

Hillhouse SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC013482

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	1902-01-01
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

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Kilmarnock
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Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals', 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: To address inequality and improve the lives of vulnerable children and families across Ayrshire by providing free clothes and other support, and working effectively with a wide range of local partner organisations.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Other defined groups'

Objectives: To alleviate hardship faced by families and make a positive difference in their lives in furtherance of the prevention or relief of poverty. To provide relief of hardship by providing an accessible, free and non-judgemental service to disadvantaged families.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** East Ayrshire
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£205,086	£221,090	-	3
2024-03-31	£270,517	£257,366	-	3
2023-03-31	£297,793	£310,429	-	5
2022-03-31	£316,812	£313,222	-	4
2021-03-31	£234,899	£182,991	-	4

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Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC13482

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
HILLHOUSE SCIO

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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HILLHOUSE SCIO
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

All of Hillhouse's services are developed and delivered in support of a common vision:

'to address inequality and improve the lives of vulnerable children and families across Ayrshire by providing free clothes and other support, and working effectively with a wide range of local partner organisations'.

This vision is supported by the following objectives:

1. To provide high quality clothes, equipment and toys to vulnerable families quickly and in accessible way.
2. To offer support in a non-judgemental way which respects the dignity of the people we help.
3. To ensure our support clearly adds value, and maximises connections to the work of a range of related partner services.
4. To ensure our services are well publicised, in particular to maximise use of the supports available by the most vulnerable families.
5. To continue to develop and diversify our services in response to service user needs, changes in the wider context, and new opportunities.
6. To ensure service quality by operating as a good employer, and a provider of the highest standard of volunteering opportunities.
7. To operate as a professionally governed charitable organisation based on the highest standards of business practice - ensuring sustainability through maximising income generation and successful trading activities.
8. To adopt and apply mechanisms that ensure we evidence and measure all aspects of service impact,

Significant activities

To provide second hand clothing, toys and other items for families.

To provide starter packs for supporting parents of new born babies, although this has since come to an end following the Scottish Government's Scotland Baby Box program.

To co-operate with any other persons or organisations, voluntary or statutory, in furthering the aims of the charity.

To support the material needs of babies and children without bias to race, creed or gender and to seek to promote equal opportunities.

To provide a service to other voluntary and statutory agencies who deal with children and babies.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

From 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025 Hillhouse received 2430 referrals. Of this number 757 were new referrals and 1673 were returning clients.

We distributed 91 Mother and Baby Boxes. We also gave 3270 Christmas presents to 1635 children living in Ayrshire.

Every year we see an increase in the referrals for school uniform. This year we were fortunate to receive a large donation of excess school uniforms from a local Tesco store. This allowed us to attend local events such as the 'Get Ready for School' event at a local primary school.

We successfully secured a second year of funding from the Bank of Scotland Foundation of £10,000 and were one of the 10 charities to be chosen by The Kiltwalk to receive an award of £5000. We also partnered with the Scottish Children's Lottery to help us raise funds.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which would allow the charity to continue to operate for a period of at least three months without the receipt of additional income.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

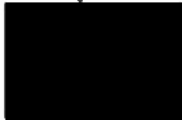
Hillhouse SCIO is constituted as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) as governed by the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 in conjunction with the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations Regulations 2011.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

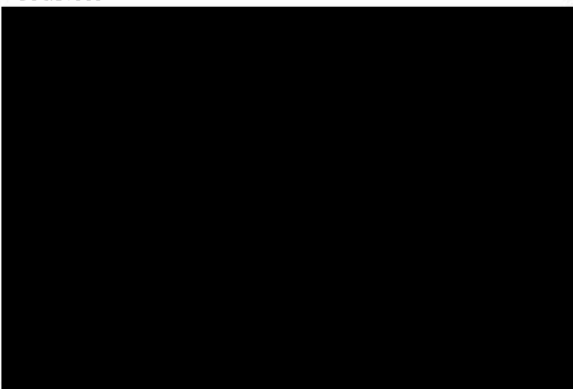
Registered Charity number

SC13482

Principal address



Trustees

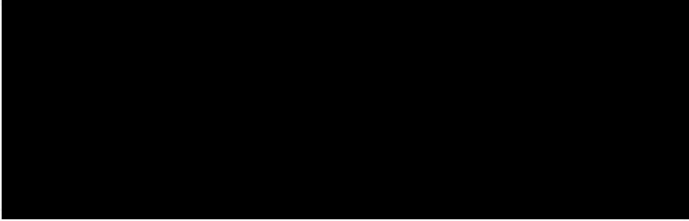


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HILLHOUSE SCIO
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HILLHOUSE SCIO**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages five to thirteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

