

**THE SMITH FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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Administrative Details, Trustees and Advisers

The Smith Foundation (529132) is governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 4 August 1998 amended by resolutions dated 20 June 2000, 5 July 2011 and 2 February 2023.

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Sue Ackroyd, CEO/Executive Principal
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Historical Context

The Smith Foundation originates from a Trust established on the 16th of August 1916 by William Smith. The main purpose of that Trust was to establish a Home for orphan girls. This was changed to a home for boys and girls under a scheme of 1923 just after William died in 1922. The bulk of his estate had been intended for his cousin's adopted son William Henry Smith but unhappily he was killed in the 1914-18 war so this money too was passed to the Trust. The homes continued through the 1920's, 1930's and through the 1939-45 war. During the war they took in children from The Sailors' Orphan Home in Hull and also the school was used as a transit home for children from Sheffield.

In 1951 a scheme changed the name of the Trust to The Smith Homes. This came about following an approach by the Ministry of Education after the enactment of the 1948 Children's Act. The revised scheme allowed the continuance of the Homes for a limited time but added an authority for the Trustees to make grants to special schools and to establish special schools of their own.

Grants were made to Breckenborough and Chaigley School and Holly Bank House was purchased by the Trust to convert into a Special School for Physically disabled children. This School was opened in 1953 and was run by the Trust until 1998 when it was handed over to the newly formed Holly Bank Trust.

By the end of 1959 the last of the children left the Homes and by then plans were in hand to open a further residential special school in the buildings. The William Henry Smith School opened in September 1961 for 48 boys. In December of the following year the Charity Commission made a scheme that changed the name of the Trust to The Smith Foundation.

Over the next 30 years the school developed its education and social provision becoming recognised as a specialist school for boys experiencing social, emotional and mental health difficulties, becoming very much a part of the national spectrum of special needs provision. During this period the Trustees with the help of the DfES provided a new science building, new kitchen and then portable classrooms and a Gymnasium. In the early 1990's it became clear that the residential accommodation needed to be replaced and the Trustees provided two new houses using some of their capital and money raised from Trusts.

In 1994 the Trustees commissioned a feasibility study that identified a plan to maximise the use of existing buildings through conversion and refurbishment to create new teaching facilities to allow the school to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

In the following years during summer capital building projects were implemented which transformed the site with derelict buildings becoming teaching and communal facilities, providing en-suite bedrooms for all the boys and recreation improvements in the residential houses. On the Education side the original temporary classrooms were refurbished to provide permanent accommodation; an IT suite, Assembly Hall, Design and Technology Rooms, Art Room, Music Room, Sports Hall, Life Skills Kitchen and a new therapy suite have been provided. Expansion has continued as money has allowed including the addition of a new building for Commissioned Services in 2019 and in 2020, which has been used as a learning space for new students from September 2023. The Foundation also purchased a former B&B which has been developed and has been used as a 52-week children home from late 2023, known as Boothroyd House.

In 2021 the Trustees purchased another offsite property, a former day nursery in Elland. This has been operating as a College since September 2023. We have now secured the lease of the building next to it (Fordsall House) to enable the expansion of our college offer. Fordsall has been adapted to create an office, classrooms and conference facilities for the college.

Lowry house was converted from residential accommodation to a larger state of the art therapy building. Houses 5 and 6 were also converted from therapy into a 4 bedroomed residential provision.

In 2023 we created a dedicated classroom specialising in communication, interaction and sensory processing and New Beginnings was also created. These facilities provide a nurturing needs-led environment and provides students with the individualised support and structure they require to ensure a smooth transition into school.

The Trustees continue to sanction capital and revenue expenditure in a process of continual improvement to facilities and the overall environment. Recent initiatives include the provision of a 4G pitch, new boilers and water heaters and facilitating relocations to improve bigger and improved living accommodation.

