

CHARITY NUMBER: 522026

ASHINGTON JOINT WELFARE SCHEME

ACCOUNTS

2025

ASHINGTON JOINT WELFARE SCHEME

Charity No: 522026

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2025

PEEK PRACTICE LTD

**Amble
Northumberland**

ASHINGTON JOINT WELFARE SCHEME

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

INCORPORATION: The company was originally formed on 6 April 1966 by trustee deed from the National Coal Board, and the scheme governing the company was amended on 6 January 2005. The Charity Registered number is 522026.

OFFICERS: I Lavery (Chairman)
M Fitton (Vice Chairman)
K Trebillcock
G Balance
GS Bell
JC Wiggett
Mrs W Taylor
Mrs M Taylor

SECRETARY: J Dunn

REGISTERED OFFICE: Hirst Welfare Centre
Alexandra Road
Ashington
Northumberland
NE63 9HF

ACCOUNTANTS: Peek Practice Ltd
4 Bridge Street
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BANKERS: Co-Operative Bank
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ASHINGTON JOINT WELFARE SCHEME

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The management Trustees their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing Document

The trustees have adopted provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the Trustees are elected to serve for a period of four years, three years or one year if nominated and affiliated at the Annual General Meeting.

The organisation's main areas of interest are balanced and reflected in the diversity of the trustees. Where particular skills are required to complement existing trustees skills, individuals are approached to offer themselves for election to the board of Trustees.

Trustees Induction and Training

Trustees partake in an informal induction covering roles and responsibilities of existing trustees and themselves, the structure of the organisation and key partners. This is initiated by the Secretary of the Trustees.

New Trustees receive a trustee's nomination form from the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO) asking for details of themselves and a history of their employment. A register is kept by the Trust and minuted. Charity Commission documents issued to the trustees include Useful Guidelines – Trustees Responsibilities and the Essential Trustee – what you need to know. Charity Commission News copies are distributed when received.

Risk Management

The Trustees need to conduct a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and establish a risk register to be updated annually. Whilst the majority of risks in the past have related to the operation of Hirst Welfare Centre, the trustees will continue to work with Active Northumberland on preparing and reviewing an annual risk register relating to the day to day operational running of the centre.

The trustees continue to review all policies and procedures on an annual basis.

Organisation Structure

Ashington Joint Welfare Scheme operates with a board of 7 trustees, who meet on a quarterly basis. At present all members are from a variety of backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

There is a facility to co-opt two further trustees if the remaining trustees determine that it would be in the interests of the charity to do so.

A scheme of delegation is in place, with a trustees sub-committee comprising of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and 3 other trustees who have delegated authority to investigate particular issues/ interests and make decisions where required ahead of full trustees meetings.

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Related Parties

In so far as it is complimentary to the Charity's objects, the charity is guided by local, regional and national policy, and of the trustees, three shall be appointed by the National Union of Mineworkers (Northumberland Area) and three shall be appointed by CISWO.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is:-

The provision of a social welfare centre for the benefit of the inhabitants (and in particular, but not exclusively, such of the said inhabitants as are members of the mining community) of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Overview for the Year

The year under review marks a new beginning for Ashington Joint Welfare Scheme as Hirst Welfare Centre returned to direct charity management in April 2024. This transition represented both a symbolic and practical step forward, restoring local charitable control and reaffirming our founding purpose of serving the community of Ashington and its surrounding areas.

The trustees are pleased to report that this first year back under direct management has been one of growth, reconnection and renewed purpose. Participation in activities within the Centre has increased by more than 100%, reflecting the impact of a strengthened focus on community engagement and inclusion.

Community Engagement and Activity

The Centre has re-established itself as a central hub for health, wellbeing and social connection, particularly vital in a locality that continues to face economic and social challenges. Many residents experience the pressures associated with higher levels of deprivation, and the Centre plays an important role in providing access to affordable services, support networks, and opportunities for personal and community development.

