

CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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## THE OBJECTS OF CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT

- To help educate persons, primarily aged between 11-25, to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.
- To relieve poverty and sickness amongst young people by establishing and developing a counselling, advice and information service.

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## THE AIMS OF CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT

We aim to make a positive difference to the lives of Young People by helping them:

- Increase their Confidence and self-esteem
- Improve their social and life skills
- Increase their knowledge and understanding.
- Improve their health and wellbeing

And in so doing help them achieve their full potential in education, employment, family life and society.

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## OUR MISSION

To help young people overcome the difficulties and problems they face and enable them to achieve their full potential in life, health/wellbeing, education, employment and relationships.

Working both independently and in partnership with other institutions for the mutual benefit of the wider community and young people.

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## SUMMARY OF CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT (CYP YELLOW DOOR)

Canvey Island Youth Project was established in July 1992. Our constitution was adopted on the 19th of September 1996 when we became an unincorporated organisation. We became a registered charity on 29th July 1997. Charity Number 1063643.



We are a local charity based in Southeast Essex. We work with young people between the ages of 11 and 25, especially those who are disadvantaged because of often-interrelated issues such as learning difficulties, behavioural problems, family issues, poverty, and mental health problems.

We aim to help them by offering a range of services and activities which focus on young people's health and wellbeing. The services include one-to-one advice and information, counselling, mentoring, and small well-being groups for social skills and mental health needs. Alongside this, we run a diverse programme of clubs, including performing arts, gardening, LGBTQ+, music, sport, young carers, as well as open-access Youth Clubs and Holiday Clubs. We also work with young people through detached and outreach work and offer educational workshops.

Our aim is to enable the young people who use our service to develop the knowledge, life skills and confidence needed to make informed choices and to manage their sometimes very challenging life circumstances. In so doing, helping them achieve their full potential in education, employment, family life and society.

**DH12** was referred to counselling for difficulties managing anger, particularly in school. Within five sessions, we were able to identify what was causing his anger management issues and give him not only an understanding of why this was happening but techniques to help him cope and manage the situations. At the end of sessions, he was able to identify in the moment that peers were targeting him to get a reaction, and he was able to walk away from this rather than getting angry and fighting.

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING (YIAC)

Our Health and Wellbeing service this year has included Counselling, Mentoring, Small Group work and information, advice and support.

The number below shows the number of young people we have worked with this year. It does not include short-term advice and support clients.

Service	Completed	Ongoing	Total YP
<b>Counselling</b>	151	51	200
<b>Mentoring</b>	24	14	38
<b>Advice and Support</b>	17	4	21
<b>Social Skills</b>	17	12	29
<b>Hope Box</b>	7	8	15
<b>Total number of Young People</b>	216	89	303

### Client A11 shared:

“I love Yellow Door; it’s like a big family. I know if I’m in trouble, I can always count on Yellow Door.”

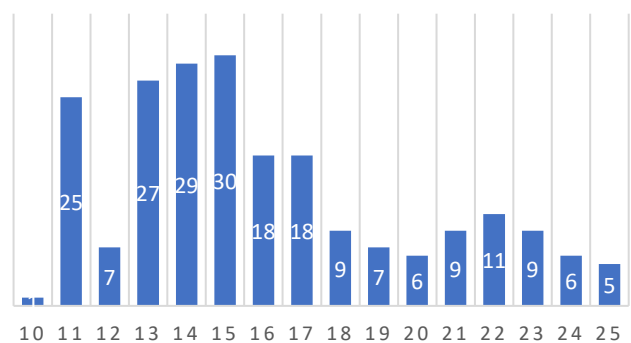
The Data below focuses on our record sheets for young people who have completed their work with our services this year.

The following data is based on completed clients

Identity	Total
Male	91
Female	126
Parent	2
LBGTQ	22
NEET	24
Ethnicity*	10
Special Needs	75

\*5% of clients, which is the same as the population of Castle Point.

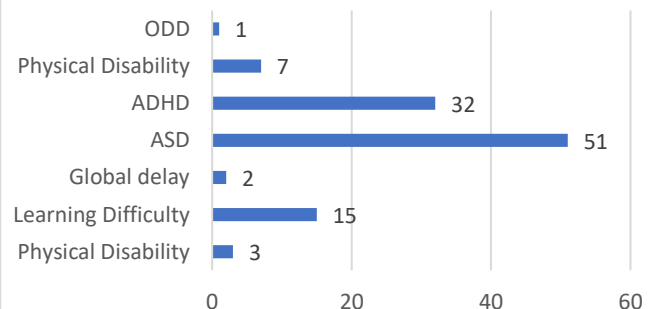
### AGE OF CLIENTS



**EC15** began counselling to help manage trauma and years of built-up emotions. They felt they were unable to regulate their emotions and would experience periods of low mood. They struggled with motivation and self-expectations due to the pressure of fitting others’ expectations of them and their achievements. Through sessions, we were able to work through their trauma as well as explore their perceptions of self and what they wanted to achieve and who they wanted to be. This resulted in EC feeling more confident and self-assured, and feeling more able to manage daily stressors and regulate their emotions.

The majority of young people work with in our service have been between 13 and 17. However we have seen an increase in the under 12’s and over 17’s.

### Type Special Needs





### *Charis Boyd – Counsellor*

This year, our counselling service has seen a continued rise in referrals for anxiety, low self-esteem, relationship difficulties and complex trauma. Thanks to the dedication and continued professional development of the counselling team we have been able to support young people in exploring and managing these difficulties. This enables clients to not only process their emotions and situations but explore ways of managing, whether this is by building on skills to assert their views or opinions or recognising what is in their control and making active changes towards this. In counselling we focus on providing a safe space for clients to explore their feelings and experiences whilst encouraging them to develop healthier ways of coping.

We are continuing year upon year to see a significant rise in referrals of young people with diagnosed or suspected ASD and ADHD. Many of these young people are also referred with difficulties with general and/or social anxiety. In counselling, we have been continuing to work with clients to better understand and normalise the ways in which their brains process information differently from their neurotypical peers. We then identify methods to begin to develop ways of coping in the world they experience. Many of these clients report feeling different. In particular, older clients with ASD report feeling as though they cannot function in a society that requires them to “be like everybody else”. This causes feelings of hopelessness and depressive periods, in which these clients find themselves in counselling to explore and manage. We have continued to train ourselves to understand and assist clients with neurodiversity with up-to-date training from specialists in these areas.

