North Yorkshire and East Riding
YNYLEP – York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership

¹ North Yorkshire Council is the unitary authority formed from the former county council and seven district councils: Scarborough, Hambleton, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Harrogate, Selby, and Craven.

Chief Executive's introduction

In January 2025, we were delighted to learn that we won the VCSE Support Service Grant, funded by North Yorkshire Council and North Yorkshire and Humberside Integrated Care Partnership, with Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership. This means we remain the infrastructure organisation for North Yorkshire for a further three years, until 31 March 2028 - with potential extension to 2030 - giving both us and the sector we support some much-valued security and stability.

We had a busy year, hosting both the new Mayor of North Yorkshire, David Skaith when he wanted to meet VCSE leaders as soon as he came into office, and our Extraordinary Ordinary Leaders conference in May 2024. Both brought leaders from the sector together to exchange priorities, ideas and solutions. This is in addition to the usual subject specific groups and networks we convene and attend on behalf of the sector and our rural communities.

The advent of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority brings a new dynamic to working in the region, although North Yorkshire Council's loss of the rural services delivery grant, with its £14.2 million in funding each year, means that rural communities are more challenged than ever in terms of equity of access to services. We have secured a position on the Combined Authority's Business Board, enabling us to advocate and influence on behalf of both the VCSE sector and rural communities.

We welcomed Richard Jones to our board of trustees and bade a fond farewell to Jan Thornton MBE and Mike Feist. Both Jan and Mike had been long serving trustees, and we are very grateful for their service to Community First Yorkshire. We wish them both well for the future.

Our Head of Community Support, Caroline O'Neill retired after 13 years and we thank her for her tireless enthusiasm and commitment.

Our work would not be possible without the huge contributions from our funders, members, trustees, volunteers and team members. Thank you all for everything you do to make Yorkshire a thriving, connected, inclusive and sustainable community. I am deeply grateful for the generous support and hard work of everyone. I look forward to continuing our work together in the next financial year.

Jane Colthup

Chief Executive

COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR END 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

OUR PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

Our Vision

Our vision is to improve the lives of people living in Yorkshire through more thriving, connected, inclusive and sustainable communities. Our aspiration is for Yorkshire communities that are:

- Thriving - feeling vibrant, prosperous and multi-generational. People will actively want to be part of our communities.
- Connected - people will not feel isolated or disadvantaged by their location in terms of access to services, loneliness, broadband or mobile phone connectivity.
- Inclusive - everyone will feel welcome, accepted and valued, regardless of age, gender, race or sexual orientation.
- Sustainable - there will be rewarding and worthwhile employment for people whether at the beginning, middle or end of their careers. There will be affordable housing available to live in. We will work with our partners towards carbon neutral communities.

Our Mission

We will achieve our vision by championing and connecting community and voluntary groups; providing leadership and practical support and by encouraging volunteering and building greater collaboration.

We know that a strong and resilient community and voluntary sector enables a strong sense of social cohesion and place in all our local areas, so our work focuses on:

- training and development
- funding and governance advice
- incubating social enterprises
- being both a catalyst and a critical friend.

Our Purposes and Activities (continued)

Our core services across North, South and West Yorkshire

We strengthen rural communities by supporting voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to thrive. Our work focuses on:

- Leadership and capacity building: developing skills, structures, and succession planning to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Community development: providing practical support so people feel connected, included, and empowered to shape their local vision.
- Partnerships and collaboration: facilitating joint working and strategic alliances to amplify impact.
- Volunteering: encouraging active participation and building resilient networks.
- Equity of access: ensuring rural communities have fair access to services and support.

We deliver this through tailored advice, strengths-based development projects, support for village halls and community buildings, and advocacy that elevates the VCSE sector's role in prevention, health equity, and cohesion.

Charitable objects

Our charitable aims, as stated in our Memorandum and Articles of Association, are:

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community particularly in the geographical area of Yorkshire and the surrounding area (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") - in particular the advancement of education and health and the relief of poverty and distress; the sustainability of rural life or in pursuing any other charitable purposes by promoting and organising co-operation in the achievement of the said purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the voluntary organisations, statutory authorities, and other organisations within the area of benefit.

Achievements, performance and plans for the future

We are deeply grateful to all our funders, especially North Yorkshire Council, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Partnership, Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership, Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership and Defra. Defra's funding through our umbrella body ACRE, has enabled us to champion rural communities and amplify our impact across Yorkshire.

Achievements, performance and plans for the future (continued)

Community support in North Yorkshire

Between April 2024 and March 2025, our development officers delivered tailored support to VCSE organisations, focusing on capacity building, training, and strategic development.

Key highlights:

- 55 training sessions for 444 participants
- £1.561 million secured for VCSE groups
- 453 priority groups supported
- 920 organisations engaged
- 1,418 new interventions delivered
- Cohort 6 of our Mentoring Programme completed
- 200 volunteering opportunities promoted

Our work through UKSPF and Defra funding brought vital investment into village halls and community buildings across Yorkshire. We also launched a Social Enterprise Support programme, leaving a legacy of coaching and collaboration.

Our work in this financial period has included:

- We supported 25 Community Anchor Organisations with tailored training in impact, volunteering, and safeguarding.
- Through the Rural York Community Buildings Fund, 11 buildings received support in partnership with City of York Council.
- Our Social Enterprise programme delivered 12 sessions, sparking lasting coaching and a growing business network.
- Innovation: we launched a tiered support model, enhanced outcome tracking, and piloted new mentoring formats.
- Digital engagement highlights: 603 podcast downloads, 1,135 resource downloads, 8,600+ newsletter subscribers, and over 41,000 website visitors.
- Leadership: Our Ordinary Extraordinary Leaders conference brought together 100 leaders for a day of inspiration and connection. Cohort 6 of our mentoring programme saw real growth in confidence and governance, with podcasts and new resources extending its reach.

Achievements, performance and plans for the future (continued)

Listening and advocacy

We have ensured the VCSE voice is heard through active roles on key boards and forums, and strategic partnerships with IDOX, Utility Aid, and WYCAS. Our Leadership Steering Group helped shape the Mentoring for Impact programme, strengthening peer support and sector resilience.

Rural advocacy and support

We are active members of Ripon Cathedral's Rural Forum, its Rural Housing Forum, and the Yorkshire Food and Farming Rural Network. Rural advocacy is woven throughout our work—from convening the Rural Health and Care Summit with Healthwatch, to advancing digital inclusion through our Health Outcomes Delivery Lead, to supporting ACRE's Platinum Jubilee Funding and disseminating York's Rural England Funding (REPF).

We've also called for a refresh of the Rural Commission Report to assess progress since 2021. North Yorkshire Council is currently reviewing developments since the last Rural Task Force meeting, and we look forward to working with them and other partners to ensure rural communities are treated equitably.

VCSE leadership in health and wellbeing

We continued to lead and collaborate across North Yorkshire to improve community health, ensuring the VCSE sector helps shape services and outcomes.

As regional VCSE health lead, we coordinated input into the Humber and North Yorkshire ICB, securing funding to boost vaccine uptake via trusted community partners.

Our work with **Craven Communities Together** and local care partnerships distributed over £80,000 in health inequalities funding for targeted local interventions.

Through the **North Yorkshire VCSE Health and Care Assembly**, we've amplified the sector's voice in system-wide planning and delivery.

We launched a **Health Outcomes Delivery Lead** role to improve digital inclusion, focusing on rural access and the NHS App - deepening primary care relationships and understanding digital barriers.

Our **Support to Engage programme** trained VCSE staff in coaching to support lived experience in mental health service design.

Together with Healthwatch North Yorkshire, we hosted a **Rural Health and Care Summit** with 80 leaders. Feedback informed the Health and Wellbeing Board and called for a cross-sector rural task force.

Achievements, performance and plans for the future (continued)

North Yorkshire & East Riding Community Led Housing Hub

Over four years, the Hub became a trusted regional guide for community-led housing - offering expert advice, advocacy, and partnership support from group formation to move-in.

Key achievements:

- Secured Shared Prosperity Funding for sustainability
- Delivered Craven CLT's Housing Needs Survey
- Supported active groups in Whitby, Richmond, Harrogate, and Beverley
- Raised profile through national events and digital outreach

Though the Hub closed in May 2024 due to funding constraints, its legacy lives on in the communities it empowered and the strategies it helped shape.

Rural Housing Enabler (RHE) Programme

The RHE Programme continued to champion affordable housing in rural North Yorkshire through expert guidance and strong local collaboration.

Key highlights:

- Launched the Housing Booked resource
- Engaged communities via regional shows and auction marts
- Completed a Housing Needs Survey
- Advanced sites in Reeth, Dalton, Beal, Swaledale, and Tanfield

We'll keep supporting new RHEs, progressing surveys, and driving development through ongoing site visits.

Community Led Housing in Nidderdale National Landscape

This three-year pilot, funded by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, raised awareness of community-led housing in Nidderdale. We engaged 300+ stakeholders and supported five early-stage projects with potential to deliver 21 affordable homes.

Local insight sparked creative solutions - repurposing unused buildings and exploring self-finished homes to lower deposit barriers. Plans are progressing for North Yorkshire's first rural housing cooperative, driven by collaboration

Achievements, performance and plans for the future (continued)

Rothwell Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)

As the pathfinder site for Leeds City Council's ABCD programme, Rothwell saw community-led ideas flourish. A summer listening exercise sparked new initiatives, including a support group for parents of autistic teenage girls and a winter crafting circle that built lasting friendships.

Partnerships with Forum Central, the Local Care Partnership, and the ABCD builders' network helped deepen local engagement and connection.

Bradford Men's Shed

In 2024/25, the Men's Sheds programme focused on infrastructure and sustainability - supporting new sheds and strengthening existing ones.

Highlights:

- Allerton Shed launched with 12 members and a defibrillator
- Queensbury Shed gained CIO status and planned new premises
- Wilsden Shed expanded and hosted regular socials
- Trustee training delivered in Ilkley for sheds across Yorkshire

The programme boosted wellbeing and community health, with innovations from drone surveys to repurposed materials. Looking ahead, we'll support sheds without premises, new groups, and expand trustee training.

Village Halls as Digital Hubs

Eight village halls were transformed into digitally inclusive spaces, tackling rural connectivity through broadband and equipment installation. Aligned with the Digital Inclusion Network, the project supported access to services, learning, and social connection.

Collaboration with North Yorkshire Council ensured effective resource use. Remaining funding will support new hubs, building digitally connected, resilient communities.

UKSPF Digital Inclusion Programme

This £600,000 partnership project supported digital inclusion across rural North Yorkshire. Led by Community First Yorkshire, 40 projects operated in 120+ venues, training 250+ Digital Champions and supporting over 3,000 people.

83 training sessions boosted confidence and capacity, while flexible delivery models ensured accessibility. Peer meetings and partnerships enriched the programme's reach. Legacy planning and a new prospectus will help sustain impact and share learning.

Achievements, performance and plans for the future (continued)

Age Friendly Network

Our Age Friendly Network grew to 194 individuals and 42 organisations, amplifying older voices through inclusive engagement. Outreach events in Filey and Pickering, refreshed communications, and targeted surveys helped connect with carers, veterans, and minority groups.

Training for Community Anchor Organisations and alignment with national campaigns boosted visibility. Looking ahead, we'll expand volunteer opportunities, strengthen training, and deepen outreach to priority groups.

Plans for the future

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. We intend to:

- Expand our reach through events, digital storytelling, and stronger impact monitoring, while evolving support for volunteering and leadership.
- Working with partners, we'll continue building VCSE capacity - especially through Community Anchor Organisations - to strengthen community resilience.
- Our offer will include 24 training sessions, expanded digital content, and peer-learning groups to grow our community of practice.
- Advance volunteering by building on the impact of the Building Better Connections NHS Charities Together project, the Volunteering Network, and the HNY HCP Workforce Plan. We'll continue to support and promote social action through blogs, think-pieces, and involvement in social action and volunteering partner events.
- Monitor economic pressures and work with public and health partners to keep VCSE organisations sustainable.
- Work collaboratively with our partners in local government, health and the VCSE sector to ensure people in Yorkshire live healthier, happier, more fulfilling lives. This continues to be enhanced by our development of the North Yorkshire VCSE Sector Health and Care Assembly.
- Continue the Rural Housing Enabler programme to boost rural exception sites and appropriate affordable housing supply.
- Focus on operational priorities including continuing to highlight the needs of our rural communities in relation to health and mental health provision and strategies; transport; education, training and employment.; as well as ensuring the actions in the Rural Commission Report are taken forward.
- Projects like Men's Sheds, Rothwell ABCD and the Age Friendly Network will continue to build cohesion and wellbeing.
- Grow our environmental work, helping organisations move toward carbon neutrality and climate resilience.
- Continue to provide a responsive training and resource offer on our Learning and Development Hub; as well as providing our mentoring programme for aspiring leaders and developing young people focused programmes and bursary funded training options through our Leadership Hub.

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Achievements, performance and plans for the future (continued)

- Continue to adapt and introduce new training and resource materials on areas of thematic importance including trusteeship, recruitment, funding, wellbeing and relationship dynamics.
- Continue to promote diversity, equality and inclusion across North Yorkshire.
- Continue to support the development of Digital Hubs across North Yorkshire, to provide digital inclusion opportunities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Company generated a net deficit for the year of £163,609 (2024: surplus £68,331) of which £248,094 was restricted (2024: surplus £95,448) and the unrestricted surplus was £84,485 (2024: deficit £27,117).

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy of Community First Yorkshire Ltd was agreed by the Trustee Board as follows:

The reserves are composed of Restricted and Unrestricted funds.

Restricted Reserves

Restricted Reserves or Restricted Income Funds relate to reserves held in accordance with any restrictions required by the original funder.

Unrestricted Reserves

Unrestricted funds are made up of Designated Funds and General Funds.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd aims to achieve sufficient free reserves which will:

- Allow the smooth operation of our activities
- Cover any costs, including redundancy costs in the event of a managed closure of the organisation.

As a guide the Trustees have agreed that free reserves held by the charity should be a minimum of three month's core and non-prepaid project costs plus managed closure costs.

The General Fund is a revenue reserve and therefore is not a designated fund. It will be used to meet any year end shortfall of budgeted income against budgeted expenditure. It will normally include any surplus of income over expenditure subject to a decision of the Trustee Board.

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Financial Review (continued)

The General Fund stood at £215,320 at 31 March 2025 (2024: £130,835) which, per the policy, the trustees are confident will allow sufficient time to seek new funding sources. Free reserves at 31 March 2025 is £205,482 (2024: £125,020) after removing fixed assets and commitments.

As set out in note 29 to the accounts the trustees have set aside £296,749 as designated funds to maintain and finish the specific projects they relate to, for the organisations we support.

Investment Policy

We will ensure that our charity has sufficient liquidity to meet our financial commitments. We will invest in liquid assets, most of which are instant access to ensure we can access our money when we need it.

The finance sub-committee periodically review investments and rates being received to secure a good financial return. We only invest in UK authorised banks and building societies ensuring adequate diversification and appropriate levels of risk.

As a guide we aim to keep no more than the cost of two months payroll in our current account at any given time, as this account is not interest bearing.

Principal Funding Sources

North Yorkshire County Council
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Ryedale District Council
Hambleton District Council
Scarborough Borough Council
East Riding of York Council
Humber Coast and Vale NHS partnership (now known as Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership)
Leeds City Council
Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Health Tree Foundation
Two Ridings Community Foundation

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity.

Organisation

The trustee board is elected annually by the membership of Community First Yorkshire Ltd and trustees hold three-year terms of office and retire in rotation. One third of trustees retire each year and may seek re-election.

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Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

Trustees are appointed either by being co-opted by the existing trustee board or through open recruitment. Any trustee co-opted can then seek re-election at the next AGM.

The maximum number of trustees is 12 and details of the trustees who served during the year can be found on page 14. The trustee board meets at least quarterly.

Trustees receive an induction which includes meetings with the chair and senior managers.

A comprehensive induction pack is provided, and ongoing training and personal development opportunities are offered to all trustees. We are particularly keen to recruit new trustees to Community First Yorkshire and welcome enquiries from interested parties.

Honorary Officers

The organisation also has the following honorary officers:

- Chairperson - David Sharp
- Vice-Chairperson - Janet Thornton MBE [resigned as of AGM 4 February 2025]
- Vice-Chairperson - Dr Rebecca Buckley [appointed 18 March 2025]

These officers ensure that the trustee board operates efficiently and help to raise the profile of Community First Yorkshire Ltd.

Day-to-day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Officer and the Community First Yorkshire Senior Management Team which, as of 31 March 2025, consisted of the Head of VCSE Support, the Head of Health Collaboration and the Head of Finance.

Members' Liability

Every member has undertaken to contribute an amount, not exceeding £10, to the assets of the charity in the event of it being wound up, while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member for payment of the charity's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves.

Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

Related Parties

All transactions with related parties are set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

Risk Management

Community First Yorkshire Ltd has examined the principal areas of its operations and built a framework for assessing what major risks may arise in each of these areas. They include: governance, management, operational, financial, external and legal matters. Annual reviews of the risk management process are carried out, and adjustments made as necessary. These are in line with the annual review of the strategic objectives, external factors, service delivery etc.

In the opinion of the trustees, the resources and monitoring systems set in place should allow the risks identified to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Fundraising activities

The charity does not engage in public fundraising and does not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators. The charity therefore has none presented in the financial statements for the year under review.

The charity has received no complaints in relation to fundraising activity for the year under review. Given the nature of the funding of the charity, the trustees consider that it remains appropriate not to be voluntarily bound to be regulated by the Fundraising Regulator.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company Name

Community First Yorkshire Ltd *(A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)*

Company Registration Number

01839458

Charity Registration Number

515538

Principal and Registered Office

Unit A, Tower House
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Trustee Board

(Executive Committee Members) who served during the year to 31st March 2025 and since the year end were as follows:

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

Rebecca Buckley

Mike Feist

(Resigned 4 February 2025)

David Jeffels

David Sharp

Janet Thornton MBE

(Resigned 4 February 2025)

David Watson

Adrian Willis

Richard Jones

(Appointed 18 March 2025)

The Chief Officer to whom trustees delegate duties:

Jane Colthup

The Company Secretary

Jane Colthup

The Company's Auditors

Fortus Audit LLP, Equinox House, Clifton Park, Shipton Road, York, YO30 5PA.

The Company's Bankers

Unity Trust Bank, PO Box 7193, Planetary Road, Willenhall, WV1 9DG

Registration Details

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity, and is therefore not liable to income tax, corporation tax or capital gains tax.

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Members

Town and parish councils

Allerton Mauleverer with Hopperton Parish Meeting	Manfield Parish Council
Barlby & Osgodby Town Council	Rossington Parish Council
Beal Parish Council	Stutton cum Hazelwood Parish Council
Harthill with Woodall Parish Council	Thrybergh Parish Council
Hepstonstall Parish Council	Waverly Community Council
Hovingham & Scackleton Parish Council	
Laighton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council	Weeton Parish Council
Letwell Parish Council	

Rural community buildings

Acaster Malbis Memorial Hall	Glusburn Community & Arts Centre
Appleton le Street & Amotherby Parish Hall	Gristhorpe & Lebberston Village Hall
Arkendale Community Hall	Hampsthwaite Village Room
Barwick Village Hall	Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall
Blaxton Village Hall	Hawes Market House
Borrowby Village Hall	Hellifield Institute
Boston Spa Village Hall CIO	Helperby Village Hall CIO
Bradley Village Hall	Hinderwell Village Hall
Buckden Township Hall	Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust
Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall and Playing Fields	Holy Rood House - Centre for Health and Pastoral Care
Carlton Village Hall	Hovingham Village Hall
Clapham Cum Newby Village Hall	Kirk Deighton Village Hall CIO
Coore Memorial Hall Management Committee	Kirk Hammerton Village Hall
Coverdale Memorial Hall	
Darley Memorial Hall, Lastingham	Long Preston Village Hall
	Low Bentham Public Hall & Victoria Institute
Dunnington Reading Room	Malham Village Hall
East Harlsey Village Hall	Manfield Village Hall
Ebberston Village Hall	Morton on Swale Village Hall
Embsay with Eastby Village Institute	Muker Public Hall and Literary Institute
Escrick and Deighton Village Hall	Oswaldkirk Village Hall CIO
Exelby, Leeming & Londonderry Village Hall	Oulston Village Hall
Farndale Village Hall	Pannal Village Hall
Ganton Village Hall	Pateley Bridge & Beverley Memorial Hall CIO
	Rainton with Newby Village Hall
Gilling West Village Hall	

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Members (continued)

Ravensworth village hall	St Mary's Community Centre
Ruswarp Village Hall	Staxton Village Hall
Sandhutton Village Hall	Studley Roger Village Hall
Sawdon Village Hall	Stutton Cum Hazelwood Village Hall (Stutton Village Social Committee)
Settle Victoria Hall Ltd	The Galtres Community Centre
Sharow Village Hall	The Grey Village Hall
Sinnington Village Hall	Thornton le Dale Village Hall
Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall	Thornton Watlass Village Hall
Sleights Village Hall CIO	Walton Village Hall Wetherby
Snainton Village Hall and Playing Field	Whixley Village Hall
Sproxtton Village Hall Trust	Wrelton Village Hall

Organisations

Advocacy Alliance	ORB Community Enterprise (Arts)
Atkinson & Clarke Educational Foundation - Old School Room, Patrick Brompton	Parents of Special Children (POSCH)
Barton Village Institute	Pioneer Projects (Celebratory Arts Ltd)
Better Connect Ltd.	Revival North Yorkshire CIC
Carers Plus Yorkshire Ltd	Ripon Community House
Community Counselling (North Yorkshire) Limited	Ryedale Special Families
Embsay and Eastby Good Neighbours CIO	Sessay Community Trust
Enterprise CUBE CIC	Settle Community Library
Harrogate & District Community Action (HADCA)	Snape Institute
Malton Rackets Club	Tadcaster Volunteer Cars & Services Association
Mashamshire Community Office	Whitby Area Development Trust (Coliseum Centre)
Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Association	Yatton House Society
Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre	York Personal Support Limited
North Craven Building Preservation Trust Ltd	York Workshops
North Yorkshire Youth	Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust
Older Citizens Advocacy York (OCAAY)	Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Individuals

Jackie Stubbs

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees (who are also directors of Community First Yorkshire Ltd for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law applicable requires the charity 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 charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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 on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' annual report:

- There is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditors are unaware
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR END 31 MARCH 2025**

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements (continued)

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 8 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



**Jane Colthup
Company Secretary**



**David Sharp
Chairman**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Community First Yorkshire Ltd the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 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; and
- 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 for our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 Trustee's 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 Trustee's with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Trustees report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (Continued)

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 trustees' report (incorporating 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 charitable company 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 require 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 trustees 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.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements set out on page 17, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determines 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 Trustees 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 concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intends to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (Continued)

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud and obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses, and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- During our planning process we gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant of them, which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements, are those that relate to the reporting framework and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We gained an understanding of how the charity is complying with these frameworks by making enquiries of the Trustees, key management and if necessary, advisors responsible for legal and compliance matters. We observed key controls and made appropriate enquiries following our review of contracts, interim financial data, board minutes and reports provided to the Trustees;
- We independently assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud or error might occur by meeting with the Management Committee and senior management with the skills and experience necessary to determine the risk factors which they believe expose the company to susceptibility to fraud and error. We also considered the impact of any business targets, the personal financial circumstances of management and staff to create a driver for fraud. We considered the culture and controls that the charity has established to address the risks identified and evaluated the effectiveness of processes and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, and how senior management monitors those processes and controls. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we designed then performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included, but were not restricted to, testing large and unusual items, journals, and transactions with high estimation uncertainty. These tests were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud and error; and
- Based on our audit plan and understanding of the risks that specifically affect the charity we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above. Our procedures involved substantive testing of transactions and walkthrough testing of appropriate controls, with a focus on transactions in the books of prime entry that have characteristics that may indicate fraud or error. We looked for unusual patterns, large or unusual transactions, weaknesses in the payments system and new supplier transactions based on our understanding of the business; enquiries of trustees and management and the results from previous audit testing; and focused testing, on specific complex areas based on risk. In addition, we completed procedures to conclude on the other information and disclosures in report of the Management Committee and accounts with the requirements of the relevant accounting standards and UK legislation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (Continued)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company'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 charitable company'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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Frances Howard (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Fortus Audit LLP
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14 October 2025

COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME
AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income					
Charitable activities	2	73,405	890,583	963,988	1,094,180
Other trading activities	3	49,544	6,172	55,716	53,224
Investment income	4	23,171	-	23,171	17,138
Total income		146,120	896,755	1,042,875	1,164,542
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	5-7	(76,034)	(1,130,450)	(1,206,484)	(1,096,211)
Total expenditure		(76,034)	(1,130,450)	(1,206,484)	(1,096,211)
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	8	70,086	(233,695)	(163,609)	68,331
Transfers between funds		14,399	(14,399)	-	-
Net income for the year		84,485	(248,094)	(163,609)	68,331
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		427,584	626,781	1,054,365	986,034
Total funds carried forward		512,069	378,687	890,756	1,054,365

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 27 to 44 form part of these financial statements.

COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME
AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

PRIOR YEAR

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income					
Charitable activities	2	94,922	999,258	1,094,180	992,788
Other trading activities	3	44,524	8,700	53,224	12,895
Investment income	4	17,138	-	17,138	6,884
Total income		156,584	1,007,958	1,164,542	1,012,567
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	5-7	(183,700)	(912,511)	(1,096,211)	(1,041,296)
Total expenditure		(183,700)	(912,511)	(1,096,211)	(1,041,296)
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers					
	8	(27,116)	95,447	68,331	(28,729)
Transfer between funds		(1)	1	-	-
Net income for the year		(27,117)	95,448	68,331	(28,729)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		454,701	531,333	986,034	1,014,763
Total funds carried forward		427,584	626,781	1,054,365	986,034

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2025		2024	
Note	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	10		3,123		-
Investments	11		1		1
			3,124		1
Current Assets					
Debtors	12	59,553		215,308	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,003,097		1,024,199	
		1,062,650		1,239,507	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(169,707)		(179,832)	
Net current assets			892,943		1,059,675
Total assets less current liabilities			896,067		1,059,676
Provision for liabilities	15		(5,311)		(5,311)
Net assets			890,756		1,054,365
Funds					
Restricted income funds	18		378,687		626,781
Unrestricted income funds	19		512,069		427,584
Total charity funds			890,756		1,054,365

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the board on 8 October 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

David Sharp
Chairman
Company number: 01839458

The notes on pages 27 to 44 form part of these financial statements.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities	(40,912)	(51,138)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest Income	23,171	17,138
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(3,361)	-
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	19,810	17,138
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(21,102)	(34,000)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,024,199	1,058,199
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,003,097	1,024,199

Reconciliation of net movement of funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net movement in funds	(163,609)	68,331
Add back depreciation charge	238	-
Deduct interest income show in investing activities	(23,171)	(17,138)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	155,755	(168,956)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(10,125)	66,625
Net cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities	(40,912)	(51,138)

The notes on pages 27 to 44 form part of these financial statements.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee and is registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered office is as stated on the Report of the Board of Trustees.

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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees have considered future funding sources and consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. The unrestricted reserves have been maintained at a level to allow time to seek new funding sources as projects conclude whilst meeting ongoing obligations. As set out in note 20 as part of prudent governance a designated fund has been set aside to cover managed closure costs in the event that that ever became necessary.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

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

Income

All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Where a funder specifies that income must be used in future accounting periods or where income is received for future events it is carried forward as deferred income.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated to the appropriate heading in the accounts. Project costs represent grants paid to other organisations together with the core and support cost expenditure of the charity. Support costs represent 80% (2023 - 80%) of administration expenses which have not been directly recharged to other organisations.

Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the note 20 to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions imposed by grant funders.

Fixed Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Items costing over £1,000 are capitalised.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
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Depreciation

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

Equipment - 25% straight line

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Consolidation

The company has a dormant subsidiary with total net assets of £1. This subsidiary is not material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view and therefore has been excluded from consolidation in accordance with section 405 of the Companies Act 2006.

As this subsidiary can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Companies Act 2006 the company has not produced consolidated accounts as it has taken advantage of the exemption in section 402 of the Companies Act 2006 which applies to companies whose only subsidiaries can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Act.

The financial statements therefore give information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
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Basic financial assets

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid at the year end.

Basic financial liabilities

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Redundancy costs

Redundancy costs are recognised as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Contract income	10,642	-	10,642	21,024
Grants receivable	62,763	890,583	953,346	1,073,156
	<u>73,405</u>	<u>890,583</u>	<u>963,988</u>	<u>1,094,180</u>

The restricted income split can be seen in note 19.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Contract income	21,024	-	21,024
Grants receivable	73,898	999,258	1,073,156
	<u>94,922</u>	<u>999,258</u>	<u>1,094,180</u>

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3. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted & Total Funds 2024 £
Charges to other organisations	34,833	-	34,833	33,573
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	11,241	-	11,241	6,057
Courses and conference income	-	6,172	6,172	8,729
Advertising income	3,470	-	3,470	4,865
	<u>49,544</u>	<u>6,172</u>	<u>55,716</u>	<u>53,224</u>

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted & Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	23,171	23,171	17,138
	<u>23,171</u>	<u>23,171</u>	<u>17,138</u>

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Project costs	15,927	1,130,450	1,146,377	1,017,434
Support costs	60,107	-	60,107	78,777
	<u>76,034</u>	<u>1,130,450</u>	<u>1,206,484</u>	<u>1,096,211</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Project costs	104,923	912,511	1,017,434
Support costs	78,777	-	78,777
	<u>183,700</u>	<u>912,511</u>	<u>1,096,211</u>

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6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities Undertaken Directly £	Grant Funding Activities £	Support Costs £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Project costs	<u>1,022,116</u>	<u>124,261</u>	<u>60,107</u>	<u>1,206,484</u>	<u>1,096,211</u>

	Activities Undertaken Directly £	Grant Funding Activities £	Support Costs £	Total Funds 2024 £
Project costs	<u>912,299</u>	<u>105,135</u>	<u>78,777</u>	<u>1,096,211</u>

7. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted & Total Funds 2024 £
Auditors remuneration (note 8)	<u>10,430</u>	<u>10,430</u>	<u>3,800</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff pension contributions	26,681	26,664
Depreciation	238	-
Auditors' remuneration:		
- audit of the financial statements	8,090	2,700
- accounting services	2,340	1,100
	<u>37,349</u>	<u>30,464</u>

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9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	744,092	705,911
Redundancy costs	2,639	-
Social security costs	63,519	55,649
Other pension costs	26,681	26,664
	<u>836,931</u>	<u>788,224</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No	No
Administrative Staff:		
Full time equivalents	21	21
Total number of employees	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2025	2024
£60,000 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

Aggregate expenses of £309 (2024: £215) were paid to a total of 3 (2024: 4) Trustees during the year.

The key management personnel of the company comprise the Trustees, the Chief Officer, the Head of Finance, the Head of Community Support and Partnerships, the Projects Manager, the Business Development Manager, and the Head of Health Collaborations. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £255,270 (2024: £221,166).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	95,587
Additions	3,361
Disposals	-
	98,948
At 31 March 2025	98,948
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	95,587
Charge for the year	238
On disposals	-
	95,825
At 31 March 2025	95,825
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	3,123
At 31 March 2024	-

11. Investments

	Group Undertakings £
Cost & Net book value	
At 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025	1

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital (being 1 £1 ordinary share) of Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, company number 06591809.

The reported financial information in respect of the above company is as follows:

	2025 & 2024 £
Aggregate Capital and Reserves	
Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited (dormant)	1

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12. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	31,125	28,584
Prepayments and accrued income	28,428	186,724
	<u>59,553</u>	<u>215,308</u>

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	25,637	20,036
Taxation and social security costs	29,732	15,859
Other creditors	4,310	-
Accruals	34,474	27,827
Deferred income (note 15)	75,554	116,110
	<u>169,707</u>	<u>179,832</u>

14. Deferred income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening deferred income	116,110	20,042
Released in the year	(116,110)	(20,042)
Deferred in the year	75,554	116,110
	<u>75,554</u>	<u>116,110</u>
Closing deferred income	<u><u>75,554</u></u>	<u><u>116,110</u></u>

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15. Provision for liabilities

	2025	2024
	£	£
At 31 March 2024	5,311	5,311
Charged in the year	-	-
Released in the year	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>5,311</u>	<u>5,311</u>

The above provision is for office redecoration in accordance with the terms of the lease.

16. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 March 2025 the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Land and buildings	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 1 year	<u>6,714</u>	<u>5,814</u>

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17. Related Party Transactions

During the year the charitable company undertook the following transactions with companies and organisations with whom they have common Trustees or Directors, at normal market value: -

Trustee of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
Adrian Willis	Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs	Contract Income	£2,230 (2024: £1,172)
David Jeffels	North Yorkshire County Council	Grant Income	£52,754 (2024: £551,405)
		Contract Income	£627,255 (2024: £nil)
		Services income	£45 (2024: £nil)
		Purchases	£nil (2024: £105)
		Grant Payment	£39,000 (2024: £nil)
Janet Thornton	Action with Communities in Rural England	Grant Income	£69,720 (2024: £69,720)
		Contract Income	£nil (2024: £3,300)
		Purchases	£5,690 (2024: £nil)
Senior Manager of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
David Sharp	North Yorkshire Youth	Contract Income	£90 (2024: £135)
	Community Works	Contract Income	£93 (2024: £180)
David Watson	North Yorkshire Sport	Contract Income	£898 (2024: £1,044)
		Grant Payment	£nil (2024: £22,000)
Family Members	Name of Family Member	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
David Sharp	Vicki Sharp (Wife of David Sharp) (Development Officer)	Salary and Benefits	£35,027 (2024: £35,386)

At 31 March 2025 amounts totalling £115 (2024: £nil) were due to Vicki Sharp.

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18. Restricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2025 £
NYCC Innovation Fund	984	-	-	(984)	-
Harrogate Borough Council	(311)	5,000	(4,689)	-	-
NYCC – Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	1,594	-	-	(1,594)	-
VAL	2,167	-	-	(2,167)	-
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	1,751	-	-	(1,751)	-
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	12,223	-	-	-	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks	4,434	-	-	-	4,434
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	123	-	(123)	-	-
2 Ridings Community Foundation	4,186	-	-	(4,186)	-
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Networks	2,732	-	-	(2,732)	-
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	195,625	482,456	(568,251)	-	109,830
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	19,918	-	-	-	19,918
Power to Change	985	-	-	(985)	-
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	13,127	-	-	-	13,127
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG - HPOC	13,933	(13,986)	53	-	-
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	23,184	5,267	(19,285)	-	9,166
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens’ Sheds	10,719	30,751	(33,815)	-	7,655
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	36,408	(9,553)	(20,096)	-	6,759
RDC, HDC, SBC, ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub	25,633	1,934	(20,304)	-	7,263
Carried forward	369,415	501,869	(666,510)	(14,399)	190,375

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18. Restricted income funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2025 £
Brought forward	369,415	501,869	(666,510)	(14,399)	190,375
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	9,881	7,478	(16,617)	-	742
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	14,168	(7,099)	-	-	7,069
NHS NY CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	22,036	500	(13,232)	-	9,304
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	1,380	(1,380)	-	-	-
Age Friendly Network	19,004	27,000	(22,216)	-	23,788
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	2,331	(2,331)	-	-	-
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	84,391	(66,632)	(4,032)	-	13,727
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	9,411	(1,017)	(8,394)	-	-
TRCF – Population Health	4,794	(4,794)	-	-	-
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	9,839	(1,204)	(426)	-	8,209
Digital Inclusion HWRA	(12,426)	19,156	(6,730)	-	-
Craven VCSE Voice	(125)	1,101	(976)	-	-
Community Anchor ORG SPF	7,035	139,921	(146,956)	-	-
Craven Health Connector	(7,867)	29,096	(17,113)	-	4,116
Vaccinations HNY	16,124	-	(16,124)	-	-
Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities	2,390	70,930	(73,320)	-	-
Rural Housing Enabler	-	63,341	(61,680)	-	1,661
Health Inequalities NY	75,000	-	(7,265)	-	67,735
Digital NHS App	-	48,000	(22,772)	-	25,228
Rural REPF	-	19,000	(19,000)	-	-
Nidderdale CLH	-	20,320	(6,532)	-	13,788
Children & Young Persons	-	8,000	(217)	-	7,783
Social Enterprise Support	-	25,500	(20,338)	-	5,162
	626,781	896,755	(1,130,450)	(14,399)	378,687

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Restricted income funds (prior year)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
NYCC Innovation Fund	984	-	-	-	984
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	(5,311)	-	(311)
NYCC – Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	1,594	-	-	-	1,594
VAL	2,167	-	-	-	2,167
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	1,751	-	-	-	1,751
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	12,223	-	-	-	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks	4,434	-	-	-	4,434
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	123	-	-	-	123
2 Ridings Community Foundation	4,186	-	-	-	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Networks	2,732	-	-	-	2,732
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	207,135	486,936	(498,446)	-	195,625
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	19,918	-	-	-	19,918
Power to Change	985	-	-	-	985
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	13,127	-	-	-	13,127
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG - HPOC	13,933	-	-	-	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	16,626	25,000	(18,442)	-	23,184
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens' Sheds	10,950	32,322	(32,553)	-	10,719
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	36,388	39,853	(39,833)	-	36,408
RDC, HDC, SBC, ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub	68,100	29,691	(72,158)	-	25,633
Carried forward	417,356	618,802	(666,743)	-	369,415

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Restricted income funds (prior year) (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
Brought forward	417,356	618,802	(666,743)	-	369,415
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	10,061	9,322	(9,502)	-	9,881
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	14,154	9,260	(9,246)	-	14,168
NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	15,902	20,700	(14,566)	-	22,036
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	(1)	-	-	1	-
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	1,380	1,380	(1,380)	-	1,380
Age Friendly Network	21,782	27,000	(29,778)	-	19,004
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	2,331	-	-	-	2,331
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	25,718	99,948	(41,275)	-	84,391
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	8,017	13,017	(11,623)	-	9,411
TRCF – Population Health	4,794	4,794	(4,794)	-	4,794
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	9,839	1,204	(1,204)	-	9,839
Digital Inclusion HWRA	-	10,684	(23,110)	-	(12,426)
Craven VCSE Voice	-	4,196	(4,321)	-	(125)
Community Anchor ORG SPF	-	34,980	(27,945)	-	7,035
Craven Health Connector	-	2,863	(10,730)	-	(7,867)
Vaccinations HNY	-	46,600	(30,476)	-	16,124
Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities	-	7,046	(4,656)	-	2,390
Rural Housing Enabler	-	21,162	(21,162)	-	-
Health Inequalities NY	-	75,000	-	-	75,000
	531,333	1,007,958	(912,511)	1	626,781

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Restricted income funds (continued)

The most significant funds above were for:

NYC and NHS North Yorkshire – Community Capacity Building. This grant is for the provision of support to VCSE organisations across North Yorkshire and for representing and championing the sector within North Yorkshire. It is sometimes referred to as the infrastructure grant. Being the holder of this grant means that we sit on several other groups or networks, for example the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership's VCSE Collaborative and the North Yorkshire Place Board. The work of the capacity building grant holder includes providing training, running peer support and strategic networks. Developing leaders within the sector and supporting organisations in the management and recruitment of volunteers.

