Company Number: 4666277

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New Mills and District Volunteer Centre

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2026

New Mills and District Volunteer Centre

Reference and administrative information

for the year ended 31 March 2026

Company number 4666277

Charity number 1097655

Registered office and operational address 33-35 Union Road, New Mills, High Peak, SK22 3EL

Trustees

Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Tony Ashton Chair

Liz Treacy Vice Chair

Hazel Body Treasurer

Martin Airey

Gill Christian

Anne Clarke

Rodney Gilmore

Doris Higginbotham

David King – resigned 24th November 2025

Ian Robertson

Dorothy Scapens

Sue Stringer

Management personnel

Management personnel	Mark Allen	Centre Manager
	Hannah Kitson	Community Transport Coordinator
	Lorna Young	Marketing and Groups Coordinator
	Fiona Stanier	Befriending Coordinator
	Julie Slack	Office Administrator
	Jeanette Howard	Caretaker/Cleaner

Bankers

The Co-operative Bank, Delph House, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT

Cambridge & Counties Bank, Charnwood Court, Leicestershire, LE1 6TE

The Vernon Building Society, 19 St. Peters Gate, Stockport, Cheshire, SK1 1HF

United Trust Bank, Ropemaker Street, London, EC2Y

Independent examiner

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DchA Slade & Cooper Limited

Beehive Mill, Jersey St, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 6JG

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Trustees' annual report

for the year ended 31 March 2026

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

The objective of the Volunteer Centre is to promote charitable purposes for the benefit of the residents of New Mills and district by associating together volunteers in a common effort to relieve poverty, sickness, and distress through:

1. Promoting volunteering
2. The provision of a volunteer centre
3. Giving advice and support to volunteers

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set. The trustees are responsible for maintaining the Volunteer Centre and employing a team of staff which is sufficient to deliver the services to our volunteers and clients. During the past year, we have ensured a high-quality service for volunteers, clients and socially isolated people in New Mills and district. The Volunteer Centre has offered advice and support to volunteers, and we continue to use our resources carefully to ensure that we can continue to provide a focal point within our community as well as adapting our activities to meet the ever-changing needs of our clients.

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Chair's Report

Within this report are details of the number of people benefiting from the services provided by our volunteers and staff, all of whom I would like to thank and have contributed to another successful year. However, whilst the quantity is informative (and many will find it surprising), the numbers do not reflect how meaningful our services are to clients who use them. To give an idea, below are examples of the many comments we have received:

This one is from the lady whose mum uses transport and lives 2.5 hours away:

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the incredible support you have provided to my mum over the past few years. Your volunteers have been consistently kind, reliable, and supportive, and the difference you have made to both my mum's wellbeing and my own peace of mind cannot be overstated. It is truly reassuring to know she is in such caring and capable hands.

Below is a quote about our befriending service:

She looks forward to the weekly visits immensely. Without befriending, she would have limited connection with the world outside. She is now able to have company, to share experiences and has developed a positive and trusting relationship. I am so grateful to the befriending service, who work hard to provide connections to people who would otherwise be lonely. It is an invaluable service, and they go above and beyond. Thank you as always for all you do.

From the Musical Memories Session which supports people with dementia and their carers:

"My dad loves it, he asks me when the next one is every single time I see him. It gets better and better, it's just amazing and the musicians are such lovely people.

In terms of pound spent per client we have always been and will continue to be more effective than almost any similar organisation but as Mark has alluded in his report, going forward money is a concern. Over the years Trustees have built up good reserves but last year we had a deficit of over £20,000 and this year we are forecasting a deficit in excess of £30,000 meaning a reduction in reserves of over £50,000 in just two years, which is not sustainable in the long term.

It is worth remembering that we are a Charity, and the vital services we provide to support our community are only possible thanks to external funding and the generosity of local people. We kindly ask you to consider supporting our work with a donation, no matter how small. There are several simple ways to contribute, including via PayPal, by playing the High Peak Community Lottery, through Easyfundraising when you shop online, or by choosing to leave a lasting legacy through a gift in your will. Your support truly makes a difference and helps us continue to be there for those who need us most.

Tony Ashton

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Achievements and performance

Volunteering

Volunteers are at the heart of our charity, and they power all of the activities, sessions, and services we provide. We have 377 registered volunteers and this year our volunteers have provided 10,649 hours' support to the community. This commitment is the equivalent of £103,024 worth of wages at minimum wage.