School attendance has been a presenting issue we have seen rise this year in counselling. With an increase in clients who are either not attending school, have reduced timetables or have been moved to home learning due to anxiety or issues with bullying from peers. This has been difficult not only for clients but also for families who face pressure from schools to return their young people to school. We have been working closely with clients to manage their expectations regarding when

**K17** had been the victim of a hit and run accident in which he sustained severe injuries.

After several months his physical injuries had healed but he was unable to leave the house alone due to the fear of it happening again. He was experiencing nightmares and flashbacks and extreme anger whenever he heard car engines revving. His mood swings were affecting his relationships and anxiety was affecting his college career.

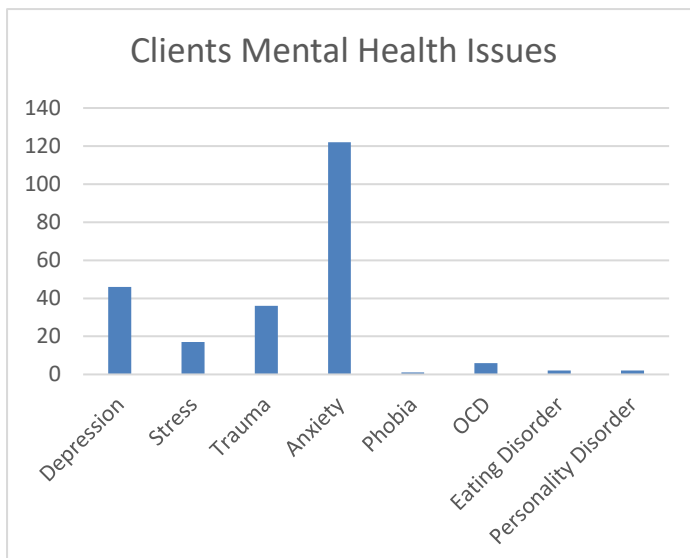
We used CBT to help him understand the negative thoughts he was having were not realistic and he was able to replace them with more helpful rational thoughts. However, he was still experiencing physical symptoms of trauma every time a car drove past, or he heard sirens.

We used EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitisation and reprocessing). We got K to focus on the worst part of his memory, and his negative thought (I am in danger) and to notice where he felt the fear in his body. We then used eye movements to desensitise the feelings until they were at zero. When there was no fear attached to the memory K chose a positive thought (I am safe now) and we used eye movements to ‘install’ that.

K was then able to recall the memory with no fear attached to it.

We repeated the process to deal with the anger attached to the accident.

By using a combination of therapeutic techniques K was able to move on from the past. His mood swings stabilised, and his relationships improved. He was no longer anxious, so he was able to attend and enjoy college.



they will return to school and work with them to gradually achieve their goals. Whether this involves returning to school or exploring alternative ways of learning. A big part of this process is to work with clients towards managing the anxiety they mostly face when attending school. This initiative has been successful, with many clients achieving or continuing to work towards their educational goals.

Furthermore, we are continuing to see an increase in clients referred for emotional regulation difficulties. We

continue to work with many young people who struggle to identify and manage their emotions. This can cause behavioural issues within the home, school, or lead to maladaptive ways of managing. Upon exploring these issues with clients, we are discovering that many young people are not taught how to manage their emotions and often express them through anger or by shutting down. In counselling, we are working with clients to not only better understand their feelings but also how to manage them going forward. This also enables clients to communicate their needs more effectively, having a lasting impact on their overall well-being.

We have also seen an increase in referrals of older clients over the past year. This has caused some difficulties, as older clients usually have more specific time availabilities and have found that this can at times lead to increased waiting times. We have also had some difficulties this year with older clients who have not been ready to access counselling but have been referred. We continue to monitor and take active steps to manage this issue. On the other hand, older clients who have been referred and can engage in counselling have seen significant improvements in their well-being and mental health. These clients actively engage with counselling to work towards specific goals they have in mind when referred, and are more able to understand and process their emotions. This is seen in how these clients can better develop relationships and explore new situations that would have previously been too anxiety-producing to attempt.



*Our Wellbeing room were refurbished thanks to funding from Jack Petchey Foundation and the Morrisons Foundation*

**EW23** came to counselling with anxiety, depression and low confidence/self-esteem due to difficult romantic relationships and a recent break-up. Throughout sessions we worked on processing their past relationships and what cycles contributed to them finding themselves in the same situations. We were able to identify core beliefs and work on their anxiety. At the end of sessions they were not only managing their anxiety, coming off of anti-depressants but also feeling more confident in themselves and able to confidently consider future relationships without fears of losing themselves.

## Social Skills Reports

### *Older Group - Charis Boyd*

Our social skills group for older clients has just seen its first completed year. In this, there have been many opportunities for growth and understanding of what clients need from this group and who this group can benefit. Initially, the group was for 18-and-over individuals, but throughout the year, we have seen a need to include 17-year-olds. This enables young people who are transitioning between the two groups to begin developing their social skills and forming relationships. This group has been able to provide clients who struggle with social anxiety a place in which they can begin to understand these difficulties. As well as a space to build relationships with people who face very similar challenges and struggles. This has enabled a sense of group cohesiveness to occur and has led to friendships forming outside of the group, as well as an increase in confidence among those attending the group. Many of the attendees of this group have ASD, and being a part of a safe space has enabled them to work on identifying and recognising social skills in which they felt they were lacking. Trust in the group has also been demonstrated by some individuals staying after the session to privately discuss issues they are experiencing, allowing us to work on understanding and managing these concerns in the next session. We look forward to continuing this group and seeing progress in those who otherwise struggle to form or maintain relationships.

### *Younger Group - Ellie Bright*

Social skills has been a really helpful group for the young people who have been referred over the past year. One of my young people started social skills last year, when she was highly anxious and not socialising with anyone outside her family. We took the opportunity of the social skills group to get her interacting with other young people, starting conversations and building her confidence. Less than a year later, she is helping to settle some of our new young people into the group, holding discussions with the other young people, and is now being enrolled back in school, where she is very excited about this opportunity.

**LM22: "Thank you so much for the sessions, I don't know who I would be without them. It means so much to me".**



We were this years winners of the Police Cup at the High Sherriffs Awards

## Mentoring Reports

### *Paige Rawlings - Mentor*

At Yellow Door, we provide one-to-one mentoring as part of our mental well-being services for young people. Our mentoring service pairs each young person with a mentor who supports them in achieving their goals. Unlike counselling, mentoring is semi-formal and can involve activities alongside offering guidance, advice, and emotional support. Some of the activities our young people participate in during sessions include sports, board games, arts and crafts, and video games.

Young people who accessed our mentoring service this year were typically supported with:

- Managing school or work-related challenges
- Building self-esteem and self-control
- Improving life skills, coping strategies, and overall well-being
- Managing low mood and anxiety
- Navigating friendships and relationships

Through mentoring, many of our young people have gained confidence, feel more in control of their emotions, and have developed practical skills that help them in everyday life.