RDC, HDC, SBC, ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub. This grant is for the running of a Community Led Housing Hub. The hub had been set up to provide a central resource of information and support for those who are looking to develop local housing in their local area for the benefit of local people. This applies to both urban and rural community areas.

NHS North Yorkshire – Transforming Community Mental Health. The purpose of this grant is to ensure that people with lived experience of serious mental illness are appropriately supported to make a safe, meaningful and consistent contribution to system change. The grant provides coaching support to individuals and system-wide support to local organisations and institutions who require help to navigate the complexities of involving people with lived experience in their work.

Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD. This grant is to use an asset-based community development way of working to support people to feel better connected and to help communities to thrive. Our development officer is working in Rothwell to build connections and engage local community groups to create spaces that are welcoming and to develop a vision and a plan for what the community can do.

Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Men's Sheds. This grant is to develop sustainable Men's Sheds in different areas of Bradford. The sheds provide a place where men can come together over a common activity which will bring improvements to well-being and mental health through a reduction in social isolation and loneliness. The original grant period was extended and several, successful, sheds have been developed. The development officer works with a committee of volunteers in each shed so that, once the grant funding ceases, the shed is in a strong position to continue running.

HCV VCSE Leadership – This grant is for the wider development of the VCSE sector in North Yorkshire to improve cross-sector collaboration as part of the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and is linked to our ownership of the community capacity building grant. It also provides for our ongoing participation as the North Yorkshire place lead in the ICP.

Age Friendly Network – This grant, with additional funding to be received from other health partners, is to establish a Forum to capture the diverse voice of people aged 50 plus. This will be done through taking a strengths-based approach and will help in shaping the developments, decisions and services which matter most to this cohort. The work is being undertaken as part of the World Health Organisation's Age Friendly Communities Framework and will look to work collaboratively with local initiatives and partnerships. Funding has been received from NHS Vale of York CCG, NYCCG, NYCC, and Craven Communities Together. This forum has been renamed at the behest of its members to 'The Age Friendly Network'.

NHS Charities Together Building Better Connections – This grant examined changes in volunteering behaviours since the end of the pandemic. The focus was on supportive volunteering where volunteering effort is focussed in the support and wellbeing of others. The project looked at barriers to volunteering and tried to address these and encourage more people back into volunteering, or to volunteer for the first time. The project has been delivered in partnership by Community First Yorkshire, Hambleton Community Action and Carer's Plus.

TRCF – Population Health. This grant is for participation in the Population Health Management programme in North Yorkshire to deepen understanding of the data held within the VCSE sector across Humber & North Yorkshire ICP.

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Restricted income funds (continued)

Community Anchor Org SPF – We won our partnership application with Better Connect to the North Yorkshire Shared Prosperity Fund grant to support the development of the newly formed Community Anchor Organisations (CAOs) to enable them to build capacity, increase community connection and advocate for local issues.

The Rural Housing Enabler Fund – This ACRE administered fund from Defra builds vital capacity to the rural housing enabler network in North Yorkshire with the intention of stimulating and providing more rural housing provision in the area.

Digital Inclusion HWRA – The Digital Inclusion Networking project facilitates the creation of a Digital Inclusion Network aiming to bring local digital inclusion representatives together to share best practice, tools and resources whilst simultaneously influencing approaches to, and implementation of, digital solutions ensuring digitally excluded groups and barriers to digital usage or preferences are considered. Having the Digital Inclusion Network in place will ensure HCV ICS understand how they can support those who are digitally excluded due to a lack of digital confidence or skills, lack of digital equipment or connectivity or due to personal preference. Working together, the Digital Inclusion Manager and two coordinators will establish the network and build relationships; understand what the current digital situation is across HCV and will work in alignment with other projects being overseen by the Digital Inclusion work stream.

Craven Health Connector – Funding for 0.4 FTE for 18 months to support with capacity building of three community anchor organisations to improve community health and wellbeing.

Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities – The purpose of this project will be to design and then coordinate the development of, and investment into, a network of digital inclusion support projects.

Digital NHS app – Supporting people to use the NHS App to help address digital exclusion with focus on four specific lower layer super output areas (LSOAs) in NY where there is poor digital connectivity.

Rural REPF – One year project as part of VCSE Support grant to fund network delivery.

Nidderdale CLH Children & Young Persons – Funding for 0.2 FTE to support CLH delivery in the Nidderdale NL area.

Social Enterprise Support – Community First Yorkshire partnered with the York & North Yorkshire Growth hub and Social Vision to deliver a free programme of peer support, workshops, mentoring, and networking for aspiring social entrepreneurs across North Yorkshire. Participants gained crucial skills and knowledge to launch and grow their social enterprises. Many reported increased motivation, confidence, and clarity of vision. As a result, these emerging enterprises are now more resilient, sustainable, and better equipped to support a wide range of beneficiaries in local communities.

We thank all our funders for the support we have received. Transfers have been made in line with budgeted expenditure to clear planned deficits on restricted funds projects. Negative funds arise when future income is expected.

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19. Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 Apr 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2025 £
General Funds	130,835	146,120	(76,034)	14,399	215,320
Designated Funds:					
Digital transformation	19,545	-	-	-	19,545
VCS sector					
quantifying	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Provision of free					
employment advice	2,321	-	-	-	2,321
Future funding	134,883	-	-	-	134,883
Managed closure	135,000	-	-	-	135,000
Total Designated Funds	296,749	-	-	-	296,749
Total Unrestricted Funds	427,584	146,120	(76,034)	14,399	512,069

The above designated funds are for pieces of work which the trustees have identified will be of ongoing benefit both to the company and to the organisations it supports, and they have thus approved the investment in them from reserves.

	Balance at 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
General Funds	97,991	156,584	(175,856)	52,116	130,835
Designated Funds:					
Digital transformation	27,389	-	(7,844)	-	19,545
VCS sector					
quantifying	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Provision of free					
employment advice	2,321	-	-	-	2,321
Future funding	162,000	-	-	(27,117)	134,883
Managed closure	160,000	-	-	(25,000)	135,000
Total Designated Funds	356,710	-	(7,844)	(52,117)	296,749
Total Unrestricted Funds	454,701	156,584	(183,700)	(1)	427,584

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted income funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	1,714	1,410	3,124
Net current assets	515,666	377,277	892,943
Non-current liabilities	(5,311)	-	(5,311)
Total Funds	<u><u>512,069</u></u>	<u><u>378,687</u></u>	<u><u>890,756</u></u>

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	Unrestricted income funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	1	-	1
Net current assets	432,894	626,781	1,059,675
Non-current liabilities	(5,311)	-	(5,311)
Total Funds	<u><u>427,584</u></u>	<u><u>626,781</u></u>	<u><u>1,054,365</u></u>

21. Contingencies

The charity created a rent deposit deed dated 18 January 2010 for securing £1,000 due or to become due by the company.

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**The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements
which are the subject of the independent auditor's report on pages 19 to 22.**

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Grants Received	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
DEFRA	69,720	-	69,720	69,720
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	476,285	476,285	476,285
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	-	32,581	32,581	30,492
Craven HPOC	-	1,080	1,080	-
Community Led Housing Hub	-	-	-	29,690
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	8,400	8,400	8,400
NHS NY CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	500	500	19,000
Voice of Older People Forum	-	27,000	27,000	54,000
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	-	-	-	33,316
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	-	7,000	7,000	5,000
Digital Inclusion HWRA	-	-	-	29,840
Craven VCSE Voice	-	-	-	6,000
Community Anchor ORG SPF	-	110,464	110,464	64,437
Craven Health Connector	-	-	-	31,960
Vaccinations HNY	-	-	-	46,600
Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities	-	67,292	67,292	10,684
Rural Housing Enabler	-	45,707	45,707	27,120
Health Inequalities NY	-	56,250	56,250	18,750
CLH Nidderdale National Landscape CLH	-	18,002	18,002	-
Social Enterprise Support	-	25,500	25,500	-
Unrestricted Grants	-	-	-	705
Designated Mental Health Fund	27,720	-	27,720	1,200
Release of Accrued Provision	-	-	-	11,978
	97,440	906,061	1,003,501	1,005,177

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Administration Expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	184,533	161,892
Associate costs	1,050	900
EAS internal charge	-	4,964
Rent	11,341	11,066
Site charge	711	816
Heat and light	2,561	2,655
Buildings maintenance	950	-
Cleaning	2,090	1,752
Council tax	1,073	389
Telephone	5,214	4,475
Postage, printing and stationery	1,922	(317)
Insurance	8,963	8,667
Project specific costs	19,013	-
Motor and travel	2,815	1,271
Office expenses	1,321	21,398
Public relations	11	(133)
Affiliation fees	7,057	7,271
Room/Equipment hire	932	-
Staff training and conferences	942	3,005
Staff appointment expenses	270	-
Legal and Consultancy Fees	98	61
Bank charges	505	556
Sundry expenses	10,515	7,077
Equipment maintenance	20,605	-
Depreciation - office equipment	37	-
Audit fees	10,430	3,800
	294,959	241,565
Charges to special projects and other organisations (cost recovery)	(219,825)	(143,094)
	75,134	98,471
Allocated:		
Core project work	15,027	19,694
Support costs	60,107	78,777
	75,134	98,471

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Direct Project Costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
DEFRA/Core Project Work	14,039	-	14,039	91,069
Harrogate Borough Council	-	4,689	4,689	5,311
Kirklees Council Mens Sheds	-	123	123	-
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	568,251	568,251	498,446
HPOC – Harnessing the power of community	-	(53)	(53)	-
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	19,285	19,285	18,442
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	-	33,815	33,815	32,553
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	20,096	20,096	39,833
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership, Groundworks, RDC, HDC, SBC, ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	20,304	20,304	72,158
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	16,617	16,617	9,502
Many 5G	-	-	-	975
NYCCG – Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	-	-	9,246
NYCCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	13,232	13,232	14,566
Voice of Older People Forum	-	22,216	22,216	-
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	-	-	-	1,380
Age Friendly Network	-	-	-	29,778
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	-	4,032	4,032	41,275
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	-	8,394	8,394	11,623
Designated Mental Health Fund	988	-	988	3,019
TRCF – Population Health	-	-	-	4,794
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	-	426	426	1,204
Platinum Jubilee Fund VH	900	-	900	2,882
VONNE Thriving Communities	-	-	-	6,978
Digital Inclusion HWRA	-	6,730	6,730	23,110
Craven VCSE Voice	-	976	976	4,321
Community Anchor ORG SPF	-	146,956	146,956	27,945
Craven Health Connector	-	17,113	17,113	10,730
Vaccinations HNY	-	16,124	16,124	30,476
Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities	-	73,320	73,320	4,656
Total carried forward	15,927	992,646	1,008,573	996,272

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Direct Project Costs (continued)	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Total brought forward	15,927	992,646	1,008,573	996,272
Rural Housing Enabler	-	61,680	61,680	21,162
Health Inequalities NY	-	7,265	7,265	-
Digital NHS App (SMILE)	-	22,772	22,772	-
Rural York REPF	-	19,000	19,000	-
CLH Nidderdale National Landscape	-	6,532	6,532	-
CYPMH Children Young People Mental Health	-	217	217	-
Social Enterprise Support	-	20,338	20,338	-
	15,927	1,130,450	1,146,377	1,017,434
Support Costs	60,107	-	60,107	78,777
	76,034	1,130,450	1,206,484	1,096,211

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¹ Integrated Care Partnerships are statutory partnerships created to bring together the local NHS, the [local](#) authority and the VCSE sector in order to smooth interaction between health and social care partners.



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Trustees' report for the year ending 31 March 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

Chief Executive's introduction

The 2023/2024 financial year was overshadowed by the tragic loss of our much-loved friend and colleague Lizzie Clapham who passed away suddenly in November 2023. Lizzie was one of life's truly good people, whose enthusiasm and zest for life inspired many others to do good things for their communities. Lizzie's short life impacted positively on everything she touched, and her memory lives on in her work as one of our development officers. The number of people and organisations who benefited from the Lizzie effect far outweighs the modest kind and smiley persona Lizzie inhabited. An inspirational force of nature, who left us far too soon, we would all benefit from 'being a bit more Lizzie' – thinking of how best we can add value to our local communities.

We formed a collaborative partnership with Better Connect to support the Community Anchor Development Programme, helped and advised a number of village halls and community buildings to access the Platinum Jubilee Fund through ACRE and initiated an innovative partnership with North Yorkshire Council to deliver the RHE Programme through ACRE.

Members of our senior team also sat on the Local Partnership Group and the Communities and Place Programme Board governance structures within the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

in North Yorkshire to influence distribution of these Levelling Up monies to the most appropriate local initiatives and communities.

We secured £1.8m funding for individual VCSEs in the 23/24 financial year, equating to £7.2m benefit to the county when using the social value multiplier of £4 social value for every £1 invested into the VCSE sector as specified in Professor Tony Chapman's [report](#) on the contribution of the VCSE sector to health and wellbeing.

March 2024 saw the retirement of our long serving Head of Finance, Gill McIntosh whom we thank for her many years' service in both Rural Action Yorkshire and Community First Yorkshire.

With a new Labour government in place and a new Mayor for York and North Yorkshire, the political operating environment is changing. It will be fascinating to be part of the new world order as the developments of the last few years take shape through the evolving structures.

In the meantime, my huge thanks to all our funders, members, trustees, volunteers and team members for everything you do to contribute to making Yorkshire a thriving, connected, inclusive and sustainable community. As ever, our work would not be possible without you and I'm deeply grateful for the generous support and hard work of every one of you.

I look forward to continuing our work together in the next financial year.

Jane Colthup
Chief Executive



Our purposes and activities

Community First Yorkshire is an independent charitable organisation that has been working to help improve the quality of life for people living and working in the rural areas of North, South and West Yorkshire since 1937. We are an influential regional body that works with and for

voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises and rural communities, as well as engaging with relevant statutory organisations. We are one of 37 rural community councils and a member of the national body, Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

We exist to improve the lives of people living in Yorkshire through more thriving, connected, inclusive and sustainable communities. What does this mean?

- **Thriving** - Our local communities will feel vibrant, prosperous and multi-generational. People will actively want to be part of our communities.
- **Connected** - People in our communities will not feel isolated or disadvantaged by their location whether in terms of access to services, loneliness, broadband or mobile phone connectivity.
- **Inclusive** - Everyone in our communities will feel welcome, accepted and valued, regardless of age, gender, race or sexual orientation.
- **Sustainable** - There will be rewarding and worthwhile employment for our citizens whether at the beginning, middle or end of their careers. There will be affordable housing available to our citizens. We will work together towards carbon neutral communities.

We strive to embody our corporate values of:

- **Professionalism** – we have high standards, and we are solution-focused
- **Integrity** – we are open, honest, and ethical
- **Consideration for others** – we are mindful of the needs of others.

Our mission

We will achieve our vision by championing and connecting community and voluntary groups; by providing leadership and practical support and by encouraging volunteering and building greater collaboration.

We know that a strong and resilient community and voluntary sector enables a strong sense of social cohesion and place in all our local areas so our work is:

- Connecting and championing community and voluntary groups
- Providing leadership and practical support to community and voluntary groups through:
 - training and development
 - funding and governance advice
 - incubating social enterprises
 - being both a catalyst and a critical friend
- Encouraging volunteering and building collaboration.

Our key themes

The **themes** we focus on are:

- **Leadership** – building the capacity and capability of the sector with clear development opportunities, structures and succession planning so organisations are sustainable
- **Partnerships and collaboration** will be our preferred way of working
- **Capability and capacity building**
- **Volunteering**
- **Community development and practical support** so that people in our communities feel connected and included and our VCSE organisations have the governance, access to funding and rigour they need to promote community cohesion
- Ensuring that our rural communities have **equitable access to services** and are supported in their community.

Our core services across North, South and West Yorkshire

Our **core services** include:

- Support to village halls and community buildings committees to ensure these valuable community assets are well-managed and maintained for community benefit
- Support for community led engagement and evaluation, enabling groups to determine and achieve their own local vision
- Support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises to help them to deliver services and activities with their communities
- Support and advice for voluntary and community groups and social enterprises to help them build confidence, capacity and capability
- Delivery of strengths-based community development projects and large-scale partnership programmes in collaboration with others
- Advocacy and participation in strategic partnerships and building stakeholder relationships to strengthen the role of the VCSE sector in prevention, reducing health inequalities and building community cohesion.

Charitable objects

Community First Yorkshire Limited's charitable aims as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community particularly in the geographical area of Yorkshire (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") in particular the advancement of education and health and the

relief of poverty and distress, the sustainability of rural life or in pursuing any other charitable purposes by promoting and organising co-operation in the achievement of the said purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the voluntary organisations, statutory authorities, and other organisations within the area of benefit.



**ACHIEVEMENTS
PERFORMANCE
AND PLANS
FOR THE
FUTURE**





Achievements and performance

We thank our many funders for their support in making our work possible. Defra's funding contribution to us as part of the ACRE network, enables us to champion and represent our rural communities. This, along with the considerable knowledge and support of our ACRE network colleagues, has amplified the impact we have been able to have.

In this reporting period covering 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, we delivered a wide range of activity including:

Marketing and communications

Over the past year, our Marcomms team have run 20 promotional campaigns to raise awareness of issues that are important to our communities including Village Halls Week, Volunteers Week and Small Charities Week, keeping people better informed about the things that matter to them.

Our 22 blogs have been read 2,000 times, helping update people on topics including networks, wellbeing, volunteering, leadership and mentoring, village halls and trusteeship.

We launched our Ordinary Extraordinary Leaders podcast series, aiming to offer support for existing, new and aspiring leaders across the VCSE sector. Designed to encourage people to become the leaders they know they can or want to be, these bitesize podcasts have been downloaded over 470+ times.

We've been active on social media, reaching communities and our partners; we have 4,723 followers on Twitter and 1,487 on Facebook. Over the year, 1,300 posts have been seen by 144K people. This helps to share important information with sector about funding, training, volunteer opportunities and resources whilst highlighting the vital work the

sector does.

Our websites have been accessed more than 145K times, sharing information about funding, training, resources and support for communities, organisations and groups.

During 2023/24 we have revamped our digital content including refreshing our Community Support North Yorkshire training graphics and creating more short videos to promote our services.

Projects

Our programme of projects continues to grow, building on previous successes and enhancing the breadth of our offer to local communities.

Our work with local communities has enhanced local provision, including in Rothwell using Asset Based Community Development methods, and the development of new and existing Men's Sheds in rural Bradford. We have also continued to engage with communities, enabling them to have their voice heard through our Age Friendly Network (our Voice and Representation project for those aged 50+ in North Yorkshire).

We have also continued to build upon our successful digital inclusion activities through the subsequent Village Halls as Digital Hubs project, the Digital Inclusion Network and the Digital Inclusion Shared Prosperity Fund research programme, in conjunction with North Yorkshire Council.

The projects have not only strengthened our roots with local communities, but also our relationships with key partners, such as North Yorkshire Council and Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership to deliver strong, connected projects for residents.



North Yorkshire and East Riding Community Led Housing Hub

The project was established as a joint venture with Humber and Wolds Rural Action, with Community First Yorkshire the lead organisation and accountable body, to support community led housing groups to develop their own schemes across North Yorkshire and the East Riding.

During 2023/24 the Hub continued to work to raise awareness of community-led housing and encouraging communities to think about building and owning their own affordable housing for the benefit of local residents, supporting 24 groups across both counties.

The Hub successfully secured Shared Prosperity Funding to conduct a feasibility study on how the project could become self-sustaining, looking at how other community led housing hubs are structured, and evaluating different income opportunities.

The Hub also developed a Housing Needs survey on behalf of Craven Community Land Trust, which allowed the Hub to evaluate this model as a potential income stream and support a local group to discover the housing need in the Craven area. The Housing Need Survey was delivered to over 3,000 households in local parishes, and allowed residents to have their say on what housing is required to enable their local area to thrive.

In 2024, North Yorkshire Council took provision for community led housing back in-house, and therefore no further funding was available to enable the Hub to move towards the potential income generating models outlined in the Shared Prosperity Fund study, so the project is no longer be hosted by Community First Yorkshire as of June 2024.

Rothwell Asset Based Community Development

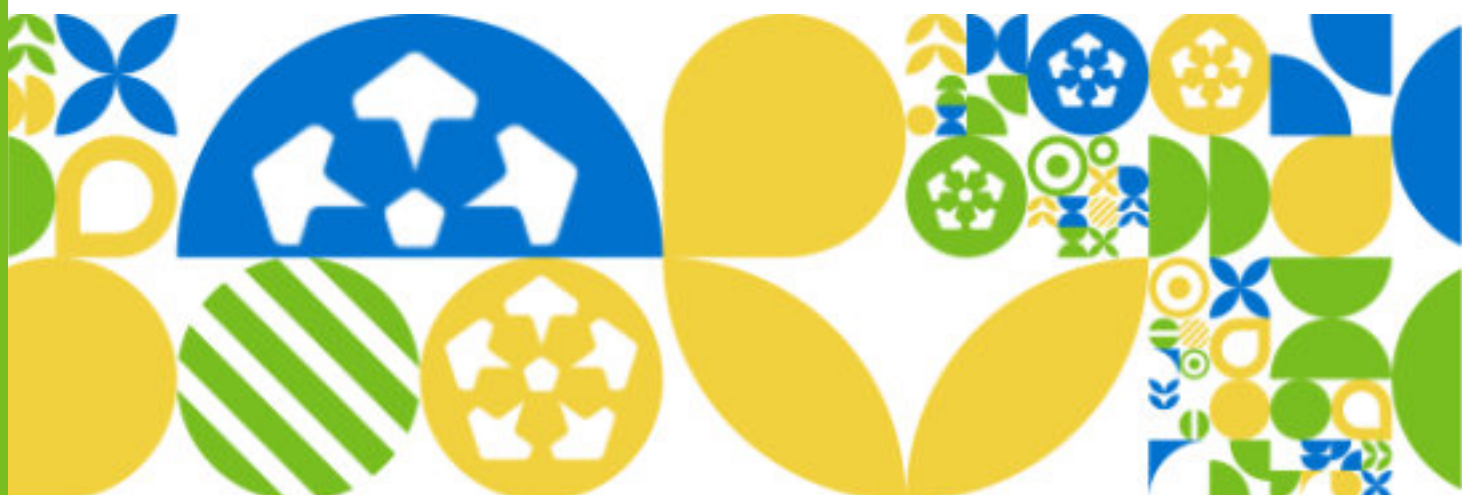
The aim of this project is to adopt ABCD approaches to build on the existing strengths of people in communities, offering support in a way which strengthens capacity and connects people locally around the things that matter to them.

Rothwell ABCD works through a Community Builder in Rothwell, Leeds. This project has continued to build on the previous year's activities, developing seven active Community Connectors in the area, as well as developing strong connections with Social Prescribers and Self-Reliant Group facilitators to strengthen the assets within Rothwell. Three blogs on ABCD work in the community have been published, and we have also supported new Community Builders further afield in North Yorkshire to supporting the Community Builders network.

Bradford Men's Sheds

We have continued to work in the rural Bradford area, through funding from Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council, to support the start-up and growth of new, self-sustaining Sheds and continue to support the development of existing Men's Sheds in the area. Our Men's Sheds Development Officer was able to support Sheds across Shipley, Keighley, Ilkley, Bingley, and Burley in Wharfedale during the project, as well as deliver new Sheds in Queensbury, Allerton and Wilsden. All three of the new Sheds have gone on to develop an established group of trustees and secure CIO status, with 23 members of the local community participating.

Specialist training has also been delivered for Men's Sheds Trustees for both new and existing Sheds, in conjunction with our Leadership Hub.



The project has also supported the Men's Sheds with grants, to enable them to develop their facilities and secure equipment to enhance their provision and offer to the local community. Sheds have also had the opportunity to share best practice and resources with each other, strengthening them as organisations.

Village Halls as Digital Hubs

This project, through funding from Humber and Wolds Rural Action and an under-spend from the previous Mobile Access North Yorkshire project, has supported eleven village halls to become Digital Hubs in North Yorkshire.

The project aimed to enhance existing initiatives by ensuring community venues have adequate internet and mobile connection, resources and facilities to enable local residents to use the halls to access online services, including Post Office, banking, job centre, health appointments and grocery shopping.

The hubs also provide a work space to enable people to have an alternative for homeworking in their local area and social opportunities through new events for the local community. Seven of the halls received assistance with connectivity, originally having had no existing broadband service, alongside four halls which were provided with booster equipment to enhance the coverage outside the hall.

The village halls were also supported to purchase resources, to help residents overcome barriers to digital access and give communities fair access to equipment, information, advice and services, and improve rural infrastructure.

The project linked in with existing and new digital initiatives, including the Digital Inclusion Network delivery programme funded by the Humber Coast and Vale ICS and managed by

Humber and Wolds Rural Action, and the new Digital Inclusion Shared Prosperity Fund project, which supports community groups and organisations at a wider level to enhance their digital inclusion.

Voice & Representation Network

The project continues to develop a sustainable network of representation of people aged 50+ in North Yorkshire, implementing a Steering Group with lived experience and Partnership Board representing local organisations and services.

The focus in 2023/24 has been to establish a sustainable network and raise awareness to attract more members. This has included renaming the network as the 'Age Friendly Network – A voice for North Yorkshire', as chosen by members, and a large rebranding and marketing campaign across North Yorkshire.

This has included working with partners from health, North Yorkshire Council and community facilities such as libraries and advice services.

The Network now has 185 members who receive regular newsletters and news bulletins, encouraging engagement and response to appropriate consultations and events.

The Network also has a social media presence and actively participates in International Day of Older People events, local over 50s forums and other community events to engage with residents.





Digital Inclusion HWRA

The Digital Inclusion Network delivery programme, funded by the Humber Coast and Vale ICS and managed by Humber and Wolds Rural Action, facilitated the creation of a Humber and North Yorkshire Digital Inclusion Network, bringing digital inclusion representatives together from across the VCSE sector and beyond to support and empower people with a view to improved levels of care and healthier populations, supporting people and empowering citizens with a view to improved levels of care and healthier populations.

The Network has worked with the Local Authority and neighbouring Rural Community Council to share best practice for resident communication, advising and developing communications where appropriate and highlighted digital exclusion so that barriers to digital usage can be addressed including advocating for rural communities by liaising with BT on issues arising from the Digital Switchover. Additionally, the Digital Inclusion Network encouraged the recruitment and use of digital champions and hosted group training sessions for VCSE organisations on topics such as using the NHS app, staying safe online and the use of social media.

Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities

In conjunction with North Yorkshire Council, through Shared Prosperity Funding, a new project has been developed for the VCSE sector which looks at Digital Inclusion across North Yorkshire. This has included research to develop a Digital Hubs investment programme, co-designed with VCSE organisations across North Yorkshire, which will lead to the investment and


development of twenty digital hubs across North Yorkshire supported by volunteer digital champions. The project will also develop resources and a training model for the digital hubs, volunteer digital champions, and workforce support, procuring a learning and skills model including wider relevant Digital Inclusion champion learning and skills, e.g. Information Advice and Guidance, Mental Health First Aid, and Motivational Interviewing.

During 2023/24, we engaged with representatives from 63 organisations to discover their training and capital funding requirements, completing the design stage to shape how the grant scheme will be delivered and the training support package that will be made available for applicants.

Rural Housing Enabler

We have supported the Rural Housing Enablers based within North Yorkshire Council, through funding delivered by the Defra Rural Housing Enablers Programme. The project aims to deliver progress towards completion for existing schemes in the North Yorkshire 'baseline' pipeline and an increase in the overall size of the delivery 'pipeline' of rural housing schemes.

This project has enabled the extension of Rural Housing Enabler support in the Richmondshire district, alongside the development and delivery of a housing need model to help identify priority areas for affordable housing provision in North Yorkshire. The funding allowed us to deliver training on the use of secondary data sources to support Rural Exception Sites, which was delivered to Rural Housing Enablers, Community Led Housing and National Park Planning colleagues.





VCSE and partners survey 2024

In early 2024, we started work on our bi-annual VCSE and Partners survey, due to be issued in May. The scope of the survey is similar to our previous 2022 survey, and once again asks respondents to tell us what they think about our work to help us improve the way we support individuals, voluntary and community groups across North, South and West Yorkshire.

We want to hear how organisations rate our work concerning:

- Support – the way we support local voluntary organisations and community groups to fulfil their missions more effectively
- Development – the way we support the identification of needs in your local community and facilitate innovation and improvements in service provision to meet those needs
- Collaboration – the way we facilitate effective communication and collaboration among local voluntary organisations and community groups and between different sectors
- Influence – the way we support local voluntary organisations and community groups to influence policies, plans and practices that have an impact on organisations and beneficiaries
- We will also ask about future requirements to shape what we will develop in 2024/25.

We also ask about future requirements to shape what we will develop in 2024/25:

VCSE Workforce

- Identifying workforce skills and competences
- Leadership and management
- Mentoring support from someone with relevant experience
- Recruiting and training support for apprentices
- Succession planning including developing young talent
- Support for workforce health and wellbeing.

Organisational

- Business models/organisational development advice
- Collaboration/partnership working
- Community engagement
- Climate change
- Defining, measuring and reporting on outcomes and impact
- Generating income through social enterprise trading
- Making more use of ICT software and digital technologies
- Understanding and making use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Performance monitoring and reporting
- Relationship building
- Support for co-producing services including engaging with people with lived experience
- Responding to climate change/reducing carbon footprint.

The results will be shared in Autumn 2024.





Community Support North Yorkshire

The fourth year of the commissioned Community Support North Yorkshire service has seen growth in key areas of the service providing vital support to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations across North Yorkshire. In particular, growth has come in more complex and involved casework, reflecting some of the challenges and opportunities in the sector at this time. Over this period delivery of support and meetings has moved to be a combination of in-person and virtual support, including many visits to organisations and in-person training and networks.

We have supported 500 organisations from across North Yorkshire, delivering 1,258 interventions through a mix of one-to-one information, advice and guidance sessions, training, leadership development and peer-to-peer network events. Income achieved in the last year by VCSE organisations with support from us was over £1.8 million, compared to £1.2 million in the previous financial year.

Over the past year, the Community Support North Yorkshire team delivered 28 network sessions to 423 attendees. The networks provide peer support and access to specialist advice in four areas: community buildings, volunteer coordinators, reuse and community finance. Subjects included the funding, inclusive volunteering, charity shop support and charity accounting. An in-person meeting for Village Halls Week was well attended with groups accessing support on funding, energy advice and age-friendly networking.

The most frequent enquiries for our bespoke support services were for funding advice and

income generation, leadership and governance, financial planning and information.


Over the year, 51 training sessions were delivered to a total of 444 attendees. Sessions offered encompassed:

- trustee training (including areas such as recruitment and succession planning and board and committee dynamics)
- volunteer management (including recruiting and welcoming volunteers and supporting and celebrating volunteers)
- and fundraising training.

We have also worked with external partners to deliver training on the use of social media and bid writing. Digital technology and AI are areas for expanding our training offer in 2024/25. Sessions have been well attended and positively evaluated.

The team also supported 234 new volunteer registrations and advertised 362 volunteering opportunities. Volunteering has been a focus for the year, sharing information about the national Vision for Volunteering strategy. This has been supported with the rewriting of the North Yorkshire Volunteering Principles. We've also supported Volunteers Week as a key promotional campaign for the VCSE community.

The service also provided a separate website full of information, advice and resources, a weekly e-newsletter, a monthly funding e-newsletter and targeted thematic information for groups as well as an online platform for organisations and volunteers to connect. New interactive services include a new open access funding portal, enabling organisations to set up their funding enquiries and receive alerts, newsletters and more support.





North Yorkshire VCSE Leadership Hub

This was set up in 2020 to create a sector led forum for sharing leadership experiences and to lead the development of the mentoring programme, focusing on supporting and nurturing the next generation of leaders. The Hub is facilitated by us, and over the year 29 mentees have been engaged in the programme, supported by 29 mentors. New mentors have come forward, and new and existing mentors generously give their time and expertise.

Mentors and mentees have been supported to develop their respective skills and abilities, providing opportunities for leaders to network, share resources, and consider the challenges and vision for leadership in North Yorkshire. A Theory of Change approach was used to further develop the Hub, including opportunities to refresh the Steering Group, encouraging an even wider range of leaders to contribute. Cohort five got underway towards the end of the year and planning for the sixth cohort was completed ahead of the new financial year with some mentees going on to work as mentors.

Listening to the voices of VCSE colleagues and advocating for the sector

In the autumn of 2023 plans for a leadership conference to take place in 2024/25 got underway. By the end of the financial year, speakers and facilitators for the 'Ordinary Extraordinary Leaders' Conference, to take place in May 2024, were well advanced. Leading into the conference, a series of podcasts were recorded and issued, covering a range of topics and personal insights.

We proactively seek out the voices of the

sector through our surveys and our facilitation of strategic multi-agency meetings for North Yorkshire VCSE Leaders, Children and Young People Providers and Partners and the North Yorkshire Equality and Inclusion Group. These groups share intelligence and identify the needs and challenges people are facing, to influence policy and investment, and the development of support services. They provide an opportunity for involvement of North Yorkshire Council and NHS, giving VCSE colleagues opportunities for direct input to shape their plans and developments. Topics discussed included:

- Sharing intelligence concerning the impact of the cost of living crisis
- North Yorkshire All Age Autism Strategy
- I-thrive Framework
- Children and young people mental health services and the rise in suicides
- Community engagement
- Domestic abuse in rural areas
- All Age Autism Strategy
- Growing up in North Yorkshire Research findings
- Rockwood Frailty Scale
- Making North Yorkshire more inclusive
- Community tensions and Prevent programme
- Safeguarding
- North Yorkshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2022/25
- Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Our People Strategy and Workforce Breakthrough programme
- York and North Yorkshire Devolution and Combined Authority plans.



We have continued to have a strong presence on strategic boards, representing the sector's value, its needs and challenges to cross-sector stakeholders. A key outcome from our work in these areas is increased understanding of the role and benefits VCSE organisations bring to improving the lives of people in North Yorkshire.

Our influence has led to more joint design of services and helping to identify priorities for strategic planning and investment. Groups we are involved with include: Humber and North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire NHS Health and Social Care partnership structures concerning both place and VCSE collaboration; the Voluntary and Community Sector Emergency Partnership where we feed into national policies shaping community responses; North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board and Safeguarding Children's Partnership; the Prevent Strategic Board; York and North Yorkshire LEP Economic Planning meetings; Yorkshire Food Farming and Rural Network; Ripon Cathedral Rural Forum; Digital forums and climate change planning groups.

Village Halls Advice Service and Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund

We continued our 1-2-1 Village Hall advisory service supporting 126 cases across 89 village halls. Advice included help with community engagement, supporting legal structures, trustee support and training. In March 2024, we ran a celebration event for Village Halls Week 2024 at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall with 15 halls in attendance accessing funding, energy and general advice.

Our Community Buildings Network continues to grow. Over the year, the team delivered 28 network meetings with 317 participants, including quarterly meetings for community buildings, covering a range of topics from safeguarding to finance. We manage a linked Facebook group, facilitating peer support with 438 members.

During 23/24 we supported nine successful

Platinum Jubilee Village Hall fund applications, raising £137,816.00 for the halls for capital works.

City of York Council REPF Feasibility Study

In February 2024 we were awarded £4,000 to run a feasibility study on behalf of City of York Council. This was to scope out the funding needs of Outer York's rural village halls and community venues. This is from the Rural England Prosperity Fund and is for capital spend for projects to be completed by the end of March 2025.

A total of 33 halls were contacted, with visits made to 11. The final report and recommendations go to the Council in April 2024 with a decision about next steps.