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A final scheme was established by the Charity Commission in 1998 that revised the membership requirements for Trustees and the objects of the charity (amended by resolutions dated 20 June 2000, 5 July 2011, 2 February 2023 and 30 September 2025.) The aim was to convert to a charitable company limited by guarantee by 1st September 2024 at which time the year end would alter to 31 August to align with the academic year. Complications delayed the process but the Foundation remained committed to achieving the transformation, which was completed on 1st October 2025.

The instruments and articles of the governing body of the school were approved by the DfES in 1999. The governing body was reconstituted during the academic year 1999/2000. These have been further revised on 7th March 2023, 4th July 2023 and 11th July 2024. (The 2024 amendments were to change to 4 persons from professional backgrounds, remove old terminology, permit voting by proxy/virtual and replace Committee meetings with Special Interest Groups).

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Trust is governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 4 August 1998, as varied by a resolution of the Trustees dated 20 June 2000, and further resolutions dated 5 July 2011, 2 February 2023 and 30 September 2025. Trustees terms are reviewed every five years.

All Trustees are nominated by current Trustees. In making appointments to the Trust, Trustees "shall have regard to the desirability of appointing persons". When vacancies arise, Trustees seek expressions of interests. So far this approach with prospective Trustees suggested by the present Trust body had provided a representative and active group of Trustees. When looking at vacancies the Trust considers the skills and experience gap in their body.

All prospective Trustees are informally interviewed by the chairperson, who at that time makes verbal checks on the eligibility of Trustees. Each new Trustee is given an induction pack containing the charity's governing document, the Instruments and Articles of the school, sixth form & college, annual reports, together with previous meeting minutes of the Trust and Governing body. They are given a tour of the Trust grounds and meet senior members of the school, sixth form & college management as well as the Trust secretary. DBS and the other relevant checks are initiated before a Trustee is finally accepted. A full induction process is undertaken and at their first Trust meeting they formally sign the minutes book declaration.

The Trust secretary has reported that all Trustees have completed DBS checks in relation to Trustee's appointments, adding that since the Commission's Scheme sealed on 4th August 1998 all Trustees have signed a statement as follows:- "I the undersigned hereby declare that I am willing to accept the office and appointment of Trustee of The Smith Foundation and of acceptance and willingness to act in the Trusts of the scheme approved and established by the Charity Commission on the 4th August 1998".

Please note that as the report is for the period 1st April 24 to 31 March 25, that the constitution records the position during this time frame.

Organisational structure

The Trustees delegate the running of the school, sixth form & college to the governing body. They operate under Instruments and Articles approved by the DfES in 1999. These have been further revised 7th March 2023, 4th July 2023 and 11 July 2024. The establishment of the governing body is up to 13 members: the Executive Principal/CEO, 1 parent representative, 1 teaching staff representative, 1 non-teaching staff representative, 1 employed by a Local Authority, 4 from a professional background and 4 other persons deemed suitable by the Governing Body to enhance the skillset.

The Governing body in turn delegate the day to day running of the school & sixth form & college to the CEO and SLT. In practice this means that the Trustees have final responsibility for the school, sixth form & college staffing complement, audit and banking, insurance and security. They have joint responsibility with the governors and CEO/Executive Principal for Admissions, financial budgeting in the school, sixth form & college, Prospectus, the use of the premises, all statutory policies such as Health & Safety, Religious Education and Sex Education. The Governors and CEO/Executive Principal are jointly responsible for Staffing, Terms and Holiday dates, Curriculum policy, welfare and child protection. The CEO/Executive Principal is solely responsible for the organisation of the curriculum and

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the day-to-day running of the school, sixth form & college. The governors do not sit over Boothroyd House but the trustees do.

The Governors fulfil their functions through four Special Interest Groups for Business & Partnerships, Children and Young Adults, Environment, Premises & Resources and People.

Risk Assessment

During the year the Trustees have carried out a review of the risk assessment and confirm that all major risks have been reviewed and action plans are in place to mitigate these risks. The Emergency Plan and Business Continuity Plan are subject to regular review.