#### **Young people's Independent Feedback**

##### *What difference (if any) is the youth project or service making to you?*

- Help deal with my anxiety
- Basically cured my depression
- Have helped with counselling, keeps me active with the clubs on tuesday
- Making me more confident and sociable
- Making new friends

##### *If this youth project or service wasn't here what do you think you would be doing instead?*

- I wouldn't be able to socialise or go to work
- Crying
- Rotting at home at my desk
- Being unsociable
- Wondering who else is part of the LGBTQ

##### *What if anything are the most important things you have learnt from attending this youth project or service?*

- How to handle my anxiety and how to live my life with it
- Being open about feelings.
- That I can be comfortable with who I am

##### *Is there anything else you would like to share about the impact (if any) this youth project or service has made to you or your community?*

- It's made me feel so much safer around new people

**G24** sought our support for low mood and poor self-esteem. Together, we identified the cause of their feelings and worked through challenging these thoughts and perspectives. Gradually, Client G24 began to see beyond the words and labels that had shaped their world and self-view. Over time, Client G24 began to believe that they deserved to feel better. They secured employment, achieved personal goals, recognised their hard work, and developed self-compassion. By the end of our sessions, Client G24 gained a deeper understanding of themselves, started to accept themselves, and realised that their characteristics do not limit what they can do or their future.

## Ellie Bright – Mentor

Mentoring has supported many young people over the years, but one young person I worked with recently particularly stands out. This young person has autism and finds it difficult to manage emotions when feeling overwhelmed. When I first met them, both the young person and their parent were very emotional and struggling to cope with the situation. Police were being called almost weekly due to violent incidents at home. I began mentoring 10 weeks ago, focusing on helping the young person explore ways to manage emotions, develop social skills, and improve communication. These areas of support have had a significant positive impact on both the young person and their parent's everyday life. The young person is now attending a weekly group session, taking part in part-time education, and communicating more openly with their parent when feeling overwhelmed. They have learned to remove themselves from situations to calm down rather than reacting with aggression. As a result, police involvement has stopped, there have been no further violent incidents, and the young person is using healthier coping strategies.

We are continuing to work alongside family support services to help strengthen the family as a whole. However, in just 10 weeks, there has already been a remarkable improvement in the young person's behaviour and wellbeing.

## Health and Wellbeing Outcomes

Counselling, Mentoring, Small Groups and Long-term Advice and Support.

Total Number of young people 303, 216 completed.

Health and Wellbeing Outcomes	Number of clients that achieved Outcome	Clients who have started, have achieved and are consistently achieving the outcome.		
		Started	Achieving	Consistently Achieving
<b>Outcomes</b>				
<b>Increased Confidence and self-esteem</b>	<b>158</b>	17	31	110
<b>Taking Part in new activities</b>	<b>152</b>	13	34	105
<b>Making Healthier Choices</b>	<b>60</b>	9	13	38
<b>Self-Acceptance</b>	<b>137</b>	15	38	84
<b>Improved Social and Communication Skills</b>	<b>174</b>	26	37	111
<b>Able to express needs to others</b>	<b>165</b>	27	36	102
<b>Has improved relationships</b>	<b>113</b>	13	22	78
<b>Less lonely and isolated</b>	<b>93</b>	10	27	124
<b>Increased Life Skills</b>	<b>187</b>	23	31	133
<b>Reported increased knowledge</b>	<b>184</b>	25	31	128
<b>Applies new Knowledge</b>	<b>162</b>	20	33	109
<b>Able to cope with Emotions</b>	<b>154</b>	22	35	97
<b>Improved Health and Wellbeing</b>	<b>181</b>	19	28	134
<b>Accessing Education &amp; Employment</b>	<b>42</b>	3	9	30

**F21** came to Yellow Door for support with their social anxiety. Initially, even the thought of attending social events or work would be overwhelming. Working with one of our mentors, Client F21 began learning to manage their anxiety by challenging worries, exploring alternative perspectives, and practising coping skills.

By the end of their sessions, Client F21 had consistently built on these strategies at home. They also attended new clubs, sought social opportunities with old friends, increased their working hours, and even created, organised, and led a club for people sharing similar interests.

**Parent B:** "Thank you. They have enjoyed your sessions very much and found them helpful."

Young Peoples Survey	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE
It gives me opportunities to have my voice heard	5		
It enables me to build connections with adults I can trust	5		
It helps me feel safer	5		
It has a positive impact on my mental/emotional wellbeing	5		
It has a positive impact on my physical wellbeing	4	1	
It helps me make positive choices around keeping safe	5		

## Hope Box and The Art Project

### Paige Rawlings - Mentor

In the Summer of 2024, we decided to adapt our existing service, Hope Box. We took the aspects young people enjoyed and made changes where we felt were needed. Our final Hope Box sessions took place in July 2024; by January 2025, we had started our new small group.

Hope Box presented some challenges, including limited time for relationship-building and difficulty securing suitable referrals for the split age groups. We kept the arts and crafts element but shifted away from building a box and having separate age groups. We also removed the strict session limit and incorporated more team-based activities that allowed young people to work together and find common ground despite their mixed ages and needs.

Now renamed 'The Art Project,' these changes have allowed us more time to explore young people's concerns and help support them in building positive relationships. Like Hope Box, The Art Project remains a small group for 11-16-year-olds, focusing on self-esteem, anxiety, confidence, low mood, school challenges, and friendship struggles through arts, crafts, and discussions. Once ready, young people are encouraged to take their next step.



Each young person receives an artwork storage box to decorate and a sketchbook to continue the work we do in session at home. Sessions remain flexible, allowing young people to choose the mediums that interest them most. Typical sessions include painting, drawing, sculpting, printmaking,

**Parent C:** "Client E15 really has enjoyed their 1 to 1 time with you; you really have made a difference to their confidence. Thank you. We really appreciate your time and patience."

sewing, and small crafts. Every month, our young people and staff choose a theme to initiate discussions on life updates, interests, home, school, friendships, and coping strategies.

For our first project together, the young people created a board game to help them get to know each other in a fun, light-hearted way. The game features a world made from cardboard boxes, polymer clay character pieces, and handmade cards.

**B12:** “This is the best club I’ve ever been to. My friends make fun of my art, I like how everyone encourages

**Parent A:** “They really enjoyed last week’s session and said they can't wait to come again, which is great considering how anxious they were about coming in the first place! Thank you!”