Transport to medical appointments

Volunteers have driven 23,320 miles supporting 223 different clients to make 1737 journeys to a range of medical appointments across the region including hospitals in Macclesfield, Manchester, Chesterfield, and Sheffield. The service has potentially saved the NHS £101,280 in missed appointments.

Befriending

We have completed the first full year of our National Lottery funded befriending partnership & 36 volunteers have given 3,790 hours of their time supporting 49 members of our community who have been suffering loneliness and isolation.

Shopping Trips

This year we have supported 40 members of our community to regularly attend a local supermarket so they can access a wider range of items and services. In total we have had 660 attendances on our shopping bus.

Groups

Our groups have been extremely busy once again this year. We have added to our programme a Musical memories Club, specifically for people living with dementia and their carers or family. The session looks to unlock memories through music and activity delivered by musicians from the Halle Orchestra. We have also seen huge uptake in attendances, over 20% of last year for our Acoustic Soup, Chair Based Exercise and Knit & Natter sessions. In total we had 3,912 attendances at our groups.

Signposting

During the year we dealt with 5,658 enquiries from the local community with a wide range of requests and help required. As some of the issues that arose couldn't be dealt with by the Volunteer Centre, we were able to signpost people 381 times to other local services, voluntary organisations or groups who were in a better position to provide the help or support needed.

Client Christmas Meal.

We once again drew the calendar year to an end with our now annual Client Christmas meal at St. Georges parish hall. We provided 69 Christmas dinners to our clients, all of them prepared by our wonderful team of volunteers. And each person attending was able to go home with a Christmas present which was kindly provided by the Hummingbird Project in Glossop.

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Financial review

This financial year the Charity had a deficit of £35,801 (2024/2025 surplus of £27,952).

The value of the COIF Charities Investment Fund Units decreased by £7,934 making the units held worth £85,125. These fund units cannot be sold, they are held in Trust for the District Nurses Fund, only the dividends paid each year can be used for the benefit and wellbeing of the users of the charity according to strict criteria, this year the dividends from these units was £2,734. The balance available at the year-end is £5,930.

This year we have received funding from Derbyshire County Council of £9,100 for Active Travel. From NHS Derby and Derbyshire Group Integrated Care System we received £22,474 and £2,456 for signposting. This year High Peak Borough Council gave us £5,000, we also received £5,000 from the Masonic Charitable Foundation, £1,960 from Derbyshire Dales Voluntary Service, and £6,011 from Mind to improve our allotment. From The Big Lottery we received £33,936 towards befriending and £12,694 towards core costs, this was our share of a three-year funding grant awarded jointly to us, The Bureau (Glossop) and Connex (Buxton).

The Social and Fundraising and Regular Funding Committees continued to be well supported by the volunteers, local businesses and the general public and have raised £9,993. There have been many different events, these include our Plant sale which was able to go ahead this year and raised £1,447, Coffee Mornings £1295, our annual Garden Sale raised £1,280 Handicraft sales £1,161, Bongo Bingo £1,042, Quiz Nights £797, Autumn Raffle £764 and the refreshment stall at the Hayfield apple day which raised £617, and numerous smaller events including the Christmas Concert, One World Festival and car boots sales.

From the Community Lottery we received £1,688.

The Josh Webb Memorial Golf Day raised £860, organised by Simon Webb in memory of his son, who kindly donated the money to the Centre to help Finance our befriending services.

We received donations of £6,500 from Kelsa Trucks, £1,615 from the Co-op for our chair-based exercise, £1,000 from Swizzles Matlow, together with other generous donations, the total received was £16,409.

The total income for 2025/2026 was £174,307 (2024/2025 £224,357). The total expenditure for 2025/2026 was £202,174 (2024/2025 £191,857). Therefore, this year we have a deficit of £35,801 (2024/2025 surplus of £27,952).

Our main funders were The Big Lottery, Derbyshire County Council (Active transport), NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care System, High Peak Borough Council, Masonic Charitable Foundation, Mind and Derbyshire Dales Voluntary Services.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have, as required of them considered the risks faced and the steps needed to mitigate them. The level of reserves is kept under review, and the Trustees have decided to keep the designated fund to cover the future purchase of a new Minibus of £15,000.