Objectives and Activities

Objective

- (a) To promote the education of children who have special educational needs, and in particular but in no way limiting the generality of the foregoing by the provision of a special school, sixth form & college within the meaning of the education acts; and
- (b) To promote the general welfare of children and young persons requiring assistance who have or have had special educational needs, with preference for students and former pupils of the school, sixth form & college of the charity.

Mission Statement

The Trust fulfils its objects by empowering everyone to become the best they can be through granting equity of access to provision of life enhancing opportunities leading to achievement, fulfilment and happiness.

Our vision supported by our whole community of services is to provide outstanding individualised education, care, welfare and support for children and young people experiencing social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

The Trustees recognise their three principal functions as:

- i) Overseeing the working and development of The William Henry Smith School, sixth form & college, and Boothroyd House through the work of the Governing Body and designated lead Trustees;
- ii) The safeguarding of the assets including finance, building and grounds in their care, and;
- iii) Planning for the future use of property and other assets.

Activities

To meet these objectives the Trustees, the Governors of the school, sixth form & college, the Principal as Chief Executive Officer and senior members of staff have worked together on the continued development of the services. The Trustees for their part have continued to provide finance for capital development and have worked alongside the senior staff in developing a 5-year strategic plan covering all areas of the school, sixth form & college. The return on investment has been carefully forecasted and is regularly reviewed.

Once again, a principal activity of Trustees this year has been that of critical friends, being active members of the school, sixth form & college's governing body and working alongside the Principal and the senior staff in examining and promoting the Foundation Improvement Plan.

Staff training continues to be a vital part of the Foundations operation. The Foundation actively aids all staff development to the long-term benefit of the school, sixth form, college and Children's Home.

Achievement & Performance

The school & sixth form was awarded an 'Outstanding' rating by Ofsted in all areas of operation, including the twenty second consecutive outstanding rating for 'Care'. A splendid achievement for which we are all immensely proud.

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Financial

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) and Financial Reporting Standard 102.

All members had exited the WYPF scheme on 31.8.23. The exit deficit was confirmed at £1.2m. A deferred debt agreement was entered into with WYPF and this was discharged and the balance paid in full from the Trust reserves on 19.7.24.

Reserves Policy

The level of capital investment required in the 5-year strategic plan continues to be balanced against the need to maintain cash reserves at 50% of annual running costs. This is continually monitored.

Plans for Future Periods

5-year Strategic plans are under review. Short term improvements to the driveway are being considered as is repurposing one of the residential houses.

Future Prospects

The Trustees are confident for the future. This confidence is bolstered by a strong school, sixth form, college and children's home management team, with excellent leadership and an achievable strategy to deliver excellent results in ensuring student and resident numbers are maintained whilst continually maintaining a high level of success in education and care.

Further Information & News

The school, sixth form & college management team under the leadership of Sue Ackroyd has produced excellent results in the further development of the school, sixth form & college in teaching, care and learning to bring out the full potential of the boys in the school, sixth form & college. This success is further recognised in the finances of the Trust and gives us confidence to pursue further our improvement plans.

Please visit our new website at www.whsschool.org.uk

Statement of Disclosure to Auditors

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors is unaware. Additionally, the Trustees have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Public Benefit

In identifying the activities that the charity will undertake, the Trustees complied with their duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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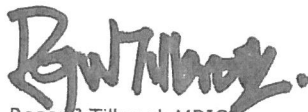
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) 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 charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Roger J Tilbrook MRICS
Chair of Trust

19 December 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SMITH FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Smith Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' 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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors 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 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the 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 going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