## Advice and Support service

*Paige Rawlings - Mentor*

**295 young people and parents were supported with advice, information and support**

Over the past year, our advice and support service has supported young people, parents, and caregivers with a variety of concerns, including:

- Benefits
- Employment and education
- Housing and homelessness
- Substance misuse and alcohol addiction
- Sexual Health
- Domestic abuse and family breakdown
- Poor mental health
- Barriers encountered by disabled young people
- Challenges experienced by young people with additional needs

Throughout the financial year, we have had multiple young people and young parents experience homelessness due to family breakdown. To help put them on a path toward securing stable housing, we supported them with advocacy, gave guidance on navigating the support system, assisted with forms, and referred them to dedicated services.

We also received frequent calls throughout the year from parents and caregivers struggling with their young person’s poor mental health. They shared that their young person’s mental health was gradually worsening due to long waiting times for assessments, diagnoses, and support from schools, the NHS, and other mental health services. In response, we gave caregivers and young people information on available support and directed them to resources they could use while awaiting higher-tier services.

This year, we also supported many young people seeking employment and school leavers who were uncertain about their next steps. We found that the job application process, frequent rejections or lack of responses, and career uncertainty left clients feeling despondent and stressed.

To address this, we provided support in CV and cover letter writing, interview techniques, computer literacy, job search strategies, research on their chosen career, and applications for both work and education. By the end of their sessions, most young people felt confident searching for work independently or pursuing their educational goals.

Notably, through our work with clients, we found that many of our young people on the autism spectrum experiencing long-term unemployment faced challenges with the personality tests often used in the hiring process. This led us to initiate a discussion within the community about their impact.

From this discussion, we contributed to an article in *The Big Issue*, exploring the role of personality tests in the hiring process and how they affect young people on the autism spectrum. This opportunity helped raise awareness about accessing reasonable adjustments and started a conversation in our community about empowering young people on the autism spectrum in their work search and applications.

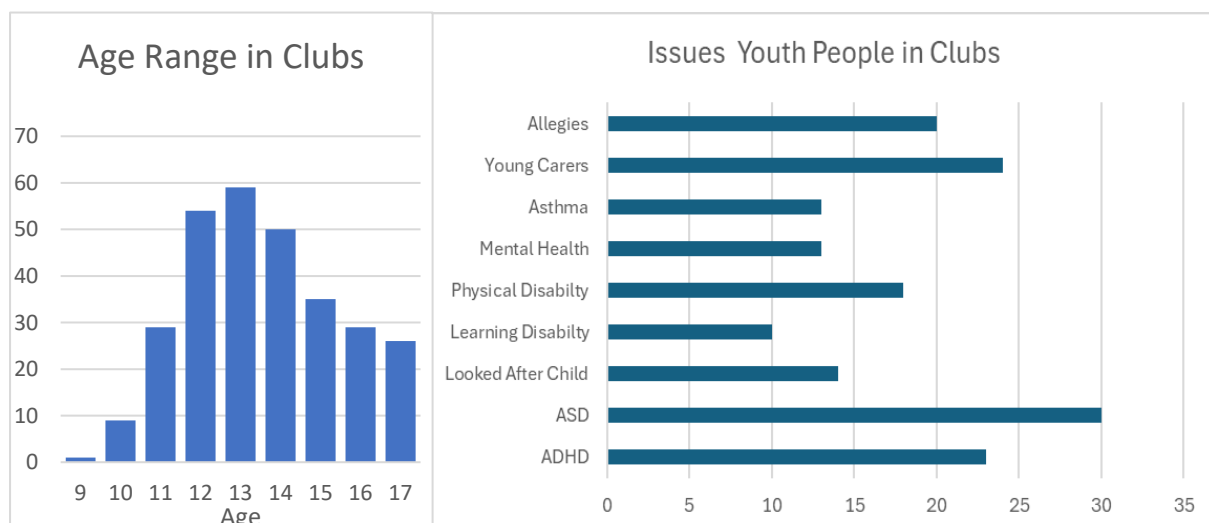
**Client C11** and their parent came to us seeking help accessing essential support for their disability. Their parent reported feeling overwhelmed by the process and being often passed between services.

We worked closely with their parent to simplify the process, assisting with scanning documents, explaining forms, and completing applications on their behalf. As a result, Client C11 secured the support they needed.

**Feedback from another service provider:** *“This looks amazing. Thank you so much. And also, may I take this opportunity to say how grateful I am for your incredible service to young people.”*

## Clubs and Activities

**305 young people attended our clubs and activities this year. We ran 257 clubs during the year, with a total of 2,936 attendances. Female 165, Male 140.**



## Thundersley Youth

*Clara Chambers – Youth Worker (Intern)*

Thundersley Youth is a peer support and social group for young people aged 11 to 18 set up in collaboration with Trust Links and Essex County Council Youth Service. It has been running since December 2024. The group sessions typically consist of arts and crafts activities and cooking, primarily encouraging conversations and building positive relationships between the young people attending. Recently, the young people were making polymer clay earrings for Mother's Day; this was a good opportunity to discuss family and encourage the value of positive relationships with people. The young people who attend the group have benefited from the opportunity to develop their social skills and creativity, as well as create bonds with other young people. The group provides a space for them to relax and engage in conversations with people they might not typically interact with. Varying dynamics have evolved over the months, providing an excellent opportunity for us to help develop their communication skills and tolerance of others. One young person who attends has expressed that this group has had a profoundly positive impact on him and serves as a welcome break from his tumultuous week at school.



***"This is the best thing in my week, it's the only thing I look forward to." – Thundersley Youth Attendee***

## QT Club

*Clara Chamber – Youth Worker (Intern)*

QT stands for Quiet Thursdays and is our club for young people ages 11 to 16 who may need a quieter space as an alternative to our Youth Club on Fridays. Due to a change in staff last year, we noticed that our art table needed development - many of the young people who enjoyed expressing their creativity stopped attending, potentially due to a lack of variety in art activities available. Since the team has expanded, we have had the opportunity to invest more in our arts and crafts activities, and we have seen an increased engagement with the art table once again. Furthermore, the art table has often acted as a gentle introduction to the group for new young people who may need more reassurance or lack confidence. One young person who was struggling with anxiety and low confidence joined our QT group, and we used the art table to help settle them into the space, get comfortable being around others and build their confidence. After attending the club for multiple months, this young person has seen an increase in confidence, speaking more often to other young people and venturing further away from the art table to engage in other activities the club offers, such as cooking and sports.