Community Anchor Support Programme

In partnership with Better Connect, we were awarded a grant from UKSPF to start and manage the support programme for the North Yorkshire Community Anchor organisations. This included the recruitment of a Programme Manager, working 2.5 days a week, who started in February.

This project is closely linked to the Stronger Communities team and will involve developing a range of events, activities and resources to enable each organisation to make progress with their individual action plans and agreed criteria.

Health and Wellbeing

We continue to work collaboratively with partner organisations in aiming to improve the health and wellbeing of communities across North Yorkshire and rural communities across West and South Yorkshire.

In North Yorkshire, we are an active member of each of the four local community partnerships that exist under North Yorkshire Place as part of the Humber and North Yorkshire Health Care Partnership where we have established closer links between NHS, local authority and VCSE partners. We chair the community partnership in Craven, part of the Bradford District & Craven Health Care Partnership, which is one of the five places under the West Yorkshire Health Care



Partnership.

We feed into a range of health and wellbeing-related steering groups alongside VCSE, NHS and statutory service partners. We have led on the 'Inclusive Communities' priority of the North Yorkshire all-age autism strategy and remain a partner on the North Yorkshire social, emotional and mental health cross-sector steering group.

We have created a new Health Connector post in Craven, funded for 18 months through the West Yorkshire Health Care Partnership. This role seeks to catalyse the reach into communities through community anchor organisations to access health and wellbeing services. The impact of this role has already been felt, bringing support services closer to Craven communities as well as the resurrection of a VCSE network across the region.

We continue to advocate and champion the VCSE sector in North Yorkshire Place through the design and creation of health and wellbeing initiatives. We have supported with the shaping of health inequality projects across the region, such as a focus on improving access to services for those in Hambleton and Richmondshire, as well as improving access to exercise classes for those living with frailty in Vale and Selby.

Our work within the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme continues with our 'Support to Engage' project. Through an external facilitator, we are upskilling leaders in VCSE organisations across North Yorkshire to appropriately support people with lived experience of serious mental ill health, make a safe, meaningful and consistent contribution to systems change.

We know that leadership wellbeing in the sector remains a priority. To support with this, we delivered a series of half-day wellbeing sessions focused on the outdoors. Through a nature-based wellbeing coach, we engaged with 37 leaders who valued the time, space and resources to develop new strategies to

enhance their wellbeing and that of those they work alongside.

Rural Task Force

We continue to feed into the Rural Task Force through our work as part of Ripon Cathedral's Rural Forum and to highlight the needs of rural communities, particularly around access to health care and affordable housing.

Our involvement in strategic networks and groups enables us to continually make the case for our rural communities.

Rural News

Over the year, our 12 editions of Rural News have been received by more than 1,300 subscribers. We've shared over 100 articles about funding, rural policy changes, cost of living updates, networks and training, surveys and blogs to keep our subscribers informed about the rural issues that matter to them most.

Harrogate Borough Council Strategic Grant

Our work across the former Harrogate District continues with the support of the former Harrogate Borough Council's strategic grant funding.

We take an active role in the Harrogate Local Care Partnership, on how a potential £100k health inequality funding into the locality might be most effectively targeted in the area. Harrogate's VCSE sector colleagues have representation on the North Yorkshire VCSE Sector Health and Care Assembly. We provided infrastructure support, advice and guidance to Harrogate based VCSE sector organisations, including managing 70 cases from community groups in the Harrogate area advising on recruitment, converting to a community hub, village hall support and funding applications.

Colleagues from the area are represented on the VCSE Leaders Group, the Thriving Communities Partnership and the Chief Executive Officers' Peer Group, all of which meet quarterly.



Plans for the future

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. We intend to:



Continue to work with partners and lead activities to support and build capacity and capability within VCSE organisations to ensure community resilience, including through our work with Community Anchor Organisations.



Continue our work on developing volunteering to benefit both individuals as volunteers and the communities they serve, including through our work on both the Building Better Connections NHS Charities together, our Volunteering Network and our involvement in the Volunteering strand of the HNY HCP Workforce Plan.



Continue to monitor the changing economic environment on VCSE organisations and work with partners in the public and health sector to ensure key organisations remain sustainable.



Work with our partners in local government and health to ensure people in Yorkshire live healthier, happier, more fulfilling lives. This continues to be enhanced by our work developing the North Yorkshire VCSE Sector Health and Care Assembly.



Continue the Rural Housing Enabler programme to enhance the supply of rural exception sites across North Yorkshire so our rural communities have a better supply of homes appropriate to their requirements.



Focus on operational priorities including continuing to highlight the needs of our rural communities in relation to health and mental health provision and strategies; transport; education, training and employment.



Carry on working with The Rural Commission Task Force to ensure the actions in The Rural Commission Report are taken forward to improve the lives of people in our rural communities.



Continue to support and promote Social Action through a mix of blogs, think-pieces, the VINY platform and involvement in Social Action and Volunteering partner events.





Continue our asset-based community development projects such as Men's Sheds and Rothwell ABCD to enhance the cohesion and wellbeing in the communities they serve.



Grow our presence and influence in the environmental space to support and encourage organisations to move closer to carbon neutral.



Continue to build on our work on how communities can contribute to tackling climate change and VCSE organisations can become more sustainable.



Continue the project developing the Age Friendly Network (previously the Voice and Representation Network) for people over 50.



Continue to provide a responsive training and resource offer on our Learning and Development Hub including matching mentors for aspiring leaders through our Leadership Hub.



Continue to adapt and introduce new training and resource materials on areas of thematic importance including trusteeship, recruitment, funding, wellbeing and relationship dynamics.



Continue to strengthen our leadership development offer through young people focused programmes and bursary funded training options through our Leadership Hub.



Continue to promote diversity, equality and inclusion issues across North Yorkshire.



Work collaboratively with NHS partners, establishing closer links between PCNs and VCSE organisations.





FINANCIAL REVIEW



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Financial review

The Company generated a net surplus for the year of £68,331 (2023: deficit £28,729) of which £95,448 was restricted (2023: deficit £20,796) and the unrestricted deficit was £27,117 (2023: deficit £7,933).

Reserves policy

The Reserves Policy of Community First Yorkshire Ltd was agreed by the Trustee Board as follows:

The Reserves are composed of restricted and unrestricted funds.

Restricted Reserves

Restricted Reserves or Restricted Income Funds relate to reserves held in accordance with any restrictions required by the original funder.

Unrestricted reserves

Unrestricted funds are made up of Designated Funds and General Funds.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd aims to achieve sufficient free reserves that will:

- Allow the smooth operation of our activities
- Cover any costs, including redundancy costs in the event of a managed closure of the organisation.

As a guide the Trustees have agreed that free reserves held by the charity should be a minimum of three month's core and non-prepaid project costs plus managed closure costs.

The General Fund is a revenue reserve and so is not a designated fund. It will be used to meet any year end shortfall of budgeted income against budgeted expenditure.

It will normally include any surplus of income over expenditure subject to a decision of the Trustee Board.

The General Fund stood at £130,835 at 31 March 2024 (2023: £97,991) which, per the policy, the trustees are confident will allow sufficient time to seek new funding sources. Free reserves at 31 March 2024 is £125,020 (2023: £92,176) after removing fixed assets and commitments.

As set out in note 20 to the accounts the trustees have set aside £296,749 as designated funds to maintain and finish the specific projects they relate to, for the organisations we support.

Investment Policy

We will ensure that our charity has sufficient liquidity to meet our financial commitments. We will invest in liquid assets, most of which are instant access to ensure we can access our money when we need it.

The finance sub-committee periodically review investments and rates being received to secure a good financial return. We only invest in UK authorised banks and building societies ensuring adequate diversification and appropriate levels of risk.

As a guide we aim to keep no more than the cost of two months payroll in our current account at any given time, as this account is not interest bearing.

Principal funding sources

- North Yorkshire Council
- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Ryedale District Council
- Hambleton District Council
- Scarborough Borough Council
- East Riding of York Council
- Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership
- Leeds City Council
- Bradford Metropolitan District Council
- Health Tree Foundation
- Two Ridings Community Foundation



Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity.

Organisation

The Trustee Board is elected annually by the membership of Community First Yorkshire Ltd and Trustees hold three year terms of office and retire in rotation. One third of Trustees retire each year and may seek re-election.

Trustees are appointed either by being co-opted by the existing trustee board or through open recruitment. Any Trustees co-opted then seek re-election at the next AGM.

The maximum number of Trustees is 12 and details of the Trustees who served during the year can be found on page 59. The Trustee Board meets at least quarterly.

Trustees receive an induction which includes meetings with the chair and senior managers. A comprehensive induction pack is provided and ongoing training and personal development

opportunities are offered to all Trustees.


Honorary officers

The organisation also has the following honorary officers:

- Chairman - David Sharp
- Vice-Chairman - Janet Thornton MBE

These officers ensure that the Trustee board operates efficiently and help to raise the profile of Community First Yorkshire Ltd.

Day-to-day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Officer and the Community First Yorkshire Senior Management Team which at 31 March 2024 consisted of the Head of Community Support and Partnerships, the Head of Health Collaboration, the Head of Finance.





Members' Liability

Every member has undertaken to contribute an amount, not exceeding £10, to the assets of the charity in the event of it being wound up, while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member for payment of the charity's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves.

Related Parties

All transactions with related parties are set out in [note 18](#) to the financial statements.

Risk Management

Community First Yorkshire Ltd has examined the principal areas of its operations and built a framework for assessing what major risks may arise in each of these areas. They include: governance, management, operational, financial, external and legal matters. Annual

reviews of the risk management process are carried out, and adjustments made as necessary. These are in line with the annual review of the strategic objectives, external factors, service delivery etc.

In the opinion of the Trustees, the resources and monitoring systems set in place should allow the risks identified to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Fundraising activities

The charity does not engage in public fundraising and does not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators. The charity therefore has no such amounts are presented in the financial statements for the year under review.

The charity has received no complaints in relation to fundraising activity for the year under review. Giving the nature of the funding of the charity, the trustees consider that it remains appropriate not to be voluntarily bound to be regulated by the Fundraising Regulator.



Statement of Trustee responsibilities

In relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees (who are also directors of Community First Yorkshire Ltd for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law applicable requires the charity 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 charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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 on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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.

The Trustees are responsible for the

maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' annual report:

- There is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditors are unaware
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 12 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Jane Colthup
Company Secretary


David Sharp
Chairman



INDEPENDENT
 **AUDITOR'S**
REPORT



Independent auditor's report

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Community First Yorkshire Ltd the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024, 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; and
- 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 for our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 Trustee's 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 Trustee's with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Trustees report.

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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 trustees' report (incorporating 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 charitable company 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 require 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 trustees 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.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements set out on page 29, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determines 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 Trustees 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 concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intends to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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.



The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud and obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate

responses, and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- During our planning process we gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant of them, which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements, are those that relate to the reporting framework and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We gained an understanding of how the charity is complying with these frameworks by making enquiries of the Trustees, key management and if necessary, advisers responsible for legal and compliance matters. We observed key controls and made appropriate enquiries following our review of contracts, interim financial data, board minutes and reports provided to the Trustees;
- We independently assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud or error might occur by meeting with the Management Committee

and senior management with the skills and experience necessary to determine the risk factors which they believe expose the company to susceptibility to fraud and error. We also considered the impact of any business targets, the personal financial circumstances of management and staff to create a driver for fraud. We considered the culture and controls that the charity has established to address the risks identified and evaluated the effectiveness of processes and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, and how senior management monitors those processes and controls. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we designed then performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included, but were not restricted to, testing large and unusual items, journals, and transactions with high estimation uncertainty. These tests were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud and error; and





- Based on our audit plan and understanding of the risks that specifically affect the charity we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above. Our procedures involved substantive testing of transactions and walk-through testing of appropriate controls, with a focus on transactions in the books of prime entry that have characteristics that may indicate fraud or error. We looked for unusual patterns, large or unusual transactions, weaknesses in the payments system and new supplier transactions based on our understanding of the business; enquiries of trustees and management and the results from previous audit testing; and focused testing, on specific complex areas based on risk. In addition, we completed procedures to conclude on the other information and disclosures in report of the Management Committee and accounts with the requirements of the relevant accounting standards and UK legislation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation.

This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance.

The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the [Financial Reporting Council's website](#). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company'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 charitable company'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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Frances Howard (Senior Statutory Auditor)

18 December 2024





FINANCIAL **STATEMENT**

Financial statement

Statement of financial activities

Year ended 31 March 2024 - Incorporating the income & expenditure account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income					
Charitable activities	2	94,922	999,258	1,094,180	992,788
Other trading activities	3	44,524	8,700	53,224	12,895
Investment income	4	17,138	-	17,138	6,884
Total income		156,584	1,007,958	1,164,542	1,012,567
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	5-7	(183,700)	(912,511)	(1,096,211)	(1,041,296)
Total expenditure		(183,700)	(912,511)	(1,096,211)	(1,041,296)
Net					
Income/(expenditure) before transfers	8	(27,116)	95,447	68,331	(28,729)
Transfers between funds		(1)	1	-	-
Net income for the year		(27,117)	95,448	68,331	(28,729)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		454,701	531,333	986,034	1,014,763
Total funds carried forward		427,584	626,781	1,054,365	986,034

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 32 to 48 form part of these financial statements.



Statement of financial activities

Year ended 31 March 2024 - Incorporating the income & expenditure account

Prior year

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	2	148,464	844,324	992,788	1,135,733
Other trading activities	3	12,895	-	12,895	19,203
Investment income	4	6,884	-	6,884	2,557
Total income		168,243	844,324	1,012,567	1,157,493
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	5-7	(171,008)	(870,288)	(1,041,296)	(1,021,220)
Total expenditure		(171,008)	(870,288)	(1,041,296)	(1,021,220)
Net Income/(expenditure) before transfers					
	8	(2,765)	(25,964)	(28,729)	136,273
Transfers between funds		(5,168)	5,168	-	-
Net income for the year		(7,933)	(20,796)	(28,729)	136,273
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		462,634	552,129	1,014,763	878,490
Total funds carried forward		454,701	531,333	986,034	1,014,763

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	10		-		-
Investments	11		1		1
			1		1
Current Assets					
Debtors	12	215,308		46,352	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,024,199		1,058,199	
		1,239,507		1,104,551	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(179,832)		(113,207)	
Net current assets			1,159,675		991,344
Total assets less current liabilities			1,159,676		991,345
Provision for liabilities	15		(5,311)		(5,311)
Net assets			1,054,365		986,034
Funds					
Restricted income funds	18		626,781		531,333
Unrestricted income funds	19		427,584		454,701
Total charity funds			1,054,365		986,034

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the board on **XXX** 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

David Sharp, Chairman
Company number: 01839458




Cash flow statement

As at 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities	(51,138)	(60,664)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest Income	17,138	6,884
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	17,138	6,884
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(34,000)	(53,780)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,058,199	1,111,979
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,024,199	1,058,199

Reconciliation of net movement of funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds	68,331	(28,729)
Add back depreciation charge	-	333
Deduct interest income show in investing activities	(17,138)	(6,884)
(Increase) Decrease in debtors	(168,956)	4,962
(Decrease) Increase in creditors	66,625	(30,346)
Net cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities	(51,138)	(60,664)

The notes on pages 32 to 48 form part of these financial statements.





FINANCIAL
NOTES



Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee and is registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered office is as stated on the Report of the Board of Trustees.

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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees have considered future funding sources and consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. The unrestricted reserves have been maintained at a level to allow time to seek new funding sources as projects conclude whilst meeting ongoing obligations. As set out in note 20 as part of prudent governance a designated fund has been set aside to cover managed closure costs in the event that that ever became necessary.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

Income

All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Where a funder specifies that income must be used in future accounting periods or where income is received for future events it is carried forward as deferred income.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated to the appropriate heading in the accounts. Project costs represents grants paid to other organisations together with the core and support cost expenditure of the charity. Support costs represent 80% (2023 - 80%) of administration expenses which have not been directly recharged to other organisations.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the note 20 to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions imposed by grant funders.

Fixed Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Items costing over £1,000 are capitalised.



Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows: Equipment - 25% straight line.

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Consolidation

The company has a dormant subsidiary with total net assets of £1. This subsidiary is not material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view and therefore has been excluded from consolidation in accordance with section 405 of the Companies Act 2006.

As this subsidiary can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Companies Act 2006 the company has not produced consolidated accounts as it has taken advantage of the exemption in section 402 of the Companies Act 2006 which applies to companies whose only subsidiaries can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Act. The financial statements therefore give information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Basic financial assets

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid at the year end.

Basic financial liabilities

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Redundancy costs

Redundancy costs are recognised as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.



2. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Contract income	21,024	-	21,024	71,295
Grants receivable	73,898	999,258	1,073,156	921,493
	<u>94,922</u>	<u>999,258</u>	<u>1,094,180</u>	<u>992,788</u>

The restricted income split can be seen in note 19.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Contract income	71,295	-	71,295
Grants receivable	77,169	844,324	921,493
	<u>148,464</u>	<u>844,324</u>	<u>992,788</u>

3. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted & Total Funds 2023 £
Charges to other organisations	33,573	-	33,573	800
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	6,057	-	6,057	4,758
Courses and conference income	29	8,700	8,729	(3)
Advertising income	4,865	-	4,865	7,340
	<u>44,524</u>	<u>8,700</u>	<u>53,224</u>	<u>12,895</u>

4. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted & Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	17,138	17,138	6,884

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Project costs	104,923	912,511	1,017,434	1,003,996
Support costs	78,777	-	78,777	37,300
	<u>183,700</u>	<u>912,511</u>	<u>1,096,211</u>	<u>1,041,296</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Project costs	133,708	870,288	1,003,996
Support costs	37,300	-	37,300
	<u>171,008</u>	<u>870,288</u>	<u>1,041,296</u>

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities Undertaken Directly £	Grant Funding Activities £	Support Costs £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Project costs	<u>912,299</u>	<u>105,135</u>	<u>78,777</u>	<u>1,096,211</u>	<u>1,041,296</u>

	Activities Undertaken Directly £	Grant Funding Activities £	Support Costs £	Total Funds 2023 £
Project costs	<u>915,503</u>	<u>88,493</u>	<u>37,300</u>	<u>1,041,296</u>

7. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted & Total Funds 2023 £
Auditors remuneration (note 8)	3,800	3,800	2,200
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. Net income / (Expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff pension contributions	26,664	24,476
Depreciation	-	333
Auditors' remuneration:		
- audit of the financial statements	2,700	2,200
- accounts preparation	1,100	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	705,911	652,824
Social security costs	55,649	46,945
Other pension costs	26,664	24,476
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>788,224</u>	<u>724,245</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Administrative Staff:	No	No
Full time equivalents	21	20
Total number of employees	30	29
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2023 - Nil).

Aggregate expenses of £215 (2023 - £301) were paid to a total of 4 (2023 - 4) Trustees during the year.

The key management personnel of the company comprise the Trustees, the Chief Officer, the Head of Finance and Administration, the Head of Community and Volunteer Support the Network and Collaboration Officer, the Head of Projects and the Head of Health Collaboration. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £221,166 (2023: £223,815).

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	95,587
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>95,587</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	95,587
Charge for the year	-
On disposals	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>95,587</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>

11. Investments

	Group Undertakings £
Cost & Net book value	
At 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>1</u>

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital (being 1 £1 ordinary share) of Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, company number 06591809.

The reported financial information in respect of the above company is as follows:

	2024 & 2023 £
Aggregate Capital and Reserves	
Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited (dormant)	<u>1</u>

12. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	28,584	33,163
Other debtors	-	206
Prepayments and accrued income	186,724	12,983
	<u>215,308</u>	<u>46,352</u>

13. Funds held on behalf of others

The charity holds funds on behalf of RSCP and SY PSA4.

During the year the charity received no income (2023: £nil) and paid no expenses (2023: £nil) on behalf of either party.

The total balance held at the year end was £2,835 (2023: £2,835).

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	20,036	18,390
Taxation and social security costs	15,859	16,392
Accruals	27,827	58,383
Deferred income (note 15)	116,110	20,042
	<u>179,832</u>	<u>113,207</u>

15. Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Opening deferred income	20,042	44,237
Released in the year	(20,042)	(27,674)
Deferred in the year	116,110	3,479
	<u>116,110</u>	<u>20,042</u>



16. Provision for liabilities

	2024 £	2023 £
At 31 March 2023	5,311	5,311
Charged in the year	-	-
Released in the year	-	-
At 31 March 2024	5,311	5,311

The above provision is for office redecoration in accordance with the terms of the lease.

17. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 March 2024 the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Land and buildings	
	2024 £	2023 £
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 1 year	5,814	5,814



18. Related party transaction

During the year the charitable company undertook the following transactions with companies and organisations with whom they have common Trustees or Directors, at normal market value:

Trustee of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
Adrian Willis	Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs	Contract Income	£1,172 (2023: £1,340)
David Jeffels	North Yorkshire County Council	Grant Income	£551,405 (2023: £507,550)
		Contract Income	£nil (2023: £415)
		Purchases	£105 (2023: £493)
David Jeffels	Scarborough Borough Council	Grant Income	£nil (2023: £27,500)
		Contract Income	£nil (2023: £15)
		Purchases	£nil (2023: £110)
Janet Thomson	Action with Communities in Rural England	Grant Income	£69,720 (2023: £70,720)
		Contract Income	£3,300 (2023: £150)
		York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership	Purchases
		Grant Income	£nil (2023: £3,323)
Senior Manager of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
David Sharp	North Yorkshire Youth	Contract Income	£135 (2023: £35)
	Community Works	Contract Income	£180 (2023: £nil)
David Watson	North Yorkshire Sport	Contract Income	£1,044 (2023: £707)
		Grant Payment	£22,000 (2023: £11,000)

At 31 March 2024 amounts totalling £nil (2023: £52) from North Yorkshire Sport and £nil (2023: £101) from Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.

19. Restricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
NYCC Innovation Fund	984	-	-	-	984
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	(5,311)	-	(311)
NYCC – Warm Homes					
Healthy People Fund	1,594	-	-	-	1,594
VAL	2,167	-	-	-	2,167
NYCC – Winter Weather					
Roadshows	1,751	-	-	-	1,751
BGET – Warm and Well					
in North Yorkshire	12,223	-	-	-	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks	4,434	-	-	-	4,434
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	123	-	-	-	123
2 Ridings Community Foundation	4,186	-	-	-	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Networks	2,732	-	-	-	2,732
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	207,135	486,936	(498,446)	-	195,625
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	19,918	-	-	-	19,918
Power to Change	985	-	-	-	985
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	13,127	-	-	-	13,127
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG - HPOC	13,933	-	-	-	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	16,626	25,000	(18,442)	-	23,184
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens’ Sheds	10,950	32,322	(32,553)	-	10,719
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	36,388	39,853	(39,833)	-	36,408
RDC, HDC, SBC, ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub	68,100	29,691	(72,158)	-	25,633
Carried forward	417,356	618,802	(666,743)	-	369,415

19. Restricted income funds (cont.)

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
Brought forward	417,356	618,802	(666,743)	-	369,415
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	10,061	9,322	(9,502)	-	9,881
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	14,154	9,260	(9,246)	-	14,168
NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	15,902	20,700	(14,566)	-	22,036
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	(1)	-	-	1	-
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	1,380	1,380	(1,380)	-	1,380
Voice of Older People Forum	21,782	27,000	(29,778)	-	19,004
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	2,331	-	-	-	2,331
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	25,718	99,948	(41,275)	-	84,391
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	8,017	13,017	(11,623)	-	9,411
TRCF – Population Health	4,794	4,794	(4,794)	-	4,794
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	9,839	1,204	(1,204)	-	9,839
Digital Inclusion HWRA	-	10,684	(23,110)	-	(12,426)
Craven VCSE Voice Community Anchor ORG	-	4,196	(4,321)	-	(125)
SPF	-	34,980	(27,945)	-	7,035
Craven Health Connector	-	2,863	(10,730)	-	(7,867)
Vaccinations HNY	-	46,600	(30,476)	-	16,124
Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities	-	7,046	(4,656)	-	2,390
Rural Housing Enabler	-	21,162	(21,162)	-	-
Health Inequalities NY	-	75,000	-	-	75,000
	<u>531,333</u>	<u>1,007,958</u>	<u>(912,511)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>626,781</u>

Restricted income funds (prior year)

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	(6,507)	1,507	-
Ryedale District Council	-	-	(56)	56	-
NYCC Innovation Fund	984	-	-	-	984
NYCC – Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	1,594	-	-	-	1,594
VAL	2,167	-	-	-	2,167
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	1,751	-	-	-	1,751
2 Ridings Community Foundation	4,186	-	-	-	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Networks	2,732	-	-	-	2,732
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	123	-	-	-	123
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	191,780	477,054	(466,410)	4,711	207,135
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	19,918	-	-	-	19,918
Power to Change	985	-	-	-	985
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	12,223	-	-	-	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks	4,434	-	-	-	4,434
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG - HPOC	13,933	-	-	-	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	14,429	25,000	(22,803)	-	16,626
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens' Sheds	10,578	34,241	(33,869)	-	10,950
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	11,201	(11,150)	(51)	-	-
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	63,836	-	(27,448)	-	36,388
Carried forward	356,854	530,145	(557,144)	6,274	336,129

Restricted income funds (prior year) (Cont.)

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
Brought forward	356,854	530,145	(557,144)	6,274	336,129
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	6,220	13,300	(6,393)	-	13,127
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	640	-	(640)	-	-
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	28,179	260	(28,439)	-	-
RDC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
HDC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
SBC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
ERYC– Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	91,416	-	(75,514)	-	15,902
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	10,240	17,000	(13,086)	-	14,154
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	1,251	-	(1,252)	-	(1)
YNYLEP – Community Building Climate Assessment Project	-	3,323	(3,323)	-	-
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	20,107	-	(18,746)	19	1,380
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	5,605	-	(1,868)	-	3,737
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	16,817	-	(5,605)	-	11,212
NYCC Voice of Older People Forum	-	27,000	(22,658)	-	4,342
Carried forward	539,829	721,928	(789,907)	6,293	478,143

Restricted income funds (prior year) (Cont.)

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
Brought forward	539,829	721,928	(789,907)	6,293	478,143
Craven Communities Together – Voice of Older People Forum	-	3,737	(1,246)	-	2,491
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	4,800	-	(4,800)	-	-
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	2,500	-	(169)	-	2,331
HWRA – Micro Providers	-	1,561	(180)	(1,381)	-
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	5,000	-	(5,256)	256	-
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections	-	66,632	(40,914)	-	25,718
Supportive Volunteering TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	-	25,000	(16,983)	-	8,017
TRCF – Population Health	-	5,050	(256)	-	4,794
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	-	15,000	(5,161)	-	9,839
Woodsmith Foundation – Support for VCSE Leadership	-	5,416	(5,416)	-	-
	<u>552,129</u>	<u>844,324</u>	<u>(870,288)</u>	<u>5,168</u>	<u>531,333</u>

The most significant funds above were for:

NYC and NHS North Yorkshire – Community Capacity Building. This grant is for the provision of support to VCSE organisations across North Yorkshire and for representing and championing the sector within North Yorkshire. It is sometimes referred to as the infrastructure grant. Being the holder of this grant means that we sit on several other groups or networks, for example the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership’s VCSE Collaborative and the North Yorkshire Place

Board. The work of the capacity building grant holder includes providing training, running peer support and strategic networks. Developing leaders within the sector and supporting organisations to manage and recruit volunteers.

RDC, HDC, SBC, ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub. This grant is for the running of a Community Led Housing Hub - set up to provide a central resource of information and support for people looking to develop housing in their local area for local people. It applies to both urban and rural areas.

NHS North Yorkshire – Transforming Community Mental Health. The purpose of this grant is to ensure that people with lived experience of serious mental illness are appropriately supported to make a safe, meaningful and consistent contribution to system change. The grant provides coaching support to individuals and system-wide support to local organisations and institutions who require help to navigate the complexities of involving people with lived experience in their work.

Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD. This grant is to use an asset-based community development way of supporting people to feel better connected and to help communities to thrive. Our development officer is working in Rothwell to build connections and engage local community groups to create spaces that are welcoming and to develop a vision and a plan for what the community can do.

Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Men’s Sheds. This grant is to develop sustainable Men’s Sheds in different areas of Bradford. The sheds provide a place for men to come together over a common activity that will bring improvements to well-being and mental health through a reduction in social isolation and loneliness. The original grant period was extended and several successful sheds have been developed. The development officer works with a committee of volunteers in each shed so that, once the grant funding ceases, the shed is in a strong position to continue running.

HCV VCSE Leadership – This grant is for the wider development of the VCSE sector in North Yorkshire to improve cross-sector collaboration as part of the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and is linked to our ownership of the community capacity building grant. It also provides for our ongoing participation as the North Yorkshire place lead in the ICP.

Age Friendly Network – This grant, with additional funding to be received from other health partners, is to establish a Forum to capture the diverse voice of people aged 50+. This will be done through taking a strengths-based approach and will help in shaping the

developments, decisions and services that matter most to this cohort. The work is being done as part of the World Health Organisation’s Age Friendly Communities Framework and will look to work collaboratively with local initiatives and partnerships. Funding has been received from NHS Vale of York CCG, NYCCG, NYC, and Craven Communities Together. This forum has been renamed at the behest of its members to The Age Friendly Network.

NHS Charities Together Building Better Connections – This grant examined changes in volunteering behaviours since the end of the pandemic. The focus was on supportive volunteering where volunteering effort is focused on the support and wellbeing of others. The project looked at barriers to volunteering and tried to address these and encourage more people back into volunteering, or to volunteer for the first time. The project has been delivered in partnership by Community First Yorkshire, Hambleton Community Action and Carer’s Plus.

TRCF – Population Health. This grant is for taking part in the Population Health Management programme in North Yorkshire to deepen understanding of the data held within the VCSE sector across Humber & North Yorkshire ICP.

Community Anchor Org SPF – We won our partnership application with Better Connect to the North Yorkshire Shared Prosperity Fund grant to support the development of newly formed Community Anchor Organisations (CAOs) to enable them to build capacity, increase community connection and advocate for local issues.

The Rural Housing Enabler Fund – This ACRE administered fund from Defra builds vital capacity to the rural housing enabler network in North Yorkshire with the intention of stimulating and providing more rural housing provision in the area.

We thank all our funders for the support we have received. Transfers have been made in line with budgeted expenditure to clear planned deficits on restricted funds projects. Negative funds arise when future income is expected.

20. Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
General Funds	97,991	156,584	(175,856)	52,116	130,835
Designated Funds:					
Digital transformation	27,389	-	(7,844)	-	19,545
VCS sector quantifying	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Provision of free employment advice	2,321	-	-	-	2,321
Future funding	162,000	-	-	(27,117)	134,883
Managed closure	160,000	-	-	(25,000)	135,000
Total Designated Funds	356,710	-	-	(52,117)	296,749
Total Unrestricted Funds	454,701	156,584	(183,700)	(1)	427,584

The above designated funds are for pieces of work which the trustees have identified will be of ongoing benefit both to the company and to the organisations it supports, and they have thus approved the investment in them from reserves.

	Balance at 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
General Funds	127,874	168,243	(147,203)	(50,923)	97,991
Designated Funds:					
Digital transformation	27,389	-	-	-	27,389
Health agenda engagement	24,307	-	(8,113)	(16,194)	-
VCS sector quantifying	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Provision of free employment advice	3,046	-	(725)	-	2,321
Future funding	115,018	-	(14,967)	61,949	162,000
Managed closure	160,000	-	-	(25,000)	135,000
Total Designated Funds	334,760	-	(23,805)	45,755	356,710
Total Unrestricted Funds	462,634	168,243	(171,008)	(5,168)	454,701

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	626,781	626,781
Unrestricted Income Funds	1	427,583	427,584
Total Funds	1	1,054,364	1,054,365

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	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	531,333	531,333
Unrestricted Income Funds	1	454,700	454,701
Total Funds	1	986,033	986,034

22. Contingencies

The charity created a rent deposit deed dated 18 January 2010 for securing £1,000 due or to become due by the company.





MANAGEMENT INFORMATION



The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements which are the subject of the independent auditor's report on pages 22 to 24.

Grants received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
DEFRA	69,720	-	69,720	69,720
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	476,285	476,285	477,054
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	-	-	-	13,300
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	-	30,492	30,492	34,241
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	-	-	(11,150)
Community Led Housing Hub	-	29,690	29,690	110,260
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	8,400	8,400	20,900
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	-	-	17,000
NHS NY CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	19,000	19,000	-
Voice of Older People Forum	-	54,000	54,000	30,737
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	-	33,316	33,316	66,632
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	-	5,000	5,000	25,000
TRCF – Population Health	-	-	-	5,050
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	-	-	-	15,000
Digital Inclusion HWRA	-	29,840	29,840	-
Craven VCSE Voice	-	6,000	6,000	-
Community Anchor ORG SPF	-	64,437	64,437	-
Craven Health Connector	-	31,960	31,960	-
Vaccinations HNY	-	46,600	46,600	-
Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities	-	10,684	10,684	-
Rural Housing Enabler	-	27,120	27,120	-
Health Inequalities NY	-	18,750	18,750	-
YNYLEP – Community Building Climate Assessment Project	-	-	-	3,323
NYCC Kickstarter Funding	-	-	-	4,266
HWRA – Micro Providers	-	-	-	1,561
Woodsmith Foundation – Support for VCSE Leadership	-	-	-	5,416
Unrestricted Grants	705	-	705	-
Designated Mental Health Fund	1,200	-	1,200	-
Release of Accrued Provision	2,273	9,705	11,978	3,183
	73,898	931,279	1,005,177	764,648

Administration expenses

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	161,892	132,347
Associate costs	900	-
EAS internal charge	4,964	-
Rent	11,066	10,957
Site Charge	816	562
Heat and Light	2,655	2,716
Cleaning	1,752	3,334
Council tax	389	1,152
Telephone	4,475	4,240
Postage, printing and stationery	(317)	(628)
Insurance	8,667	8,707
Motor and travel	1,271	1,174
Office expenses	21,398	17,628
Public relations	(133)	-
Affiliation fees	7,271	6,369
Staff training and conferences	3,005	3,171
Staff appointment expenses	-	399
Legal and Consultancy Fees	61	2,161
Bank charges	556	477
Sundry expenses	7,077	4,431
Depreciation - office equipment	-	333
Audit fees	3,800	2,200
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	241,565	201,730
Charges to special projects and other organisations (cost recovery)	(143,094)	(155,108)
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	98,471	46,622
Allocated:		
Core project work	19,694	9,322
Support costs	78,777	37,300
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	98,471	46,622
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Direct Project Costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
DEFRA/Core Project Work	91,069	-	91,069	129,442
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,311	5,311	6,507
Ryedale DC	-	-	-	56
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	498,446	498,446	466,410
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	-	-	-	6,393
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	-	-	-	51
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	18,442	18,442	22,803
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	-	32,553	32,553	33,869
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	39,833	39,833	27,448
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership, Groundworks, RDC, HDC, SBC, ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	72,158	72,158	70,979
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	9,502	9,502	13,339
Many 5G	975	-	975	-
NYCCG – Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	9,246	9,246	13,086
NYCCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	14,566	14,566	75,514
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	-	-	-	1,252
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	-	1,380	1,380	18,746
Voice of Older People Forum	-	29,778	29,778	31,377
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	-	-	-	4,800
Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	-	-	169
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	-	41,275	41,275	40,914
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	-	11,623	11,623	16,983
Designated Mental Health Fund	3,019	-	3,019	-
TRCF – Population Health	-	4,794	4,794	256
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	-	1,204	1,204	5,161
Platinum Jubilee Fund VH	2,882	-	2,882	-
VONNE Thriving Communities	6,978	-	6,978	-
Total carried forward	104,923	790,111	895,034	985,555

Direct Project Costs (Cont.)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Total brought forward	104,923	790,111	895,034	985,555
Digital Inclusion HWRA	-	23,110	23,110	-
Craven VCSE Voice	-	4,321	4,321	-
Community Anchor ORG SPF	-	27,945	27,945	-
Craven Health Connector	-	10,730	10,730	-
Vaccinations HNY	-	30,476	30,476	-
Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities	-	4,656	4,656	-
Rural Housing Enabler	-	21,162	21,162	-
HWRA – Micro Providers	-	-	-	180
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	-	-	-	5,256
Woodsmith Foundation – Support for VCSE Leadership	-	-	-	5,416
NYCC Kickstarter Funding	-	-	-	4,266
YNYLEP – Community Buildings Climate Assessment Project	-	-	-	3,323
	104,923	912,511	1,017,434	1,003,996
Support Costs	78,777	-	78,777	37,300
	183,700	912,511	1,096,211	1,041,296



SUBSCRIBERS



COUNCILS

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

STATEMENT



Subscribers

Town and Parish Councils

Allerton Mauleverer with Hopperton Parish Meeting
Barlby & Osgodby Town Council
Beal Parish Council
Dishforth Parish Council
Draughton Parish Council
Finningley Parish Council

Hepstonstall Parish Council
Hovingham & Scackleton Parish Council
Ingleby Greenhow Parish Council
Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council
Stutton Parish Council
Thrybergh Parish Council
Topcliffe Parish Council

Rural Community Buildings

Aislaby & Middleton Village Hall
Ampleforth Village Hall
Appleton le Street & Amotherby Parish Hall
Arkendale Community Hall
Atkinson & Clarke Educational Foundation
Barrowby Village Hall
Barwick Memorial Hall
Blaxton Village Hall
Bolton-cum-Redmire Village Hall
Bradley Village Hall
Bramham Village Hall
Brawby Village Hall
Brompton by Sawdon Village Hall
Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall and Playing Fields
Christ Church Community Centre
Clapham cum Newby Village Hall
Coore Memorial Hall
Copt Hewick Village Hall

Dacre & Hartwith Village Hall
Danby Village Hall
Easingwold Community Library
East Harlsley Village Hall
East Keswick Village Hall
Ebbertson Village Hall
Embsay with Eastby Village Institute
Ganton Village Hall
Gilling West Village Hall
Glusburn Community and Arts Centre
Goathland Village Hall Trust
Gristhorpe & Lebbertson Village Hall
Gunnerside Village Hall
Hambleton Village Hall
Hampsthwaite Village Hall
Harthill & Woodhall Parish Hall
Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall
Hawes Market House
Haxby Memorial Hall





Rural Community Buildings

Hellifield Institute
Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust
Hovingham Village Hall
Hunton & Arrathorne Village Hall
Hutton le Hole Village Hall
Kirk Deighton Village Hall CIO
Kirk Hammerton Village Hall
Laughton Village Hall
Lawson Hut Badsworth
Long Marston Recreational
Ground and Village Hall
Long Preston Village Hall
Low Bentham Public Hall & Victoria Institute
Malham Village Hall
Mashamshire Community Office
Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall
Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Association
Morton on Swale Village Hall
Muker Public Hall and Literary Institute
Muston Village Hall
Newholm cum Dunsley Village Hall
Oswaldkirk Village Hall
Oulston Village Hall
Pannal Village Hall
Pateley Bridge & Beverley Memorial Hall
Rainton with Newby Village Hall
Ravensworth Village Hall
Robert Craven Memorial Hall
Ruswarp Village Hall
Sand Hutton & Claxton Village Hall
Sawdon Village Hall
Seamer & Irton Memorial Hall
Settle Community Library
Settle Victoria Hall
Sinnington Village Hall
Sleights Village Hall
Snainton Village Hall and Playing Field
Snape Village Institute
Sproxton Village Hall
St Wilfrid's Community Centre
Staxton Village Hall
Sutton Under Whitestonecliffe Village Hall
Tadcaster Swimming Pool
Thornton le Dale Village Hall
Thorner Victory Hall
Upperthong Village Hall
Walton Village Hall
Weaverthorpe Village Hall
Wetherby town hall
Whixley Village Hall
Whorlton Village Hall





Organisations

Advocacy Alliance
Alexandra Community Sports & Leisure
Better Connect Limited
Carers Plus
Carers Resource (Harrogate/Craven/Airedale)
Dial a Ride Scarborough & District
Door 84 Youth and Community Centre
Easingwold Town Band
Embsay & Eastby Good Neighbours
Garden Village Community Association
Nidderdale Museum Society
North Yorkshire Sport
North Yorkshire Youth Ltd
Older Citizens Advocacy York
Ohana
ORB Community Arts
ORB Community Enterprise
Parents of Special Children

Pioneer Projects (Celebratory Arts) Ltd
Richmondshire Leisure Trust
Ryedale & District Mencap
Ryedale Special Families
Scarborough Disablement Action Group
Scarborough Social Action (Rainbow Centre)
Selby Community Trust
Sessay Community Trust
Tadcaster Volunteer Cars & Services Association
The Island
Ugthorpe Village Community Fund
Veterans Woodcraft CIC
Visits Unlimited
YMCA Scarborough
Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust
Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs

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Abbreviations

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CIO – Charitable Incorporated Organisation
CLH – Community Led Housing
CLHH – Community Led Homes Hub
DEFRA - Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
ERYC – East Riding of Yorkshire Council
HCV – Humber, Coast and Vale
HCP – Health and Care Partnership
HEY – Hull and East Yorkshire
HNY – Humber and North Yorkshire
HNY HCP – Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership
HPOC – Harnessing the Power of Communities
HWRA – Humber and Wolds Rural Action
ICS – Integrated Care System
IVAR – Institute for Voluntary Action Research
NAVCA – National Association for Voluntary and Community Action
NHS – National Health Service
NHS HNY ICB – NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
NLCF – National Lottery Community Fund
NY – North Yorkshire
NYC – North Yorkshire Council
NY & ER – North Yorkshire & East Riding
PCN – NHS Primary Care Network
REPF – Rural England Prosperity Fund
RHE – Rural Housing Enabler
SOFA – Statement of Financial Activities
TRCF – Two Ridings Community Foundation
UKSPF – UK Shared Prosperity Fund
VAL – Voluntary Action Leeds
VCS – Voluntary and Community Sector
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VINY – Volunteering in North Yorkshire
YNYER – York, North Yorkshire and East Riding
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David Jeffels

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR END 31 MARCH 2023**

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

INTRODUCTION

In my last annual report for Community First Yorkshire, I said that the next few years were likely to be challenging for us all, offering both opportunity and renewal and some inevitable casualties through a period of change and evolution. And so it has been.