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.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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 trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 19 December 2025
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income and endowments from:						
Charitable activities	4	13,277,979	107,932	-	13,385,911	11,053,366
Investment activities	3	25,828	-	-	25,828	22,192
Total income		13,303,807	107,932	-	13,411,739	11,075,558
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities:						
Salaries	14	8,557,671	-	-	8,557,671	7,370,481
Establishment costs	5	1,161,129	-	-	1,161,129	1,014,803
Education & welfare	6	1,786,605	150,302	-	1,936,907	1,552,527
VAT re partial exemption		(149,456)	-	-	(149,456)	-
Direct costs		11,355,949	150,302	-	11,506,251	9,937,811
Support costs:						
Depreciation		186,173	3,919	-	190,092	187,068
Professional fees		2,928	-	-	2,928	25,303
Governance Costs:						
Clerk charges & subscriptions		27,000	-	-	27,000	27,120
Auditor remuneration		18,305	-	-	18,305	25,400
Investment activities:						
Investment management fees		13,939	-	-	13,939	12,738
Total expenditure		11,604,294	154,221	-	11,758,515	10,215,440
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		1,699,513	(46,289)	-	1,653,224	860,118
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(16,842)	-	(2,186)	(19,028)	61,607
Net income/(expenditure)	2	1,682,671	(46,289)	(2,186)	1,634,196	921,725
Extraordinary item – Pension scheme exit	18	-	-	-	-	(1,200,000)
Net movement in funds		1,682,671	(46,289)	(2,186)	1,634,196	(278,275)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		8,085,534	176,669	723,849	8,986,052	9,264,327
Total funds carried forward	12	9,768,205	130,380	721,663	10,620,248	8,986,052

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The comparative figures are analysed by funds in note 19 of the accounts.


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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Land & buildings	7		5,944,065		6,081,105
Furniture & equipment	7		45,922		73,936
Investments	8		1,071,728		1,085,485
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			7,061,715		7,240,526
Current assets					
Stocks		50,289		57,255	
Debtors	10	1,128,596		206,108	
Cash at bank and in hand		3,022,198		3,118,908	
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			4,201,083		3,382,271
Liabilities					
Creditors falling due within one year	11	(642,550)		(1,636,745)	
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Net current assets			3,558,533		1,745,526
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Total net assets			10,620,248		8,986,052
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The funds of the charity:					
Endowment funds			721,663		723,849
Restricted income funds			130,380		176,669
Unrestricted income funds:					
Unrestricted funds			9,545,298		7,958,534
School Improvement Plan designated fund			222,907		127,000
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Total charity funds	12		10,620,248		8,986,052
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These Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 19 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by


 Roger J Tilbrook, MRICS
 Chair of Trust

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities	2025 £	2024 £
Net income for the year (as per the statement of financial activities)	1,634,196	921,725
Add back depreciation charge	190,092	187,068
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(25,828)	(22,192)
Net gains on investments	18,644	(61,607)
Decrease/(Increase) in stocks	6,966	(2,935)
Increase in debtors	(922,488)	(3,177)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(994,195)	1,132,532
Extraordinary item – pension scheme exit	-	(1,200,000)
Net cash provided by operating activities	(92,613)	951,414
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest and dividends	25,828	22,192
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(25,038)	(188,005)
Purchase of listed investments	(247,632)	(256,629)
Proceeds on sale of listed investments	242,745	234,613
Net cash used in investing activities	(4,097)	(187,829)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(96,710)	763,585
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	3,118,908	2,355,323
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	3,022,198	3,118,908

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Accounting Policies

Charity Information

The Smith Foundation is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The public address is William Henry Smith School, Boothroyd Lane, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, HD6 3JW.

Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), with FRS 102, with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments assets.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees believe that the Foundation is a going concern because it has a strong balance sheet, good leadership and management to ensure boy numbers are maintained at a satisfactory level.

Stocks

Stocks are held for distribution at no or nominal consideration. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and replacement cost.

Pensions

The charity contributed primary contributions to the Teachers' Pension Defined Benefits Scheme at rates set by the Scheme Actuary and advised to the Board by the Scheme Administrator. The scheme is a multi-employer pension scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the scheme which are attributable to the school. In accordance with FRS102 therefore, the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

The charity also contributed primary contributions to a Defined Benefits pension scheme for non-teaching staff until 31 August 2023 when the charity became a deferred employer and paid secondary contributions until 31 March 2024 when the charity exited the scheme. Rates were set by the scheme Actuary and advised to the School by the Scheme Administrator.