We have noticed that due to the calm atmosphere this group often provides, some young people have been able to develop new skills and work together in positive ways. For example, one of our younger attendees at QT wanted to learn the piano. When an older attendee, more experienced in playing the instrument, noticed her, they began giving her tips on how to play and started a conversation about music. Interactions like this demonstrate the value of having a quiet space for young people to develop their identities, relationships, and interests.

**“I really liked playing the piano [at QT], now I want to practice more.” – QT Club Attendee.**

## Gardening Club

*Tracy Bliss – Youth Worker*

Gardening Club started Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, introducing young people to seed packets, instructions, planning of where to put things and drawing out plans. With up to 5/6 people attending, we are growing many items that can be used in the kitchen, teaching the group how to grow food, cook and eat it, the start to finish. We have planted potatoes, herbs, and sowed seeds such as carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, courgettes with more still to do. We are utilising space as best we can with the use of grow bags and an arched trellis too. We will be growing a few pumpkins that can be used as food and as Halloween decorations. Watering and weeding is carried out with every session, with watering the first rule of garden club. Initially we held the session for two hours, however noticed that 90minutes was a long enough session to keep focus. Interestingly the majority of attendees are boys, with 2-3 being regular attendees. We plan to make pizza by the end of season with tomatoes, herbs, garlic, and anything else they would choose to add as toppings! Although we have received funding we are also supported by Castle Point Community Allotment who donate items to us to help.



## Young Carers Club



Our Young Carers Club has continued to provide a safe, engaging, and supportive space for young carers aged 10–18. Meeting bi-weekly, the club offered a varied programme of activities including sports such as football, basketball, and dodgeball, alongside cooking sessions, arts and crafts, games, and free time for peer connection. These activities not only gave young carers opportunities to relax and enjoy themselves but also created an

environment where friendships could flourish, confidence could grow, and trusted staff were always available to provide advice and support. We are proud to work closely with Essex Youth Service Young Carers Staff and remain deeply grateful for their continued partnership.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the year has been witnessing the personal growth of young carers like GH12, who joined the club feeling isolated and lacking confidence. Through structured activities and gentle encouragement, GH12 was able to build friendships, develop communication skills, and discover new confidence in social settings. Their story reflects the wider impact of the group, helping young carers feel included, supported, and understood. We are also delighted to share that Essex County Council awarded us the Gold Quality Award for the delivery of quality youth work for this club.



## Young Volunteers

*Joe Owen – Youth Worker*

This Year the young volunteer project at yellow door has teamed up with the Essex youth service to help the young volunteers do more for their community and yellow door. They are awarded different stars – bronze, silver, gold and platinum for how many hours they contribute to the young volunteering. So far, they have developed many new skills like, project planning and management, teamwork within a project, time management and building on their confidence as well. They helped yellow door clean and re-stuff the counselling chairs and will be helping in a litter pick as well. Their first main project as a group will be a bake sale (chosen by them) to help raise funds for yellow door. They are a group of bright young people looking to help their community and improve their own skill sets as well. It is a very exciting project with lots of potential.



***We are proud to be part of the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards and would like to congratulate all the young people from CYP Yellow Door who received an Award this year.***

## Youth Club

*Joe Owen – Youth Worker*

Youth Club is our group that is an open session for all young people to attend between the age of 11-17. This year has been a great year of youth clubs with our attendance ranging from 15 all the way up to 40 young people a session. We focus on different themes every month that we incorporate into the sessions for example, mental health and well-being, social skills, safety (road safety and talks around harmfulness of vapes) creativity, leadership and participation and healthy diets. This is all through informal education that can really help develop the young people's way of thinking and

their skill sets for their future. With youth club being our busiest session, it is important for us to have lots of fun activities for them to do throughout. This year arts and crafts has improved so much with lots of different activities every week, it is a great starting point for new young people as well as they can settle in on the arts and craft table and start to talk to others. Sport is a big part of the club as it is a great way for the young people to use their energy for good and develop skills within sport as well, like teamwork, leadership, communication, discipline, patience and confidence. We play lots of sports including football, basketball, dodgeball, tennis, rounders etc. The Young people also love being in the kitchen doing some cooking. We teach them how to make different dishes, kitchen safety and hygiene whilst also focusing on what is in the foods they are cooking and how healthy the meals are that they're making.



This year has been great for the young people to have a safe place where they can develop their confidence and relationships with each other whilst also having a lot of fun.

**Quote from young person at youth club** *"I Love yellow door; it's such a safe space".*

## Sports Club

*Joe Owen – Youth Worker*

The sports club is our weekly sports session held at Waterside that is open to all young people aged from 10 to 17. It is a great opportunity for young people to get involved in and find new passion in sports, as we offer a range of different sporting activities. Including Basketball, Football, Dodgeball, Badminton, Bench Ball, Bulldog and many little warm-up games and

## Next Level

*Bernie Saxby – Youth Worker*

This has been a very rewarding year for Next Level Performing Arts. Three of the young people were nominated and received the 'Jack Petchy Award' for their outstanding achievements within the group. Their confidence and self-esteem since joining Next Level, and their commitment and help with other students, were exemplary. Several new members joined the group this year, bringing the total to fourteen, their ages ranging from eleven to seventeen. In July, they performed a show for their family and friends, for which they received many compliments. A new volunteer joined us this year, Amelia, who took on the responsibility for all the songs in the show. She was very patient and encouraging. Thank you so much Amelia. I'm very proud of all of the young people and look forward to working with them again in the following year.

## Holiday Clubs

Thanks to funding from Essex County Council and Active Essex via the **Essex ActivAte / HAF (Holiday Activities & Food)** scheme, we were able to run holiday clubs in every school break. These clubs



align with the county-wide programme's focus on providing free, inclusive activities and nutritious meals to children eligible for benefits-based free school meals and those from low-income households. Over the year, we welcomed between 20 and 30 young people per session, offering a rich mix of cooking, sports, themed parties, and day trips. The funding enabled us to bring in external experts: Clare from Radish Cookery led inspiring cooking sessions, and Targen from Sports 4 Fun introduced new sports such as tennis, which attracted young people who might otherwise have skipped the activity side of the holidays.

Highlights included a **Halloween Party organised by our Young Volunteers** and a **Christmas Dinner cooked from scratch on site**, both of which were much enjoyed by participants and added a real sense of celebration to the programme. Beyond these

special events, we organised trips to local attractions including the cinema and Stubber Adventure Park, further enriching the club experience. The support from the Essex ActivAte / HAF initiative not only helped reduce holiday hunger through food provision and food education, but also boosted social inclusion, fitness, confidence, and engagement for young people in our community.