The Trustees also like to have £12,576 to cover the remaining lease, £5,930 the dividends that have been earned on the District Nurses Fund (this is ring fenced) and is to be used for the health and wellbeing of anyone in New Mills, a request needs to be presented to the Board for approval. £359 held for High Peak Kids Council and £834 held for the Repair Cafe. This leaves money held in unrestricted income of £195,850.

Plans for the future

The future is both exciting and worrying. Exciting because after many years of effort by the Trustees and staff members, both past and present, New Mills Town Council has finally agreed to transfer the freehold of the building on Union Road, New Mills which we currently occupy to us. We would like to thank the current Town Council for this decision. This is exciting because it will provide us with future security, the confidence to make future improvements and if necessary to borrow against the building to fund any major improvements deemed necessary. I would also like to thank all the Trustees and staff, both past and present who have worked hard to achieve this outcome.

The future is worrying due to the uncertainty of future funding. Owing to the strong position we finished 2024/2025 in, and despite the deficit of £35,801 this year, our reserves at the start of the 2026/2027 are good. As anticipated, we are having to use these reserves to meet day to day expenses, we are expecting further grant income in the coming months, so there is no danger of us not meeting our commitments and our services will continue as they are for the present. We are currently awaiting the decisions of some of our current funders on future funding and applying for grants to allow us to maintain services. I am optimistic that the outcomes of these will be positive. Without new funding streams we are forecast to show a deficit of a similar magnitude to the year just ending.

Our Kinder Social Group and Acoustic Soup Group have activities, talks and music arranged for the coming months, the Health walks have already begun and are set to continue throughout the summer, our other groups including the newly formed Musical Memories Club continue to be popular.

Our Social and Fundraising Committee continue to be very active with a range of events which as well as raising much needed funds, help to bring the Volunteer Centre to the attention of the wider community. The next event planned is a Coffee morning to be held on the 18th of July. The quizzes have proved so popular that this year we are holding three quizzes instead of the usual 2, with the next one planned for the 3rd of October. We will also be providing the refreshments at the Hayfield Apple Day this year. We hope to see as many of you as possible supporting us at these events

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Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 13th February 2003 and registered as a charity on 22nd May 2003.

The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 12 to the accounts.

The Trustees have a policy on Trustee recruitment and new Trustees are encouraged to receive relevant training. This year the Trustee main body has continued with the use of subgroups i.e. Fundraising, publicity and marketing.

The Trustee Board meetings are held regularly in person at the Centre.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Artiles of Association, the Trustees retire in rotation over a three-year period after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. The Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer are all re-elected each year.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations

We will continue to support and provide a voice for the voluntary sector by working with our funding partner NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB. We will work with the New Mills Move More Strategy group at the best way forwards in enabling the people of New Mills to move more and become more active, and the role that we can play at the Volunteer Centre. We will continue to attend and contribute to a range of partner meetings and alliances to ensure we are at the table and have a voice in the shaping of the VCSE moving forwards.

Remuneration policy for key management personnel

No employees have total benefits over £60,000.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified key risks associated with running the Volunteer Centre and have created a Risk Register which is reviewed regularly with remedial action being taken as appropriate. Written procedures have been prepared for the Charity's policies covering employees, volunteers, clients, visitors and financial systems and procedures.

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Year End Manager Report 2025/26

This last year has been a challenging and rewarding one at the same time. As you will see in this year's impact report we have had a fantastic number of people using our services throughout the year, as well as volunteering and supporting our community. Our staff have done a great job of adapting to the needs of the community, putting on additional sessions, ensuring all our services can cope with the demand and providing support for both users and volunteers.

Last year we lost funding from Derbyshire County Council which has resulted in us needing to use reserve funds to get through the year. We are in a fortunate position after many years of careful sound financial management by the staff and trustees we are able to do this. However, like a broken record we start the year with uncertainty around funding for the coming year. Funding we receive from Derbyshire County Council that supports our transport to medical appointments service is now being managed by the new East Midlands Combined Authority and have only confirmed funding until September. Likewise, Derby and Derbyshire ICB have only confirmed funding until September and are currently reviewing the future direction of how they fund voluntary organisations. There is a potential combined loss of around £30,000 a year which we are currently putting together financial plans and bid writing to negate these potential shortfalls.