The cost of providing benefits under retired benefits plans was determined based on actuarial advice.

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1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Income recognition

All income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet.

Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Other income, including the hire of facilities and sale of goods, is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for it. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the SOFA.

Capital expenditure:

Freehold property will be capitalised and depreciated over 50 years. Regular valuations, other than for insurance purposes, are not considered to be of any benefit to the Trustees.

Fixtures & equipment will be capitalised and depreciated at 20% per annum on a straight-line basis. Any single item costing £1,000 or less will be written off.

Computer equipment is depreciated at 100% on a straight-line basis.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the mid-market value. The increase or decrease in fair value is credited or charged to the endowment fund in the statement of financial activities as unrealised gains or losses on investments. Income from the endowment fund is unrestricted.

Donations, legacies and grants

Donations, legacies and grants are credited to income as they are received.

Designated funds

The trustees set aside amounts within unrestricted funds for designated expenditure. The designated fund balances do not affect the statement of financial activities.

Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments.

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1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through the statement of financial activities, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Net income/(expenditure)	2025 £	2024 £
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	190,092	187,068
Operating lease rentals	68,793	64,391
Auditors remuneration - audit	7,000	7,000
- other services	-	18,400
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3 Investment income	2025 £	2024 £
Interest received	983	1,207
Dividends	24,845	20,985
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	25,828	22,192
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4 Income from charitable activities	2025 £	2024 £
Fees : Standard	9,410,445	6,524,214
: Additional services	35,783	1,817,856
: College	2,293,856	1,316,877
: Boothroyd House	481,650	274,090
: ESFA funding grant	516,696	589,612
Other grants	609,915	499,016
Other generated income	37,566	31,701
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	13,385,911	11,053,366
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Grants comprise mainly of ESFA funding towards education.

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5	Establishment costs	2025	2024
		£	£
	Cleaning	27,038	36,068
	Maintenance and security	508,840	408,748
	Heat and light	157,013	183,277
	Rent and Water	79,518	71,861
	Insurance	166,474	92,938
	Office costs	148,602	153,718
	Professional fees	73,644	68,193
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		1,161,129	1,014,803
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6	Education and Welfare Costs	2025	2024
		£	£
	Education costs	434,815	198,149
	ICT	110,197	97,311
	Catering	262,728	215,650
	Housekeeping and laundry	46,969	50,694
	Motor and travel	103,125	104,562
	Training	187,125	132,495
	Care	222,738	161,375
	Other	12,832	6,818
	School Improvement Plan – designated fund expenditure	406,076	426,203
	Other restricted and designated fund expenditure	150,302	159,270
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		1,936,907	1,552,527
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7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Computers £	Fixtures & Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
1 April 2024	8,202,836	57,242	503,496	8,763,574
Additions	25,038	-	-	25,038
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31 March 2025	8,227,874	57,242	503,496	8,788,612
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Depreciation				
1 April 2024	2,121,731	57,242	429,560	2,608,533
Charge for year	162,078	-	28,014	190,092
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31 March 2025	2,283,809	57,242	457,574	2,798,625
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Net Book Value				
31 March 2025	5,944,065	-	45,922	5,989,987
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31 March 2024	6,081,105	-	73,936	6,155,041
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8 Investments
Movement in fixed asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Market value at 1 April 2024	1,085,485	1,001,862
Additions at cost	248,891	256,629
Disposals	(242,745)	(234,613)
Net (losses) / gains on revaluations	(19,903)	61,607
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Market value at 31 March 2025	1,071,728	1,085,485
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Investments at market value comprised:		
Charities Official Investment Fund	64,420	66,606
Listed investments:		
Equities	636,672	565,420
Fixed interest securities	250,047	249,327
Alternatives	100,366	128,904
Property	20,223	48,679
Emerging markets	-	26,549
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	1,071,728	1,085,485
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9	Financial instruments			2025 £	2024 £
	Carrying amount of financial assets				
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost			1,079,660	149,541
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities				
	Measured at amortised cost			493,924	1,511,300
10	Debtors			2025 £	2024 £
	Trade debtors			1,001,433	147,806
	Other debtors			78,227	1,735
	Prepayments			48,936	56,567
				1,128,596	206,108
11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			2025 £	2024 £
	Trade creditors			290,100	149,069
	Other taxes and social security			148,627	125,445
	Other creditors			96,867	120,600
	Accruals and deferred income			106,956	1,241,631
				642,550	1,636,745
12	Reserves				
		Unrestricted £	Restricted Endowment £		Total £
	Brought forward	8,085,534	176,669	723,849	8,986,052
	Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,699,513	(46,289)	-	1,653,224
	Net gains on valuations	(16,842)	-	(2,186)	(19,028)
		9,768,205	130,380	721,663	10,620,248