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## OUTREACH REPORTS

The Outreach Team conducted 123 outreach sessions this year, with 51 sessions at Waterside Skate Park, 29 sessions in Canvey High Street, and 42 sessions in Benfleet. They worked with 840 young people and had 2745 contacts. 2645 of these contacts were for young people aged 11 to 18, of which 3% were female under 11, 4% were male under 11, 23% were female age 11 to 18, and 69% were male aged 11-18.

### Town Centre

#### Lindsey Smith – Senior Youth Worker

Our work in the town centre has focused on addressing challenges caused by groups of young people congregating after school. Minor thefts from Poundland have significantly decreased due to regular patrols at school finishing times and the repositioning of high-risk items for closer monitoring.

We identified two distinct groups:

- **Early group (4–6pm):** Typically younger individuals, often involved in hassling shop and library staff. We encouraged this group to attend Waterside sessions on Tuesdays,



Wednesdays, and Fridays, where they now take part in sports and structured activities. Feedback from the High Street has confirmed a reduction in antisocial behaviour (ASB).

- **Later group:** Older young people who are currently being engaged in partnership with Essex Youth Service to encourage positive involvement.

## Waterside

### Lindsey Smith – Senior Youth Worker

The bungalow and outreach van have been key in building stronger relationships with local peer groups. Our presence has successfully redirected young people from the main reception area during our sessions, creating a calmer environment.

The skatepark has seen significant positive change, shedding its previous negative reputation. Highlights include:

- **Pro skater training sessions** to inspire and engage.
- **Annual Skatejam**, which continues to expand, attracting more organisations, activities, and wider community involvement.
- **Young people's ownership**, with them actively planning how they want this year's Skatejam to be delivered.

The venue is now widely recognised as family-friendly, with increasing numbers of parents, grandparents, children, and young people attending daily.

## Benfleet

### Lindsey Smith – Senior Youth Worker

With warmer weather, activity has shifted from the High Street to Richmond Park. In response, we have delivered engagement and sports activities in parks across the area, including Villa and Tarpots, adapting our presence to the most popular venues each week.

Key outcomes include:

- Building strong, positive relationships with young people.
- Providing a safe adult presence through our outreach bus, offering refreshments and support.
- Working closely with the Police to engage individuals involved in ASB, resulting in excellent progress—including one young person joining us for work experience.

Our outreach programme continues to provide vital insights into local young people's culture, issues, and concerns. This intelligence enables us to adapt our approach, deliver relevant activities, and meet the evolving needs of young people across the community.

Hot chocolates and biscuits given out, Lindsey talked to three about vaping. Talked about school with others as well and promoted and asked about Friday sports club

Gave out drinks, fruit and biscuits. Lindsey talked about the effects vapes have on young brains and the things to look out for. Chats about school, sport and exercise and gaming as well. Lent football.

Really good engagement with lots sitting and chatting on the van, lad rode past on bike and said yellow door are here and brought back friends.

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## FREE PARK TENNIS

### Tracy Bliss – Community and Fundraising Manager

Over the past year, Yellow Door has played a pivotal role in revitalising the King George V Playing Fields tennis courts. Working in partnership with Castle Point Borough Council, the LTA and Hadleigh Tennis Club, Yellow Door has overseen the administration of bookings through ClubSpark, delivered customer service, promoted the courts, facilitated Free Park Tennis (FPT) and acted as the “eyes and ears” on site. This hands-on involvement has helped build community trust in a facility that was previously derelict, ensuring residents understand how to access and enjoy the courts. By integrating tennis opportunities into existing youth programmes, providing informal equipment use, and signposting residents to FPT, Yellow Door has successfully reduced barriers to participation. As a result, over 400 unique users have accessed the courts, with 71 annual pass holders and 156 FPT participants to date, some of whom have now joined Hadleigh Tennis Club.



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## SUMMARY

### Alex Hawkins - CEO

This year has been one of growth, resilience, and inspiration. At Yellow Door, we continue to see the incredible impact that safe spaces, trusted relationships, and positive opportunities can have on young people’s lives. From counselling and mentoring to clubs, outreach, and creative projects, our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to help young people feel supported, empowered, and ready to face their challenges. Their stories remind us every day why this work matters so deeply.



None of this would have been possible without the commitment and generosity of those around us. Thanks to all the Staff, Trustees and Volunteers, Partners and Funders, Leandra from Essex Youth Service, The Essex Young Carers Team, Bar-n-Bus, Trust Links, Mind, Castle Point Council, Canvey Town Council, Tim from Megazone, Bash and Lee from Active Essex, the Lottery Fund, Children in Need, Canvey Big Local, USP, Police, and the young people who make every day of our lives and project interesting, fun, challenging, and worthwhile. Your support and collaboration keep our mission alive. As we look ahead, I feel both proud of what we’ve achieved and excited about the opportunities to come. Together, we will continue to build a brighter future for young people across our community. **Thank you all for believing in Yellow Door and for walking alongside us on this journey.**

**CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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<b>Trustees</b>	Ms S Benson, Chair Mr K Leigh Ms C Voight Ms S Prior Mr R Ferne Mr L Morris Ms A Bakonyvari, Treasurer Mr J Fowler (appointed 1 May 2024)
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1063643
<b>Principal office</b>	Yellow Door Youth Hub Poplar Road Canvey Island Essex SS8 7BN
<b>Accountants</b>	MWS Accountants Limited Chartered Accountants 4 Chester Court Chester Hall Road Basildon Essex SS14 3WR

## CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and grants	2	13,712	411,493	425,205	268,243
Other trading activities	3	4,758	-	4,758	1,730
Investments	4	2,740	-	2,740	1,757
<b>Total income</b>		<b>21,210</b>	<b>411,493</b>	<b>432,703</b>	<b>271,730</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		-	353,686	353,686	250,160
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>353,686</b>	<b>353,686</b>	<b>250,160</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>21,210</b>	<b>57,807</b>	<b>79,017</b>	<b>21,570</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		112,892	129,139	242,031	220,461
Net movement in funds		21,210	57,807	79,017	21,570
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>134,102</b>	<b>186,946</b>	<b>321,048</b>	<b>242,031</b>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 3 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

**CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	12,526	7,012
		12,526	7,012
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	10	6,000	6,000
Cash at bank and in hand		323,887	259,734
		329,887	265,734
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(21,365)	(30,715)
<b>Net current assets</b>		308,522	235,019
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		321,048	242,031
<b>Total net assets</b>		321,048	242,031
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	13	186,946	129,139
Unrestricted funds	13	134,102	112,892
<b>Total funds</b>		321,048	242,031

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 29 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**Ms S Benson**  
Chair of Trustees

**Ms A Bakonyvari**  
Treasurer

The notes on pages 3 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

## CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT

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

#### 1. Accounting policies

##### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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 the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published 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.