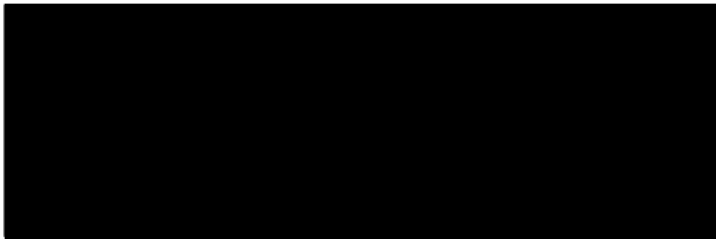
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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19 December 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		14,401	-	14,401	40,054
Charitable activities					
Relief of poverty and distress suffered by babies, young children and their families.		88,588	-	88,588	109,884
Other trading activities	2	102,019	-	102,019	120,569
Other income		78	-	78	10
Total		<u>205,086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205,086</u>	<u>270,517</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		61,817	-	61,817	56,665
Charitable activities					
Relief of poverty and distress suffered by babies, young children and their families.		147,477	11,796	159,273	200,701
Total		<u>209,294</u>	<u>11,796</u>	<u>221,090</u>	<u>257,366</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,208)	(11,796)	(16,004)	13,151
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		55,090	15,214	70,304	57,153
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>50,882</u>	<u>3,418</u>	<u>54,300</u>	<u>70,304</u>

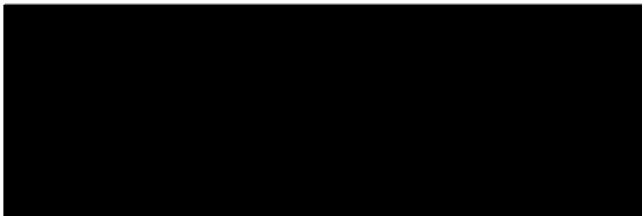
The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	212	3,418	3,630	5,991
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		53,105	-	53,105	68,694
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,435)	-	(2,435)	(4,381)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>50,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,670</u>	<u>64,313</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>50,882</u>	<u>3,418</u>	<u>54,300</u>	<u>70,304</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>50,882</u>	<u>3,418</u>	<u>54,300</u>	<u>70,304</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				50,882	55,090
Restricted funds				3,418	15,214
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>54,300</u>	<u>70,304</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 10% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 10% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Shop income	99,955	117,068
Recycling	2,064	3,501
	102,019	120,569

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

4. STAFF COSTS

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

	2025	2024
Charity delivery staff	1	2
Shop staff	1	6
Business development manager	1	1
	3	9

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	15,054	25,000	40,054
Charitable activities			
Relief of poverty and distress suffered by babies, young children and their families.	109,884	-	109,884
Other trading activities	120,569	-	120,569
Other income	10	-	10
Total	245,517	25,000	270,517
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	56,665	-	56,665
Charitable activities			
Relief of poverty and distress suffered by babies, young children and their families.	175,142	25,559	200,701
Total	231,807	25,559	257,366