Restricted funds represent grants and donations invested in buildings of £103,798 and the unspent portion of other grants totalling £26,582.

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12 Reserves (Continued)

Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	5,228,946	103,797	657,244	5,390,080	107,718	657,243
Investments	1,007,309	-	64,419	1,018,879	-	66,606
Stock and debtors	1,178,885	-	-	263,363	-	-
Cash and bank	2,995,615	26,583	-	3,049,957	68,951	-
Creditors	(642,550)	-	-	(1,636,745)	-	-
	<u>9,768,205</u>	<u>130,380</u>	<u>721,663</u>	<u>8,085,534</u>	<u>176,669</u>	<u>723,849</u>

13 Transactions with Trustees

During the financial year The Smith Foundation was invoiced £1,542 (2024: £13,068) by PSK Building Surveyors Limited for property consultancy. R Tilbrook was a trustee of The Smith Foundation and a director and shareholder of PSK Building Surveyors Limited during the year. A balance of £Nil (2024: £1,800) was due to PSK Building Surveyors Limited at the year end.

During the financial year The Smith Foundation was invoiced £35,375 (2024: £30,266) by Cuffe and Lacey Associates Limited for RI duties at Boothroyd House. M Cuffe is a trustee of the Smith Foundation and a director and shareholder of Cuffe and Lacey Associates Limited. A balance of £2,647 (2024: £2,131) was due to Cuffe and Lacey Associates Limited at the year end.

14 Expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	6,764,071	5,967,850
Social security costs	620,951	519,208
Pension costs (see note 15)	1,172,649	883,423
	<u>8,557,671</u>	<u>7,370,481</u>

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14 Expenditure (Continued)

Staff earning over £60,000

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Employees with emoluments falling within the following bands:		
£60,001 to £70,000	2	2
£70,001 to £80,000	2	1
£80,001 to £90,000	3	2
£90,001 to £100,000	-	1
£100,001 to £110,000	2	-
£110,001 to £120,000	-	1
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Pension costs were £196,800 (2024: £166,167). 9 employees (2024: 7) were accruing benefits under defined contribution schemes and no employees were accruing benefits under defined benefit schemes.

	2025 £	2024 £
Average number of employees:		
Senior Leadership Team	7	7
Teaching Department	47	41
Care	17	18
Therapy	21	18
Administration	19	18
Maintenance	12	10
Cleaning	12	8
Domestic	7	7
Education Support	45	48
College	34	29
Boothroyd House	8	8
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	229	212
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No remuneration was paid to any of the trustees. Expenses of £253 (2024: £319) were reimbursed to one trustee during the year.

The key management team received remuneration of £698,236 (2024: £568,579).

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15 Pensions

	2025	2024
	£	£
Contributions payable by the Foundation for the employees:		
Teachers Pension	380,267	270,206
West Yorkshire Pension Fund	-	275,941
Peoples Pension	792,382	337,276
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	1,172,649	883,423
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Contributions outstanding at the yearend:		
Teachers Pension	42,952	35,679
Peoples Pension	-	58,208
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	42,952	93,887
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Teachers Pension

The school contributes to the Teachers Pension Scheme (England & Wales) for the teaching staff. The assets of these funds are held separately from The Smith Foundation.