Canvey Island Youth Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

##### 1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

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.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

##### 1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

##### 1.4 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 institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	- 25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance

1.6 Debtors

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

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.9 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.

## CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT

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

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 1.10 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

##### 1.11 Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

#### 2. Income from donations and grants

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Grants</b>				
National Lottery	-	157,347	<b>157,347</b>	87,463
Children in Need	-	36,486	<b>36,486</b>	20,795
Charitable Trust Grants	-	80,214	<b>80,214</b>	79,117
Other Government Grants	-	137,446	<b>137,446</b>	64,414
<b>Total Grants</b>	-	411,493	<b>411,493</b>	251,789
Donations	13,712	-	<b>13,712</b>	16,454
	13,712	411,493	<b>425,205</b>	268,243
<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>16,454</i>	<i>251,789</i>	<i>268,243</i>	

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

#### 3. Income from other trading activities

##### Income from fundraising events

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Fundraising activities	4,758	<b>4,758</b>	1,730
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>1,730</u>	<u>1,730</u>	

#### 4. Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Bank interest	2,740	<b>2,740</b>	1,757
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>1,757</u>	<u>1,757</u>	

#### 5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	<b>Activities undertaken directly 2025 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Expenditure	344,859	8,827	<b>353,686</b>	250,160
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>243,422</u>	<u>6,738</u>	<u>250,160</u>	

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

#### 5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

##### Analysis of direct costs

	2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Salaries, pension and national insurance	246,380	<b>246,380</b>	205,493
Contractor payments	7,867	<b>7,867</b>	9,898
Cleaning	2,099	<b>2,099</b>	457
Bank charges	165	<b>165</b>	171
Depreciation	2,926	<b>2,926</b>	2,324
Training and supervision	3,792	<b>3,792</b>	2,486
Telephone and internet	1,534	<b>1,534</b>	1,518
Subscriptions and memberships	653	<b>653</b>	914
Advertising and promotions	1,334	<b>1,334</b>	1,124
Sundries	1,248	<b>1,248</b>	475
Outreach van	2,104	<b>2,104</b>	611
Expenses reimbursed	1,403	<b>1,403</b>	932
Equipment, materials and event expenditure	12,648	<b>12,648</b>	9,215
Small tools, maintenance and repairs	56,822	<b>56,822</b>	3,144
Printing, postage and stationery	788	<b>788</b>	890
Human resources	2,938	<b>2,938</b>	3,538
Computer costs	158	<b>158</b>	232
	344,859	<b>344,859</b>	243,422
	344,859	<b>344,859</b>	243,422
<i>Total 2024</i>	243,422	243,422	
	243,422	243,422	

##### Analysis of support costs

	2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Rent and utilities	5,415	<b>5,415</b>	3,075
Insurance	3,412	<b>3,412</b>	3,543
Accountancy	-	-	120
	8,827	<b>8,827</b>	6,738
	8,827	<b>8,827</b>	6,738
<i>Total 2024</i>	6,738	6,738	
	6,738	6,738	

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

#### 6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	500	500
	500	500

#### 7. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	221,342	185,652
Social security costs	18,897	14,990
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	6,141	4,851
	246,380	205,493

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Support	14	14
	14	14

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

#### 8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

#### 9. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	3,425	24,845	28,270
Additions	10,640	-	10,640
Disposals	(3,425)	-	(3,425)
	10,640	24,845	35,485
At 31 March 2025	10,640	24,845	35,485

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**9. Tangible fixed assets (continued)**

	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	1,884	19,374	21,258
Charge for the year	2,217	1,368	3,585
On disposals	(1,884)	-	(1,884)
At 31 March 2025	2,217	20,742	22,959
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	8,423	4,103	12,526
<i>At 31 March 2024</i>	1,541	5,471	7,012

**10. Debtors**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Due after more than one year</b>		
Other debtors	6,000	6,000
	6,000	6,000

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

#### 11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	4,297	3,542
Other creditors	17,068	27,173
	<u>21,365</u>	<u>30,715</u>

#### 12. Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	323,887	259,734
	<u>323,887</u>	<u>259,734</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise cash at bank and in hand.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**13. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers in/out</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	105,880	21,210	-	(10,640)	116,450
Fixed assets	7,012	-	-	10,640	17,652
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	112,892	21,210	-	-	134,102
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<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Children in Need	1,237	36,486	(37,723)	-	-
National Lottery	-	157,347	(125,832)	-	31,515
Other Grants	127,902	217,660	(190,131)	-	155,431
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	129,139	411,493	(353,686)	-	186,946
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<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>242,031</b>	<b>432,703</b>	<b>(353,686)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>321,048</b>
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**13. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i> £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	93,071	19,941	(120)	112,892
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Children in Need	1,237	20,795	(22,032)	-
National Lottery	-	87,463	(87,313)	150
Other Grants	126,153	143,531	(140,695)	128,989
	<u>127,390</u>	<u>251,789</u>	<u>(250,040)</u>	<u>129,139</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u><u>220,461</u></u>	<u><u>271,730</u></u>	<u><u>(250,160)</u></u>	<u><u>242,031</u></u>

**14. Summary of funds**

**Summary of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2024</b> £	<b>Income</b> £	<b>Expenditure</b> £	<b>Transfers in/out</b> £	<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b> £
General funds	112,892	21,210	-	-	134,102
Restricted funds	129,139	411,493	(353,686)	-	186,946
	<u>242,031</u>	<u>432,703</u>	<u>(353,686)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,048</u>

**Summary of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i> £
General funds	93,071	19,941	(120)	112,892
Restricted funds	127,390	251,789	(250,040)	129,139
	<u>220,461</u>	<u>271,730</u>	<u>(250,160)</u>	<u>242,031</u>

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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<b>Trustees</b>	Ms S Benson, Chair Mr K Leigh Ms C Voight Ms S Prior Mr R Ferne Mr L Morris Ms A Bakonyvari, Treasurer Mr J Fowler (appointed 1 May 2024)
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1063643
<b>Principal office</b>	Yellow Door Youth Hub Poplar Road Canvey Island Essex SS8 7BN
<b>Accountants</b>	MWS Accountants Limited Chartered Accountants 4 Chester Court Chester Hall Road Basildon Essex SS14 3WR

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and grants	2	13,712	411,493	425,205	268,243
Other trading activities	3	4,758	-	4,758	1,730
Investments	4	2,740	-	2,740	1,757
<b>Total income</b>		<b>21,210</b>	<b>411,493</b>	<b>432,703</b>	<b>271,730</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		-	353,686	353,686	250,160
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>353,686</b>	<b>353,686</b>	<b>250,160</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>21,210</b>	<b>57,807</b>	<b>79,017</b>	<b>21,570</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		112,892	129,139	242,031	220,461
Net movement in funds		21,210	57,807	79,017	21,570
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>134,102</b>	<b>186,946</b>	<b>321,048</b>	<b>242,031</b>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 3 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	12,526	7,012
		12,526	7,012
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	10	6,000	6,000
Cash at bank and in hand		323,887	259,734
		329,887	265,734
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(21,365)	(30,715)
		308,522	235,019
<b>Net current assets</b>		308,522	235,019
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		321,048	242,031
<b>Total net assets</b>		321,048	242,031
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	13	186,946	129,139
Unrestricted funds	13	134,102	112,892
<b>Total funds</b>		321,048	242,031

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 29 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**Ms S Benson**  
Chair of Trustees

**Ms A Bakonyvari**  
Treasurer

The notes on pages 3 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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

#### 1. Accounting policies

##### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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 the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published 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.