Challenges have been the cost-of-living crisis, impacting fuel and food prices making it difficult for everyone in our communities, whether VCSE, public or private sector to keep pace with rising inflation. This means our most vulnerable citizens and the organisations supporting them have been the most severely impacted with demand for VCSE sector services higher than ever.

Thank you to all our members for everything you do to contribute to the communities you work in and for your ongoing support of Community First Yorkshire. The differences you make to the quality of life, sense of connection, security and happiness in your local communities is tangible. Whether it's the warm welcome to the new volunteer, play group parent or bewildered asylum seeker.

We have said farewell to some of our key members of the team and have attracted some brilliant new talent to Community First Yorkshire. Inevitably it's a challenge to retain valuable team members in a sector unable to compete on the same salary levels as its public or private sector cousins. The strength, hard work, and goodwill of those we work with most frequently is phenomenal. Whether it's the new recruits taking pay cuts to join us because they crave the sense of job satisfaction and 'giving back' that working in our sector means, or our long-standing team members, who consistently go the extra mile. I salute them all and remain hugely grateful for the commitment of every person in our team.

I'm also deeply thankful for our wonderful board of trustees who give their time, sage advice and faith in the team and me so generously.

In times of change, relationships have been more important than ever, and the adage of treating others as you'd like to be treated yourself has never been more appropriate. Those few extra minutes invested actively listening to the answer when we ask a colleague how they are, all helps to connect with the human in all our contacts. Taking time to get to know the people you work with makes everyone feel more connected to us, enhancing our relationships in both directions. Every single human interaction has a marked effect on those around you, so it's no wonder the volume of mental health issues is increasing as people struggle to come to terms with factors often outside their personal control.

The impact of health and wellbeing on all of us is greater than ever, and if I could have one wish it would be for everyone in our sector to have more 'me time' to invest in their own personal mental health and wellbeing. We can't be all things to all people when we are exhausted and barely coping ourselves.

In North Yorkshire, these macro factors have been added to by the evolving health and care partnerships and the new unitary authority. We have some great relationships with all our partners on which to build the new structures and we look forward to working with you all to improve the lives of people in Yorkshire.

Jane Colthup, Chief Executive

OUR PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is an independent charitable organisation that has been working to help improve the quality of life for people living and working in the rural areas of North, South and West Yorkshire since 1937. We are an influential, regional body which works with and for voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises and rural communities, as well as engaging with a wide range of relevant statutory organisations. Community First Yorkshire Ltd is one of 37 rural community councils and a member of the national body, Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

We exist to improve the lives of people living in Yorkshire through more thriving, connected, inclusive and sustainable communities.

What does this mean?

Thriving	✓ Our local communities will feel vibrant, prosperous and multi-generational. People will actively want to be part of our communities.
Connected	✓ People in our communities will not feel isolated or disadvantaged by their location whether in terms of access to services, loneliness, broadband or mobile phone connectivity.
Inclusive	✓ Everyone in our communities will feel welcome, accepted and valued; regardless of age, gender, race or sexual orientation.
Sustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ There will be rewarding and worthwhile employment for our citizens whether at the beginning, middle or end of their careers. ✓ There will be affordable housing available to our citizens. ✓ We will work together towards carbon neutral communities.

We strive to embody our **corporate values** of:

Professionalism – we have high standards and we are solution-focussed.

Integrity – we are open, honest and ethical.

Consideration for others – we are mindful of the needs of others.

Mission

We will achieve our vision by championing and connecting community and voluntary groups; providing leadership and practical support; encouraging volunteering and building collaboration.

We know that a strong and resilient community and voluntary sector enables both a strong sense of social cohesion and place in all our local areas so our work is

- ✓ connecting and championing community and voluntary groups;
- ✓ providing leadership and practical support to community and voluntary groups through:
 - training and development,
 - funding and governance advice
 - incubating social enterprises
 - being both a catalyst and a critical friend;
- ✓ encouraging volunteering and building collaboration.

The 4 **themes** we plan to focus on are:

- Leadership – building the capacity and capability of the sector with clear development opportunities, structures and succession planning so organisations are sustainable.
- Partnerships and collaboration – will be our preferred way of working

- Community development and practical support so that people in our communities feel connected and safe and our VCSE organisations have the governance and rigour they need to promote community cohesion.
- Rural communities

Our core services across North, South and West Yorkshire include:

- Information and advice to Parish Councils to enable them to meet the social and wellbeing needs of their residents
- Support to village hall and other community buildings committees to ensure these valuable community assets are well-managed and maintained for community benefit
- Support for community led planning and community engagement enabling groups to determine and achieve their own local vision
- Support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises to help them to deliver health and social care services in their local areas.
- Support and advice for voluntary and community groups and social enterprises to help them deliver the best service to their beneficiaries
- Delivery of strengths-based community development projects and large-scale partnership programmes.

Charitable Objects

Community First Yorkshire Limited's charitable aims as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community particularly in the geographical area of Yorkshire (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") in particular the advancement of education and health and the relief of poverty and distress, the sustainability of rural life or in pursuing any other charitable purposes by promoting and organising co-operation in the achievement of the said purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the voluntary organisations, statutory authorities, and other organisations within the area of benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We thank our many funders for their support in making our work possible. Defra's funding contribution to us as part of the ACRE network, enables us to champion and represent our rural communities. This, along with the considerable knowledge and support of our ACRE network colleagues has amplified the impact we have been able to have.

In this reporting period covering 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, we delivered a wide range of activity including:

Over the past year, our Marcomms team have run 29 promotional campaigns to raise awareness of issues that are important to our communities including Village Halls Week, Volunteers Week and Small Charities Week, keeping people better informed about the things that matter to them.

Our 24 blogs have been read 3,760 times, helping update people on topics including networks, wellbeing, volunteering, leadership and mentoring, village halls and trusteeship.

We've been active on social media, reaching communities and our partners; we have 4,600 followers on Twitter and 1,300 on Facebook. Over the year, 1,700 posts have been seen by 384K people. This helps to share important information with sector about funding, training, volunteer opportunities and resources whilst highlighting the vital work the sector does.

Our websites have been accessed more than 68K times, sharing information about funding, training, resources and support for communities, organisations and groups.

We've gone more digital in 2022/23 with the exciting creation of video content to engage with a wider audience. We were thrilled to launch our new videos for the leadership mentoring programme and have created animated resources and explainers to share information.

Our programme of projects continues to grow, building on previous successes and our established track record.

The Men's Sheds project surpassed expectations by supporting the development of eight new groups, more than double the target of three. The project we completed in March 2023 has subsequently been awarded additional funding for a further two years to establish a further three sheds and to continue to support the existing sheds to become fully self-sufficient and sustainable.

Other notable successes include the response to the survey for the Voice and Representation Network completed in January 2023, with 449 respondents aged 50+ sharing their views on a variety of health, wellbeing and lifestyle issues, directly informing the development of the network, and the breadth of digital inclusion activities through the Mobile Access North Yorkshire (MANY) project and the subsequent Village Halls as Digital Hubs project, leading to a partnership with Humber and Wolds Rural Action for developing the Digital Inclusion Network funded through the Humber Coast and Vale ICS taken forward in the new financial year.

The Head of Health Collaboration role was created at the end of January 2023. A key focus of the role is on strengthening positive and productive partnerships with, and between, VCSE organisations, local government and health sectors. Since the role's inception, relationships have been strengthened through collaborative working with the local care partnerships across both North Yorkshire Place (as part the Humber and North Yorkshire Health Care Partnership) and Craven (as part of Bradford District & Craven HCP under the West Yorkshire HCP). A number of new initiatives are being developed to improve population health in all localities with a particular focus on rural communities.

Client Survey

In May/June 2022 we conducted an awareness and engagement survey of our clients and stakeholders to gauge our performance and better understand the areas of interest and importance to those we serve.

Headline results were that:

- Demand for services compared to pre-Covid-19, 41% of respondents reported increased demand, 22% a decrease and 37% reported demand remaining the same, suggesting an overall 19% rise in VCSEs experiencing increased demand.
- Responding to demand is limiting the capacity of organisations to take time for development and involvement in wider networking, collaboration and planning structures.

Top 5 priorities and challenges – VCSEs only	Priority	Challenge
Recruiting volunteers	40%	34%
Finance (securing funding, fundraising, donations)	36%	45%
Supporting the needs of a community	34%	21%
Community engagement	31%	21%
Recruiting new directors/trustees	22%	25%

Community First Yorkshire was the most often unprompted named provider of VCSE support services, by 58% of VCSEs compared to 43% in the 2019

The highest levels of awareness were for help with: community buildings/village halls (62%), providing training (61%), governance and legal structures development support (58%) and community engagement, planning and support (52%).

Significantly, awareness of Community First Yorkshire's Leadership support has risen to 43% from 29% in 2019.

Community Support North Yorkshire, (CSNY):

The third year of the commissioned Community Support North Yorkshire Service has seen growth in key areas of the service providing vital support to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations across North Yorkshire. Over this period delivery of support and meetings continued to be mainly on-line, gradually easing management guidelines towards the end of the period for meeting in person. Training and network meetings remained on-line, as the preferred approach by VCSE organisations involved.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd supported 786 organisations from across North Yorkshire, delivering 1,714 interventions through a mix of one-to-one information, advice and guidance sessions, training, leadership development and peer-to-peer network events. Income achieved in the last year by VCSE organisations with support from us was over £1.2 million, compared to £1.5million in the previous financial year.

Over the past year, the Community Support North Yorkshire team delivered 33 network sessions to 423 attendees. The networks provide peer support and access to specialist advice in four areas: community buildings, volunteer coordinators, treasurers and finance. Subjects included the cost-of-living crisis, volunteer recruitment and charity insurance.

The most frequent enquiries for our bespoke support services were for funding advice and income generation, leadership and governance, financial planning and information,

Over the course of 2022-23, 50 training sessions were delivered to a total of 564 attendees. Sessions offered encompassed trustee training (including areas such as recruitment and succession planning and board and committee dynamics), volunteer management (including recruiting and welcoming volunteers and supporting and celebrating volunteers), and fundraising training. We have also worked with external partners to deliver training on the use of social media. Sessions have been well attended and positively evaluated, with the outcomes from evaluations and wider surveys used to inform the training plan for 2023-24.

The team also supported 234 new volunteer registrations and advertised 325 volunteering opportunities. The team developed a range of factsheets and resources for the website and the Volunteer Managers' Toolkit proved our most downloaded resource. To embed safeguarding a VCSE-led, Checklist and Guide to Resources was produced and launched as part of Safeguarding week in June 2022.

The service also provided a separate website full of information, advice and resources, a weekly e-newsletter, a monthly funding e-newsletter and targeted thematic information for groups as well as an online platform for organisations and volunteers to connect. New interactive services and products this year included blogs, podcasts, YouTube videos and webinars to deliver training and peer learning sessions.

We proactively seek out the voices of the sector through our surveys and our facilitation of strategic multi-agency meetings for North Yorkshire VCSE Leaders, Children and Young People Providers and Partners and the North Yorkshire Equality and Inclusion Group. These groups share intelligence and identify the needs and challenges people are facing, to influence policy and investment, and the development of support services. The latter two have involvement of NYC and NHS, for direct input to shape their plans and developments. In 2022 topics discussed include:

- North Yorkshire All Age Autism Strategy
- North Yorkshire Early Years Strategy
- I-thrive Programme/Thrive Framework
- Children and young people mental health services and community engagement
- North Yorkshire Shared Prosperity Fund investment programme
- UK Rural England Prosperity Fund
- Department for Education Multiply Programme
- On-going sharing of intelligence concerning the impact of the cost of living crisis and safeguarding
- Domestic abuse in rural areas
- All age mental health report briefings and development needs

- Growing up in North Yorkshire Research findings
- Rockwood Frailty Scale.
- What to do together to make North Yorkshire more inclusive
- Community tensions and Prevent programme.

We have continued to have a strong presence on strategic boards and represent the sector's value, its needs and challenges to cross-sector stakeholders including the Voluntary and Community Sector Emergency Partnership where we feed into national policies shaping community responses; Local Resilience Forum Communities sub-group; North Yorkshire and York Chief Executives' Group; the Prevent Strategic Board; York and North Yorkshire LEP Economic Planning meetings; Yorkshire Food Farming and Rural Network, North Yorkshire Rural Commission Task Force to help deliver on actions in NYC's Rural Commission Report with a particular focus on housing; NY Safeguarding Adults Board and Safeguarding Children's Partnership; UKSPF (Investment Plan For North Yorkshire) Steering Group and Programme Strategy Groups; YNY LEP Business Intelligence. A key outcome from our work in these areas has been increased understanding of the role and benefits VCSE organisations bring to improving the lives of people in North Yorkshire, joint design of services and project investment providing back-fill for VCSE involvement.

North Yorkshire VCSE Leadership Hub

This was set up in 2020 to create a sector led forum for sharing leadership experiences and a mentoring programme, to develop the next generation of leaders. Facilitated by Community First Yorkshire, the Hub has had a busy year, providing opportunities for leaders to network, share resources, and consider the challenges and vision for leadership in our region. Significant work on a Theory of Change has been conducted during the latter part of 2022; and is now informing the further development of the Hub in 2023-24 and beyond, including opportunities to refresh the Hub's Steering Group, encouraging an even wider range of leaders to contribute, and also to enhance the current successful mentoring programme.

The Leadership Mentoring programme has supported 46 mentees with 44 individual mentors, some of whom are themselves previous recipients of support in previous cohorts. The third cohort of the mentoring programme completed in March 2023 with positive evaluations regarding the matching and support for all those supported. Planning for the fourth cohort was completed ahead of the new financial year with many of the same mentors continuing to work for us.

Ryedale District Council VCSE Support Grant

The Ryedale Development Officer retired in March 2022. The remaining budget was diverted to refresh of the Climate Change toolkit, which brings together simple to understand and useful resources to help individuals, communities and charitable organisations take steps to reduce their environmental impact and tackle climate change at a local level.

We continue to work with the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty, primarily supporting the development of Neighbourhood Plans which builds on previous Parish Plan development.

York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (YNYLEP) Decarbonising Community Buildings (LCB)

This project was active for 12 months between January and December last year, funded through the Community Renewal Fund via York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, who are leading on the development of a 'Routemap to Carbon Negative' for the North Yorkshire region. This project initially focussed on two areas of North Yorkshire; Richmondshire District and Scarborough Borough, and was later extended to include a further 14 community buildings in the other districts of North Yorkshire. The project provided Phase 1 (options appraisal) and Phase 2 (business plan) to community buildings participating to enable them to decarbonise, reviewing energy efficiency, heating systems, renewable energy generation and storage options. The plans were developed by consultants D3. At the end of the first phase of the project, Community First Yorkshire held community engagement events to share the learnings of the project and give information to community buildings on how to apply for funding to be able to make some of the changes recommended in the reports.

North Yorkshire and East Riding Community Led Housing Hub

The Hub continues to work to raise awareness of community-led housing and encouraging communities to think about building and owning their own affordable housing for the benefit of local residents. Key outputs include establishing a CLH Hub for North and East Yorkshire, led by a steering group of local CLH practitioners and people with appropriate expertise/experience, supported by a dedicated website and resources, including dedicated social media channels, workshops and podcasts. The Hub also hosted a series of Roadshows in each district to raise awareness of CLH to encourage local groups and communities to set up their own projects. It also continues to work with Rural Housing Enablers and others to support and signpost existing groups, including assisting them with funding applications.

The project was established as a joint venture with Humber and Wolds Rural Action, with Community First Yorkshire the lead organisation and accountable body.

The Hub is continuing to work towards being self-sustaining, ideally by 2025/26, applying directly for funding and generating its own income by developing a charging model for the support it provides to groups.

Rothwell Asset Based Community Development

The aim of this project is to adopt ABCD approaches to build on the existing strengths of people in communities, offering support in a way which strengthens capacity and connects people locally around the things that matter to them.

Rothwell ABCD works through a Community Builder in Rothwell, Leeds. This project has continued to build on the previous year's activities, including developing strong connections and supporting the Fair Exchange, a volunteering programme which has been developed by one resident and running for over 10 years, supporting new Community Builders and further developing and supporting the Community Connectors network.

Bradford Men's Sheds

We received funding from Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council, (MBC), to support the start-up and growth of three new, self-sustaining Sheds between 2020-2023. Community First Yorkshire's part time Men's Sheds Development Officer was able to support eight Men's Sheds attended by 103 men, across Shipley, Keighley, Ilkley, Bingley, Burley in Wharfedale, Baildon and Bradford during the project. A project evaluation carried out by consultants CoLibra found that the project clearly had a positive impact on men's wellbeing, with the asset based community development (ABCD) approach to supporting the setup, growth and development of Men's Sheds highly valued by Shed leaders and volunteer co-ordinators as well as partners and stakeholders. Some of the Sheds have gone on to develop specialist sessions, including a regular dementia session, a cycle maintenance workshop and a social programme for areas of mutual interest. This is helping to increase social connections between the men (and women) attending, reduce social isolation and loneliness and create non-judgemental places to make friends. It is giving members a sense of shared purpose when they retire and enables them to use and share their existing skills and learn new ones.

An additional grant was secured from the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to extend the project for a further two years from April 2023 to provide continuation of support to existing Sheds, and develop two more new Sheds in the areas of Bingley Rural in Wilsden and Cullingworth and either the Queensbury or Thornton Allerton areas of the districts.

Mobile Access North Yorkshire

The Mobile Access North Yorkshire (MANY) project in rural North Yorkshire provided 5G connectivity in areas with limited access to mobile and broadband connection. 15 residents participated including:

- Troubleshooting home visits
- Six people participating in research conducted by Lancaster University supporting 12 students to carry out research using an app produced as part of the project

- Presented an end of project event with 60 attendees, a mixture of residents and industry employees, local Councillors and representatives from DCMS.
- One day testing new mobile phone coverage in Coverdale

Our work on this project in 22/23 has continued to empower the rural voice, listening to communities and ensuring they are given a platform to be heard. Additionally we have continued to support the research aspect of the project, working with both NYCC and the research team at Lancaster University ensuring that people taking part in the research are supported with digital skills, technology and other support where needed.

Due to delays to the project because of external issues with infrastructure supply, a smaller number of residents have received broadband connection than initially anticipated. However, we have continued to support events such as drop in sessions, community surveys and engaging directly with individual residents to offer support or training and updates on the progress of the project, and also produced a community engagement plan, taking on board lessons learnt early in the project and have also provided a route for those residents who do not fully support the installation of 5G to engage and raise any questions and concerns.

The project lead attended Installation Visits for residents, alongside the technical expertise of Quickline, and remained in regular contact with connected participants to help resolve any issues, such as the type of property often causing problems in getting coverage across all rooms.

As a result of the project mobile phone coverage has been rolled out for Coverdale and the Tugill Estate (a local tourist attraction, hotel and restaurant). Finding suitable locations to implement 5G technology was challenging and slow to progress. The project has now come to an end, with some residents in the Coverdale area receiving a broadband service, but problems persist with reliability.

Humber and North Yorkshire VCSE Leaders' Wellbeing Hub (HWNY)

Working together with our partner (placed-based) VCSE infrastructure organisations on the HCV VCSE Leaders Group, Community First Yorkshire led a project as part of the NHSE Workforce Transformation (Enhanced Occupational Health and Wellbeing) Programme. The VCSE Workforce Wellbeing project supported the health and wellbeing of leaders working in the voluntary and community sector (VCSE) as paid employees or as volunteers, in the area covered by the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership. It comprised of three elements, each working towards a different health and wellbeing initiative:

1. Wellbeing Coaching for Leaders through online workshops with average attendance of seven people and a face-to-face coaching programme with six participants
2. Wellbeing Champions, with three people attending the six week online programme, and three Mental Health First Aid online training sessions attended by 16 (maximum attendance), nine and 12 people respectively
3. Wellbeing Toolkit (developed by Community First Yorkshire) with one of our place based partners (HEY Smile) provided with funding to promote the toolkit in their area.

As a result of the success of the project, additional funding was granted in February to deliver additional training, with a focus on attracting a wider demographic. The Down to Earth project combines a series of outdoor activities with space and time to reflect and recharge and will be delivered over the summer of 2023.

Woodsmith Foundation Climate Change Study

Community First Yorkshire commissioned Nick Scott from CoLibra as a consultant to provide a comprehensive overview of climate change activating taking place in Scarborough and North York Moors National Park area (Woodsmith Foundation's eligible area) through desk based research and a survey. The research also sought to assess the likely appetite amongst community based organisations for undertaking climate action projects and to identify any challenges, barriers and future support needs. The study

identified three categories of climate change activities – mitigation, adaptation and raising awareness. The report has been published on the Community First Yorkshire website and shared with funders upon completion, and will be used to inform future funding bids and provide evidence to develop further local environmental protection and improvement projects of benefit to the region.

Village Halls as Digital Hubs

NYCC agreed to use underspend from the MANY project to deliver the Community First Yorkshire Digital Hubs project, which complements the outcomes delivered by MANY and supported continued engagement before the end of March 2023. A pilot project based on a project delivered in East Riding by Humber and Wolds Rural Action, Village Halls as Digital Hubs aims to enhance existing initiatives by enabling eight village halls to ensure they have adequate internet and mobile connection, resources and facilities to enable local residents to use the hall to access online services, including Post Office, banking, job centre, health appointments and grocery shopping. The hubs also provide a workspace to enable people to have an alternative for homeworking in their local area. The village halls are supported to purchase resources, as well as cover some installation costs. The project aims to help residents overcome barriers to digital access and give communities fair access to equipment, information, advice and services, and improve 'rural infrastructure'.

Seven village halls have been engaged to date, with the project put on hold in April 2023 until October 2023 by agreement with partners in order to fulfil the Digital Inclusion Network delivery programme funded by the Humber Coast and Vale ICS and managed by Humber and Wolds Rural Action, which will facilitate the creation of a Humber and North Yorkshire Digital Inclusion Network, bringing digital inclusion representatives together from across the VCSE and beyond to support and empower people with a view to improved levels of care and healthier populations.

Voice and Representation Network

The project is developing a sustainable network of representation of people aged 50+ in North Yorkshire, implementing a Steering Group with lived experience and Partnership Board representing local organisations and services. The focus has been on mapping and research of existing organisations working with people over 50 and developing a survey in collaboration with NYCC and Public Health to establish what is most important to the demographic to support a vision for North Yorkshire to become an All Age Friendly place to live. The survey closed at the end of December with 449 people responding. The results were analysed by Public Health and incorporated into a report, which is directly informing the development of the network, including facilitating communication and connection between the Steering Group and the Partnership Board, and providing opportunities for network engagement through existing groups, creation of new opportunities and giving older people the confidence to engage.

Health and Wellbeing Projects and Developments

We are active members of two integrated care systems, West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership and Humber and North Yorkshire Health Care Partnership (previously known as Humber Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership). We sit on, and chair, a number of local care partnerships from across both. We also feed into a broad range of steering groups and task and finish groups with both NHS and North Yorkshire Council partners; some examples include, North Yorkshire Autism Strategy Working Group, Social Emotional Mental Health Strategy Group and the Workforce Wellbeing Task and Finish group.

We remain actively involved in the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme through leading on the 'Support to Engage' project which aims to actively engage and enable people with lived experience improve outcomes for people with a serious mental illness through a more resourced and aligned partnership approach.

Wellbeing in the sector remains a priority and we received funding to deliver four half-day nature-inspired leadership wellbeing sessions, which are due to commence in summer 2023. The sessions are aimed at leaders across the VCSE sector so that they can create strategies for managing organisational demands.

We continue to promote understanding and awareness of social prescribing to all partners across our

regions as part of our active membership of the Thriving Communities Development Programme Network, hosted by Voluntary Organisations Network North East (VONNE), the aim of which is to provide innovative VCSE support to improve health and wellbeing in our communities.

We are part of an IVAR national Connecting Health Communities 18 month project, exploring new models to increase the ease of access in rural areas to health appointments. The collaborative submission involved a number of partners from VCSE organisations, a local GP, North Yorkshire CCG, Humber, Coast and Vale ICS, North Yorkshire County Council, Community Transport and more latterly Yorkshire Ambulance Service, who now make up the Steering Group. The project revolves around the premise 'distance=delay'. The ambitions for new approaches and changes to working practices, are shaped by the project group members and through workshops involving wider partners. New approaches now being explored in more detail including continuing to share new models and messages from the project widely across the county, at North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Place Board, through VCSE organisations working with PCNs, North Yorkshire Council transport and public health colleagues' collaboration activities. We will explore new ways of working to improve access to health care in wider meetings with health colleagues and join up access with community support services.

Rural Task Force

We continue to play an active role in North Yorkshire's Rural Task Force, attending Ripon Cathedral's Rural Forums including the Ripon Cathedral Rural Housing Forum to promote both affordable and community led homes for rural citizens.

Rural News

Over the year, our 11 editions of Rural News have been received by more than 1,300 subscribers. We've shared over 100 articles about funding, rural policy changes, cost of living updates, networks and training, surveys and blogs to keep our subscribers informed about the rural issues that matter to them most.

Village Halls Advice Service and Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund

We continued our 1-2-1 Village Hall advisory service supporting 149 cases across 109 community venues. Advice included help with community engagement, supporting legal structures, trustee support and training.

Our Community Buildings Network continues to grow. Over the year, the team delivered 15 network meetings with 319 participants, including quarterly meetings for community buildings, covering a range of topics from safeguarding to finance. We manage a linked Facebook group, facilitating peer support, with 410 members.

During 22/23 we supported 52 Stage 1 and 8 Stage 2 applications for the Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund, running information sessions and receiving over 80 initial enquiries. The success rate for Stage 1 was over 50%.

Harrogate Borough Council Strategic Grant

Our work across the former Harrogate District continues with the support of Harrogate Borough Council's strategic grant funding. This has included connecting people from Nidderdale with health appointments as part of the IVAR Connecting Health Communities project (a collaborative project bringing together VCSEs, ICB, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, PCNs, NHS Foundation Trusts, Healthwatch) to improve people's access to health care; an active role in the Harrogate Local Care Partnership and ensuring Harrogate's VCSE sector colleagues have representation on the North Yorkshire VCSE Sector Health and Care Assembly providing a two way mechanism for communication and influencing between the NHS, public sector health and care services and the VCSE sector to enhance the health and wellbeing of its citizens. Providing infrastructure support, advice and guidance to Harrogate based VCSE sector and ensuring colleagues from the area are represented on the VCSE Leaders Group, the Thriving Communities Partnership and the Chief Executive Officers' Peer Group, all of which meet quarterly.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We are seeking to:

1. Continue to work with partners and lead activities to support and build capacity and capability within VCSE organisations to ensure community resilience, including through our work with Community Anchor Organisations.
2. Lead work on developing volunteering to benefit both individuals as volunteers and the communities they serve, including through our work on both the Building Better Connections NHS Charities together, our Volunteering Network and our involvement in the Volunteering strand of the HNY HCP Workforce Plan.
3. Continue to monitor the ongoing impact of the pandemic and the changing economic environment on VCSE organisations and work with partners in the public and health sector to ensure key organisations remain sustainable.
4. Work with our partners in local government and health to ensure people in Yorkshire live healthier, happier, more fulfilling lives. This will be enhanced by our work developing the North Yorkshire VCSE Sector Health and Care Assembly.
5. Operational priorities will include continuing to highlight the needs of our rural communities in relation to health and mental health provision and strategies; transport; education, training and employment.
6. Continue work with The Rural Commission Task Force to ensure the actions in The Rural Commission Report are taken forward to improve the lives of people in our rural communities.
7. Continue to support and promote Social Action through a mix of blogs, think-pieces, the VINY platform and involvement in Social Action and Volunteering partner events.
8. Continue our asset based community development projects such as Men's Sheds and Rothwell ABCD to enhance the cohesion and wellbeing in the communities they serve.
9. Continue to monitor and promote the North Yorkshire strategy to tackle loneliness, "Be Social, Be Well" and encourage more VCSE organisations, businesses and individuals to work towards addressing the issue.
10. Continue to develop the North Yorkshire and East Riding Community Led Housing Hub (in partnership with Humber and Wolds Rural Action) to help more communities build the high quality and affordable homes they need.
11. Grow our presence and influence in the environmental space to support and encourage organisations to move closer to carbon-neutral.
12. Continue to build on our work on how communities can contribute to tackling climate change and VCSE organisations can become more sustainable.
13. Continue the project developing the Voice and Representation Network of People over 50.
14. Continue to provide a responsive training and resource offer on our Learning and Development Hub including matching mentors for aspiring leaders through our Leadership Hub.
15. Continue to adapt and introduce new training and resource materials on areas of thematic importance including trusteeship, recruitment, funding, wellbeing and relationship dynamics.
16. Continue to strengthen our leadership development offer through young people focused programmes and bursary funded training options through our Leadership Hub.
17. Continue to promote diversity, equality and inclusion issues across North Yorkshire.
18. We will undertake a third survey awareness and engagement survey in 2024 to provide an update on our earlier two survey findings, identifying the priorities and challenges VCSEs are facing, take-up and perceptions of our services, understanding our impact and what clients and partners most value, and identifying future client needs.
19. Work collaboratively with NHS partners, establishing closer links between PCNs and VCSE organisations.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The Funds and Reserves Policy of Community First Yorkshire Ltd was agreed by the Trustee Board as follows:

Community First Yorkshire Ltd aims to achieve sufficient free reserves (unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets) which will:

- Support those projects and the general costs of the organisations where expenditure is incurred before funding is reclaimed.
- Provide time to seek new funding sources at a project's conclusion or facilitate the running of Community First Yorkshire Ltd whilst meeting ongoing obligations.
- Cover any costs, including redundancy costs in the event of a managed closure of the organisation.

As a guide the Trustees have agreed that free reserves held by the charity should be a minimum of three month's core and non-prepaid project costs plus managed closure costs.

The General Fund is a revenue reserve and therefore is not a designated fund. It will be used to meet any year end shortfall of budgeted income against budgeted expenditure. It will normally include any surplus of income over expenditure subject to a decision of the Trustee Board.

As set out in note 20 to the accounts the trustees have set aside £356,710 as designated funds to invest in areas of work which they see will be of benefit to both the Company and the organisations it supports and to cover managed closure costs in the event that that ever became necessary.

The Company generated a net deficit for the year of £28,729 of which £20,796 was restricted, (2022: net surplus income £136,273, £109,239 of which was restricted).

The General Fund stood at £97,991 at 31 March 2023 which, per the policy, the trustees are confident will allow sufficient time to seek new funding sources.

Investment Policy

Community First Yorkshire Ltd endeavours to invest its funds wisely and correctly in order to maximise the interest gained for the benefit of the organisation and its programmes of work. In order to do this effectively, Community First Yorkshire Ltd endeavours to keep a maximum of £30,000 in its current account (dependent on required levels of expenditure).

Any remaining funds are invested in accounts to try to ensure that Community First Yorkshire Ltd is protected under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme whilst also attracting the best return.

Principal Funding Sources

North Yorkshire County Council
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Ryedale District Council
Hambleton District Council
Scarborough Borough Council
East Riding of York Council
Humber Coast and Vale NHS partnership (now known as Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership)
Leeds City Council
Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Health Tree Foundation
Two Ridings Community Foundation

Fixed Assets

The movement in tangible fixed assets during the year is set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity, and is therefore not liable to income tax, corporation tax or capital gains tax.

Organisation

The Trustee Board is elected annually by the membership of Community First Yorkshire Ltd and Trustees hold three year terms of office and retire in rotation. One third of Trustees retire each year and may seek re-election. Trustees are appointed either by being co-opted by the existing trustee board or through open recruitment. Any Trustees co-opted then seek re-election at the next AGM. The maximum number of Trustees is twelve and details of the Trustees who served during the year can be found on page 16. The Trustee Board meets at least quarterly.

Trustees receive an induction which includes meetings with the chair and senior managers. A comprehensive induction pack is provided and ongoing training and personal development opportunities are offered to all Trustees.

The organisation also has the following honorary officers:

Chairman	David Sharp
Vice-Chairman	Janet Thornton

These officers ensure that the Trustee board operates efficiently and help to raise the profile of Community First Yorkshire Ltd. Day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Officer and the Community First Yorkshire Ltd Senior Management Team which at 31 March 2022 consisted of the Head of Policies and Partnerships, the Head of Community and Volunteer Support, Head of Finance and Administration and Head of Projects.

Members' Liability

Every member has undertaken to contribute an amount, not exceeding £10, to the assets of the Council in the event of it being wound up, while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member for payment of the Council's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves.