This year we have seen more people with complex health needs particularly people with varying stages dementia looking for support from the volunteer centre. Whilst there is a recognised increase in the number of dementia cases nationwide, we can't help but think that the closure of many of the local services and day centres over the last 18 months is contributing to what we are experiencing at the Centre as people look for alternative provision. As an organisation we try to help as much as we can as is demonstrated through the New Springbank Musical Memories Club we have started in partnership with Spring Bank Arts, however staff and volunteer are limited in what we can do with the more complex cases and are often only able to help with signposting to other suitable care providers.

On to more positive news, we were lucky to have received a grant from Derbyshire Mind last year to support the wellbeing of people through outdoor activity and what better way to do this than through our very own allotment. The funding will enable us to refurbish the allotment growing beds, put down a new patio seating area and replace the dilapidated shed.

One of the major events of the last year involves our building, where in February the Town Councillors agreed to give us the freehold of the building at the end of our current lease agreement with them. This decision from the councillors will give us an asset which will provide us with security moving forwards and will enable us to better plan for the future.

Finally, I want to give a massive thank you to our volunteers, whether you are giving up your time driving, making meals, befriending, gardening, helping at groups, supporting us in the office or fundraising for us. Without your support we wouldn't be able to make the impact on the community and the people within the community who need our support.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

We hold investments for the District Nurses Fund, these were given to us on the understanding that we could not sell them, but that the dividends generated could be used for the health and wellbeing of the people of New Mills and district. These are shown every year on our balance sheet and the amount of dividends still to be used is stated in our reserves.

The Volunteer Centre holds monies in trust for the High Peak Kids Council, this is monies raised by the primary schools of New Mills, this money is to be used by the schools for the benefit of themselves. The money is included in our restricted funds, and the amount is reported on every year. We also hold monies in our restricted funds for the Repair Cafe who open on the last Saturday every month and this is to cover any expenses they incur.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of New Mills and District Volunteer Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

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

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 29th June 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Tony Ashton

Chair

Independent examiner's report

to the members of

New Mills and District Volunteer Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2026 which are set out on pages 12 to 33.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Jennifer Daniel

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA
Slade & Cooper Limited
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street
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Date 30/06/2026

New Mills and District Volunteer Centre

Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2026 £	*Total funds 2025 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	29,341	1,615	30,956	*44,377*
Charitable activities	4	45,168	54,490	99,658	*138,545*
Other trading activities	5	31,981	-	31,981	*30,061*
Investments	6	8,978	2,734	11,712	*11,374*
Total income		**115,468**	**58,839**	**174,307**	***224,357***
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	2,394	-	2,394	*1,791*
Charitable activities	8	132,111	67,669	199,780	*190,066*
Total expenditure		**134,505**	**67,669**	**202,174**	***191,857***
Net income / (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments		(19,037)	(8,830)	(27,867)	*32,500*
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments		-	(7,934)	(7,934)	*(4,548)*
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	10	**(19,037)**	**(16,764)**	**(35,801)**	***27,952***
Transfer between funds		2,896	(2,896)	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**(16,141)**	**(19,660)**	**(35,801)**	***27,952***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		242,026	166,064	408,090	*380,138*
Total funds carried forward		**225,885**	**146,404**	**372,289**	***408,090***

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

New Mills and District Volunteer Centre
Company number 41666277

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2026

	Note	2026		*2025*	
		£	£	*£*	*£*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		28,162		*37,544*
Investments	16		85,125		*93,059*
Total fixed assets			**113,287**		***130,603***
Current assets					
Debtors	17	1,206		*1,245*	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	267,210		*285,898*	
Total current assets		**268,416**		***287,143***	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	19	(9,414)		*(9,656)*	
Net current assets			**259,002**		***277,487***
Net assets			**372,289**		***408,090***
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	20		146,404		*166,064*
Unrestricted income funds	21		225,885		*242,026*
Total charity funds			**372,289**		***408,090***

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with FRS102 SORP, and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 15 to 33 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 29/06/2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Tony Ashton (Trustee)

Hazel Body (Trustee)

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ending 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 £	*2025 £*
Cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	24	**(30,400)**	***29,129***
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		11,712	*11,374*
Cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		**11,712**	***11,374***
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(18,688)	*40,503*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		285,898	*245,395*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**267,210**	***285,898***