Ashington's population is becoming increasingly diverse, bringing new perspectives, cultures and strengths to the town. The Centre's inclusive approach ensures that everyone, whatever their background, feels welcome, represented and able to participate in community life. By doing so, Hirst Welfare continues to serve as a catalyst for community cohesion, helping to build relationships across generations, backgrounds and experiences.

We have engaged heavily with local residents and organisations, hosting a wide range of impactful partners delivering services in areas such as public health, employability, education, fitness and social integration.

Our partnerships now include Newcastle United Foundation, Northumberland Communities Together, Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Talking Marras, and Parkhead and Wansbeck Powersports Club, among others. Their presence at the Centre has strengthened our position as a trusted venue for collaboration, support and community development.

The reopening of the community café has been a particular highlight. It has quickly become a valued part of daily life at Hirst Welfare, providing affordable, good quality food and a warm, comfortable space for residents to meet. The café operates not only as a service but as a social anchor, offering a welcoming environment where friendships form, loneliness is reduced, and people from all walks of life come together.

The Centre continues to prioritise outreach to those who are most isolated or experiencing disadvantage, ensuring that the benefits of participation and connection are available to all. Targeted community engagement work and partnership projects have begun to extend our reach into harder-to-reach groups, supporting inclusion and fairness across the area.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Charity law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the Management Committee should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 3 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


I Lavery MP

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ASHINGTON JOINT WELFARE SCHEME**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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

- accounting records were kept in respect of the as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- the financial statements do accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached. My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ASHINGTON JOINT WELFARE SCHEME**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Mrs P Grahamslaw ACA
Peek Practice Ltd
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Date: 3 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming Resources From Generated Funds</i>					
Grant income	2	-	252,928	252,928	-
Voluntary income	2	-	-	-	-
<i>Activities For Generating Funds</i>					
Trading operations	2	227,810	-	227,810	-
Rental income	2	52,000	-	52,000	-
Other income	2	54,052	-	54,052	25,624
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		333,862	252,928	586,790	25,624
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RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of charitable activities	3	284,362	256,496	540,858	11,456
Governance costs	3	5,071	-	5,071	640
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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		289,433	256,496	545,929	12,096
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NET MOVEMENT FOR THE YEAR		44,429	(3,568)	40,861	13,528
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	5	2,124,729	-	2,124,729	2,162,081
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CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	112,383	-	112,383	370
Cash at bank		29,716	2,928	32,644	27,042
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		142,099	2,928	145,027	27,412
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DEDUCT: Creditors due within one year					
Creditors	7	9,229	-	9,229	-
Accrued charges	7	86,065	-	86,065	1,350
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		95,294	-	95,294	1,350
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,171,534	2,928	2,174,462	2,188,653
DEDUCT: Creditors due after more than one year	8	2,108,029	-	2,108,029	2,162,081
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NET ASSETS		63,505	2,928	66,433	25,572
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

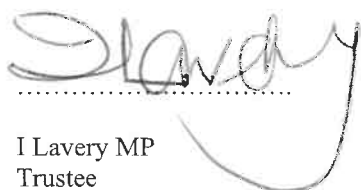
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RESERVES

Brought forward	19,076	6,496	25,572	12,096
Net movement in the year	44,429	(3,568)	40,861	13,528
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TOTAL RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD 9	63,505	2,928	66,433	25,572
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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Signed on behalf of the management committee on 3 October 2025


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I Lavery MP
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income

Trading activities income is recognised when the goods are sold and or the service is provided.