Related Parties

All transactions with related parties are set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

Risk Management

Community First Yorkshire Ltd has examined the principal areas of its operations and built a framework for assessing what major risks may arise in each of these areas. They include: governance, management, operational, financial, external and legal matters. Annual reviews of the risk management process are carried out, and adjustments made as necessary. These are in line with the annual review of the strategic objectives, external factors, service delivery etc.

In the opinion of the Trustees, the resources and monitoring systems set in place should allow the risks identified to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Fundraising activities

The charity does not engage in public fundraising and does not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company Name

Community First Yorkshire Ltd (*A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital*)

Company Registration Number

01839458

Charity Registration Number

515538

Principal and Registered Office

Unit A, Tower House
Askham Fields Lane
Askham Bryan
York YO23 3FS

Trustee Board (Executive Committee Members) who served during the year to 31st March 2023 and since the year end were as follows:

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

Rebecca Buckley
Gary Craig (resigned 5 July 2023)
Mike Feist
David Jeffels
David Sharp
Janet Thornton MBE
David Watson
Adrian Willis

The Chief Officer to whom trustees delegate duties:

Jane Colthup

The Company Secretary

Jane Colthup

The Company's Auditors

JWP Creers LLP, Genesis 5, Church Lane, Heslington, York, YO10 5DQ.

The Company's Bankers

Unity Trust Bank, PO Box 7193, Planetary Road, Willenhall, WV1 9DG

Registration Details

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SUBSCRIBING TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish
Council
Allerton Mauleverer with
Hopperton Parish Meeting
Barlby & Osgodby Town
Council
Beal Parish Council
Brodsworth Parish Council

Draughton Parish Council
Finningley Parish Council
Hepstonstall Parish Council
Ingleby Greenhow Parish Council
Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish
Council
Steeton with Eastburn Parish
Council

Stutton Parish Council
Thrybergh Parish Council
Weeton Parish Council

SUBSCRIBING RURAL COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Acaster Malbis Memorial Hall	Glusburn Community and Arts Centre	Newholm cum Dunsley Village Hall
Amerdale Village Hall	Goathland Village Hall Trust	Old Pool Bank Village Hall
Ampleforth Village Hall	Grey Village Hall (Sutton on the Forest)	Oswaldkirk Village Hall
Appleton le Street & Amotherby Parish Hall	Gristhorpe & Lebbertson Village Hall	Pannal Village Hall
Arkendale Community Hall	Gunnerside Village Hall	Pateley Bridge & Beverley Memorial Hall
Atkinson & Clarke Educational Foundation	Hackness Village Hall	Rainton with Newby Village Hall
Beckwithshaw Village Hall	Hambleton Village Hall	Ravensworth Village Hall
Bellerby Memorial Hall	Harthill & Woodhall Parish Hall	Ruswarp Village Hall
Blaxton Village Hall	Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall	Sand Hutton & Claxton Village Hall
Boltby Village Hall	Hawes Market House	Sawdon Village Hall
Bolton-cum-Redmire Village Hall	Hellifield Institute	Scholes Village Hall
Borrowby Village Hall	Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust	Scotton Village Hall
Boston Spa Village Hall	Hovingham Village Hall	Seamer & Irton Memorial Hall
Bradley Village Hall	Hunton & Arrathorne Village Hall	Settle Victoria Hall
Bramham Village Hall	Hutton le Hole Village Hall	Sinnington Village Hall
Brawby Village Hall	Kelfield Village Institute	Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall
Brompton by Sawdon Village Hall	Kirk Deighton Village Hall CIO	Sleights Village Hall
Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall and Playing Fields	Kirk Hammerton Village Hall	Snainton Village Hall and Playing Field
Clapham cum Newby Village Hall	Kirkby Malzeard Mechanics Institute & Village Hall	Snape Village Institute
Copmanthorpe WI Hall	Laughton Village Hall	Sproxton Village Hall
Copt Hewick Village Hall	Lawson Hut Badsworth	St Wilfrid's Community Centre
Coverdale Memorial Hall	Leyburn Arts & Community Centre	Staxton Village Hall
Cracoe & District Community Village Hall	Long Marston Recreational Ground and Village Hall	Stillington Village Hall
Dacre & Hartwith Village Hall	Long Preston Village Hall	Stutton cum Hazlewood Village Hall
Dalton & Gayles Village Hall	Low Bentham Public Hall & Victoria Institute	Sutton Under Whitestonecliffe Village Hall
Dunnington Reading Room	Malham Village Hall	The Darley Memorial Hall
East Harlsley Village Hall	Masham Town Hall Community Charity Ltd	Thornton le Dale Village Hall
East Keswick Village Hall	Middleton & Aislaby Village Hall	Thornton Watless Village Hall
Ebbertson Village Hall	Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall	Thorpe Willoughby Village Hall
Embsay with Eastby Village Institute	Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Association	Todwick Village Hall
Eppleby Village Hall	Morton on Swale Village Hall	Upperthong Village Hall
Exelby, Leeming & Londonderry Village Hall	Muker Public Hall and Literary Institute	Weaverthorpe Village Hall
Farndale Village Hall	Muston Village Hall	Wetherby town hall
Ganton Village Hall		Wheldrake Recreation Association
Gilling West Village Hall		Whixley Village Hall
		Wrelton Village Hall

SUBSCRIBING ORGANISATIONS

Advocacy Alliance
Art Therapy Yorkshire
Better Connect Limited
BlueBoxt Productions
Brompton-on-Swale Village Society
Carers Resource (Harrogate/Craven/Airedale)
Christ Church Community Centre
Community Counselling (North Yorkshire) Ltd
Darlington Mind in Hambleton and
Richmondshire
Dial a Ride Scarborough & District
Door 84 Youth and Community Centre
Easingwold Community Library Association
Easingwold Town Band
Eastfield Community Association
Embsay with Eastby Good Neighbours CIO
Gamekeepers Welfare Trust
Garden Village Community Association
Harrogate & District Community Action
Jigsaws Childcare Ltd
Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre
Nidderdale Museum Society
North Yorkshire Business and Education
Partnership Ltd
North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre
North Yorkshire Youth Ltd
Older Citizens Advocacy York
ORB Community Enterprise
Parents of Special Children
Pioneer Projects (Celebratory Arts) Ltd
Richmondshire Leisure Trust
Ryedale Carers Support
Ryedale Special Families
Ryedale YMCA
Scarborough Disablement Action Group
Selby Community Trust
Sessay Community Trust
Sight Support Ryedale
St Mary's PCC Sprotbrough
Stokesley & District Community Care Association
Supporting Older People
Tadcaster Swimming Pool Trust Ltd
Tadcaster Volunteer Cars & Services Association
The Clothing Bank
The Hive Silsden CIO
The Island
Transition Vamp Youth Support
Trinity Centre Whitby
Two Ridings Community Foundation
Ugthorpe Village Community Fund
Veterans Woodcraft CIC
Whitby Area Development Trust
YMCA Scarborough
Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust
Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs

SUBSCRIBING INDIVIDUALS

B Anderson
L Holden
P Holder
J Power
J Stubbs

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees (who are also directors of Community First Yorkshire Ltd for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law applicable requires the charity 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 charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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 on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' annual report:

- There is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditors are unaware
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 30 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Jane Colthup
Company Secretary



David Sharp
Chairman

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Community First Yorkshire Ltd the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023, 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; and
- 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 for our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 Trustee's 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 Trustee's with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Trustees report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 trustees' report (incorporating 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 charitable company 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 require 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 trustees 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.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements set out on page 20, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determines 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 Trustees 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 concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intends to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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.

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud and obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the

assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses, and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- During our planning process we gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant of them, which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements, are those that relate to the reporting framework and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We gained an understanding of how the charity is complying with these frameworks by making enquiries of the Trustees, key management and if necessary, advisors responsible for legal and compliance matters. We observed key controls and made appropriate enquiries following our review of contracts, interim financial data, board minutes and reports provided to the Trustees;
- We independently assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud or error might occur by meeting with the Management Committee and senior management with the skills and experience necessary to determine the risk factors which they believe expose the company to susceptibility to fraud and error. We also considered the impact of any business targets, the personal financial circumstances of management and staff to create a driver for fraud. We considered the culture and controls that the charity has established to address the risks identified and evaluated the effectiveness of processes and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, and how senior management monitors those processes and controls. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we designed then performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included, but were not restricted to, testing large and unusual items, journals, and transactions with high estimation uncertainty. These tests were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud and error; and
- Based on our audit plan and understanding of the risks that specifically affect the charity we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above. Our procedures involved substantive testing of transactions and walkthrough testing of appropriate controls, with a focus on transactions in the books of prime entry that have characteristics that may indicate fraud or error. We looked for unusual patterns, large or unusual transactions, weaknesses in the payments system and new supplier transactions based on our understanding of the business; enquiries of trustees and management and the results from previous audit testing; and focused testing, on specific complex areas based on risk. In addition, we completed procedures to conclude on the other information and disclosures in report of the Management Committee and accounts with the requirements of the relevant accounting standards and UK legislation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company'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 charitable company'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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Clemit', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nigel Clemit ACA FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
JWPCreers LLP
Statutory Auditor
Genesis 5
Church Lane
Heslington
York
YO10 5DQ

30 October 2023

COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
ACCOUNT)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	148,464	844,324	992,788	1,135,733
Other trading activities	4	12,895	-	12,895	19,203
Investment income	5	6,884	-	6,884	2,557
Total income		168,243	844,324	1,012,567	1,157,493
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	6/7	(171,008)	(870,288)	(1,041,296)	(1,021,220)
Total expenditure		(171,008)	(870,288)	(1,041,296)	(1,021,220)
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers					
	9	(2,765)	(25,964)	(28,729)	136,273
Transfer between funds	10	(5,168)	5,168	-	-
Net income for the year		(7,933)	(20,796)	(28,729)	136,273
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		462,634	552,129	1,014,763	878,490
Total funds carried forward		454,701	531,333	986,034	1,014,763

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.


The notes on pages 28 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		-		333
Investments	13		1		1
			<u>1</u>		<u>334</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	46,352		51,314	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,058,199		1,111,979	
		<u>1,104,551</u>		<u>1,163,293</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(113,207)		(143,553)	
Net current assets			991,344		1,019,740
			<u>991,345</u>		<u>1,020,074</u>
Total assets less current liabilities					
Provision for liabilities	16		(5,311)		(5,311)
			<u>986,034</u>		<u>1,014,763</u>
Net assets					
Funds					
Restricted income funds	19	531,333		552,129	
Unrestricted income funds	20	454,701		462,634	
			<u>986,034</u>		<u>1,014,763</u>
Total charity funds					

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the board on 30 October 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:



David Sharp
Chairman
Company number: 01839458

The notes on pages 28 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities	(60,664)	219,065
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest Income	6,884	2,557
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	6,884	2,557
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(53,780)	221,622
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,111,979	890,357
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,058,199	1,111,979

Reconciliation of net movement of funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net movement in funds	(28,729)	136,273
Add back depreciation charge	333	1,000
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(6,884)	(2,557)
(Increase) Decrease in debtors	4,962	97,284
(Decrease) Increase in creditors	(30,346)	(12,935)
Increase (decrease) in provisions	-	-
Net cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities	(60,664)	219,065

The notes on pages 28 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee and is registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered office is as stated on the Report of the Board of Trustees.

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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees have considered future funding sources and consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. The unrestricted reserves have been maintained at a level to allow time to seek new funding sources as projects conclude whilst meeting ongoing obligations. As set out in note 20 as part of prudent governance a designated fund has been set aside to cover managed closure costs in the event that that ever became necessary.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

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

Income

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Where a funder specifies that income must be used in future accounting periods or where income is received for future events it is carried forward as deferred income.

Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the note 20 to the financial statements. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions imposed by grant funders.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated to the appropriate heading in the accounts. Project costs represents grants paid to other organisations together with the core and support cost expenditure of the charity. Support costs represent 80% (2021 - 80%) of administration expenses which have not been directly recharged to other organisations.

Fixed Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Items costing over £1,000 are capitalised.

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Depreciation

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

Equipment - 25% straight line

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Consolidation

The company has a dormant subsidiary with total net assets of £1. This subsidiary is not material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view and therefore has been excluded from consolidation in accordance with section 405 of the Companies Act 2006.

As this subsidiary can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Companies Act 2006 the company has not produced consolidated accounts as it has taken advantage of the exemption in section 402 of the Companies Act 2006 which applies to companies whose only subsidiaries can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Act.

The financial statements therefore give information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Basic financial assets

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid at the year end.

Basic financial liabilities

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Redundancy costs

Redundancy costs are recognised as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted and Total Funds 2022 £
Donations	-	-	-
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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Contract Income	71,295	-	71,295	106,774
Grants receivable	77,169	844,324	921,493	1,028,959
	<u>148,464</u>	<u>844,324</u>	<u>992,788</u>	<u>1,135,733</u>

In 2022 of the £1,135,733 of income from charitable activities £955,957 was from restricted funds and £179,776 from unrestricted.

4. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charges to other organisations	800	800	1,595
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	4,758	4,758	7,329
Courses and conference income	(3)	(3)	(36)
Advertising Income	7,340	7,340	10,315
	<u>12,895</u>	<u>12,895</u>	<u>19,203</u>

In 2022 all of the income from other trading activities was unrestricted funds.

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	6,884	6,884	2,557

In 2022 all of the investment income was unrestricted funds.

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6. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Project costs	133,708	870,288	1,003,996	990,881
Support costs	37,300	-	37,300	30,339
	<u>171,008</u>	<u>870,288</u>	<u>1,041,296</u>	<u>1,021,220</u>

In 2022 of the £1,021,220 costs of charitable activities, £855,045 related to restricted funds and £166,175 to unrestricted.

7. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding activities £	Support costs £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Project costs	<u>911,237</u>	<u>88,493</u>	<u>37,300</u>	<u>1,037,030</u>	<u>1,021,220</u>

8. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Audit fees	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>

9. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff pension contributions	24,476	26,157
Depreciation	333	1,000
Auditors' remuneration: - audit of the financial statements	<u>2,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>

10. Fund transfers

Transfers have been made in line with budgeted expenditure to clear planned deficits on restricted funds projects.

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11. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	652,824	681,458
Redundancy costs	-	228
Social security costs	46,945	47,021
Other pension costs	24,476	26,157
	<hr/> 724,245 <hr/>	<hr/> 754,864 <hr/>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No	No
Administrative Staff:		
Full time equivalents	20	22
Total number of employees	29	32
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No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2022 - Nil).

Aggregate expenses of £301 (2022 - nil) were paid to a total of 4 (2022 –nil) Trustees during the year.

The key management personnel of the company comprise the Trustees, the Chief Officer, the Head of Finance and Administration, the Head of Community and Volunteer Support the Network and Collaboration Officer, the Head of Projects and the Head of Health Collaboration. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £223,815 (2022: £186,909).

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	95,587
Additions	-
Disposals	-
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At 31 March 2023	95,587
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Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	95,254
Charge for the year	333
On disposals	-
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At 31 March 2023	95,587
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Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	-
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At 31 March 2022	333
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13. Investments

	Group Undertakings £
Cost	
At 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022	1
	<u>1</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022	1
	<u>1</u>

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital (being 1 £1 ordinary share) of Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, company number 06591809.

The reported financial information in respect of the above company is as follows:

Aggregate Capital and Reserves	2023 £
Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited (dormant)	1
	<u>1</u>

14. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	33,163	39,954
Other debtors	206	-
Prepayments and accrued income	12,983	11,360
	<u>46,352</u>	<u>51,314</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	18,390	21,822
Taxation and Social Security Costs	16,392	17,854
Accruals and deferred income	78,425	103,877
	<u>113,207</u>	<u>143,553</u>
Deferred income included in above	<u>20,042</u>	<u>44,237</u>

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Deferred income represents amounts received but not yet earned on contracts:

	2023
	£
Opening deferred income	44,237
Released in the year	(27,674)
Deferred in the year	3,479
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Closing deferred income	20,042
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16. Provision for liabilities

	£
At 31 March 2022	5,311
Charged in the year	-
Released in the year	-
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At 31 March 2023	5,311
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The above provision is for office redecoration in accordance with the terms of the lease.

17. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 March 2023 the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Land and buildings	
	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 1 year	5,814	3,328
Within 2 to 5 years	-	-
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18. Related Party Transactions

During the year the charitable company undertook the following transactions with companies and organisations with whom they have common Trustees or Directors, at normal market value:-

Trustee of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
Adrian Willis	Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs	Contract Income	£1,340 (22:£448)
David Jeffels	North Yorkshire County Council	Grant Income	£507,550 (22:£479,566)
		Contract Income	£415 (22:£78,210)
		Purchases	£493 (22:£2,592)
David Jeffels	Scarborough Borough Council	Grant Income	£27,500 (22:£nil)
		Contract Income	£15 (22:£nil)
		Purchases	£110 (22:£nil)
Janet Thornton	Action with Communities in Rural England	Grant Income	£70,720 (22:£70,720)
		Contract Income	£150 (22: £150)
		Purchases	£340 (22:£340)
	York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership	Grant Income	£3,323 (22:£975)
Senior Manager of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
David Sharp	North Yorkshire Youth	Contract Income	£35 (22: £360)
David Watson	North Yorkshire Sport	Contract Income	£707 (22: £1,662)
		Grant Payment	£11,000 (22:£nil)

At 31 March 2023 amounts totalling £nil (22:£90) are shown as owing from North Yorkshire County Council, £52 (22:£nil) from North Yorkshire Sport and £101 (22:£nil) from Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.

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19. Restricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	(6,507)	1,507	-
Ryedale District Council	-	-	(56)	56	-
NYCC Innovation Fund	984	-	-	-	984
NYCC – Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	1,594	-	-	-	1,594
VAL	2,167	-	-	-	2,167
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	1,751	-	-	-	1,751
2 Ridings Community Foundation	4,186	-	-	-	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Networks	2,732	-	-	-	2,732
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	123	-	-	-	123
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	191,780	477,054	(466,410)	4,711	207,135
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	19,918	-	-	-	19,918
Power to Change	985	-	-	-	985
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	12,223	-	-	-	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks	4,434	-	-	-	4,434
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG - HPOC	13,933	-	-	-	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	14,429	25,000	(22,803)	-	16,626
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens' Sheds	10,578	34,241	(33,869)	-	10,950
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	11,201	(11,150)	(51)	-	-
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	63,836	-	(27,448)	-	36,388
Carried forward	<u>356,854</u>	<u>530,145</u>	<u>(557,144)</u>	<u>6,274</u>	<u>336,129</u>

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19. Restricted income funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
Brought forward	356,854	530,145	(557,144)	6,274	336,129
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	6,220	13,300	(6,393)	-	13,127
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	640	-	(640)	-	-
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	28,179	260	(28,439)	-	-
RDC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
HDC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
SBC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
ERYC– Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	91,416	-	(75,514)	-	15,902
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	10,240	17,000	(13,086)	-	14,154
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	1,251	-	(1,252)	-	(1)
YNYLEP – Community Building Climate Assessment Project	-	3,323	(3,323)	-	-
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	20,107	-	(18,746)	19	1,380
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	5,605	-	(1,868)	-	3,737
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	16,817	-	(5,605)	-	11,212
NYCC Voice of Older People Forum	-	27,000	(22,658)	-	4,342
Carried forward	<u>539,829</u>	<u>721,928</u>	<u>(789,907)</u>	<u>6,293</u>	<u>478,143</u>

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19. Restricted income funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
Brought forward	539,829	721,928	(789,907)	6,293	478,143
Craven Communities Together – Voice of Older People Forum	-	3,737	(1,246)	-	2,491
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	4,800	-	(4,800)	-	-
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	2,500	-	(169)	-	2,331
HWRA – Micro Providers	-	1,561	(180)	(1,381)	-
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	5,000	-	(5,256)	256	-
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections	-	66,632	(40,914)	-	25,718
Supportive Volunteering TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	-	25,000	(16,983)	-	8,017
TRCF – Population Health	-	5,050	(256)	-	4,794
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	-	15,000	(5,161)	-	9,839
Woodsmith Foundation – Support for VCSE Leadership	-	5,416	(5,416)	-	-
	<u>552,129</u>	<u>844,324</u>	<u>(870,288)</u>	<u>5,168</u>	<u>531,333</u>

The most significant funds above were for:

NYCC and NHS North Yorkshire – Community Capacity Building. This grant is for the provision of support to VCSE organisations across North Yorkshire and for representing and championing the sector within North Yorkshire. The work includes providing training, running peer support and strategic networks. Developing leaders within the sector and supporting organisations in the management and recruitment of volunteers.

RDC, HDC, SBC, ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub. This grant is for the running of a Community Led Housing Hub. The hub has been set up to provide a central resource of information and support for those who are looking to develop local housing in an area for the benefit of local people. Work is going to develop a plan to give the hub a sustainable future.

NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health. The purpose of this grant is to improve the support to those experiencing serious mental illness by developing new models of care which improve the links between primary and secondary health services and the local VCSE sector and helping people to access improved support and services closer to home and in ways which meet their needs most closely.

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19. Restricted income funds (continued)

Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD. This grant is to use an asset based community development way of working to support people to feel better connected and to help communities to thrive. Our development officer is working in Rothwell to build connections and engage local community groups to create spaces that are welcoming and to develop a vision and a plan for what the community can do.

Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Men’s Sheds. This grant is to develop sustainable Men’s Sheds in different areas of Bradford. The sheds will provide a place where men can come together over a common activity which will bring improvements to well-being and mental health through a reduction in social isolation and loneliness. The original grant period has been extended and several, successful, sheds have been developed. The development officer works with a committee of volunteers in each shed so that, once the grant funding ceases, the shed is in a strong position to continue running.

HCV VCSE Leadership – This grant is for the wider development of the VCSE sector in North Yorkshire to improve cross-sector collaboration. It also provides for ongoing participation as a North Yorkshire place lead and in the VCSE Health and Care Sector Assmby.

NYCC Voice of Older People Forum – This grant, with additional funding to be received from other health partners, is to establish a Forum to capture the diverse voice of people aged 50 plus. This will be done through taking a strengths based approach and will help in shaping the developments, decisions and services which matter most to this cohort. The work is being undertaken as part of the World Health Organisation’s Age Friendly Communities Framework and will look to work collaboratively with local initiatives and partnerships.

Health Tree Foundation – Building Supportive Volunteering. This grant is to progress and test some new approaches to tackling loneliness and isolation and deconditioning through social and supportive volunteering. The work is being delivered in partnership with Carers Plus and Hambleton Community Action.

TRCF – Population Health. This grant is for participation in the Population Health Management programme in North Yorkshire to deepen understanding of the data held within the VCSE sector across Humber & North Yorkshire.

We thank all our funders for the support we have received.

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20. Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
General Funds	127,874	168,243	(147,203)	(50,923)	97,991
Designated Funds:					
Digital transformation	27,389	-	-	-	27,389
Engagement in the health agenda	24,307	-	(8,113)	(16,194)	-
Quantifying the VCS sector in North Yorkshire – phase 1	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Provision of free employment advice during the coronavirus pandemic	3,046	-	(725)	-	2,321
Investment of reserves to support the organisation whilst future funding is explored	115,018	-	(14,967)	61,949	162,000
Provision for a managed closure should that ever be required	160,000	-	-	-	160,000
Total Designated Funds	334,760	-	(23,805)	45,755	356,710
Total Unrestricted Funds	462,634	168,243	(171,008)	(5,168)	454,701

The above designated funds are for pieces of work which the trustees have identified will be of ongoing benefit both to the company and to the organisations it supports and they have thus approved the investment in them from reserves.

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total net assets £
Restricted Income Funds:			
NYCC Innovation Fund	-	984	984
NYCC Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	-	1,594	1,594
VAL – Transforming Leeds Community Anchors	-	2,167	2,167
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	-	1,751	1,751
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	-	123	123
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	-	12,223	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks – Cold Snaps Warm Homes	-	4,434	4,434
2 Ridings Community Foundation – Emergency Planning	-	4,186	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Halls Network	-	2,732	2,732
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	207,135	207,135
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	-	19,918	19,918
Power to Change	-	985	985
Harrogate and Rural CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC	-	13,933	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	16,626	16,626
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens’ Sheds	-	10,950	10,950
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	36,388	36,388
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	-	13,127	13,127
RDC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	17,025	17,025
HDC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	17,025	17,025
SBC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	17,025	17,025
ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	17,025	17,025
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	10,061	10,061
NHS NY CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	15,902	15,902
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Total carried forward	-	443,319	443,319

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

	Tangible fixed assets & investments £	Other net assets £	Total net assets £
Total brought forward	-	443,319	443,319
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	14,154	14,154
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	-	(1)	(1)
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	-	1,380	1,380
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	3,737	3,737
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	11,212	11,212
NYCC – Voice of Older People Forum	-	4,342	4,342
Craven Communities Together – Voice of Older People Forum	-	2,491	2,491
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	2,331	2,331
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections through Supportive Volunteering	-	25,718	25,718
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	-	8,017	8,017
TRCF – Population Health	-	4,794	4,794
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	-	9,839	9,839
Unrestricted Income Funds	1	454,700	454,701
Total Funds	1	986,033	986,034

22. Contingencies

The charity created a rent deposit deed dated 18 January 2010 for securing £1,000 due or to become due by the company.

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The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements which are the subject of the independent auditor's report on pages 21 to 24.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants Received				
DEFRA	69,720	-	69,720	69,720
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Ryedale DC	-	-	-	10,000
HHAONB	-	-	-	4,961
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	-	-	(1,359)
NLCF – The Loneliness Campaign	-	477,054	477,054	476,284
NYCC – The Loneliness Campaign	-	-	-	-
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	25,000	25,000	26,000
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	-	34,241	34,241	25,250
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	-	-	-	7,855
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	-	(11,150)	(11,150)	62,113
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	-	13,300	13,300	13,100
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	-	-	-	74,336
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	-	260	260	92,635
RDC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	27,500	-
HDC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	27,500	-
SBC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	27,500	-
ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	27,500	-
NAVCA – Emergency Planning VCSE Liaison	-	-	-	4,750
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	20,900	20,900	10,900
NHS NY CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	-	-	65,000
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	17,000	17,000	-
IVAR Leading in Uncertainty	-	-	-	250
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	-	-	-	2,000
YNYLEP – Community Building Climate Assessment Project	-	3,323	3,323	959
Carried Forward	69,720	694,928	764,648	949,754

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants Received continued				
Brought forward	69,720	694,928	764,648	949,754
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	-	-	-	41,200
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	-	-	5,606
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	-	-	16,817
NYCC – Voice of Older People Forum	-	27,000	27,000	-
Craven Communities Together – Voice of Older People Forum	-	3,737	3,737	-
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	-	-	-	4,800
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	-	-	2,500
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	-	-	-	5,000
NYCC Kickstarter Funding	4,266	-	4,266	3,282
HWRA – Micro Providers	-	1,561	1,561	-
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	-	66,632	66,632	-
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	-	25,000	25,000	-
TRCF – Population Health	-	5,050	5,050	-
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	-	15,000	15,000	-
Woodsmith Foundation – Support for VCSE Leadership	-	5,416	5,416	-
Release of Accrued Provision	3,183	-	3,183	-
	77,169	844,324	921,493	1,028,959

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	Administration Expenses	
	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries	121,679	112,883
Employers NI	6,273	5,476
Pension cost	4,395	4,120
Rent	10,957	10,849
Site Charge	562	562
Heat and Light	2,716	2,818
Cleaning	3,334	2,822
Council tax	1,152	1,152
Telephone	4,240	3,720
Postage, printing and stationery	(628)	(682)
Insurance	8,707	8,568
Motor and travel	1,174	859
Office expenses	17,628	12,376
Public relations	-	225
Affiliation fees	6,369	6,496
Staff training and conferences	3,171	7,599
Staff appointment expenses	399	580
Legal and Consultancy Fees	2,161	61
Bank charges	477	552
Sundry expenses	4,431	5,634
Depreciation - office equipment	333	1,000
Audit fees	2,200	4,200
	<hr/> 201,730	91,870
Charges to special projects and other organisations (cost recovery)	(155,108)	(153,946)
	<hr/> 46,622	37,924
Allocated:		
Core project work	9,322	7,585
Support costs	37,300	30,339
	<hr/> 46,622	37,924

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Direct Project Costs	Restricted	Unrestricted	2023	2022
	£	£	Total	Total
			£	£
Harrogate Borough Council	6,507	-	6,507	6,063
Ryedale DC	56	-	56	13,409
HHAONB	-	-	-	4,961
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	-	-	-	414
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	-	-	-	888
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Network	-	-	-	304
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	466,410	-	466,410	442,418
NLCF –The Loneliness Campaign	-	-	-	6
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	22,803	-	22,803	19,709
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	33,869	-	33,869	26,673
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	-	-	-	7,353
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	51	-	51	52,539
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	27,448	-	27,448	16,860
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	6,393	-	6,393	10,112
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	640	-	640	81,845
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	28,439	-	28,439	64,456
RDC – Community Led Housing Hub	10,475	-	10,475	-
HDC – Community Led Housing Hub	10,475	-	10,475	-
SBC – Community Led Housing Hub	10,475	-	10,475	-
ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub	10,475	-	10,475	-
NAVCA – Emergency Planning VCSE Liaison	-	-	-	4,760
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	13,339	-	13,339	11,129
Total carried forward	647,855	-	647,855	763,899

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Direct Project Costs (continued)	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Total brought forward	647,855	-	647,855	763,899
NYCCG – Health and Wellbeing Hub	13,086	-	13,086	29,760
NYCCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	75,514	-	75,514	38,584
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	1,252	-	1,252	749
YNYLEP – Community Buildings Climate Assessment Project	3,323	-	3,323	959
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	18,746	-	18,746	21,093
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	1,868	-	1,868	1
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	5,605	-	5,605	-
NYCC – Voice of Older People Forum	22,658	-	22,658	-
Craven Communities Together – Voice of Older People Forum	1,246	-	1,246	-
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	4,800	-	4,800	-
Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	169	-	169	-
HWRA – Micro Providers	180	-	180	-
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	5,256	-	5,256	-
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	40,914	-	40,914	-
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	16,983	-	16,983	-
TRCF – Population Health	256	-	256	-
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	5,161	-	5,161	-
Woodsmith Foundation – Support for VCSE Leadership	5,416	-	5,416	-
NYCC Kickstarter Funding	-	4,266	4,266	3,282
DEFRA/Core Project Work	-	129,442	129,442	132,554
	870,288	133,708	1,003,996	990,881
Support Costs	-	37,300	37,300	30,339
	870,288	171,008	1,041,296	1,021,220

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Listing of Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout the report

ABCD – Asset Based Community Development
ACRE – Action with Communities in Rural England
BGET – British Gas Energy Trust
CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group
DC – District Council
DEFRA - Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
HCV – Humber, Coast and Vale
HHAONB – Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
HPOC – Harnessing the Power of Community
IVAR – Institute for Voluntary Action Research
NAVCA – National Association for Voluntary and Community Action
NHS – National Health Service
NLCF – National Lottery Community Fund
NY – North Yorkshire
NYCC – North Yorkshire County Council
PCN – NHS Primary Care Network
SOFA – Statement of Financial Activities
VAL – Voluntary Action Leeds
VCS – Voluntary and Community Sector
VCSE – Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector
YNYER – York, North Yorkshire and East Riding
YNYLEP – York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR END 31 MARCH 2022**

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

INTRODUCTION

In this, my first annual report as Chief Executive of Community First Yorkshire we have seen a time of considerable change and evolution. As I joined in June 2021 we were beginning to emerge from the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic and ways of working have changed in many ways, forever. A number of other things are changing too.

July 2021 saw the confirmation of North Yorkshire transitioning from a county council and seven district authorities to a single unitary council for North Yorkshire, which will take effect from 1 April 2023. Add to this the launch of the NHS Integrated Care Strategy (ICS) and we have a time of significant change in our region. The new health arrangements took effect from 1 July 2022. Inevitably this means we all need to learn to navigate new structures and develop new relationships. Encouragingly, the Health and Social Care white paper¹ bringing about these reforms acknowledged the fundamental role of the voluntary and community sector in delivering its objectives. As holders of the Community Support North Yorkshire grant, Community First Yorkshire have a close relationship with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and district council colleagues and we look forward to continuing to work together to build and support thriving and resilient communities in North Yorkshire.

The impact for many VCSE organisations has been some uncertainty about future funding and The Yorkshire and Humber's Funding Ecology Report 2021² highlighted that proportionally our VCSEs' funding remains one of the lowest in England. The numbers of people coming forward to volunteer has declined and VCSE organisations have reported a reduction in the number of people willing to be trustees for them. This means we need to continue to work hard to enable our sector to attract both volunteers and trustees to support it as well as the financial means to do so.

One of my earliest invitations when I joined Community First Yorkshire was to attend the launch of North Yorkshire County Council's Rural Commission Report and I now serve on its Task Force, to help drive forward the actions from the report's recommendations. It has been encouraging to see many of the inequalities and challenges faced by our rural communities being formally recognised and acted upon. We must now ensure delivery meets the aspiration.

For me, change has always been about opportunity and renewal and whilst the next few years are likely to be challenging for us all, I am committed to working with the team at Community First Yorkshire in collaboration with our partners and stakeholders to ensure we strengthen the VCSE sector in our region and reduce inequalities.

Jane Colthup, Chief Executive

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-health-and-social-care-for-all/integration-and-innovation-working-together-to-improve-health-and-social-care-for-all-html-version>

² https://www.yorkshirefunders.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Yorkshire-Humber-funding-ecology-research-report-2021_FINAL.pdf

OUR PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is an independent charitable organisation that has been working to help improve the quality of life for people living and working in the rural areas of North, South and West Yorkshire since 1937. We are an influential, regional body which works with and for voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises and rural communities, as well as engaging with a wide range of relevant statutory organisations. Community First Yorkshire Ltd is one of 38 rural community councils and a member of the national body, Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

We are passionate about ensuring we have vibrant and viable communities across Yorkshire, so we work with communities, groups and individuals to understand their needs and to provide a voice with key decision-makers at local, regional and national levels to influence service provision. A sustainable, asset-based community development approach underpins all we do, ensuring that community members come together to take collective action and generate their own solutions to common problems. We believe that sustainable community wellbeing (economic, social, physical, human, environmental and cultural) comes from grassroots level action.

Our core services across North, South and West Yorkshire include:

- Information and advice to Parish Councils to enable them to meet the social and wellbeing needs of their residents
- Support to village hall and other community buildings committees to ensure these valuable community assets are well-managed and maintained for community benefit
- Support for community led-planning and community engagement enabling groups to determine and achieve their own local vision
- Support and advice for voluntary and community groups and social enterprises to help them deliver the best service to their beneficiaries
- Delivery of strengths-based community development projects and large-scale partnership programmes.

Charitable Objects

Community First Yorkshire Ltd's charitable aims as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community particularly in the geographical area of Yorkshire (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") in particular the advancement of education and health and the relief of poverty and distress, the sustainability of rural life or in pursuing any other charitable purposes by promoting and organising co-operation in the achievement of the said purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the voluntary organisations, statutory authorities, and other organisations within the area of benefit.

OUR VISION

For inclusive, pro-active and resilient communities across Yorkshire.

OUR MISSION

To inspire, strengthen and empower communities of place, interest and identity.

OUR PRIORITIES

All of our services, projects and activities sit under one of our four priorities:

- i. Strengthening Groups
- ii. Connecting Communities

- iii. Shaping and Sharing Policy and Practice
- iv. Developing Partnerships and Collaborations

Our fifth (internal) priority is to maintain a well-run, efficient and effective organisation.

VALUES

Community First Yorkshire Ltd holds the following values to be important in delivering its work:

Empowering - We know that far more can be achieved by a greater number of communities by enabling them to create their own solutions through capacity building.

Responsive – We get back to people and provide the support they need.

Creative – We are not scared of trying new and innovative things.

Integrity – We tell it how it is and we are careful to listen to communities.

Collaborative – We prefer to work in partnership and seek to share ideas, experience, good practice and benefits.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We are very grateful to our many funders for their support in making our work possible. In this reporting period covering April 2021 to 31 March 2022 we delivered a wide range of work streams including:

A total refresh of our three Community First Yorkshire websites

Our Marcomms team overhauled our Community First Yorkshire, Community Support North Yorkshire and Community Led Homes websites. This was a huge amount of work for both our wonderful Marcomms team and the colleagues who fed information to them and proof read the resulting pages. A great team effort and we're delighted to have a cleaner, fresher more appealing look to our digital presence.

Continuing to respond to the Covid-19 Pandemic:

Throughout this year we have continued our engagement in the Covid-19 emergency planning structures, contributing to the local response and sharing insights with NHS, local authority and York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership colleagues. Meetings we attended focused on reviewing impact, identifying immediate action where necessary, communication and planning for the medium term:

- North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Regional Meeting

- North Yorkshire Senior Leadership Executive Silver Group meetings

- North Yorkshire Outbreak Management Board

- York and North Yorkshire LEP Intel meetings

- ACRE Chief Executive update meetings.

- VCSE Emergency Partnership Northern Cell and VCSE Red Cross National Emergency Partnership meetings, to share intelligence from North Yorkshire and York and to understand how national support agencies can potentially support gaps for emergency responses in our area.

In May and June 2021 we undertook our third VCSE Resilience Survey, as part of a Yorkshire and Humber-wide initiative to track the impact and needs of groups during and coming out of the Covid-19 period. The main messages from this final survey are identified below in SWOT analysis. As 2022 progressed the cost of living crisis has impacted VCSEs and their service users, which is very likely to have changed the messages from the 2021 survey.

Strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaner/stronger • New connections, with VCSE and community • 94% have £ reserves • Flexible funders • Using support/advice available • Refocussing/reimagining services • Reopening and responsive at pace • New ways of working - IT 	Weaknesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £ remains primary concern • Covid-19 grants ending • Continued use of reserves • Volunteer capacity down • Service take-up and demand from particular users • Digital exclusion of users • Fatigue • Increased staff support
Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer base shifted/shifting - diversity • Reframing/modifying services to meet community needs • Building on partnerships forged through pandemic - trust 	Threats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tighter funding and grants 2022 • Lack of investment in/time poor leadership • Lack of succession planning • Lack of investment and time for workforce development

This research is used as an on-going reference and as a reminder to funders and partners of the responses and role and achievements of the thousands of people working in the sector alongside public sector colleagues to sustain the wellbeing of people in the communities we all serve.

The structure, dynamics and impact of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector

We worked with colleagues on a joint report which identified the vital contribution the sector makes to the economy and the health and wellbeing of local people has been published by: ourselves, West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (WY&H HCP), Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership, West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Yorkshire Sport Foundation. The report quantified the size and contribution of the sector, at Humber and North Yorkshire level, at £4.2 billion and comprising 13,500 registered and unregistered organisations and groups, employing 23,200 full-time equivalent people and 127,700 regular volunteers in the area. North Yorkshire accounts for 7,400 registered and unregistered organisations and groups, employing just over 7,000 full-time equivalent people and engages 68,000 volunteers. This information is used extensively as part of joining up the work of the sector as part of the health and care system, to reinforce the importance of the sector as part of the mix of economy growth and shape investment to sustain and grow is as a valuable resource.

Community Support North Yorkshire, (CSNY):

The fifth year of the commissioned Community Support North Yorkshire Service has seen impressive and impactful growth in key areas of the service providing vital support to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations across North Yorkshire.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd supported 901 organisations and delivered 1,893 interventions through a mix of one-to-one information, advice and guidance sessions, training, leadership development and peer-to-peer network events. Income achieved in the last year by VCSE organisations with support from us was over £2million.

Our support offer includes advice on governance issues, income support and financial planning, managed closures; strategic and operational planning; help to recruit volunteers and Trustees; training on a wide range of topics; and networks for village hall committees, volunteer co-ordinators, unpaid treasurers and paid finance officers. The service also provided a separate website full of information, advice and resources, a weekly e-newsletter, a monthly funding e-newsletter and targeted thematic information for groups as well as an online platform for organisations and volunteers to connect.

New service offers and products this year included our first North Yorkshire Funding Summit, the Leadership Hub with its popular new Coaching and Mentoring programmes and new online toolkits for funding, social engagement and trustee recruitment.

We have continued to have a strong presence on strategic boards and represent the sector's value, its needs and challenges to cross-sector stakeholders including the Voluntary and Community Sector Emergency Partnership; Local Resilience Forum pandemic subgroups; Covid-19 Recovery Boards;; North Yorkshire and York Chief Executives Group; the Prevent Strategic Board; York and North Yorkshire LEP Economic Planning meetings; Yorkshire Food Farming and Rural Network and NYCC Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. New this year has been our involvement in the North Yorkshire Arts and Culture Strategy Steering Group and North Yorkshire Rural Commission Task Force to help deliver on actions in NYCC's Rural Commission Report. A key outcome from our work in these areas has been increased funding for social prescribing services and helping to keep the sector informed and involved during North Yorkshire's Local Government Reorganisation process.

We have engaged proactively with VCSE sector colleagues through our work to understand better how they contribute to the health and wellbeing agenda and what works well, the challenges faced and how the NHS and Local Government can facilitate the conditions which enable the sector to thrive so that we can work together to deliver on our shared priorities. To this end we directly support individual VCSE sector representatives on specialist boards and as an infrastructure organisation we advocate for and champion the role and value of the sector. Here are some examples of our advocacy work through a range of structures:

Transforming Community Mental Services in North Yorkshire Programme;
The West Yorkshire Harnessing the Power of Communities Programme
The Shadow Bradford District and Craven Care Partnership

We proactively seek out the voices of the sector through our resilience surveys and our facilitation of strategic network meetings for North Yorkshire VCSE Leaders, Children and Young People Providers and Partners and the North Yorkshire Equality and Inclusion Group. These groups share intelligence and identify the needs and challenges people are facing, to influence investment and the development of support services. The latter two have involvement of NYCC and NHS, for direct input to shape plans and developments.

“Thank you for your usual brilliant and informative CFY newsletter, and in particular the various articles on how we stand ‘shoulder to shoulder’ with Ukraine and our Ukrainian friends”

“I’m so please to inform you that Inspire Youth Yorkshire is now a registered charity. Thank you so much for your support and guidance. It is truly much appreciated.”

“I’m happy to report that [we] have been awarded £6000. This will be used to [turn our hall into a] larger and more accessible space. The Zoom training session was an invaluable aid to our successful bid and I’ve very grateful to you”

Harrogate Borough Council Strategic Grant:

We have been working across a range of projects in the Harrogate District with the support of Harrogate Borough Council strategic grant funding. This has included initiating and being part of the Steering Group overseeing the production of the first West Yorkshire and Harrogate (WY&H) and Humber Coast and Vale (HCV) VCSE Economic and Social Impact Report; contributing to further work highlighting the differences across what is now Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership geographies, especially urban versus rural areas; maintaining a regular flow of Covid-19 guidance to support groups reopening community buildings and restarting activities; providing infrastructure support, advice and guidance to Harrogate based VCSE groups and sitting on Harrogate Borough Council's Public Sector Leaders Board.

Ryedale District Council VCSE Support Grant:

The last year has seen the publication of a Climate Change toolkit, which brings together simple to understand and useful resources to help individuals, communities and charitable organisations take steps to reduce their environmental impact and tackle climate change at a local level.

Whilst the toolkit is not Ryedale-specific, its development was significantly informed by the work carried out in this role with groups across Ryedale and a two day Carbon Literacy course attended by the Ryedale Development Officer in November.

Recently planning has taken place to host a Ryedale 'Good Life' event in June 2022, which will bring together a number of organisations and groups from across Ryedale to profile activities and services that promote living well, including considerations for sustainable living, for communities and individuals.

Our work with Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has also continued to include asset mapping within Ryedale, supporting Parish Councils to complete Parish Plans, and assisting with community projects such as Ampleforth Millennium Green.

Several groups in Ryedale, including Ryedale Environment Group, Helmsley Green Team, Birth, Bath and Beyond Pickering, and Thornton-le-Dale Squash Club have also received significant support including a skills audit, funding advice and governance support.

North Yorkshire and East Riding Community-Led Housing Hub:

This year we continued our work to raise awareness of community-led housing and encouraging communities to think about building and owning their own affordable housing for the benefit of local residents. As host organisation for the community-led housing hub for the region, we have supported them to deliver a brand new website with resources for groups looking to find a local, community based solution to some of the housing challenges they face, particularly in rural areas. We have hosted a series of workshops and podcasts, alongside supporting groups currently delivering community led housing projects as a central point of information and worked with strategic partners to raise awareness of community led housing across the region as a realistic, viable and achievable option. Working in partnership with Humber and Wolds Rural Action, we have undertaken a lot of work to develop the infrastructure of the hub, to eventually lead to a sustainable, stand-alone project in its own right, and part of the national network of Enabler Hubs.

Asset-Based Community Development Projects:

We delivered two Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Projects: Rothwell ABCD and Ryedale Community Support.

The aim is to use ABCD approaches to build on the existing strengths of people in communities, offering support in a way which strengthens capacity and connects people locally around the things that matter to them.

Rothwell ABCD, funded by Leeds City Council, works through a Community Builder in Rothwell, Leeds. This project has continued to build on the previous year, increasing the number of Community Connectors, talking and sharing information and making meaningful connections. However, the pandemic has led to lots of groups and individuals becoming disconnected, meaning a lot of the work to build relationships has started from the beginning again for our Community Builder. She has developed a very strong connection with a local all-ages Theatre group, and enabled them to access some Small Sparks funding as part of the project. With this, they have developed their offer for both adults and children, giving participants new experiences and bringing a sense of confidence and joy to the group and wider community.

Our Community Development Officer in Ryedale continued to provide support to rural communities. This included help for people to complete a Community-Led Plan to help them influence what happens in their local area, to put on special events and projects, or to help get local people more

engaged in community life. We are grateful for support from Ryedale District Council and Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for their funding to support this work.

Bradford Men's Sheds:

We received funding from Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council, (MBC), to support the start-up and growth of three new, self-sustaining Sheds. Our Shed Development Officer has supported the development of Sheds in Burley in Wharfedale, Bracken Bank, Keighley and Lower Baildon with issues such as gaining suitable premises, governance structure and membership, and issued grants to assist with security and facility upgrades. The Development Officer is also supporting two further groups in Bradford to develop more Sheds in the area.

The Sheds have struggled due to fluctuation of being able to meet within Covid restrictions but towards the end of this period, there has been an increase of activities with the Sheds. Groups have experienced changes in membership due to the pandemic, but have been able to find their feet again with the aid of the Development Officer. Some of the Sheds have gone on to develop specialist sessions, including a regular dementia session, a cycle maintenance workshop and a social programme for areas of mutual interest. This is helping to increase social connections between the men (and women) attending, reduce social isolation and loneliness and create non-judgemental places to make friends. It is giving members a sense of shared purpose when they retire and enables them to use and share their existing skills and learn new ones. Bradford MBC have extended our funding for a further year to continue the successful development of the Sheds, during which an evaluation of the project by an external consultant will take place.

Mobile Access North Yorkshire:

The Mobile Access North Yorkshire (MANY) project believes everyone should have access to reliable mobile connectivity – inside and outside the home and aims to connect people by offering direct solutions to these problems via the use of mobile connectivity. Our work on this project in 21/22 has continued to empower the rural voice, listening to communities and ensuring they are given a platform to be heard. Additionally we have continued to support the research aspect of the project, working with both NYCC and the research team at Lancaster University ensuring that people taking part in the research are supported with digital skills, technology and other support where needed.

Unfortunately there have been delays to the project due to external issues of infrastructure supply, meaning a smaller number of residents have received broadband connection than initially anticipated. However Community First Yorkshire Ltd have continued to support events such as drop in sessions, community surveys and engaging directly with individual residents to offer support or training and updates on the progress of the project. Community First Yorkshire Ltd have also produced a community engagement plan, taking on board lessons learnt early in the project and have also provided a route for those residents who do not fully support the installation of 5G to engage and raise any questions and concerns they may have. The Project Lead has attended Installation Visits for residents, alongside the technical expertise of Quickline, and remained in regular contact with connected participants to help resolve any issues they had, such as the type of property often causing problems in getting coverage across all rooms.

Health and Wellbeing Projects and Developments:

We have continued and expanded our engagement with the health system and engaged with VCSE organisations as part of supporting strategic and practical changes across both NHS and public health provision. It has been important to ensure VCSE organisations are equal partners in shaping and delivering local provision. Part of our work has focussed on developing understanding, collaboration and co-production between the sectors. We are the Harrogate area infrastructure partner on the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Integrated Care System (ICS) and the North Yorkshire member of the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership (HNY HCP) VCSE Collaborative. The HNY HCP VCSE Collaborative agreed a memorandum of understanding and meet on a monthly basis.

We have begun the journey to form a North Yorkshire VCSE Assembly as part of our HNY HCP work and we look forward to connecting VCSE colleagues with the opportunities closer working with health

partners can and its benefits to our citizens.

During the year we managed the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Harnessing the Power of Communities Fund investment in Harrogate which required revisiting the project plans and ensuring the use of the funding could be extended, as Covid-19 impacted on delivery. The VCSE Social Prescribing Guide and Toolkit was launched in the year and has had around 700 downloads from our website. We coordinated the production of the Wellbeing at Work Guide, providing research and resources for promoting positive action for the wellbeing of the VCSE sector workforce.

Across the Humber and North Yorkshire ICS we lead on workforce development and delivered a number of wellbeing initiatives to support VCSE colleagues, as part of a larger bid to NHS England. This has included online Wellbeing Workshops, a nature based Wellbeing Coaching programme for leaders, a Wellbeing Champions programme for the sector, and enabling access to Mental Health First Aid England Champions training. We have also developed and launched an online Wellbeing Toolkit, which hosts a variety of resources and offers practical guidance on enhancing wellbeing for individuals, communities and organisations.

“My experience so far has been transformational. The programme has given me 'permission' to take a step back and reflect, in the first instance, on my own wellbeing and the challenges I have experienced as a leader in recent years”

“Feels empowering to have this new vision that is sustainable and feel this has helped me on my own wellbeing journey.... I am 6 months in and feeling great, never felt health and happiness like it about myself”

Quotes from Leader participating in Wellbeing Coaching Programme

We continued to be active members of the Thriving Communities Network which is hosted by Voluntary Organisations Network North East (VONNE) and seeks to promote a greater understanding of social prescribing through the provision of training and workshops. The emphasis is on sharing experiences, opportunities and partnership development amongst an extensive group of VCSE organisations and other support organisations enabling us to share learning across North Yorkshire.

During this period we submitted an expression of interest to IVAR be part of a national Connecting Health Communities 18 month project. The project is exploring new models to increase the ease of access in rural areas to health appointments. The collaborative submission involved a number of partners from VCSE organisations, a local GP, North Yorkshire CCG, Humber, Coast and Vale ICS, North Yorkshire County Council, Community Transport and more latterly Yorkshire Ambulance Service, who now make up the Steering Group. The project revolves around the premise 'distance=delay'. The ambitions for new approaches and changes to working practices, are shaped by the project group members and through workshops involving wider partners. New approaches now being explored in more detail include:

- Closer working with the local hospital to ensure volunteer drivers have support when they bring someone to an appointment. The Foundation Trust has identified that involving the volunteer manager to plan for a hospital volunteer to take the person to where the appointment is within the hospital and provide a wheelchair if needed would ease access to appointments for people and help community transport when they are taking someone to the hospital
- Develop community based hubs for appointments in person or on-line, with shorter travel distance involved
- GPs to ask if the person can travel to an appointment and single points of contact to be in place to connect people with appointments
- Community services to encourage people to take up appointments, link with the GP and go with people to appointments, this is especially relevant for young people.

North Yorkshire CCG facilitated conversations with Primary Care Networks

The aims were to look at:

- Shared challenges
- An overview of community health assets
- How to collaborate even more effectively to improve mental and physical health locally
- Highlight particular challenges and issues concerning a large rural area.

A number of shared challenges were outlined, focusing on:

- Extraordinary efforts by everyone to manage the Covid-19 pandemic and deliver the vaccination programme while continuing to provide essential services
- Major operational challenges across system partners
- intensity may have abated, but managing exceptional pressure and uncertainty, impacts across places
- Working out together to make full use of our community health assets in a sustainable way that focusses on prevention. Community Health Assets in North Yorkshire are defined as 5,000+ VCSE organisations of which 50% are volunteer led and managed, others have paid staff.

Practical areas were explored as alternative local solutions such as frailty services in the community and receiving referrals from Primary Care and Social Prescribing activities and to pick up patient 'samples' from people's homes. Possible areas for partners were discussed:

- Three things the VCSE sector can do for Primary Care
 - Provide social prescribing solutions to maintain wellbeing and prevent health deterioration
 - Provide door-to-door, fully accessible transport services for people who are disabled and elderly, unable to use public transport
 - Provide 'free', independent debt advice, energy advice and financial education
- three things Community First Yorkshire can do for PCNs
 - Increase VCSE understanding of PCN priorities and forge introductions to relevant VCSE colleagues as priorities emerge
 - Facilitate co-designing of referral pathways and social prescribing connections with wider community assets
 - Raise awareness of, and take the lead on, applying for grant funding that will address identified health inequalities and priorities
- three things PCNs can do for VCSE
 - Understand the nature, capacity and capability of the VCSE locally
 - Support grant proposals
 - Ensure social prescribers and other key staff understand and are connected to the wider community assets.

We have continued to be involved in the local and national emergency response planning structures playing a key role along with partners in cascading messages out to VCSEs across the county and providing timely and necessary guidance to organisations through our newsletters and web pages.

In addition to the projects above we were also proud to support:

- Parent Carer Voice - We continued to provide hosting support for the membership forum that represents parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in North Yorkshire. As well as engaging parents and helping them support each other through a range of workshops, forums and conferences, Parent Carer Voice also influences the development of policies and services delivered by public bodies. Parent Carer Voice is funded by North Yorkshire County Council and the Department for Education. Towards the end of 21/22 we supported Parent Carer Voice to move to another host organisation (York Inspirational Kids) which was more closely aligned to their mission, as the parent carer forum for the York region.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We will be seeking to:

- Continue to work with partners and lead activities to support and build capacity and capability within VCSE organisations to ensure community resilience.
- Lead work on developing volunteering to benefit both individuals as volunteers and the communities they serve.
- Monitor the ongoing impact of the pandemic and the changing economic environment on VCSE organisations and work with partners in the public and health sector to ensure key organisations are kept sustainable.
- Grow our presence and influence in the environmental space to support and encourage organisations to move closer to carbon-neutral.
- Work with our partners in local government and health to ensure people in Yorkshire live healthier, happier, more fulfilling lives.
- Continue work with The Rural Commission Task Force to ensure the actions in The Rural Commission Report are taken forward to improve lives in our rural communities.
- Build on our pilot work on how communities can contribute to tackling climate change and VCSE organisations can become more sustainable.
- Continue to support and promote Social Action through a mix of blogs, think-pieces, the VINNY platform and involvement in Social Action and Volunteering partner events.
- Continue to monitor and promote the North Yorkshire strategy to tackle loneliness, “Be Social, Be Well” and encourage more VCSE organisations, businesses and individuals to work towards addressing the issue.
- Continue to develop the North Yorkshire and East Riding Community Led Housing Hub (in partnership with Humber and Wolds Rural Action) to help more communities build the high quality and affordable homes they need.
- Initiate a project to develop a network to represent the Voice of Older People, following a successful bid to NYCC and local CCGs.
- Continue to provide a responsive training and resource offer on our Learning and Development Hub including introducing sector mentors for aspiring leaders in our Leadership Hub.
- Continue to adapt and introduce new training and resource materials on areas of thematic importance including trusteeship, recruitment, funding, wellbeing and relationship dynamics.
- Continue to strengthen our leadership development offer through new young people focused programmes and bursary funded training options through our Leadership Hub.
- Continue to promote diversity and equality issues across the North Yorkshire.
- In 2019 we undertook our first Awareness and Engagement Survey among client, partner and stakeholder organisations. We will undertake a second survey in 2022 to provide an update on the earlier findings, identify the priorities and challenges VCSEs are facing, the level of take-up and perceptions of our services, understand our impact and what clients most value, and identify future needs.
- Operational priorities will be to highlight the needs of our rural communities in relation to mental health provision and strategies, for children, young people and adults.
- Working with NHS partners and establishing closer links between PCNs and VCSEs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The Funds and Reserves Policy of Community First Yorkshire Ltd was agreed by the Trustee Board as follows:

Community First Yorkshire Ltd aims to achieve sufficient free reserves (unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets) which will:

- Support those projects and the general costs of the organisations where expenditure is incurred before funding is reclaimed.
- Provide time to seek new funding sources at a project's conclusion or facilitate the running of Community First Yorkshire Ltd whilst meeting ongoing obligations.
- Cover any costs, including redundancy costs in the event of a managed closure of the organisation.

As a guide the Trustees have agreed that free reserves held by the charity should be a minimum of three month's core and non-prepaid project costs plus managed closure costs.

The General Fund is a revenue reserve and therefore is not a designated fund. It will be used to meet any year end shortfall of budgeted income against budgeted expenditure. It will normally include any surplus of income over expenditure subject to a decision of the Trustee Board.

As set out in note 20 to the accounts the trustees have set aside £302,933 as designated funds to invest in areas of work which they see will be of benefit to both the Company and the organisations it supports and to cover managed closure costs in the event that that ever became necessary.

The Company generated a net surplus for the year of £136,273 of which £109,239 was restricted, (2021: net surplus income £33,586, £15,894 of which was restricted).

The General Fund stood at £127,874 at 31 March 2022 which, per the policy, the trustees are confident will allow sufficient time to seek new funding sources.

Investment Policy

Community First Yorkshire Ltd endeavours to invest its funds wisely and correctly in order to maximise the interest gained for the benefit of the organisation and its programmes of work. In order to do this effectively, Community First Yorkshire Ltd endeavours to keep a maximum of £30,000 in its current account (dependent on required levels of expenditure).

Any remaining funds are invested in accounts to try to ensure that Community First Yorkshire Ltd is protected under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme whilst also attracting the best return.

Principal Funding Sources

North Yorkshire County Council
 West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health Care Partnership
 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
 Ryedale District Council
 Groundworks
 York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Strategic Housing Partnership
 Leeds City Council
 Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Fixed Assets

The movement in tangible fixed assets during the year is set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity, and is therefore not liable to income tax, corporation tax or capital gains tax.

Organisation

The Trustee Board is elected annually by the membership of Community First Yorkshire Ltd and Trustees hold three year terms of office and retire in rotation. One third of Trustees retire each year and may seek re-election. Trustees are appointed either by being co-opted by the existing trustee board or through open recruitment. Any Trustees co-opted then seek re-election at the next AGM. The maximum number of Trustees is twelve and details of the Trustees who served during the year can be found on page 15. The Trustee Board meets at least quarterly.

Trustees receive an induction which includes meetings with the chair and senior managers. A comprehensive induction pack is provided and ongoing training and personal development opportunities are offered to all Trustees.

The organisation also has the following honorary officers:

Chairman	David Sharp
Vice-Chairman	Janet Thornton

These officers ensure that the Trustee board operates efficiently and help to raise the profile of Community First Yorkshire Ltd. Day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Officer and the Community First Yorkshire Ltd Senior Management Team which at 31 March 2022 consisted of the Head of Policies and Partnerships, the Head of Community and Volunteer Support, Head of Finance and Administration and Head of Projects.

Members' Liability

Every member has undertaken to contribute an amount, not exceeding £10, to the assets of the Council in the event of it being wound up, while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member for payment of the Council's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves.

Related Parties

All transactions with related parties are set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

Risk Management

Community First Yorkshire Ltd has examined the principal areas of its operations and built a framework for assessing what major risks may arise in each of these areas. They include: governance, management, operational, financial, external and legal matters. Annual reviews of the risk management process are carried out, and adjustments made as necessary. These are in line with the annual review of the strategic objectives, external factors, service delivery etc.

In the opinion of the Trustees, the resources and monitoring systems set in place should allow the risks identified to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Fundraising activities

The charity does not engage in public fundraising and does not use professional fundraisers or

commercial participators.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company Name

Community First Yorkshire Ltd (*A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital*)

Company Registration Number

01839458

Charity Registration Number

515538

Principal and Registered Office

Unit A, Tower House
Askham Fields Lane
Askham Bryan
York YO23 3FS

Trustee Board (Executive Committee Members) who served during the year to 31st March 2022 and since the year end were as follows:

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

Rebecca Buckley (appointed 20 April 2021)

Simon Collins (appointed 20 April 2021, resigned 20 July 2021)

Gary Craig

Mike Feist

David Jeffels

David Sharp

Janet Thornton

David Watson

Thomas Watson (appointed 20 April 2021, resigned 15 November 2021)

Adrian Willis

The Chief Officer to whom trustees delegate duties:

Jane Colthup (appointed 14 June 2021)

The Company Secretary

Jane Colthup (appointed 1 July 2021)

The Company's Auditors

JWPCreers LLP, Genesis 5, Church Lane, Heslington, York, YO10 5DQ.

The Company's Bankers

Unity Trust Bank, PO Box 7193, Planetary Road, Willenhall, WV1 9DG

Registration Details

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity, and is therefore not liable to income tax, corporation tax or capital gains tax.

SUBSCRIBING TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Aston cum Aughton Parish
Council
Barlby & Osgodby Parish
Council
Beal Parish Council
Brodsworth Parish Council
Carleton in Craven Parish
Council
Cayton Parish Council
Collingham with Linton Parish
Council

Cononley Parish Council
Draughton Parish Council
Featherstone Town Council
Harome Parish Council
Hepstonstall Parish Council
Holme Valley Parish Council
Hovingham with Scackleton
Parish Council
Kippax Parish Council
Steeton with Eastburn
Parish Council

Thrybergh Parish Council
Topcliffe Parish Council
Ulleskelf Parish Council
Waverley Community Council
Weeton Parish Council

SUBSCRIBING RURAL COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Acaster Malbis Memorial Hall	Glusburn Community and Arts Centre	Osgodby Village Institute
Amerdale Village Hall	Goathland Village Hall Trust	Osmotherley Village Hall
Ampleforth Village Hall	Great Habton Village Hall	Oswaldkirk Village Hall
Arkendale Community Hall	Grewelthorpe Village Hall	Oulston Village Hall
Atkinson & Clarke Educational Foundation	Grey Village Hall (Sutton on the Forest)	Pannal Village Hall
Barton Village Institute	Gristhorpe & Lebbertson Village Hall	Pateley Bridge & Beverley Memorial Hall
Barwick in Elmet Village Hall	Hackness Village Hall	Rainton with Newby Village Hall
Bellerby Memorial Hall	Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall	Ravensworth Village Hall
Blaxton Village Hall	Hawes Market House	Rillington Village Hall
Borrowby Village Hall	Hellifield Institute	Ruswarp Village Hall
Boston Spa Village Hall	Helperby Village Hall	Sawdon Village Hall
Bradley Village Hall	Heslington Village Meeting Room	Scotton Village Hall
Bramham Village Hall	Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust	Settle Victoria Hall
Brompton by Sawdon Village Hall	Hovingham Village Hall	Silkstone Common Sports Recreation Association
Broughton Road Community Centre	Hunton & Arrathorne Village Hall	Sinnington Village Hall
Christ Church Dore Community Centre	Hutton le Hole Village Hall	Sleights Village Hall
Clapham cum Newby Village Hall	Kelfield Village Institute	Snainton Village Hall and Playing Field
Copmanthorpe WI Hall	Kettlewell Village Hall	Snape Village Institute
Copt Hewick Village Hall	Kirk Hammerton Village Hall	Sproxtun Village Hall
Coverdale Memorial Hall	Kirkby Malzeard Mechanics Institute & Village Hall	St Wilfrid's Community Centre
Cracoe & District Community Village Hall	Laughton Village Hall	Stillington Village Hall
Danby Village Hall	Letwell Village Hall	Sutton Under Whitestonecliffe Village Hall
DMI Community Centre	Long Marston Recreational Ground and Village Hall	The Norwood Green Village Hall
Dunnington Reading Room	Low Bentham Public Hall & Victoria Institute	The Robinson Institute
East Harlsley Village Hall	Malham Village Hall	Thornton Watless Village Hall
East Keswick Village Hall	Middleton & Aislaby Village Hall	Todwick Village Hall
Eggborough & Whitley Village Hall	Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall	Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall
Embsay with Eastby Village Institute	Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Association	Walton Village Hall
Eppleby Village Hall	Morton on Swale Village Hall	Weaverthorpe Village Hall
Exelby, Leeming & Londonderry Village Hall	Muker Public Hall and Literary Institute	Welburn Village Hall
Farndale Village Hall	Newton on Ouse Parish Hall	Westerdale Village Hall
Foston & Thornton le Clay Village Institute	North & South Cowton Village Hall	Wheldrake Recreation Association
Ganton Village Hall	Old Pool Bank Village Hall	Whixley Village Hall
		Womersley Village Hall & Reading Room
		Wrelton Village Hall

SUBSCRIBING ORGANISATIONS

Advocacy Alliance
Birstall Community Trust
BlueBoxt Productions
British Thyroid Foundation
Brompton-on-Swale Village Society
Carers Resource (Harrogate/Craven/Airedale)
Chopsticks (North Yorkshire) Ltd
Community Counselling (North Yorkshire) Ltd
Community Smart
Darlington Mind in Hambleton and
Richmondshire
Dial a Ride Scarborough & District
Door 84 Youth and Community Centre
Easingwold Community Library Association
Easingwold Town Band
Embsay with Eastby Good Neighbours Scheme
Freda's Community Playgroup and Pre-School
Gamekeepers Welfare Trust
Garden Village Community Association
Groundwork Yorkshire
Hambleton Strollers
Harrogate & District Community Action
Humber and Wolds Rural Action
Jigsaws Childcare Ltd
Mashamshire Community Office
Moorview Rescue Ltd
Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre
Nidderdale Museum Society
North Yorkshire Business and Education
Partnership Ltd
North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre
Older Citizens Advocacy York
Open Country
ORB Community Enterprise
Parents of Special Children
Parents4Parents – North Yorkshire
Pioneer Projects (Celebratory Arts) Ltd
Richmondshire Leisure Trust
Ryedale Carers Support
Ryedale Special Families
Ryedale YMCA
Scarboocia
See Ahead
Sessay Community Trust
St Mary's PCC Sprotbrough
Stokesley & District Community Care Association
Supporting Older People
Survivors of Torture Activity Fund
Tadcaster Volunteer Cars & Services Association
The Band Room Farndale
The Island
The Sporting Influence Foundation
The Staynor Hall Community Centre
Two Ridings Community Foundation
Whitby Area Development Trust
Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs

SUBSCRIBING INDIVIDUALS

J Boardman
T Northey
R Oldale
P Riley
J Stubbs
A Thomas
C Watson

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees (who are also directors of Community First Yorkshire Ltd for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law applicable requires the charity 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 charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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 on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' annual report:

- There is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditors are unaware
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 8 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Jane Colthup
Company Secretary



David Sharp
Chairman

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Community First Yorkshire Ltd the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022, 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; and
- 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 for our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 Trustee's 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 Trustee's with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Trustees report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 trustees' report (incorporating 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 charitable company 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 require 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 trustees 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.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements set out on page 19, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determines 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 Trustees 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 concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intends to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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.

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud and obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses, and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- During our planning process we gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant of them, which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements, are those that relate to the reporting framework and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We gained an understanding of how the charity is complying with these frameworks by making enquiries of the Trustees, key management and if necessary, advisors responsible for legal and compliance matters. We observed key controls and made appropriate enquiries following our review of contracts, interim financial data, board minutes and reports provided to the Trustees;
- We independently assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud or error might occur by meeting with the Management Committee and senior management with the skills and experience necessary to determine the risk factors which they believe expose the company to susceptibility to fraud and error. We also considered the impact of any business targets, the personal financial circumstances of management and staff to create a driver for fraud. We considered the culture and controls that the charity has established to address the risks identified and evaluated the effectiveness of processes and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, and how senior management monitors those processes and controls. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we designed then performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included, but were not restricted to, testing large and unusual items, journals, and transactions with high estimation uncertainty. These tests were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud and error; and
- Based on our audit plan and understanding of the risks that specifically affect the charity we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above. Our procedures involved substantive testing of transactions and walkthrough testing of appropriate controls, with a focus on transactions in the books of prime entry that have characteristics that may indicate fraud or error. We looked for unusual patterns, large or unusual transactions, weaknesses in the payments system and new supplier transactions based on our understanding of the business; enquiries of trustees and management and the results from previous audit testing; and focused testing, on specific complex areas based on risk. In addition, we completed procedures to conclude on the other information and disclosures in report of the Management Committee and accounts with the requirements of the relevant accounting standards and UK legislation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due

to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company'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 charitable company'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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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8 December 2022

COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	10,000
Charitable activities	3	179,776	955,957	1,135,733	1,085,063
Other trading activities	4	19,203	-	19,203	11,768
Investment income	5	2,557	-	2,557	3,267
Total income		201,536	955,957	1,157,493	1,110,098
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	6/7	(166,175)	(855,045)	(1,021,220)	(1,076,512)
Total expenditure		(166,175)	(855,045)	(1,021,220)	(1,076,512)
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers					
	9	35,361	100,912	136,273	33,586
Transfer between funds	10	(8,327)	8,327	-	-
Net income for the year		27,034	109,239	136,273	33,586
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		435,600	442,890	878,490	844,904
Total funds carried forward		462,634	552,129	1,014,763	878,490

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 27 to 42 form part of these financial statements.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		333		1,333
Investments	13		1		1
			<u>334</u>		<u>1,334</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	51,314		148,598	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,111,979		890,357	
		<u>1,163,293</u>		<u>1,038,955</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(143,553)		(156,488)	
			<u>1,019,740</u>		<u>882,467</u>
Net current assets			1,019,740		882,467
			<u>1,020,074</u>		<u>883,801</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			1,020,074		883,801
Provision for liabilities	16		(5,311)		(5,311)
			<u>1,014,763</u>		<u>878,490</u>
Net assets			1,014,763		878,490
Funds					
Restricted income funds	19	552,129		442,890	
Unrestricted income funds	20	462,634		435,600	
			<u>1,014,763</u>		<u>878,490</u>
Total charity funds			1,014,763		878,490

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the board on 8 December 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:



David Sharp
Chairman
Company number: 01839458

The notes on pages 27 to 42 form part of these financial statements.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities	219,065	(10,505)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest Income	2,557	3,266
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	2,557	3,266
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	221,622	(7,239)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	890,357	897,596
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,111,979	890,357

Reconciliation of net movement of funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net movement in funds	136,273	33,586
Add back depreciation charge	1,000	1,000
Deduct interest income show in investing activities	(2,557)	(3,266)
Increase (Decrease) in debtors	97,284	(106,182)
Decrease (increase) in creditors	(12,935)	64,357
Increase (decrease) in provisions	-	-
Net cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities	219,065	(10,505)

The notes on pages 27 to 42 form part of these financial statements.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee and is registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered office is as stated on the Report of the Board of Trustees.

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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees have considered future funding sources and consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. The unrestricted reserves have been maintained at a level to allow time to seek new funding sources as projects conclude whilst meeting ongoing obligations. As set out in note 20 as part of prudent governance a designated fund has been set aside to cover managed closure costs in the event that that ever became necessary.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

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

Income

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Where a funder specifies that income must be used in future accounting periods or where income is received for future events it is carried forward as deferred income.

Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the note 20 to the financial statements. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions imposed by grant funders.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated to the appropriate heading in the accounts. Project costs represents grants paid to other organisations together with the core and support cost expenditure of the charity. Support costs represent 80% (2021 - 80%) of administration expenses which have not been directly recharged to other organisations.

Fixed Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Items costing over £1,000 are capitalised.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
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Depreciation

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

Equipment - 25% straight line

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Consolidation

The company has a dormant subsidiary with total net assets of £1. This subsidiary is not material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view and therefore has been excluded from consolidation in accordance with section 405 of the Companies Act 2006.

As this subsidiary can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Companies Act 2006 the company has not produced consolidated accounts as it has taken advantage of the exemption in section 402 of the Companies Act 2006 which applies to companies whose only subsidiaries can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Act.

The financial statements therefore give information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Basic financial assets

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid at the year end.

Basic financial liabilities

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Redundancy costs

Redundancy costs are recognised as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted and Total Funds 2021 £
Donations	-	-	10,000
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In 2021 the Company received a £10,000, unrestricted, donation from Sharegift. The trustees were very grateful for the gift and allocated it to be used partly to fund our “Donate Local” campaign to encourage people to become directly involved with local charities and partly to enable our Employment Advice Service to supply their services, free of charge, to organisations needing support with employment matters resulting from the pandemic.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Contract Income	106,774	-	106,774	72,310
Grants receivable	73,002	955,957	1,028,959	1,012,753
	<u>179,776</u>	<u>955,957</u>	<u>1,135,733</u>	<u>1,085,063</u>

In 2021 of the £1,085,063 of income from charitable activities £943,033 was from restricted funds and £142,030 from unrestricted.

4. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Charges to other organisations	1,595	1,595	1,456
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	7,329	7,329	6,712
Courses and conference income	(36)	(36)	-
Advertising Income	10,315	10,315	3,600
	<u>19,203</u>	<u>19,203</u>	<u>11,768</u>

In 2021 all of the income from other trading activities was unrestricted funds.

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Bank interest receivable	2,557	2,557	3,267

In 2021 all of the investment income was unrestricted funds.

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6. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Project costs	135,836	855,045	990,881	1,052,605
Support costs	30,339	-	30,339	23,907
	<u>166,175</u>	<u>855,045</u>	<u>1,021,220</u>	<u>1,076,512</u>

In 2021 of the £1,076,512 costs of charitable activities, £927,139 related to restricted funds and £149,373 to unrestricted.

7. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding activities £	Support costs £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Project costs	<u>947,651</u>	<u>43,230</u>	<u>30,339</u>	<u>1,021,220</u>	<u>1,076,512</u>

8. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Audit fees	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>

9. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff pension contributions	26,157	27,162
Depreciation	1,000	1,000
Auditors' remuneration: - audit of the financial statements	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>

10. Fund transfers

Transfers have been made in line with budgeted expenditure to clear planned deficits on restricted funds projects.

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11. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	681,458	670,017
Redundancy costs	228	452
Social security costs	47,021	44,687
Other pension costs	26,157	27,162
	<u>754,864</u>	<u>742,318</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No	No
Administrative Staff:		
Full time equivalents	22	23
Total number of employees	<u>32</u>	<u>35</u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2021 - Nil).

Aggregate expenses of £nil (2021 - nil) were paid to a total of nil Trustees during the year.

The key management personnel of the company comprise the Trustees, the Chief Officer, the Head of Finance and Administration, the Head of Community and Volunteer Support the Network and Collaboration Officer and the Head of Projects. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £186,909 (2021: £168,707).