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), second edition - October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

New Mills and District Volunteer Centre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether ‘capital’ grants or ‘revenue’ grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor’s intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised; refer to the trustees’ annual report for more information about their contribution.

e Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

f Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h Operating leases

Operating leases are leases in which the title to the assets, and the risks and rewards of ownership, remain with the lessor. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

i Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Leasehold building improvements	25 years	(period of lease)
Office fixtures and equipment	5 years	
Computer equipment	1 year	
Minibus	5 years	

j 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 closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

k Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

m Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution ‘money purchase’ scheme. The charity’s contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 11. Outstanding contributions at the year end was £604 (2025: £692).

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

3 Income from donations and legacies

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2026 £
Donations	15,267	1,615	16,882
Fund raising income	14,074	-	14,074
Gift Aid	-	-	-
Total	29,341	1,615	30,956

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2025 £*
Donations	*28,738*	*111*	*28,849*
Fund raising income	*15,528*	*-*	*15,528*
Gift Aid	*-*	*-*	*-*
Total	*44,266*	*111*	*44,377*

4 Income from charitable activities

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2026 £
NHS Derby & Derbyshire ICS	22,474	2,456	24,930
Derbyshire County Council	-	9,100	9,100
High Peak Borough Council	5,000	-	5,000
Derbyshire Dales Voluntary Services	-	1,960	1,960
Derbyshire Mind Ltd	-	6,011	6,011
Masonic Charitable Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
Big Lottery Fund (joint bid with Connex and The Bureau)	12,694	33,963	46,657
Swizzels	-	1,000	1,000
Total	45,168	54,490	99,658

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2025 £*
NHS Derby & Derbyshire ICS	*21,693*	*3,237*	*24,930*
Derbyshire County Council	*21,763*	*-*	*21,763*
Derbyshire County Council	*-*	*110*	*110*
Derbyshire County Council	*-*	*9,100*	*9,100*
High Peak Borough Council	*5,000*	*-*	*5,000*
Derbyshire Dales Voluntary Services	*-*	*1,400*	*1,400*
Royal Countryside Fund	*-*	*12,500*	*12,500*
Derbyshire Mind Ltd	*750*	*-*	*750*
Masonic Charitable Foundation	*5,000*	*-*	*5,000*
Inman Charity	*-*	*3,000*	*3,000*
Public Health High Peak	*-*	*5,568*	*5,568*
Big Lottery Fund	*6,648*	*16,276*	*22,924*
Community Fund Grant	*-*	*20,000*	*20,000*
Derbyshire Community Fund	*-*	*2,000*	*2,000*
Swizzels	*-*	*1,000*	*1,000*
D-Oyly Carte	*-*	*3,500*	*3,500*
Total	*60,854*	*77,691*	*138,545*

5 Income from other trading activities

	2026	*2025*
	£	*£*
Room Hire	7,001	*4,978*
Groups' Income	24,575	*24,368*
Miscellaneous Income	405	*715*
	31,981	*30,061*

All income from other trading activities is unrestricted.

6 Investment income

Current reporting period

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2026
	£	£	£
Income from bank deposits	8,978	-	8,978
Income from Investments	-	2,734	2,734
	8,978	2,734	11,712

Previous reporting period

	Unrestricted	*Restricted*	*2025*
	£	*£*	*£*
Income from bank deposits	*8,719*	*-*	*8,719*
Income from Investments	*-*	*2,655*	*2,655*
	8,719	*2,655*	*11,374*

All of the charity's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts. All investment income is unrestricted.

7 Cost of raising funds

	2026	*2025*
	£	*£*
Costs of raising funds	2,394	*1,791*
	2,394	1,791

All expenditure on cost of raising funds is unrestricted.