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	13,710	(559)	13,151	
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	41,380	15,773	57,153	
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>55,090</u>	<u>15,214</u>	<u>70,304</u>	
 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	4,230	19,380	9,125	32,735
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	2,115	15,504	9,125	26,744
Charge for year	423	1,938	-	2,361
At 31 March 2025	2,538	17,442	9,125	29,105
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	1,692	1,938	-	3,630
At 31 March 2024	2,115	3,876	-	5,991
 7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		2025 £	2024 £	
Taxation and social security		1,633	484	
Other creditors		802	3,897	
		<u>2,435</u>	<u>4,381</u>	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,090	(4,208)	50,882
Restricted funds			
Bank of Scotland Foundation	4,668	(4,668)	-
East Ayrshire Council Recycling Fund	5,546	(2,128)	3,418
Communities in Crisis - Foundation Scotland	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>15,214</u>	<u>(11,796)</u>	<u>3,418</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>70,304</u>	<u>(16,004)</u>	<u>54,300</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	205,086	(209,294)	(4,208)
Restricted funds			
Bank of Scotland Foundation	-	(4,668)	(4,668)
East Ayrshire Council Recycling Fund	-	(2,128)	(2,128)
Communities in Crisis - Foundation Scotland	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,796)</u>	<u>(11,796)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>205,086</u>	<u>(221,090)</u>	<u>(16,004)</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	41,380	13,710	55,090
Restricted funds			
Bank of Scotland Foundation	-	4,668	4,668
East Ayrshire Council Recycling Fund	7,674	(2,128)	5,546
Awards For All	4,599	(4,599)	-
Scottish Children's Charity	3,500	(3,500)	-
Communities in Crisis - Foundation Scotland	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>15,773</u>	<u>(559)</u>	<u>15,214</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>57,153</u>	<u>13,151</u>	<u>70,304</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	245,517	(231,807)	13,710
Restricted funds			
Bank of Scotland Foundation	10,000	(5,332)	4,668
East Ayrshire Council Recycling Fund	-	(2,128)	(2,128)
Awards For All	-	(4,599)	(4,599)
Scottish Children's Charity	-	(3,500)	(3,500)
Communities in Crisis - Foundation Scotland	10,000	(5,000)	5,000
Vardy Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>(25,559)</u>	<u>(559)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>270,517</u>	<u>(257,366)</u>	<u>13,151</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	41,380	9,502	50,882
Restricted funds			
East Ayrshire Council Recycling Fund	7,674	(4,256)	3,418
Awards For All	4,599	(4,599)	-
Scottish Children's Charity	3,500	(3,500)	-
	<u>15,773</u>	<u>(12,355)</u>	<u>3,418</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>57,153</u>	<u>(2,853)</u>	<u>54,300</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	450,603	(441,101)	9,502
Restricted funds			
Bank of Scotland Foundation	10,000	(10,000)	-
East Ayrshire Council Recycling Fund	-	(4,256)	(4,256)
Awards For All	-	(4,599)	(4,599)
Scottish Children's Charity	-	(3,500)	(3,500)
Communities in Crisis - Foundation Scotland	10,000	(10,000)	-
Vardy Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>(37,355)</u>	<u>(12,355)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>475,603</u>	<u>(478,456)</u>	<u>(2,853)</u>

Hillhouse received or enjoyed the use of the following restricted grants during the year to 31 March 2024, the purpose of each fund is also details below:

The East Ayrshire Council Recycling Fund, to assist with the purchase and general running costs of an electric van for collection of donations and delivery of support;

Glaxosmithkline to help buy childrens clothing;

Tesco Bags for Life was also to help fund the purchase of childrens clothing;

Awards for All, to assist with the payment of staff salaries;

Colin Weir Trust for the purchase of childrens presents;

Scottish Childrens Charity to assist with the payment of staff salaries;

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Reach Programme - Bank of Scotland Foundation for the purchase of adult clothing packs;

Communities in Crisis - Foundation Scotland for the payment of salaries and the purchase of adult clothing packs;

Vardy Foundation for the purchase of items to stock Mother & Baby Boxes and the salary of the project coordinator.

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

HILLHOUSE SCIO

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	14,401	40,054
Other trading activities		
Shop income	99,955	117,068
Recycling	2,064	3,501
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	102,019	120,569
Charitable activities		
Grants	88,588	109,884
Other income		
Sundry Receipts	78	10
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Total incoming resources	205,086	270,517
 EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising events	347	7,454
Other trading activities		
Rent, rates and water	40,122	28,375
Heat and light	21,348	20,836
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	61,470	49,211
Charitable activities		
Wages	43,803	69,085
Social security	668	3,750
Pensions	8,136	8,515
Clothing, bairns boxes and household goods etc	20,528	26,645
Travel expenses	1,340	742
Uplifts and deliveries	21,828	18,511
Plant and machinery	423	423
Motor vehicles	1,938	1,938
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	98,664	129,609
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	20,400	33,437
Rates and water	3,451	4,263
Insurance	4,446	3,139
Telephone	-	2,040
Postage and stationery	2,900	2,096
Carried forward	31,197	44,975

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HILLHOUSE SCIO

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Management		
Brought forward	31,197	44,975
Advertising	686	315
Sundries	1,970	2,668
Repairs and renewals	17,816	17,574
Motor vehicle expenses	291	-
	<u>51,960</u>	<u>65,532</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	67	325
Governance costs		
Accountancy, legal and other consultancy fees	8,582	5,235
	<u>221,090</u>	<u>257,366</u>
Total resources expended		
	<u>(16,004)</u>	<u>13,151</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		

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