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	95,587
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>95,587</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2021	94,254
Charge for the year	1,000
On disposals	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>95,254</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2022	<u>333</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,333</u>

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13. Investments

	Group Undertakings £
Cost	
At 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021	1
	<u>1</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021	1
	<u>1</u>

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital (being 1 £1 ordinary share) of Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, company number 06591809.

The reported financial information in respect of the above company is as follows:

Aggregate Capital and Reserves	2022 £
Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited (dormant)	1
	<u>1</u>

14. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	39,954	126,154
Other debtors	-	272
Prepayments and accrued income	11,360	22,172
	<u>51,314</u>	<u>148,598</u>
	<u>51,314</u>	<u>148,598</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	21,822	43,601
Taxation and Social Security Costs	17,854	20,708
Accruals and deferred income	103,877	92,179
	<u>143,553</u>	<u>156,488</u>
	<u>143,553</u>	<u>156,488</u>
Deferred income included in above	44,237	38,998
	<u>44,237</u>	<u>38,998</u>

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Deferred income represents amounts received but not yet earned on contracts:

	2022
	£
Opening deferred income	38,998
Released in the year	(22,034)
Deferred in the year	27,273
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Closing deferred income	44,237
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16. Provision for liabilities

	£
At 31 March 2021	5,311
Charged in the year	-
Released in the year	-
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At 31 March 2022	5,311
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The above provision is for office redecoration in accordance with the terms of the lease.

17. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 March 2022 the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Land and buildings	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 1 year	3,328	8,470
Within 2 to 5 years	-	-
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18. Related Party Transactions

During the year the charitable company undertook the following transactions with companies and organisations with whom they have common Trustees or Directors, at normal market value:-

Trustee of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
David Jeffels	North Yorkshire County Council	Grant Income	£479,566 (21:£491,284)
		Contract Income	£78,210 (21:£52,470)
		Purchases	£2,592 (21:£5,507)
David Jeffels	Scarborough Borough Council	Contract Income	£nil (21:£250)
		Grant Payment	£nil (21:£41,510)
Janet Thornton	Action with Communities in Rural England	Grant Income	£70,720 (21:£70,720)
		Contract Income	£150 (21: £250)
		Purchases	£340 (21:£nil)
Senior Manager of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
David Sharp	North Yorkshire Youth	Contract Income	£360 (21: £135)
David Watson	North Yorkshire Sport	Contract Income	£1,662 (21: £208)

At 31 March 2022 amounts totalling £90 (21:£nil) are shown as owing from North Yorkshire County Council.

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19. Restricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2022 £
DEFRA	184	-	-	(184)	-
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	(6,063)	1,063	-
Ryedale District Council	-	10,000	(13,409)	3,409	-
NYCC Innovation Fund	984	-	-	-	984
NYCC – Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	1,594	-	-	-	1,594
VAL	2,167	-	-	-	2,167
HHAONB	-	4,961	(4,961)	-	-
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	1,751	-	-	-	1,751
2 Ridings Community Foundation	4,186	-	-	-	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Networks	3,036	-	(304)	-	2,732
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	123	-	-	-	123
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	153,383	476,284	(442,418)	4,531	191,780
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	20,806	-	(888)	-	19,918
Power to Change	985	-	-	-	985
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	13,996	(1,359)	(414)	-	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks	4,434	-	-	-	4,434
NLCF – The Loneliness Campaign	-	-	(6)	6	-
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG - HPOC	13,933	-	-	-	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	8,138	26,000	(19,709)	-	14,429
Carried forward	<u>229,700</u>	<u>520,886</u>	<u>(488,172)</u>	<u>8,825</u>	<u>271,239</u>

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19. Restricted income funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2022 £
Brought forward	229,700	520,886	(488,172)	8,825	271,239
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens’ Sheds	12,001	25,250	(26,673)	-	10,578
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	(15)	7,855	(7,353)	(487)	-
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	1,627	62,113	(52,539)	-	11,201
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	80,696	-	(16,860)	-	63,836
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	3,232	13,100	(10,112)	-	6,220
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	8,149	74,336	(81,845)	-	640
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	-	92,635	(64,456)	-	28,179
NAVCA – Emergency Planning VCSE Liaison	-	4,750	(4,760)	10	-
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	2,500	10,900	(11,129)	229	2,500
NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	65,000	65,000	(38,584)	-	91,416
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	40,000	-	(29,760)	-	10,240
IVAR – Leading in Uncertainty	-	250	-	(250)	-
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	-	2,000	(749)	-	1,251
YNYLEP – Community Building Climate Assessment Project	-	959	(959)	-	-
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	-	41,200	(21,093)	-	20,107
Carried forward	442,890	921,234	(855,044)	8,327	517,407

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19. Restricted income funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2022 £
Brought forward	442,890	921,234	(855,044)	8,327	517,407
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	5,606	(1)	-	5,605
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	16,817	-	-	16,817
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	-	4,800	-	-	4,800
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
	<u>442,890</u>	<u>955,957</u>	<u>(855,045)</u>	<u>8,327</u>	<u>552,129</u>

The most significant funds above were for:

NYCC and NHS North Yorkshire – Community Capacity Building. This grant is for the provision of support to VCSE organisations across North Yorkshire and for representing and championing the sector within North Yorkshire. The work includes providing training, running peer support and strategic networks. Developing leaders within the sector and supporting organisations in the management and recruitment of volunteers.

Groundworks and YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub. This grant is for the creation and running of a Community Led Housing Hub. The hub is being set up to provide a central resource of information and support for those who are looking to develop local housing in an area for the benefit of local people.

NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health. The purpose of this grant is to improve the support to those experiencing serious mental illness by developing new models of care which improve the links between primary and secondary health services and the local VCSE sector and helping people to access improved support and services closer to home and in ways which meet their needs most closely..

West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership – HPOC. This grant is to maximise the impact of the VCSE sector as an equal partner across the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership by building positive relationships in each of the 6 places across the West Yorkshire & Harrogate footprint, identifying and sharing good practice and developing opportunities for collaboration. Initially for one year the grant was extended for a second year but the role was deemed so successful that it was then taken on within the Integrated Care organisation.

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19. Restricted income funds (continued)

NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures. This grant is to increase the capacity of the VCSE sector in providing counselling services to people with serious mental illness and providing welfare calls to those in need of lower level support calls. Community First Yorkshire is providing management of this grant, the work is being delivered by project partners.

Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD. This grant is to use an asset based community development way of working to support people to feel better connected and to help communities to thrive. Our development officer is working in Rothwell to build connections and engage local community groups to create spaces that are welcoming and to develop a vision and a plan for what the community can do.

Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Men’s Sheds. This grant is to develop sustainable Men’s Sheds in different areas of Bradford. The sheds will provide a place where men can come together over a common activity which will bring improvements to well-being and mental health through a reduction in social isolation and loneliness. The original grant period has been extended and several, successful, sheds have been developed. The development officer works with a committee of volunteers in each shed so that, once the grant funding ceases, the shed is in a strong position to continue running.

We are very grateful to all our funders for the support we have received.

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20. Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 Apr 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2022 £
General Funds	391,683	201,536	(154,085)	(311,260)	127,874
Designated Funds:					
Management training	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Digital transformation	27,389	-	-	-	27,389
Engagement in the health agenda	-	-	-	24,307	24,307
Quantifying the VCS sector in North Yorkshire – phase 1	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Development of influencing role	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Provision of free employment advice during the coronavirus pandemic	7,528	-	(4,482)	-	3,046
Investment of reserves to support the organisation whilst future funding is explored	-	-	(3,608)	118,626	115,018
Provision for a managed closure should that ever be required	-	-	-	160,000	160,000
Total Designated Funds	43,917	-	(12,090)	302,933	334,760
Total Unrestricted Funds	435,600	201,536	(166,175)	(8,327)	462,634

The above designated funds are for pieces of work which the trustees have identified will be of ongoing benefit both to the company and to the organisations it supports and they have thus approved the investment in them from reserves.

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total net assets £
Restricted Income Funds:			
NYCC Innovation Fund	-	984	984
NYCC Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	-	1,594	1,594
VAL – Transforming Leeds Community Anchors	-	2,167	2,167
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	-	1,751	1,751
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	-	123	123
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	-	12,223	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks – Cold Snaps Warm Homes	-	4,434	4,434
2 Ridings Community Foundation – Emergency Planning	-	4,186	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Halls Network	-	2,732	2,732
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	191,780	191,780
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	-	19,918	19,918
Power to Change	-	985	985
Harrogate and Rural CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC	-	13,933	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	14,429	14,429
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens’ Sheds	-	10,578	10,578
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	-	11,201	11,201
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	63,836	63,836
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	-	6,220	6,220
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	-	640	640
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	-	28,179	28,179
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	2,500	2,500
NHS NY CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	91,416	91,416
Total carried forward	-	485,809	485,809

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

	Tangible fixed assets & investments £	Other net assets £	Total net assets £
Total brought forward	-	485,809	485,809
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	10,240	10,240
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	-	1,251	1,251
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	-	20,107	20,107
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	5,605	5,605
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	16,817	16,817
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	-	4,800	4,800
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	2,500	2,500
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	-	5,000	5,000
Unrestricted Income Funds	334	462,300	462,634
Total Funds	334	1,014,429	1,014,763

22. Contingencies

The charity created a rent deposit deed dated 18 January 2010 for securing £1,000 due or to become due by the company.

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**The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements
which are the subject of the independent auditor's report on pages 20 to 23.**

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Grants Received	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
DEFRA	69,720	-	69,720	69,720
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Ryedale DC	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
HHAONB	-	4,961	4,961	4,327
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	(1,359)	(1,359)	82,881
NLCF – The Loneliness Campaign	-	476,284	476,284	476,284
NYCC – The Loneliness Campaign	-	-	-	24,698
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	-	-	15,000
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	-	26,000	26,000	2,000
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	-	25,250	25,250	24,806
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	-	7,855	7,855	31,552
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	62,113	62,113	56,815
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	-	-	-	583
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	-	13,100	13,100	12,900
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	-	74,336	74,336	75,000
NAVCA – Emergency Planning VCSE Liaison	-	92,635	92,635	-
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	4,750	4,750	9,500
HHAONB – Making Every Connection Count	-	10,900	10,900	6,100
NHS NY CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	-	-	587
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	65,000	65,000	65,000
IVAR Leading in Uncertainty	-	-	-	40,000
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	-	250	250	-
YNYLEP – Community Building Climate Assessment Project	-	2,000	2,000	-
Carried Forward	-	959	959	-
	69,720	880,034	949,754	1,012,753

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Grants Received continued				
Brought forward	69,720	880,034	949,754	1,012,753
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	-	41,200	41,200	-
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	5,606	5,606	-
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	16,817	16,817	-
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	-	4,800	4,800	-
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	2,500	2,500	-
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	-	5,000	5,000	-
NYCC Kickstarter Funding	3,282	-	3,282	-
	73,002	955,957	1,028,959	1,012,753

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	Administration Expenses	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries	112,883	108,695
Employers NI	5,476	4,921
Pension cost	4,120	4,327
Rent	10,849	10,737
Site Charge	562	636
Heat and Light	2,818	2,580
Cleaning	2,822	2,753
Council tax	1,152	1,152
Telephone	3,720	3,482
Postage, printing and stationery	(682)	(822)
Insurance	8,568	6,792
Motor and travel	859	288
Office expenses	12,376	11,421
Public relations	225	2,862
Affiliation fees	6,496	5,441
Staff training and conferences	7,599	850
Staff appointment expenses	580	4,960
Legal and Consultancy Fees	61	61
Bank charges	552	491
Sundry expenses	5,634	4,769
Depreciation - office equipment	1,000	1,000
Audit fees	4,200	4,200
	191,870	181,596
Charges to special projects and other organisations (cost recovery)	(153,946)	(151,712)
	37,924	29,884
Allocated:		
Core project work	7,585	5,977
Support costs	30,339	23,907
	37,924	29,884

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Direct Project Costs	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022	2021
	£	£	Total	Total
			£	£
Harrogate Borough Council	6,063	-	6,063	5,585
Ryedale DC	13,409	-	13,409	11,934
HHAONB	4,961	-	4,961	4,327
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	414	-	414	144,940
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	888	-	888	32,342
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Network	304	-	304	-
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	442,418	-	442,418	426,719
NLCF –The Loneliness Campaign	6	-	6	43,146
NYCC – The Loneliness Campaign	-	-	-	16,763
Harrogate and HPOC	-	-	-	1,458
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	19,709	-	19,709	15,673
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	26,673	-	26,673	20,052
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	7,353	-	7,353	34,199
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	52,539	-	52,539	55,190
NYCC – Parent Carer Voice	-	-	-	2,718
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	16,860	-	16,860	21,887
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	10,112	-	10,112	9,668
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	81,845	-	81,845	66,851
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	64,456	-	64,456	-
NAVCA – Emergency Planning	-	-	-	-
VCSE Liaison	4,760	-	4,760	9,500
HCV NHS partnership – HCV	-	-	-	-
VCSE Leadership	11,129	-	11,129	3,600
HHAONB – Making Every Connection Count	-	-	-	587
Total carried forward	763,899	-	763,899	927,139

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**Direct Project Costs
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	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022	2021
	£	£	Total	Total
			£	£
Total brought forward	763,899	-	763,899	927,139
NYCCG – Health and Wellbeing Hub	29,760	-	29,760	-
NYCCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	38,584	-	38,584	-
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	749	-	749	-
YNYLEP – Community Buildings Climate Assessment Project	959	-	959	-
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	21,093	-	21,093	-
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	1	-	1	-
NYCC Kickstarter Funding	-	3,282	3,282	-
DEFRA/Core Project Work		132,554	132,554	125,466
	855,045	135,836	990,881	1,052,605
Support Costs	-	30,339	30,339	23,907
	855,045	166,175	1,021,220	1,076,512

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**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

INTRODUCTION

2020/21 has been a year like no other. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way we work and has put into sharp focus the importance of community spirit and resilience. Community First Yorkshire's vision for inclusive, proactive and resilient communities has never felt more relevant and our work over the last 12 months has pivoted to respond to the pandemic.

In March 2020 our team at Community First Yorkshire moved overnight to an online service delivery model based from their homes. They have shown incredible flexibility, resilience and motivation to continue to support voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE), organisations - which in turn have supported so many people across Yorkshire through Covid-19. Working alongside partners in the voluntary and community, public, health and private sectors we have come together to swiftly offer advice and support to businesses, voluntary organisations, charities, community groups and individuals as we all struggled to make sense of the new world we were working in, the government rules, our role in the pandemic and how we could help save lives. It has been an incredible joint effort which has forged new partnerships and ways of working that we know will continue. One example has been the incredible effort of our health partners to deliver the vaccination programme, but they in turn have relied on community volunteers and community organisations to provide additional sites, equipment and staffing. We have also seen a surge in community-based support groups who have done everything they could to keep residents safe, offer help to people shielding, and provide a connection for others who have had so little human interaction over the months. The local authorities have got behind this community effort and the health system has engaged with local groups to provide the medical support needed.

During the year the team at Community First Yorkshire have adapted their working practices and service offer to meet the needs of both VCSE organisations and rural communities impacted by Covid-19 or those needing help to themselves transform their services for the future. The support offered has included:

- Daily updates to the Coronavirus information pages of our website to ensure the latest interpretation of government guidance, local information and tips for staying well and safe could be easily found.
- Dissemination of fast moving information and advice via our weekly e-bulletin.
- Prioritising our Community Support North Yorkshire service for those organisations and groups hardest hit by the impact of Covid-19. This included funding and fundraising support, advice on applying for government Covid-19 grants, governance advice, service transformation ideas, business planning and review and sadly in some case support for managed closure.
- Taking our village hall networks and other strategic networking meetings online and supporting people to access them.
- Setting up new ways of providing help on the key topics that were being requested by VCSE organisations e.g. our new Volunteer Treasurers Networks and Paid Finance Manager Network that allow peer to peer support on every type of funding and finance question.
- Listening to the voices of the VCSE sector and collecting evidence of the impact of Covid-19 on their services and organisation's sustainability through VCSE Resilience Surveys. We have

shared the intelligence with funders, commissioners and other partners to help them think through how they could support the sector.

- Providing HR advice and support for furlough, redundancies and managed closures where the impact of the pandemic has been so severe it has forced an organisation into difficulties.
- Helping organisations access emergency funding, business grants and other sources of income.
- Representing the VCSE sector and rural voice on many new groups and boards that focussed on Covid-19 response and recovery including the national VCSE Emergency Partnership, Local Resilience Forums for Testing, Vaccinations and Volunteers, weekly emergency planning and Outbreak Management meetings with partners to agree immediate actions to support people and communities and York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, (LEP), Local Intelligence meetings,
- Maintaining our project delivery on key issues for rural communities including mobile and broadband connectivity, affordable housing, community development and health including continued focus on the Strategy to Tackle Loneliness.

I write this as we start to move out of the third lockdown and the Spring sunshine outside along with the fast paced vaccination programme brings a sense of renewal and hope. I also write this in my last week as Chief Executive of Community First Yorkshire after ten years in post. I leave Community First Yorkshire in a positive position – a strong senior management team, good reserves, a number of medium term grants secured and a skilled and committed staff team. It felt the right time to have a change of leadership as the charity starts to think about its new post-pandemic priorities, adapts to the permanent changes in working practices and builds on the new partnerships forged during the pandemic.

It has been an honour to have led the charity for so long and to have had the chance to be involved with so many great projects and meet hundreds of amazing and dedicated community volunteers. I have felt inspired by your stories and achievements and can honestly say you have taught me something new about community spirit, ambition and resilience every single week. Covid-19 has brought out the absolute best in Yorkshire communities – so much kindness, courage and creativity and a commitment to helping each other.

I want to thank all those people in our communities who stepped up to support family, friends and neighbours during the last year. Whether that was delivering shopping to someone who was shielding, or making calls to someone who was missing the outside world or manning a vaccination centre – every one of you represents all that is good about our communities. The strength, resilience, courage and kindness that I have seen in this job over the last 10 years shone through even brighter in the last 12 months. A huge thank you to every volunteer.

I also want to thank our Trustees who trusted us to make the rapid changes we needed to as we adapted to new ways of working and pandemic related challenges. They give their time freely and generously, and have made difficult decisions in the fast-changing landscape we have been working in. I applaud their skills, experience and knowledge and their brave decision making – but most of all I thank them for supporting me as Chief Executive and always being available for a chat and some sound advice.

Finally, I want to thank my colleagues at Community First Yorkshire. We all went home last March thinking we would be back in the office in a few weeks' time – and here we are still working from home. Our team adapted overnight to working online with their clients and beneficiaries and have worked harder than ever to ensure they have provided the right support at the right time to all the other charities and community groups who look to us for their support. They have kept their cool and their sense of humour and have supported each other through many tough times.

The importance and power of community to improve and transform people's lives has been 100% proven over the last year. With our new Chief Executive, Jane Colthup, in post Community First

Yorkshire will look forward to supporting more VCSE organisations and rural communities over the coming year and build on the grassroots community action we have seen blossom across Yorkshire.

Leah Swain, Chief Executive

On behalf of the Trustee Board, I would like to thank Leah Swain for her excellent leadership of both Community First Yorkshire and one of its founding bodies, Rural Action Yorkshire over the past decade. The success of the merger between Rural Action Yorkshire and North Yorkshire & York Forum was undoubtedly largely due to her hard work and leadership. Leah is a force to be reckoned with and successfully led both organisations with dynamism, insight, enthusiasm, kindness and a determination to improve the lives of rural and other communities across Yorkshire. We wish Leah every success in her new role as Chief Executive of Sirius Minerals Foundation.

In thanking Leah for her dedicated service, we know Community First Yorkshire is in the best possible shape to pass on the baton to her successor, Jane Colthup. The Trustee Board and I are delighted to welcome Jane who joined us in June with a background in management consultancy, skills, training, recruitment and partnership working. Jane is looking forward to working with the Community First Yorkshire team to build upon the firm foundations set by Leah and rise to the challenges of both a new local government and NHS environment as well as working with VCS colleagues and partners to improve the lives of people in our communities.

David Sharp, Chair

OUR PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

Community First Yorkshire is an independent charitable organisation that has been working to help improve the quality of life for people living and working in the rural areas of North, South and West Yorkshire since 1937. We are an influential, regional body which works with and for voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises and rural communities, as well as engaging with a wide range of relevant statutory organisations. Community First Yorkshire is one of 38 rural community councils and a member of the national body, Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

We are passionate about ensuring we have vibrant and viable communities across Yorkshire, so we work with communities, groups and individuals to understand their needs and to provide a voice with key decision-makers at local, regional and national levels to influence service provision. A sustainable, asset-based community development approach underpins all we do, ensuring that community members come together to take collective action and generate their own solutions to common problems. We believe that sustainable community wellbeing (economic, social, physical, human, environmental and cultural) comes from grassroots level action.

Our core services across North, South and West Yorkshire include:

- Information and advice to Parish Councils to enable them to meet the social and wellbeing needs of their residents
- Support to village hall and other community buildings committees to ensure these valuable community assets are well-managed and maintained for community benefit
- Support for community led-planning and community engagement enabling groups to determine and achieve their own local vision
- Support and advice for voluntary and community groups and social enterprises to help them deliver the best service to their beneficiaries
- Delivery of strengths-based community development projects and large-scale partnership programmes.

Charitable Objects

Community First Yorkshire's charitable aims as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community particularly in the geographical area of Yorkshire (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") in particular the advancement of education and health and the relief of poverty and distress, the sustainability of rural life or in pursuing any other charitable purposes by promoting and organising co-operation in the achievement of the said purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the voluntary organisations, statutory authorities, and other organisations within the area of benefit.

OUR VISION

For inclusive, pro-active and resilient communities across Yorkshire.

OUR MISSION

To inspire, strengthen and empower communities of place, interest and identity.

OUR PRIORITIES

All of our services, projects and activities sit under one of our four priorities:

- i. Strengthening Groups
- ii. Connecting Communities
- iii. Shaping and Sharing Policy and Practice
- iv. Developing Partnerships and Collaborations

Our fifth (internal) priority is to maintain a well-run, efficient and effective organisation.

VALUES

Community First Yorkshire holds the following values to be important in delivering its work:

Empowering - We know that far more can be achieved by a greater number of communities by enabling them to create their own solutions through capacity building.

Responsive – We get back to people and provide the support they need.

Creative – We are not scared of trying new and innovative things.

Integrity – We tell it how it is and we are careful to listen to communities.

Collaborative – We prefer to work in partnership and seek to share ideas, experience, good practice and benefits.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We are very grateful to our many funders for their support which makes our work possible. During 2020/21 we delivered work over a wide range of work streams including:

Responding to the Covid-19 Pandemic:

Throughout this year we have been engaged in the Covid-19 emergency planning structures, contributing to the local response and sharing insights with NHS, local authority and York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership colleagues. A number of meetings have been weekly for most of 2020/21, and have focussed on reviewing impact, identifying immediate action, communication and planning for the medium term:

- Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Regional Meeting
- LRF Vaccination meetings

LRF Communities, VCSE and Volunteering Sub-Group Co-Chair
Senior Leadership Executive Silver Group meetings
North Yorkshire Outbreak Management Board
York and North Yorkshire LEP Intel meetings
ACRE Chief Executive update meetings.

We attended the weekly VCSE Emergency Partnership Northern Cell and VCSE Red Cross National Emergency Partnership meetings, to share intelligence from North Yorkshire and York and to understand how national support agencies can potentially support gaps for emergency responses in our area. Weekly Pulse Reports were completed as part of national monitoring, and reporting to Government.

Community Support North Yorkshire, (CSNY):

In its fourth year the CSNY service, funded by North Yorkshire County Council, (NYCC), and NHS North Yorkshire, has continued to gain momentum, deliver impact, and develop reach and visibility across North Yorkshire. It has been challenging to adapt at pace to the new support needs of VCSE organisations as they felt the impact of Covid-19. Community First Yorkshire supported 872 organisations and delivered 510 interventions through a mix of one-to-one information, advice and guidance sessions, training, and peer-to-peer network events. Income achieved in the last year by VCSE organisations as a result of our support was £805k. Our support offer includes advice on governance issues, income support and financial planning, managed closures; strategic and operational planning; help to recruit volunteers and Trustees; training on a wide range of topics; and networks for village hall committee, volunteer co-ordinators, unpaid treasurers and paid finance staff and chief executives. The service also provided a weekly e-newsletter, a monthly funding e-newsletter and targeted thematic information for groups. In response to the pandemic, our training offer moved online and expanded to cover Covid-19 related topics.

The service included supporting VCSE colleagues and our Community First Yorkshire team to represent the voice of the sector on over 40 strategic boards including the Voluntary and Community Sector Emergency Partnership; Local Resilience Forum pandemic subgroups; Covid-19 Recovery Boards; NYCC Health and Wellbeing Board; North Yorkshire and York Chief Executives Group; the Prevent Strategic Board; York, North Yorkshire, East Riding LEP Skills Board; NYCC Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and the North Yorkshire Arts and Culture Strategy Steering Group. Community First Yorkshire has recruited and funded from reserves a VCSE Health Partnership Manager to ensure we engage fully with the health system at GP, Primary Care Network, Clinical Commissioning Group, (CCG), and Integrated Care System levels. This enables both the VCSE sector and rural communities to have a voice to shape the health service in their locality. We have continued to place an emphasis on Children and Young People and Equality and Inclusion across North Yorkshire by facilitating two thematic partnerships comprising colleagues from VCSEs, local authorities, CCGs and other partner organisations. These groups share intelligence and identify the needs and challenges people are facing, to influence investment and the development of support services.

“We are indebted to you and your organisation for your support and sign-posting which enabled us to make the start towards change. We recognise there are still challenges ahead but we remain positive and hopeful. Knowing that you and your organisation are there to help us along the way is reassuring.”

“I have really valued the meetings and getting together with the other Volunteer Coordinators across Scarborough and I hope the group continues to grow.”

Harrogate District Council Strategic Grant:

We have been working across a range of projects in the Harrogate District with the support of Harrogate Borough Council strategic grant funding. This has included support to develop a local strategy for tackling loneliness, reviewing and running the community buildings network, engaging in digital inclusion activities, supporting new and existing Men’s Sheds, responding to local consultations

on behalf of the VCSE and rural sectors and facilitating engagement between the VCSE sector and the health system.

Ryedale District Council VCSE Support Grant:

We have continued to build capacity and sustainability into existing networks and organisations which lead on climate change in Ryedale including the Ryedale Environment Group, Ryedale Community Charter, Ryedale Cycle Forum and Environmental Smart, which includes the development of a Climate Change toolkit to support the VCSE sector to think about how they can change their working practices to become more environmentally friendly. We have also delivered a podcast on Electric Vehicle charging points at village halls, and Green Ryedale workshops. To support our People Powered Places objectives, a Stronger Communities toolkit has been developed and hosted on the Community First Yorkshire website, alongside the delivery of supporting workshops to help groups and individuals think about their strengths and how these could be used to make their community a better place to live.

The Loneliness Campaign:

We have been delivering The Loneliness Campaign North Yorkshire (TLC) project which aims to 'turbo-charge' the county's response to tackling loneliness. Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund's Building Connections Fund, with additional funding from Defra, North Yorkshire County Council Public Health and Stronger Communities teams, the project aligns with the national strategy to tackle loneliness, *A Connected Society* and draws from recommendations made by the North Yorkshire Public Health Director's 2017 report, *Healthy Transitions – Growing Old in North Yorkshire*.

Be Social, Be Well, is a strategy for tackling loneliness in North Yorkshire and incorporates a framework for action which seeks to inspire everyone to tackle loneliness, helping to build resilience and make use of existing assets to ensure early intervention and foster a preventative approach. Over the last year we have:

- Responded to more people working from home and the fact there are fewer opportunities for face-to-face contact, leaving some people feeling more isolated and alone. We brought together some useful resources to help address workplace loneliness and practical tips on tackling the problem.
- We focussed on combatting loneliness through volunteering. Volunteering can help us to increase our own social connectedness and support others who may be experiencing loneliness. We created a series of recordings of volunteers talking about their experiences to inspire action in others.
- We ran the Stand Up for Youth loneliness campaign. Youth loneliness can be stigmatising, hidden and disregarded. Designed in consultation with young people the campaign aimed to tackle the stigma around loneliness in young people and give them a voice to talk about it.
- We created a collection of different peoples' experiences of loneliness both before and during the Covid-19 lockdown, with the aim of encouraging more honest conversations around the realities of isolation and loneliness across North Yorkshire and launched the Voices of North Yorkshire Campaign.
- We launched Stronger Together, a toolkit for building community connections. This is a collection of free online resources to help support communities, parishes, villages and neighbourhoods encourage conversation and initiate social action.
- We developed Top Tips to combat loneliness – designed to help people during the coronavirus pandemic. We collated guides and information about supporting people who may be lonely during lockdown.
- We supported Be Social, Be Well in the Harrogate District which shows how the Harrogate district has created their own strategy for tackling loneliness using the 5 Strategic Ambitions.

Warm & Well in North Yorkshire:

We have delivered the third year of the British Gas Energy Trust, (BGET), funded Warm and Well in North Yorkshire project, a partnership project bringing together organisations from the public, private and charity sector with the aim of reducing the number of cold homes, cold people and cold deaths. By

working together, the project aims to reach communities and households across the seven districts of North Yorkshire. We work in partnership with Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire who manage the single point of contact helpline and winter health coordination. Community First Yorkshire has held British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) funding since 2018 which is used to fund a range of partners to provide practical support to help people living in cold homes. Through the project, we are delivering home visits, debt advice sessions, installation of energy efficiency measures, a hardship fund and awareness raising events. Over the life of the BGET funded project Community First Yorkshire:

- Helped 701 unique beneficiaries with a total of 1064 interventions.
- Carried out 417 Home energy efficiency surveys.
- Supported 172 unique beneficiaries with debt problems, with £588,360.10 of debt written off.
- Gave 213 homes small energy efficiency measures or home repairs.
- Enabled 120 large energy efficiency improvements e.g. Energy Company Obligation Funded boilers or insulation
- Supported 124 applications for Warm Home Discount.
- Added 151 beneficiaries to the Priority Services Register

“Everything is better, getting help with my mortgage and getting the boiler. I had been very down, worrying about money. I’m not as stiff and have more mobility now I can be warm again. I have no clue what I would have done without it. I would have had to make do with the heaters. You don’t realise how much you miss something until it goes. It’s the best birthday present I’ve ever had!”

North Yorkshire and East Riding Community-Led Housing Hub:

This year we continued our work to raise awareness of community led housing and encouraging communities to think about building and owning their own affordable housing for the benefit of local residents. In January we secured £150k of Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government funding to continue to deliver support for community-led housing in 2020-2022. In partnership with Humber and Wolds Rural Action we have launched a new Enabler Hub which will be part of a national network of Enabler Hubs. Community Led Homes North Yorkshire and East Riding is also supported by the North Yorkshire’s District Councils who have provided legacy funding from the work they started on developing a community led housing hub. The hub will:

- Promote community led housing and its benefits to all potential stakeholders and deliver activities and workshops to interested communities
- Be the central point of information for the development of affordable, sustainable homes, throughout North Yorkshire & East Riding. In turn allowing community led housing to be seen as a realistic, viable and achievable option for housing and communities throughout the region
- Be ambassadors for community led housing, locally, regionally and nationally.

Support resources for groups wanting explore or to move forward with a community led housing scheme include workshops, online peer support groups, a newsletter, written and video resources and one to one support from our community led homes advisers.

“Informative and inspiring workshop, great to hear from someone who has already been through the process”

Asset-Based Community Development Projects:

We delivered three Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Projects; Nurturing Neighbourhoods; Rothwell ABCD and Ryedale Community Support.

Nurturing Neighbourhoods is a new project funded by NYCC Stronger Communities and part of the Craven Communities ‘Together Partnership’ which is multi-agency and covers the whole of the Craven District. The Nurturing Neighbourhoods work takes an Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) approach led by our Community Builders, who work across four neighbourhoods of the

Craven District. The aim is to use ABCD approaches to build on the existing strengths of people in communities, offering support in a way which strengthens capacity and connects people locally around the things that matter to them. During Covid-19 the Community Builders focussed on local support for residents and connecting people.

Rothwell ABCD, funded by Leeds City Council, supports similar work through a Community Builder in Rothwell, Leeds. This project made a great start from May 19 to March 20 – finding new Community Connectors, mapping assets, talking and sharing information and making meaningful connections. However, the pandemic meant limited time on the ground for our Community Builder. She found new and creative ways to connect people online and has developed some new materials, blogs and videos to inspire people once Covid-19 restrictions allow them to connect in person once again.

Our Community Development Officer in Ryedale continued to provide support to rural communities. This included help for people to complete a Community-Led Plan to help them influence what happens in their local area, to put on special events and projects, or to help get local people more engaged in community life. We are grateful for support from Ryedale District Council and Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for their funding to support this work.

Bradford Men's Sheds:

We received funding from Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council, (MBC), to support the start-up and growth of three new, self-sustaining Sheds. Our Shed Development Officer has been busy supporting new Sheds in Burley in Wharfedale and Bracken Bank and supporting existing Sheds in Keighley and Lower Baildon and has also supported the Ilkley Men's Shed in their search for premises. In North Yorkshire support has been provided to Sheds in Ripon, Grassington and Pateley Bridge as they move in to their first premises and start to operate following the lockdown.

The aim of the Sheds is to increase social connections between the men (and women) that come to the Shed with the purpose of making something. The Sheds help to reduce social isolation and loneliness and create non-judgemental places to make friends and have a chat. Many men miss the sense of a shared purpose when they retire and are also keen to use and share their existing skills and learn new ones. During the pandemic we have supported Shed volunteers with ideas on how members can stay connected while the Sheds are closed and provided small grants e.g. to purchase models for each member of a Shed to make at home and then post pictures about on Facebook. We are grateful that Bradford MBC have extended our funding for a further year so that we can support Sheds to re-open safely and get back on their feet.

“It gives me respite, from looking after my wife who has dementia and allows me to teach others, passing on my skills, whilst learning new skills from other members”

“My involvement has been a life changer for me, particularly so, because finishing work was painful, I missed the social interaction”

Mobile Access North Yorkshire:

The Mobile Access North Yorkshire (MANY) project believes everyone should have access to reliable mobile connectivity – inside and outside the home. Poor levels of mobile connectivity across large parts of North Yorkshire can impact on rural communities in several ways including accessing online services, loneliness and isolation; community safety; Emergency Services having poor access to mobile networks; and tourism destinations and events not being able to offer connectivity to visitors. The MANY project aims to connect people by offering direct solutions to these problems via the use of mobile connectivity.

MANY aims to empower the rural voice, listening to communities and ensuring they are given a platform to be heard, giving the Government a unique understanding of its next steps in supporting rural communities. It is Community First Yorkshire's role to support the research aspect of the project, working with both NYCC and the research team at Lancaster University ensuring that people taking part in the research are supported with digital skills, technology and other support where needed.

Community First Yorkshire have supported community events such as drop in sessions, engaging directly with individual residents to offer support or training and updates on the progress of the project. Community First Yorkshire have also produced a community engagement plan, taking on board lessons learnt early in the project and have also provided a route for those residents who do not fully support the installation of 5G to engage and raise any questions and concerns they may have.

Health Projects:

We have continued and expanded our engagement with the health system and engaged with VCSE organisations as part of supporting strategic and practical changes across both NHS and public health provision. It has been important to ensure VCSE organisations are equal partners in shaping and delivering local provision. Part of our work has focussed on developing understanding, collaboration and co-production between the sectors. We are the Harrogate area infrastructure partner on the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Integrated Care System (ICS) and the North Yorkshire member of the Humber Coast and Vale ICS VCSE Leadership Group.

During the year we managed the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Harnessing the Power of Communities Fund investment in Harrogate which required revisiting the project plans and ensuring the use of the funding could be extended, as Covid-19 impacted on delivery. The VCSE Social Prescribing Guide and Toolkit was launched in the year and has had around 700 downloads from our website. We coordinated the production of the Wellbeing at Work Guide, providing research and resources for promoting positive action for the wellbeing of the VCSE sector workforce. Across the Humber Coast and Vale ICS area we lead on workforce development and submitted a proposal for wellbeing investment to support VCSE colleagues, as part of a larger bid to NHS England. This was successful and the VCSE projects including training and development for in-house Wellbeing Champions, are getting underway in 2021.

We promoted and supported VCSEs to submit bids for grants from NHS Thriving Communities funding. We were part of the network of infrastructure partners which successfully bid to the Learning Together Programme Co-ordinated by Voluntary Organisations' Network North East, (VONNE), the support body for the North East. The emphasis is on sharing experiences, opportunities and partnership development amongst an extensive group of VCSE organisations and other support organisations enables us to share learning across North Yorkshire.

We have been significantly involved in the local Covid-19 emergency response planning structures and played a key role along with partners, to cascading messages out to VCSEs across the county and providing timely and necessary guidance to organisations. Part of this has involved working with VCSEs to engage their support in providing emergency help to people at home and we have supported volunteer recruitment to NHS programmes.