8 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2026	*Total 2025*
	£	*£*
Staff costs	132,505	*123,688*
Premises	7,544	*7,808*
Administration	12,791	*14,899*
Gas, Water, Electricity	3,728	*4,335*
Project costs	30,074	*27,162*
Professional fees	1,614	*752*
Depreciation	9,382	*9,382*
Governance costs (see note 9)	2,142	*2,040*
	199,780	*190,066*

	2026	*2025*
	£	*£*
Restricted expenditure	67,669	*86,996*
Unrestricted expenditure	132,111	*103,070*
	199,780	190,066

9 Analysis of governance costs

	Basis of apportionment	*Total 2026*	*Total 2025*
		£	*£*
Independent Examiner's fee	Governance	600	*600*
Accountancy services	Governance	1,542	*1,440*
		2,142	*2,040*

10 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2026 £	*2025 £*
Depreciation	9,382	*9,382*
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	6,286	*6,286*
Ind. examiner remuneration - Accountancy fees	1,542	*1,440*
Ind. examiner remuneration - payroll bureau fees	1,020	*519*
Independent examiner's fee	600	*600*

11 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2026 £	*2025 £*
Wages and salaries	123,150	*114,458*
Social security costs	3,469	*4,515*
Pension costs	4,895	*4,522*
Other Staff Costs	991	*193*
	132,505	*123,688*

No employees have employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2025: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 6 (2025: 6).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Centre Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £43,649 (2025: £39,799).

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

2 (2025: 2) members of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year, these amount to £1,345 (2025:£314).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £40 (2025: £17).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2025: nil).

13 Government grants

The government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

	2026 £	*2025 £*
High Peak Borough Council	5,000	*5,000*
Derbyshire County Council	9,100	*30,973*
	14,100	*35,973*

There were no unfulfilled conditions and contingencies attaching to the grants.

14 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

15 Fixed assets: tangible assets

	Leasehold improvements	Office furniture & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2025	234,566	26,739	38,413	299,718
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2026	234,566	26,739	38,413	299,718
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2025	197,022	26,739	38,413	262,174
Charge for the year	9,382			9,382
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2026	206,404	26,739	38,413	271,556
Net book value				
At 31 March 2026	28,162	-	-	28,162
At 31 March 2025	*37,544*	-	-	*37,544*

16 Investments

	2026 £	*2025 £*
Market value at the start of the year	93,059	*97,607*
Add: additions to investments at cost	-	-
Disposals at carrying value	-	-
Add net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(7,934)	*(4,548)*
	85,125	*93,059*
Cash held by investment broker pending reinvestment	-	-
Market value at the end of the year	85,125	*93,059*

Investments at fair value comprised:

COIF Charities Investment Fund Units	85,125	*93,059*
	85,125	*93,059*

Investments are all carried at fair value and are all traded in quoted public markets.

17 Debtors

	2026 £	*2025 £*
Trade debtors	1,160	*79*
Prepayments and accrued income	46	*1,166*
	1,206	*1,245*

18 Cash at bank and in hand

	2026	*2025*
	£	*£*
Short term deposits	260,545	*231,568*
Cash at bank and on hand	6,665	*54,330*
	267,210	*285,898*

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	*2025*
	£	*£*
Other creditors and accruals	5,693	*6,395*
Deferred income	1,193	*1,354*
Taxation and social security costs	2,528	*1,907*
	9,414	*9,656*

20 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Volunteer Centre					
District Nurses' Fund	101,976	2,734	(10,930)	(1,574)	92,206
Relocation Project	37,544	-	(9,382)	-	28,162
Active Travel	4,692	9,100	(9,810)	74	4,056
Derbyshire Dale Voluntary Service	-	1,960	(675)	(1,285)	-
Royal Countryside Fund	9,375	-	(9,375)	-	-
Swizzels	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Befriending	11,091	33,963	(28,464)	-	16,590
Pottery class donation	111	-	-	(111)	-
Anonymous Donor	1,275	-	(334)	-	941
Mind	-	6,011	(2,022)	-	3,989
NHS Derby & Derbyshire ICS	-	2,456	(2,456)	-	-
Chair based exercise donation	-	1,615	(1,155)	-	460
Total	166,064	58,839	(75,603)	(2,896)	146,404

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2024 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*Balance at 31 March 2025 £*
Volunteer Centre					
District Nurses' Fund	*108,093*	*2,655*	*(5,688)*	*(3,084)*	*101,976*
Relocation Project	*46,926*	-	*(9,382)*	-	*37,544*
Active Travel	*4,790*	*9,100*	*(9,198)*	-	*4,692*
DCC Infrastructure	*(1,233)*	*3,237*	*(4,253)*	*2,249*	-
Derbyshire Dale Voluntary Service	-	*1,510*	*(620)*	*(890)*	-
Royal Countryside Fund	*9,375*	*12,500*	*(21,875)*	*9,375*	*9,375*
Swizzels	-	*1,000*	*(1,000)*	-	-
D-Oyly Carte	-	*3,500*	*(3,500)*	-	-
Befriending	-	*46,844*	*(35,753)*	-	*11,091*
Pottery class donation	-	*111*	-	-	*111*
Anonymous Donor	*1,550*	-	*(275)*	-	*1,275*
Total	*169,501*	*80,457*	*(91,544)*	*7,650*	*166,064*