Grant income is credited in the year to which it relates with the exception of grants which were originally given to erect the Centre itself. These grants are amortised at the same rate as the Centre and will always reflect the remaining unamortized balance attributed to the Centre.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable

Investment income is included when receivable

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Funding provided through contractual agreements and performance related grants are recognized as goods or services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognized when a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating office property costs by floor areas, management and human resources costs by the number of staff, and finance and IT costs by work done.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Grant income				
Local Government	-	252,928	252,928	-
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Voluntary income				
Donations	-	-	-	-
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Trading operations				
Football development	47,678	-	-	-
Health and fitness	38,830	-	-	-
Café	56,699	-	-	-
Creche	84,603	-	-	-
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	227,810	-	-	-
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Rental income				
Rents	52,000	-	52,000	-
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Miscellaneous income				
Capital grant release	54,052	-	54,052	25,624
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	54,052	-	54,052	25,624
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Cost of generating funds				
General running costs	-	-	-	1,720
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,720</u>
Cost of charitable activities				
Direct costs	51,797	-	51,797	11,456
Staffing costs	79,633	250,000	329,633	-
Light and heat	40,422	-	40,422	-
Rates and water rates	5,362	-	5,362	-
Telephone	193	-	193	-
Insurances	5,176	-	5,176	-
Printing and advertising	459	-	459	-
Postage and stationery	1,253	-	1,253	-
Repairs and maintenance	20,199	6,496	26,695	-
Staff travel	466	-	466	-
Staff training	1,739	-	1,739	-
Computer running costs	1,555	-	1,555	-
Professional fees	10,711	-	10,711	-
Subscriptions	6,094	-	6,094	-
Sundry expenses	2,133	-	2,133	-
Depreciation	57,169	-	57,169	-
	<u>284,362</u>	<u>256,496</u>	<u>540,858</u>	<u>11,456</u>
Governance costs				
Bank charges	92	-	92	90
Accountancy fees	4,980	-	4,980	550
	<u>5,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,072</u>	<u>640</u>

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4. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

During the financial year the company did not employ.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salary and pension costs	329,633	-

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: Nil)

No Trustee received any remuneration for services provided, nor did any Trustee receive expenses (2024: Nil)

5. FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Equipment and Fixtures	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 April 2024	2,162,081	-	-	2,162,081
Additions in the year	76,684	12,989	9,813	99,486
Capital funding	(74,670)	(5,000)	-	(79,670)
As at 31 March 2025	<u>2,164,095</u>	<u>7,989</u>	<u>9,813</u>	<u>2,181,897</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2024	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	54,060	921	2,188	57,169
On disposal	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	<u>54,060</u>	<u>921</u>	<u>2,188</u>	<u>57,169</u>
Net book value				
As at 31 March 2025	<u>2,110,035</u>	<u>7,068</u>	<u>7,625</u>	<u>2,124,728</u>
Net book value				
As at 31 March 2024	<u>2,162,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,162,081</u>

SUBSIDIARY INVESTMENT

	£
Share in subsidiary	<u>1</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		2025 £	2024 £			
6.	DEBTORS					
	Prepayments	676	370			
	Amounts owed by subsidiary	111,708	-			
		<u>112,384</u>	<u>370</u>			
7.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
	Trade creditors	9,229	-			
	Treasury debt	3,527	-			
	Accrued charges	82,538	1,350			
		<u>95,294</u>	<u>1,387</u>			
8.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling more than one year					
	Unamortised capital grant	2,108,029	2,162,081			
		<u>2,108,029</u>	<u>2,162,081</u>			
9.	STATEMENT OF FUNDS					
		At 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	At 31 March 2025
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
	General reserve	19,076	333,862	(289,433)	(30,000)	33,505
	Designated reserve - Pitches	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
		<u>19,076</u>	<u>333,862</u>	<u>(289,433)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,505</u>
	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>19,076</u>	<u>333,862</u>	<u>(289,433)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,505</u>
	RESTRICTED FUNDS					
	Football Foundation	6,496	-	(6,496)	-	-
	NCC – Transitional Grant	-	250,000	(250,000)	-	-
	Youth Investment Fund	-	2,928	-	-	2,928
		<u>6,496</u>	<u>252,928</u>	<u>256,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,928</u>
	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>6,496</u>	<u>252,928</u>	<u>256,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,928</u>