The Teachers Pension Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefits scheme, to which the school pays contributions at the rate set by the Scheme Actuary (currently 28.68% (2024: 23.68%) of pensionable earnings). The school has no responsibility for or benefit from any deficit or surplus of this Scheme. It is not possible or appropriate to identify the assets and liabilities of the Scheme which are attributable to the school and it is therefore accounted for as a defined contribution scheme. Contributions to the Scheme are accounted for when they fall due.

Peoples Pension

The charity also operates a defined contribution scheme for qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The charity contributes a specified percentage of payroll costs to the retirement benefit scheme to fund the benefits. The only obligation of the charity with respect to the scheme is to make the specified contributions.

West Yorkshire Pension Fund

The West Yorkshire Pension Fund was also a multi-employer defined benefits scheme but in this case the school was required to make up the deficit of the Scheme relating to their employees and former employees. At the last valuation of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund made as at 31 March 2022 and published 31 March 2023 the scheme was assessed to have a deficit.

The scheme was closed to new members during the year ended 31 March 2018.

The remaining 37 active members became deferred members of the scheme on 31 August 2023 and the school exited the pension scheme on 31 March 2024 (see note 18).

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16 Financial Commitments

At 31 March 2025 the charity was committed to making the following payments under non-cancellable operating leases: -

	Plant & Machinery	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Leases expiring in: -		
< 1 year	17,257	12,313
2-5 years	153,743	163,079
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17 Events after the reporting date

Transfer of Charitable Activities to the Company

In pursuit of our mission to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of our charitable initiatives, a strategic decision was made to transfer the management and operation of our charitable activities to a newly formed company limited by guarantee – William Henry Smith Foundation.

This transfer was carried out on 1st October 2025. The establishment of William Henry Smith Foundation allows for enhanced focus and dedicated resources in furthering our charitable objectives.

18 Extraordinary item

Exit from West Yorkshire Pension Fund (WYPF)

During the year ended 31 March 2023, the Foundation decided to conclude its membership in the West Yorkshire Pension Fund (WYPF). This decision was made as part of our broader financial and operational restructuring efforts to better align our resources with our long-term strategic goals.

The Charity ceased participation of WYPF on 31 August 2023 and entered into a Deferral Debt Agreement which terminated on 31 March 2024.

The Funds Actuary carried out an exit valuation as at 31 March 2024 and determined the amount required to exit the scheme as at 31 March 2024 to be £1,200,000. This amount was paid in full on 19 July 2024.

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19 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2024 Total
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Charitable activities	4	10,905,017	148,349	-	11,053,366
Investment activities	3	22,192	-	-	22,192
Total income		10,927,209	148,349	-	11,075,558
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
Salaries	14	7,370,481	-	-	7,370,481
Establishment costs	5	1,014,803	-	-	1,014,803
Education & welfare	6	1,393,257	159,270	-	1,552,527
		9,778,541	159,270	-	9,937,811
Support and governance costs:					
Interest payable - pension		-	-	-	-
Depreciation		183,149	3,919	-	187,068
Professional fees		25,303	-	-	25,303
Clerk charges & subscriptions		27,120	-	-	27,120
Auditor remuneration		25,400	-	-	25,400
Actuary fees		-	-	-	-
Investment activities:					
Investment management fees		12,738	-	-	12,738
Total expenditure		10,052,251	163,189	-	10,215,440
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		874,958	(14,840)	-	860,118
Net (losses)/gains on investments		55,202	-	6,405	61,607
Net income/(expenditure)	2	930,160	(14,840)	6,405	921,725
Transfers between funds		(1,725)	1,725	-	-
Actuarial (loss)/gain on defined benefit pension scheme		-	-	-	-
Extraordinary item – Pension scheme exit	18	(1,200,000)	-	-	(1,200,000)
Net movement in funds		(271,565)	(13,115)	6,405	(278,275)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		8,357,099	189,784	717,444	9,264,327
Total funds carried forward	12	8,085,534	176,669	723,849	8,986,052

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.