Name of restricted fund	**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**
District Nurses' Fund	Income from dividends and increases in value. Expenditure includes use of minibus.
Relocation Project	The Relocation Project was created in 2003 and refers to the move to the current premises on Union Road. The project was substantially funded by The Big Lottery and outgoing resources represent the depreciation charge on the improvements to the premises.
Active Travel	Grant Received from DCC to go towards the cost of travel to medical appointments.
Derbyshire Dales Voluntary Services	Warm Hub Grant
Royal Countryside	Community Transport
Swizzles	Money to go towards Kinder Social Group
Annonymous Donor	Money to be used to run monthly walking group.
Befriending	Grant from Big Lottery
Mind	Grant to be used for improvements to the allotment.
Transfers	Transfers in respect of donations from participants, and administration and management costs agreed with funders.

21 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	227,026	115,468	(134,505)	2,896	210,885
Designated funds:					
Purchase of new minibus	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Gap funding -	-				
Community transport	-	-	-	-	-
	242,026	115,468	(134,505)	2,896	225,885

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2024 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*As at 31 March 2025 £*
General fund	*184,442*	*143,900*	*(78,666)*	*(22,650)*	*227,026*
Designated funds:					
Repairs & renewals	*4,000*	-	*(4,000)*	-	-
Befriender costs	*1,103*	-	*(1,103)*	-	-
Purchase of new minibus	-	-	-	*15,000*	*15,000*
Gap funding -					-
Community	*21,092*	-	*(21,092)*	-	-
	210,637	*143,900*	*(104,861)*	*(7,650)*	*242,026*

Name of unrestricted fund	**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**
General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds
Repairs & renewals	To cover the cost of repairs and repainting of the Centre

22 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current reporting period	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	28,162	-	-	28,162
Fixed asset investments	85,125	-	-	85,125
Net current assets/(liabilities)	97,598	15,000	146,404	259,002
Creditors of more than one year	-	-	-	-
Total	210,885	15,000	146,404	372,289

Previous reporting period	*General fund £*	*Designated funds £*	*Restricted funds £*	*Total £*
Tangible fixed assets	*37,544*	*-*	*-*	*37,544*
Fixed asset investments	*93,059*	*-*	*-*	*93,059*
Net current assets/(liabilities)	*96,423*	*15,000*	*166,064*	*277,487*
Creditors of more than one year	*-*	*-*	*-*	*-*
Total	*227,026*	*15,000*	*166,064*	*408,090*

23 Operating lease commitments

The charity's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases

	Property	
	2026	*2025*
	£	*£*
Less than one year	6,286	*6,286*
One to five years	6,290	*12,576*
	12,576	*18,862*

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

	2026	*2025*
	£	*£*
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	(35,801)	*27,952*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	9,382	*9,382*
(Gains)/losses on investments	7,934	*4,548*
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(11,712)	*(11,374)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	39	*22*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(242)	*(1,401)*
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating	(30,400)	*29,129*

25 Prior year Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	44,266	111	44,377	34,623
Charitable activities	60,854	77,691	138,545	109,297
Other trading activities	30,061	-	30,061	23,817
Investments	8,719	2,655	11,374	7,578
Total income	143,900	80,457	224,357	175,315
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	1,791	-	1,791	2,645
Charitable activities	103,070	86,996	190,066	178,324
Total expenditure	104,861	86,996	191,857	180,969
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments	39,039	(6,539)	32,500	(5,654)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	-	(4,548)	(4,548)	8,102
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	39,039	(11,087)	27,952	2,448
Transfer between funds	(7,650)	7,650	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year	31,389	(3,437)	27,952	2,448
Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward	210,637	169,501	380,138	377,690
Total funds carried forward	242,026	166,064	408,090	380,138

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.