In addition to the projects above we were also proud to support:

- Parent Carers Voice. We provided hosting support for the forum that represents parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in North Yorkshire. As well as engaging parents and helping them support each other through a range of workshops, forums and conferences, Parent Carer Voice also influences the development of policies and services delivered by public bodies. Parents and carers are invited to become members. Parent Carer Voice is funded by North Yorkshire County Council and the Department for Education.
- The production and printing of North Yorkshire's Unsung Heroes: Their Stories, a book created through the Ex-Forces Support North Yorkshire project sharing the experiences of local ex-members of the Armed Forces.
- Designing and delivering the campaign #DonateLocal. Despite the challenges, fears, worries and change in 2020, camaraderie and community spirit have flourished, with people pulling together in their communities to help others and stay socially connected in any way they can. Charities and community groups have so often been at the heart of this, delivering key services and much needed help and support, all while facing their own barriers to survival. Throughout the year we encouraged people to Donate Local, be it through money, time or skills to give what they could, no matter how small, to help charities keep going for the benefit of the people who need them.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIOD

Our key priority for 2021/22 will be continuing to respond to the Covid19 pandemic while maintaining delivery of new and existing projects and services. We plan to; ensure we can provide regular information updates on Covid-19 regulations applicable to our sector; support VCSE organisations to make delivery adaptations and cope with any other Covid-19 impacts; help rural communities and neighbourhoods think about their role in supporting residents through the crisis while planning longer term to address key rural issues including shortage of affordable housing, improved connectivity, better access to health services, education and employment and transport.

We will be seeking to:

- Work with partners and lead activities that continue to support Covid-19 Recovery including leading work on volunteering, VCSE organisations and community resilience.
- Monitor the ongoing impact of the pandemic on VCSE organisations and work with partners in the public and health sector to ensure key organisations are kept sustainable.
- Work with our partners in local government and health to ensure people in Yorkshire live healthier, happier, more fulfilling lives.
- Work with The Rural Commission and the emerging task force to ensure the actions in The Rural Commission Report are taken forward to improve lives in our rural communities.
- Consult on a new three-year strategy for Community First Yorkshire to ensure we are providing the right support in the right places for our communities post pandemic.
- Build on our pilot work on how communities can contribute to tackling climate change and VCSE organisations can become more sustainable.
- Further develop the approach we started with our Stronger Together toolkit to develop a Social Action Hub.
- Monitor the North Yorkshire strategy to tackle loneliness, “Be Social, Be Well” and encourage more VCSE organisations, businesses and individuals to take small steps to address the issue.
- Continue to develop the North Yorkshire and East Riding Community Led Housing Hub (in partnership with Humber and Wolds Rural Action) to help more communities build the high quality and affordable homes they need
- Continue to provide a responsive training and resource offer on our Learning and Development Hub including introducing sector mentors for aspiring leaders in our Leadership Hub.
- Continue to develop a strong emphasis on diversity and equality issues across the area.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The Funds and Reserves Policy of Community First Yorkshire was agreed by the Trustee Board as follows:

Community First Yorkshire aims to achieve sufficient free reserves (unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets) which will:

- Support those projects and the general costs of the organisations where expenditure is incurred before funding is reclaimed.
- Provide time to seek new funding sources at a project’s conclusion or facilitate the running of Community First Yorkshire whilst meeting ongoing obligations.
- Cover any costs, including redundancy costs in the event of a managed closure of the organisation.

As a guide the Trustees have agreed that free reserves held by the charity should be a minimum of three month's core and non-prepaid project costs plus managed closure costs.

The General Fund is a revenue reserve and therefore is not a designated fund. It will be used to meet any year end shortfall of budgeted income against budgeted expenditure. It will normally include any surplus of income over expenditure subject to a decision of the Trustee Board.

As set out in note 20 to the accounts the trustees have set aside £43,917 as designated funds to invest in areas of work which they see will be of benefit to both the Company and the organisations it supports.

The Company generated a net surplus for the year of £33,586 of which £15,894 was restricted, (2020: net surplus income £83,924, £58,533 of which was restricted).

The General Fund stood at £391,683 at 31 March 2021 which, per the policy, the trustees are confident will allow sufficient time to seek new funding sources.

Investment Policy

Community First Yorkshire endeavours to invest its funds wisely and correctly in order to maximise the interest gained for the benefit of the organisation and its programmes of work. In order to do this effectively, Community First Yorkshire endeavours to keep a maximum of £30,000 in its current account (dependent on required levels of expenditure).

Any remaining funds are invested in accounts to try to ensure that Community First Yorkshire is protected under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme whilst also attracting the best return.

Principal Funding Sources

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)
NHS North Yorkshire CCG
NHS Wakefield CCG
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
Ryedale District Council
British Gas Energy Trust
National Lottery Community Fund
Leeds City Council
Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Nurturing Neighbourhoods

Fixed Assets

The movement in tangible fixed assets during the year is set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Community First Yorkshire is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity, and is therefore not liable to income tax, corporation tax or capital gains tax.

Organisation

The Trustee Board is elected annually by the membership of Community First Yorkshire and Trustees hold three year terms of office and retire in rotation. One third of Trustees retire each year and may seek re-election. The maximum number of Trustees is twelve and details of the Trustees who served during the year can be found on page 14. The Trustee Board meets at least quarterly.

Trustees receive an induction which includes meetings with the chair and senior managers. A comprehensive induction pack is provided and ongoing training and personal development opportunities are offered to all Trustees.

The organisation also has the following honorary officers:

Chairman	David Sharp
Vice-Chairman	Janet Thornton

These officers ensure that the Trustee board operates efficiently and help to raise the profile of Community First Yorkshire. Day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Officer and the Community First Yorkshire Management Team which at 31 March 2021 consisted of the Network and Collaboration Officer, the Head of Community and Volunteer Support, Head of Finance and Administration and Head of Projects.

Members' Liability

Every member has undertaken to contribute an amount, not exceeding £10, to the assets of the Council in the event of it being wound up, while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member for payment of the Council's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves.

Related Parties

All transactions with related parties are set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

Risk Management

Community First Yorkshire has examined the principal areas of its operations and built a framework for assessing what major risks may arise in each of these areas. They include: governance, management, operational, financial, external and legal matters. Annual reviews of the risk management process are carried out, and adjustments made as necessary. These are in line with the annual review of the strategic objectives, external factors, service delivery etc.

In the opinion of the Trustees, the resources and monitoring systems set in place should allow the risks identified to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Fundraising activities

The charity does not engage in public fundraising and does not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company Name

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

Company Registration Number

1839458

Charity Registration Number

515538

Principal and Registered Office

Unit A, Tower House
Askham Fields Lane
Askham Bryan
York YO23 3FS

Trustee Board (Executive Committee Members) who served during the year to 31st March 2021 and since the year end were as follows:

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

Rebecca Buckley (appointed 20 April 2021)

Simon Collins (appointed 20 April 2021, resigned 20 July 2021)

Gary Craig

Mike Feist

David Jeffels

David Sharp

Janet Thornton

David Watson

Thomas Watson (appointed 20 April 2021, resigned 15 November 2021)

Adrian Willis

The Chief Officer to whom trustees delegate duties:

Leah Swain (resigned 31 March 2021)

Jane Colthup (appointed 14 June 2021)

The Company Secretary

Leah Swain (resigned 31 March 2021)

Jane Colthup (appointed 1 July 2021)

The Company's Auditors

JWPCreers LLP, Genesis 5, Church Lane, Heslington, York, YO10 5DQ.

The Company's Bankers

Unity Trust Bank, PO Box 7193, Planetary Road, Willenhall, WV1 9DG

Registration Details

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SUBSCRIBING TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Allerton Mauleverer with
Hopperton Parish Meeting
Aston cum Aughton Parish
Council
Barby & Osgodby Parish
Council
Beal Parish Council
Brafferton & Helperby Parish
Council
Brodsworth Parish Council
Carleton in Craven Parish
Council
Cayton Parish Council
Collingham with Linton Parish

Council
Cononley Parish Council
Denholme Town Council
Draughton Parish Council
Great & Little Preston Parish
Council
Great Ouseburn Parish
Council
Harthill With Woodall Parish
Council
Hepstonstall Parish Council
Holme Valley Parish Council
Hovingham with Scackleton
Parish Council

Ingleby Greenhow Parish
Council
Killinghall Parish Council
Kirkbymoorside Town Council
Steeton with Eastburn
Parish Council
Thorpe Salvin Parish Council
Thrybergh Parish Council
Ulleskelf Parish Council
Weeton Parish Council

SUBSCRIBING RURAL COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Amerdale Village Hall	Glusburn Community and Arts Centre	Old Pool Bank Village Hall
Ampleforth Village Hall	Goathland Village Hall Trust	Osgodby Village Institute
Appleton-le-Street & Amotherby Parish Hall	Great Habton Village Hall	Osmotherley Village Hall
Appleton Wiske Village Hall	Grewelthorpe Village Hall	Oswaldkirk Village Hall
Arkendale Community Hall	Grey Village Hall (Sutton on the Forest)	Oulston Institute
Atkinson & Clarke Educational Foundation	Gristhorpe & Lebbertson Village Hall	Pannal Village Hall
Barton Village Institute	Gunnerside Village Hall	Pateley Bridge & Beverley Memorial Hall
Bellerby Memorial Hall	Hackness Village Hall	Ravensworth Village Hall
Blaxton Village Hall	Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall	Rillington Village Hall
Boltby Village Hall	Helperby Village Hall	Ruswarp Village Hall
Borrowby Village Hall	Heslington Village Meeting Room	Seamer & Irton Memorial Hall
Boston Spa Village Hall	Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust	Settle Victoria Hall
Bradley Peace Memorial Institute	Hovingham Village Hall	Silkstone Common Sports Recreation Association
Bramham Village Hall	Hunton & Arrathorne Village Hall	Sinnington Village Hall
Brawby Village Hall	Hutton le Hole Village Hall	Sleights Village Hall
Brompton by Sawdon Village Hall	Kirk Deighton Village Hall	Snainton Village Hall and Playing Field
Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall	Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall	Snape Village Institute
Castleton Village Hall	Kirkby Malzeard Mechanics Institute & Village Hall	Sproxtun Village Hall
Claxton & Sand Hutton Village Hall	Kirkhamgate Community Association	St Wilfrid's Community Centre
Clifton Village Hall	Leeming Bar Village Hall & Recreation Ground	Staintondale Village Hall
Copmanthorpe WI Hall	Linton Memorial Hall	Stillington Village Hall
Copt Hewick Village Hall	Little Ouseburn Village Hall	Sutton Under Whitestonecliffe Village Hall
Coverdale Memorial Hall	Long Marston Recreational Ground and Village Hall	Swainby Village Hall
Croft on Tees Community Village Hall	Low Bentham Public Hall & Victoria Institute	Sykehouse Village Hall
Dalton & Gayles Village Hall	Malham Village Hall	The Lawson Hut Badsworth
Danby Village Hall	Middleton & Aislaby Village Hall	The Norwood Green Village Hall
DMI Community Centre	Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall	Thornton Watless Village Hall
East Ayton Village Hall	Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Association	Todwick Village Hall
Eggborough & Whitley Village Hall	Morton on Swale Village Hall	Upperthong Village Hall
Embsay with Eastby Village Institute	Muker Public Hall and Literary Institute	Walton Village Hall
Eppleby Village Hall	Muston Village Hall	Weaverthorpe Village Hall
Farndale Village Hall	Newton on Ouse Parish Hall	Welburn Village Hall
Foston & Thornton le Clay Village Institute		Westerdale Village Hall
Ganton Village Hall		Wheldrake Recreation Association
		Whixley Village Hall
		Wrelton Village Hall

SUBSCRIBING ORGANISATIONS

Advocacy Alliance
Airton Friends Meeting
Arch Resolution
BlueBoxt Productions
Carers Resource (Harrogate/Craven/Airedale)
Chopsticks (North Yorkshire) Ltd
Christ Church Community Centre
Community Counselling (North Yorkshire) Ltd
Community Smart
Darlington Mind in Hambleton and
Richmondshire
Derwent Valley Bridge Community Library
Dial a Ride Scarborough
Easingwold Community Library Association
Easingwold Town Band
Embsay with Eastby Good Neighbours Scheme
Freda's Community Playgroup and Pre-School
Friends of the Dales
Friends of Water Search and Rescue Team
Garden Village Community Association
Hambleton & Richmondshire Carers Centre
Hambleton Strollers
Harrogate & District Community Action
Haxby Helpers
Home-Start Richmondshire
Humber and Wolds Rural Action
Jennyruth Workshops
Jigsaws Childcare Ltd
JPC Community Farm
Low Mill Outdoor Centre
Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre
Nidderdale Museum Society
North Yorkshire Business and Education
Partnership Ltd
North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre
Older Citizens Advocacy York
Open Country
ORB Community Enterprise
Parents of Special Children
Parents4Parents – North Yorkshire
Pioneer Projects (Celebratory Arts) Ltd
Revival North Yorkshire
Richmondshire Landscape Trust
Richmondshire Leisure Trust
Ryedale Carers Support
Ryedale Forum for Older People
Ryedale Special Families
See Ahead
Sessay Community Trust
Sight Support Ryedale
Stokesley & District Community Care Association
Supporting Older People
Tadcaster Volunteer Cars & Services Association
The Island
The Jonas Trust
The Nell Bank Charitable Trust
The Staynor Hall Community Centre
Two Ridings Community Foundation
Whitby Area Development Trust
Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust
Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs

SUBSCRIBING INDIVIDUALS

Ms S Barton
Ms P Brown
Ms C Foster
Ms D Hodgkinson
Mr R Oldale
Mr P Rice
Mr P Riley
Ms A Thomas
Mr T Tribe
Ms C Watson

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees (who are also directors of Community First Yorkshire for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law applicable requires the charity 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 charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 9 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Jane Colthup
Company Secretary



David Sharp
Chairman

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Community First Yorkshire for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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 March 2021, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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 for 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 Trustee's 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 Trustee's with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Trustee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustee's Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 (continued)

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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' Report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Trustee

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustee's accounting and reporting responsibilities set out on page 6, the Trustee is responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustee determines 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 Trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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.

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The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud and obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses, and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- During our planning process we gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant of them, which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements, are those that relate to the reporting framework and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We gained an understanding of how the charity is complying with these frameworks by making enquiries of the Trustees, key management and if necessary, advisors responsible for legal and compliance matters. We observed key controls and made appropriate enquiries following our review of contracts, interim financial data, board minutes and reports provided to the Trustees;
- We independently assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud or error might occur by meeting with the Management Committee and senior management with the skills and experience necessary to determine the risk factors which they believe expose the company to susceptibility to fraud and error. We also considered the impact of any business targets, the personal financial circumstances of management and staff to create a driver for fraud. We considered the culture and controls that the charity has established to address the risks identified and evaluated the effectiveness of processes and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, and how senior management monitors those processes and controls. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we designed then performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included, but were not restricted to, testing large and unusual items, journals, and transactions with high estimation uncertainty. These tests were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud and error; and
- Based on our audit plan and understanding of the risks that specifically affect the charity we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above. Our procedures involved substantive testing of transactions and walkthrough testing of appropriate controls, with a focus on transactions in the books of prime entry that have characteristics that may indicate fraud or error. We looked for unusual patterns, large or unusual transactions, weaknesses in the payments system and new supplier transactions based on our understanding of the business; enquiries of trustees and management and the results from previous audit testing; and focused testing, on specific complex areas based on risk. In addition, we completed procedures to conclude on the other information and disclosures in report of the Management Committee and accounts with the requirements of the relevant accounting standards and UK legislation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as

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we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustee 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 Trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Nigel Clemit ACA FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
JWPCreers LLP
Statutory Auditor
Genesis 5
Church Lane
Heslington
York
YO10 5DQ

9 December 2021

JWPCreers LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income					
Donations and legacies	2	10,000	–	10,000	–
Charitable activities	3	142,030	943,033	1,085,063	1,376,642
Other trading activities	4	11,768	–	11,768	15,862
Investment income	5	3,267	–	3,267	5,079
Total income		167,065	943,033	1,110,098	1,397,583
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	6/7	(149,373)	(927,139)	(1,076,512)	(1,313,659)
Total expenditure		(149,373)	(927,139)	(1,076,512)	(1,313,659)
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers					
	9	17,692	15,894	33,586	83,924
Transfer between funds	10	–	–	–	–
Net income for the year		17,692	15,894	33,586	83,924
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		417,908	426,996	844,904	760,980
Total funds carried forward		435,600	442,890	878,490	844,904

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure, excluding the extraordinary items, derives from continuing activities.

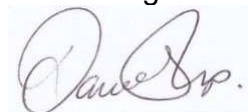
The notes on pages 26 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		1,333		2,333
Investments	13		1		1
			<u>1,334</u>		<u>2,334</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	148,598		42,416	
Cash at bank and in hand		890,357		897,596	
		<u>1,038,955</u>		<u>940,012</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(156,488)		(92,131)	
Net current assets			<u>882,467</u>		<u>847,881</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>883,801</u>		<u>850,215</u>
Provision for liabilities	16		(5,311)		(5,311)
Net assets			<u>878,490</u>		<u>844,904</u>
Funds					
Restricted income funds	19	442,890		426,996	
Unrestricted income funds	20	435,600		417,908	
Total charity funds			<u>878,490</u>		<u>844,904</u>

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the board on 9 December 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:



David Sharp
Chairman
Company number: 01839458

The notes on pages 26 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash used in operating activities	(10,505)	158,245
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest Income	3,266	5,079
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	3,266	5,079
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(7,239)	163,324
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	897,596	734,272
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	890,357	897,596

Reconciliation of net movement of funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net movement in funds	33,586	83,924
Add back depreciation charge	1,000	1,029
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(3,266)	(5,079)
Decrease (increase) in debtors	(106,182)	92,312
Increase (decrease) in creditors	64,357	(13,941)
Increase (decrease) in provisions	-	-
Net cash (consumed)/generated in operating activities	(10,505)	158,245

The notes on pages 26 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

Community First Yorkshire is a private company limited by guarantee and is registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered office is as stated on the Report of the Board of Trustees.

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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees have considered future funding sources and consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. The unrestricted reserves have been maintained at a level to allow time to seek new funding sources as projects conclude whilst meeting ongoing obligations.

Community First Yorkshire meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

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

Income

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Where a funder specifies that income must be used in future accounting periods or where income is received for future events it is carried forward as deferred income.

Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions imposed by grant funders.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated to the appropriate heading in the accounts. Project costs represents grants paid to other organisations together with the core and support cost expenditure of the charity. Support costs represent 80% (2020 - 80%) of administration expenses which have not been directly recharged to other organisations.

Fixed Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Items costing over £1,000 are capitalised.

Depreciation

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

Equipment - 25% straight line

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Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Consolidation

The company has a dormant subsidiary with total net assets of £1. This subsidiary is not material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view and therefore has been excluded from consolidation in accordance with section 405 of the Companies Act 2006.

As this subsidiary can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Companies Act 2006 the company has not produced consolidated accounts as it has taken advantage of the exemption in section 402 of the Companies Act 2006 which applies to companies whose only subsidiaries can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Act.

The financial statements therefore give information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

2. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations	10,000	10,000	-

The company received a £10,000, unrestricted, donation from Sharegift. The trustees were very grateful for the gift and allocated it to be used partly to fund our “Donate Local” campaign to encourage people to become directly involved with local charities and partly to enable our Employment Advice Service to supply their services, free of charge, to organisations needing support with employment matters resulting from the pandemic.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Contract Income	72,310	-	72,310	90,126
Grants receivable	69,720	943,033	1,012,753	1,286,516
	<u>142,030</u>	<u>943,033</u>	<u>1,085,063</u>	<u>1,376,642</u>

In 2020 of the £1,376,642 of income from charitable activities £1,216,796 was from restricted funds and £159,846 from unrestricted.

4. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Charges to other organisations	1,456	1,456	1,451
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	6,712	6,712	7,661
Courses and conference income	-	-	-
Advertising Income	3,600	3,600	6,750
	<u>11,768</u>	<u>11,768</u>	<u>15,862</u>

In 2020 all of the income from other trading activities was unrestricted funds.

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Bank interest receivable	3,267	3,267	5,079

In 2020 all of the investment income was unrestricted funds.

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6. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Project costs	125,466	927,139	1,052,605	1,291,105
Support costs	23,907	-	23,907	22,554
	<u>149,373</u>	<u>927,139</u>	<u>1,076,512</u>	<u>1,313,659</u>

In 2020 of the £1,313,659 costs of charitable activities, £1,158,263 related to restricted funds and £155,396 to unrestricted.

7. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding activities £	Support costs £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Project costs	<u>959,263</u>	<u>93,342</u>	<u>23,907</u>	<u>1,076,512</u>	<u>1,313,659</u>

8. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Audit fees	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>2,280</u>

9. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff pension contributions	27,162	29,776
Depreciation	1,000	1,029
Auditors' remuneration: - audit of the financial statements	<u>4,200</u>	<u>2,280</u>

10. Fund transfers

Transfers have been made in line with budgeted expenditure to clear planned deficits on restricted funds projects.

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11. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	670,469	666,233
Social security costs	44,687	48,111
Other pension costs	27,162	29,776
	742,318	744,120

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	No	No
Administrative Staff:		
Full time equivalents	23	23
Total number of employees	35	38

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2020 - Nil).

Aggregate expenses of £nil (2020 - £1,210) were paid to a total of nil (2020 - 6) Trustees during the year.

The key management personnel of the company comprise the Trustees, the Chief Officer, the Head of Finance and Administration, the Head of Community and Volunteer Support the Network and Collaboration Officer and the Head of Projects. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £168,707 (2020: £171,060).

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	95,587
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2021	95,587
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2020	93,254
Charge for the year	1,000
On disposals	-
At 31 March 2021	94,254
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	1,333
At 31 March 2020	2,333

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13. Investments

	Group Undertakings £
Cost	
At 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2020	1
	<u>1</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2020	1
	<u>1</u>

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital (being 1 £1 ordinary share) of Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

The reported financial information in respect of the above company is as follows:

Aggregate Capital and Reserves	2021 £
Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited (dormant)	1
	<u>1</u>

14. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	126,154	6,466
Other debtors	272	180
Prepayments and accrued income	22,172	35,770
	<u>148,598</u>	<u>42,416</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	43,601	23,276
Taxation and Social Security Costs	20,708	4,236
Other Creditors	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	92,179	64,619
	<u>156,488</u>	<u>92,131</u>
Deferred income included in above	<u>38,998</u>	<u>16,952</u>

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Deferred income represents amounts received but not yet earned on contracts:

	2021
	£
Opening deferred income	16,952
Released in the year	-
Deferred in the year	22,046
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Closing deferred income	<u>38,998</u>

16. Provision for liabilities

	£
At 31 March 2020	5,311
Charged in the year	-
Released in the year	-
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At 31 March 2021	<u>5,311</u>

The above provision is for office redecoration in accordance with the terms of the lease.

17. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 March 2021 the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Land and buildings	
	2021	2020
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 1 year	8,470	10,700
Within 2 to 5 years	-	8,470
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18. Related Party Transactions

During the year the charitable company undertook the following transactions with companies and organisations with whom they have common Trustees or Directors, at normal market value:-

Trustee of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
David Jeffels and Patrick Mulligan	North Yorkshire County Council	Grant Income	£491,284 (20:£500,284)
		Contract Income	£52,470 (20:£10,662)
		Purchases	£5,507 (20:£8,181)
David Jeffels	Scarborough Borough Council	Contract Income	£250 (20:£nil)
		Grant Payment	£41,510 (20:£41,324)
Janet Thornton	Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE)	Grant Income	£70,720 (20:£69,720)
		Contract Income	£250 (20: £1,095)
		Purchases	£nil (20:£1,948)
Senior Manager of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
David Sharp	North Yorkshire Youth	Contract Income	£135 (20: £225)
		Grant Payment	£nil (20:£13,600)
David Watson	North Yorkshire Sport	Purchases	£nil (20:£1,850)
		Grant Payment/(Recovery)	£nil (20:£(4,284))
		Contract Income	£208 (20: £222)

At 31 March 2021 amounts totalling £nil (20:£nil) are shown as owing from North Yorkshire County Council.

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19. Restricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2021 £
DEFRA	8,690	-	-	(8,506)	184
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	(5,585)	585	-
Ryedale DC	-	10,000	(11,934)	1,934	-
NYCC Innovation Fund	984	-	-	-	984
NYCC – Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	1,594	-	-	-	1,594
Voluntary Action Leeds	2,167	-	-	-	2,167
Howardian Hills Area of Natural Beauty (HHAONB)	-	4,327	(4,327)	-	-
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	1,751	-	-	-	1,751
2 Ridings Community Foundation	4,186	-	-	-	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Networks	3,036	-	-	-	3,036
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	123	-	-	-	123
NYCC and NHS North Yorkshire – Community Capacity Building	99,072	476,284	(426,719)	4,746	153,383
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	53,148	-	(32,342)	-	20,806
Power to Change	985	-	-	-	985
British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	76,055	82,881	(144,940)	-	13,996
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks	4,434	-	-	-	4,434
National Lottery Community Fund – The Loneliness Campaign	17,207	24,698	(43,146)	1,241	-
NYCC – The Loneliness Campaign	1,763	15,000	(16,763)	-	-
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG - Harnessing the Power of Community (HPOC)	15,391	-	(1,458)	-	13,933
Carried forward	<u>290,586</u>	<u>618,190</u>	<u>(687,214)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,562</u>

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19. Restricted income funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2021 £
Brought forward	290,586	618,190	(687,214)	-	221,562
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	21,811	2,000	(15,673)	-	8,138
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens’ Sheds	7,247	24,806	(20,052)	-	12,001
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	2,632	31,552	(34,199)	-	(15)
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	2	56,815	(55,190)	-	1,627
NYCC – Parent Carers Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	2,718	-	(2,718)	-	-
Ryedale District Council – Ryedale VCS	102,000	583	(21,887)	-	80,696
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	-	12,900	(9,668)	-	3,232
NAVCA – Emergency Planning VCSE Liaison Harrogate Coast and Vale, (HCV) NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	75,000	(66,851)	-	8,149
HHAONB – Making Every Connection Count	-	9,500	(9,500)	-	-
NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	6,100	(3,600)	-	2,500
NHS North Yorkshire CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	587	(587)	-	-
	-	65,000	-	-	65,000
	-	40,000	-	-	40,000
	<u>426,996</u>	<u>943,033</u>	<u>(927,139)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>442,890</u>

The most significant funds above were for:

NYCC and NHS North Yorkshire – Community Capacity Building. This was the fourth year of this grant, the grant was originally for 3 years and was retendered and retained for a further 3 years with an option to extend. The aim of the grant is to support and enable North Yorkshire communities to have greater capacity to shape and deliver the services they need and to enhance their resilience in a changing world. In the third year of the grant we supported over 850

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19. Restricted income funds (continued)

organisations via training or one to one advice. We continued the development of our Gateway site which provides resources to support and develop those working in the sector. We also supported people seeking volunteer opportunities in the area and organisations seeking to recruit and work with volunteers and grew our representation work to give a voice to the sector in North Yorkshire. We worked with those in the sector to support them in their response to the pandemic and to feed back to national bodies what the impact of the pandemic was on the VCSE sector in North Yorkshire.

British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire. As Rural Action Yorkshire, we ran a partnership project for 18 months to 21 March 2017 which worked to assist those living in fuel poverty in North Yorkshire. The project put in place a single point of contact referral line which referred clients to the most suitable partner for their support needs. The nature of the support included healthy home visits, installation of minor energy efficiency measures, checks to ensure that the client was on the most energy efficient tariff and relief of fuel debt amongst other things. When the funding ceased the single point of contact remained in place but the amount of support the partners could provide was limited. In 2018 we were awarded a further 18 months of funding from to put in place a similar portfolio of support and have again been working with partners to support those in fuel poverty. This project came to an end in March 2021, during the final year of the project we supported over 500 clients through the service.

Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub. This grant is to run the North Yorkshire and East Riding Community Led Housing Hub with a view to making this self-sustainable going forward. The hub works with communities to look at their housing needs and to provide support and advice to them in developing schemes in their areas which will provide appropriate housing for the local need and thus help to sustain vibrant, healthy communities in our rural areas.

NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health. This grant was set up in March 2021 with the purpose of developing better links between the VCSE sector and other public bodies to ensure that services are delivered in the most effective and efficient way in local areas. The emphasis is on more collaborative working with the organisations and local communities to address local need and thus prevent the need for more intensive use of NHS services.

West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership – Harnessing the Power of Communities. This project is helping the NHS to maximise the impact of the VCSE sector as an equal partner across the Care Partnership by building positive relationships across the different geographical areas involved in the Partnership and by sharing good practice across them.

National Lottery Community Fund and NYCC – The Loneliness Campaign. In October 2018 we were awarded funding to address the issue of loneliness in North Yorkshire. Through the project we have consulted on and developed a North Yorkshire wide, all ages, Strategy for Loneliness and agree an action plan with key public, private and VCS partners, including local authorities, health commissioners and providers, emergency services, Yorkshire and Humber Funders Forum and Grant Makers Forum, forums for older people, youth councils and other champions. In the final year of the project we developed resources to support communities, villages and neighbourhoods create better connected communities and tackle the causes of loneliness.

Leeds City Council – Rothwell Asset Based Community Development, (ABCD). The purpose of this grant is to test out using an ABCD model and approach in the Rothwell neighbourhood of Leeds. This work involves making connections in local communities to use the assets that are there be they particular skills or physical assets to work together to strengthen community cohesion. Our community

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19. Restricted income funds (continued)

builder has been working to become a familiar face in Rothwell and has identified local people with aspirations to build a specific community eg a board game group and has assisted in bringing together the local assets to allow such communities to flourish. Again this work has been hampered by the coronavirus situation but connections have still been being made remotely and new initiatives supported so that they are in a position to flourish once all restrictions are lifted.

Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens’ sheds. The purpose of this 2 year grant is to establish 3 new mens’ sheds in the Bradford area. By the end of this first year of the project 2 sheds are up and running and our development officer is working with several other groups who wish to set up a shed. Our development officer works with groups to support them to set up the sheds rather than setting them up on their behalf as, although this approach takes longer, the final result is an independent organisation which can continue into the future once the project itself finishes. During lockdown the sheds have distributed wooden model kits to members to encourage continued connection to the shed and reduce feelings of isolation. Whilst the Sheds were unable to meet physically to any great extent during the year work continued to support new Sheds to develop and to plan for the existing ones to take their work forward on reopening.

Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD. As with the Rothwell project above, this project is using an ABCD approach to build on the existing strengths of communities in 4 areas within Craven, the work changed during the pandemic with the development officers being focussed on supporting communities with their changing needs.

Harrogate and Rural District CCG and Calderdale CCG – Harnessing the Power of Community parts 1 and 2 (HPOC, HPOC 2). This project provides a programme to build relationships between the voluntary sector and statutory organisations to aid the development of the health and social care system. It includes, amongst other things, community health asset mapping and the development of a mechanism to enable the VCS to collaborate and engage with the Harrogate Integrated Health and Social Care Programme to make effective use of available resources. The second part of the project is to deliver a volunteer-based community fit programme and to increase

the number of mental health first aiders in primary care network communities amongst other things. This phase of the project has been delayed so will take place in 2021/2022 and 2022/2023.

We are very grateful to all our funders for the support we have received.

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20. Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 Apr 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2021 £
General Funds	326,930	167,065	(96,630)	(5,682)	391,683
Designated Funds:					
Marketing and communications	29,982	-	(29,982)	-	-
Management training	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Digital transformation	29,500	-	(2,111)	-	27,389
Engagement in the health agenda	19,696	-	(19,696)	-	-
Quantifying the VCS sector in North Yorkshire – phase 1	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Development of influencing role	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Provision of free employment advice during the coronavirus pandemic	2,800	-	(954)	5,682	7,528
Total Designated Funds	90,978		(52,743)	5,682	43,917
Total Unrestricted Funds	417,908	167,065	(149,373)	-	435,600

The above designated funds are for pieces of work, outside of our usual operations, which the trustees have identified will be of ongoing benefit both to the company and to the organisations it supports and they have thus approved the investment in them from reserves.

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total net assets £
Restricted Income Funds:			
DEFRA	-	184	184
NYCC Innovation Fund	-	984	984
NYCC Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	-	1,594	1,594
VAL – Transforming Leeds Community Anchors	-	2,167	2,167
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	-	1,751	1,751
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	-	123	123
British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	-	13,996	13,996
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks – Cold Snaps Warm Homes	-	4,434	4,434
2 Ridings Community Foundation – Emergency Planning	-	4,186	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Halls Network	-	3,036	3,036
NYCC and NHS North Yorkshire – Community Capacity Building	-	153,383	153,383
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	-	20,806	20,806
Power to Change	-	985	985
Harrogate and Rural CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC	-	13,933	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	8,138	8,138
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens’ Sheds	-	12,001	12,001
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	-	(15)	(15)
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	-	1,627	1,627
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	80,696	80,696
Ryedale District Council – Ryedale VCS Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	-	3,232	3,232
Harrogate Coast and Vale, (HCV) NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	8,149	8,149
	-	2,500	2,500
Total carried forward	-	<u>337,890</u>	<u>337,890</u>

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

	Tangible fixed assets & investments £	Other net assets £	Total net assets £
Total brought forward	-	337,890	337,890
NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	65,000	65,000
NHS North Yorkshire CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	40,000	40,000
Unrestricted Income Funds	1,334	434,266	435,600
Total Funds	1,334	877,156	878,490

22. Contingencies

The charity created a rent deposit deed dated 18 January 2010 for securing £1,000 due or to become due by the company.

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**The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements
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Grants Received	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
DEFRA	69,720	-	69,720	69,720
Local Authority Grants	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Ryedale DC	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty		4,327	4,327	3,974
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	-	-	-	310,388
Leeds Older Peoples’ Forum – Time to Shine	-	-	-	8,039
British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	-	82,881	82,881	119,158
NYCC and NHS North Yorkshire – Community Capacity Building	-	476,284	476,284	476,284
National Lottery Community Fund – The Loneliness Campaign	-	24,698	24,698	51,976
NYCC – The Loneliness Campaign	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	2,000	2,000	41,000
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	-	24,806	24,806	28,806
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	-	31,552	31,552	29,454
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	-	56,815	56,815	6,717
NYCC - Parent Carer Voice	-	-	-	9,000
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	583	583	102,000
Ryedale District Council – Ryedale VCS	-	12,900	-	-
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	-	75,000	75,000	-
NAVCA – Emergency Planning VCSE Liaison	-	9,500	9,500	-
Harrogate Coast and Vale, (HCV) NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	6,100	6,100	-
HHAONB – Making Every Connection Count	-	587	587	-
NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	65,000	65,000	-
NHS North Yorkshire CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	40,000	40,000	-
	69,720	943,033	1,012,753	1,286,516

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	Administration Expenses	
	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries	108,695	95,603
Employers NI	4,921	4,251
Pension cost	4,327	4,298
Rent	10,737	10,700
Site Charge	636	711
Heat and Light	2,580	2,690
Cleaning	2,753	3,679
Council tax	1,152	1,040
Telephone	3,482	3,674
Postage, printing and stationery	(822)	(6,479)
Insurance	6,792	5,861
Motor and travel	288	4,333
Office expenses	11,421	13,382
Public relations	2,862	477
Affiliation fees	5,441	4,264
Staff training and conferences	850	3,864
Staff appointment expenses	4,960	-
Legal and Consultancy Fees	61	1,578
Bank charges	491	419
Sundry expenses	4,769	7,442
Depreciation - office equipment	1,000	1,029
Audit fees	4,200	2,280
	181,596	165,096
Charges to special projects and other organisations (cost recovery)	(151,712)	(136,904)
	29,884	28,192
Allocated:		
Core project work	5,977	5,638
Support costs	23,907	22,554
	29,884	28,192

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Direct Project Costs	Restricted	Unrestricted	2021	2020
	£	£	Total	Total
			£	£
Local Authority Grants	5,585	-	5,585	5,010
Ryedale DC	11,934	-	11,934	13,306
Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	4,327	-	4,327	3,974
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	-	-	-	20
Leeds Older Peoples’ Forum – Time to Shine	-	-	-	18,931
British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	144,940	-	144,940	136,543
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	32,342	-	32,342	301,349
2 Ridings Community Foundation – Emergency Planning	-	-	-	-
NYCC and NHS North Yorkshire – Community Capacity Building	426,719	-	426,719	517,031
National Lottery Community Fund –The Loneliness Campaign	43,146	-	43,146	34,599
NYCC – The Loneliness Campaign	16,763	-	16,763	13,237
Harrogate and HPOC	1,458	-	1,458	23,287
NHS Calderdale CCG – HPOC	-	-	-	5,000
Nationwide Foundation – Community Led Housing planners guide	-	-	-	4,920
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	15,673	-	15,673	19,189
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	20,052	-	20,052	21,559
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	34,199	-	34,199	27,311
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	55,190	-	55,190	6,715
NYCC – Parent Carer Voice	2,718	-	2,718	6,282
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	21,887	-	21,887	-
Ryedale District Council – Ryedale VCS	9,668	-	9,668	-
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	66,851	-	66,851	-
Total carried forward	913,452	-	913,452	1,158,263

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**Direct Project Costs
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	Restricted	Unrestricted	2021	2020
	£	£	Total	Total
			£	£
Total brought forward	913,452	-	913,452	1,158,263
NAVCA – Emergency Planning VCSE Liaison	9,500	-	9,500	-
Harrogate Coast and Vale, (HCV) NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	3,600	-	3,600	-
HHAONB – Making Every Connection Count	587	-	587	-
DEFRA/Core Project Work		125,466	125,466	132,842
	927,139	125,466	1,052,605	1,291,105
Support Costs	-	23,907	23,907	22,554
	927,139	149,373	1,076,512	1,313,659

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