Canvey Island Youth Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

##### 1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

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.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

##### 1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

##### 1.4 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 institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	- 25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance

1.6 Debtors

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

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.9 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.

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

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 1.10 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

##### 1.11 Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

#### 2. Income from donations and grants

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Grants</b>				
National Lottery	-	157,347	<b>157,347</b>	87,463
Children in Need	-	36,486	<b>36,486</b>	20,795
Charitable Trust Grants	-	80,214	<b>80,214</b>	79,117
Other Government Grants	-	137,446	<b>137,446</b>	64,414
<b>Total Grants</b>	-	411,493	<b>411,493</b>	251,789
Donations	13,712	-	<b>13,712</b>	16,454
	13,712	411,493	<b>425,205</b>	268,243
<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>16,454</i>	<i>251,789</i>	<i>268,243</i>	

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**3. Income from other trading activities**

**Income from fundraising events**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Fundraising activities	4,758	<b>4,758</b>	1,730
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>1,730</u>	<u>1,730</u>	

**4. Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Bank interest	2,740	<b>2,740</b>	1,757
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>1,757</u>	<u>1,757</u>	

**5. Analysis of expenditure by activities**

	<b>Activities undertaken directly 2025 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Expenditure	344,859	8,827	<b>353,686</b>	250,160
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>243,422</u>	<u>6,738</u>	<u>250,160</u>	

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#### 5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

##### Analysis of direct costs

	2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Salaries, pension and national insurance	246,380	<b>246,380</b>	205,493
Contractor payments	7,867	<b>7,867</b>	9,898
Cleaning	2,099	<b>2,099</b>	457
Bank charges	165	<b>165</b>	171
Depreciation	2,926	<b>2,926</b>	2,324
Training and supervision	3,792	<b>3,792</b>	2,486
Telephone and internet	1,534	<b>1,534</b>	1,518
Subscriptions and memberships	653	<b>653</b>	914
Advertising and promotions	1,334	<b>1,334</b>	1,124
Sundries	1,248	<b>1,248</b>	475
Outreach van	2,104	<b>2,104</b>	611
Expenses reimbursed	1,403	<b>1,403</b>	932
Equipment, materials and event expenditure	12,648	<b>12,648</b>	9,215
Small tools, maintenance and repairs	56,822	<b>56,822</b>	3,144
Printing, postage and stationery	788	<b>788</b>	890
Human resources	2,938	<b>2,938</b>	3,538
Computer costs	158	<b>158</b>	232
	<u>344,859</u>	<u><b>344,859</b></u>	<u>243,422</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>243,422</u>	<u>243,422</u>	

##### Analysis of support costs

	2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Rent and utilities	5,415	<b>5,415</b>	3,075
Insurance	3,412	<b>3,412</b>	3,543
Accountancy	-	-	120
	<u>8,827</u>	<u><b>8,827</b></u>	<u>6,738</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>6,738</u>	<u>6,738</u>	

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

#### 6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	500	500
	500	500

#### 7. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	221,342	185,652
Social security costs	18,897	14,990
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	6,141	4,851
	246,380	205,493

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Support	14	14
	14	14

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

#### 8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

#### 9. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	3,425	24,845	28,270
Additions	10,640	-	10,640
Disposals	(3,425)	-	(3,425)
	10,640	24,845	35,485
At 31 March 2025	10,640	24,845	35,485

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**9. Tangible fixed assets (continued)**

	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	1,884	19,374	21,258
Charge for the year	2,217	1,368	3,585
On disposals	(1,884)	-	(1,884)
At 31 March 2025	2,217	20,742	22,959
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	8,423	4,103	12,526
<i>At 31 March 2024</i>	1,541	5,471	7,012

**10. Debtors**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Due after more than one year</b>		
Other debtors	6,000	6,000
	6,000	6,000

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

#### 11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	4,297	3,542
Other creditors	17,068	27,173
	<u>21,365</u>	<u>30,715</u>

#### 12. Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	323,887	259,734
	<u>323,887</u>	<u>259,734</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise cash at bank and in hand.

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**13. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	105,880	21,210	-	(10,640)	116,450
Fixed assets	7,012	-	-	10,640	17,652
	<u>112,892</u>	<u>21,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,102</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Children in Need	1,237	36,486	(37,723)	-	-
National Lottery	-	157,347	(125,832)	-	31,515
Other Grants	127,902	217,660	(190,131)	-	155,431
	<u>129,139</u>	<u>411,493</u>	<u>(353,686)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>186,946</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u><u>242,031</u></u>	<u><u>432,703</u></u>	<u><u>(353,686)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>321,048</u></u>

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**13. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i> £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	93,071	19,941	(120)	112,892
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Children in Need	1,237	20,795	(22,032)	-
National Lottery	-	87,463	(87,313)	150
Other Grants	126,153	143,531	(140,695)	128,989
	<u>127,390</u>	<u>251,789</u>	<u>(250,040)</u>	<u>129,139</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u><u>220,461</u></u>	<u><u>271,730</u></u>	<u><u>(250,160)</u></u>	<u><u>242,031</u></u>

**14. Summary of funds**

**Summary of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2024</b> £	<b>Income</b> £	<b>Expenditure</b> £	<b>Transfers in/out</b> £	<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b> £
General funds	112,892	21,210	-	-	134,102
Restricted funds	129,139	411,493	(353,686)	-	186,946
	<u>242,031</u>	<u>432,703</u>	<u>(353,686)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,048</u>

**Summary of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i> £
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Restricted funds	127,390	251,789	(250,040)	129,139
	<u>220,461</u>	<u>271,730</u>	<u>(250,160)</u>	<u>242,031</u>

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