Annual Report

1st April 2025– 31st March 2026

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Our Mission

To make a positive difference to the lives of disabled children and teenagers in Leeds

Our Purpose is:

- To deliver safe, fun, exciting, inclusive activities, and environments
- To encourage friendship, independence, exploration and understanding
- To provide a much-needed break for parents and caregivers
- To recruit, retain and train enthusiastic, energetic, and experienced staff
- To advocate for those whose voice is often ignored or not heard.
- To build a community that welcomes and celebrates difference.

Our Guiding Principles are:

- To improve the lives of families with disabled children and young people.
- To recognise and understand the needs of parents and carers and to work closely with them in shaping and delivering our services.
- To encourage a positive approach to children and young people with disabilities on our projects and in the wider community.
- To promote the recognition of young people with disabilities as important and integral members of society.
- To provide equality of provision and access to service users regardless of disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
- To provide a positive, developmental environment for all our staff.

Our Values are:

- **Fun -** We believe that having fun and making friends is fundamental to a person's happiness. Fun is a release. It provides freedom, enjoyment, fulfilment and connection.

- **High Quality -** We provide safe, creative, exciting, collaborative spaces/experiences for our children, staff and volunteers. We always strive to be, and do, better.

- **Inclusive -** We support, value and respect each other. Shared values and goals help everyone reach their full potential.

- **A Can-Do Attitude -** We focus on what our children, staff and volunteers can do. By recognising and celebrating achievements, big and small, we empower individuals and our community.

- **Honesty -** We take responsibility for our successes and failures. We are open to what is possible, not afraid to fail, and we learn quickly.

Chair's Report to AGM



During the 25/26 financial year LWCA has again experienced an increased demand for our services, and it is a tribute to the skills, dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers who continue to deliver good, social, safe experiences for the children, young adults, and families, who use our schemes. On behalf of my fellow trustees, I would like to thank all our staff and volunteers for all that they do.

We are into our second year of using The Vinery Centre which provides such a wonderful venue for all our services delivered from there. All at LWCA appreciate the continued support and help from Leeds MENCAP in our use of this welcoming, accessible space.

As with all charities, we have seen the effects of increased costs, however being mindful of the financial pressures on families, the Management Committee agreed to keep the charges for using our services the same for the next financial year.

During the 25/26 financial year we continued to be supported financially through our contract with Leeds City Council and have their commitment until the end of August 2026, however at the time of this report there is no agreement (contractual or financially) past this date.

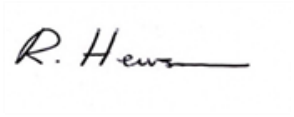
During the year the council introduced a new framework/tendering arrangement for the delivery of "short break" services and after a great deal of debate and consideration, the Trustees communicated to Leeds City Council our unanimous decision that LWCA were unable to submit a bid under the new arrangements, but that LWCA as an organisation remains very much open for further dialogue and we continue to seek engagement with the Council that would allow our relationship to continue past August 2026.

The potential loss of Leeds City Council as a sponsor and income provider is a significant risk for LWCA and one that has been a discussion amongst trustees for a number of meetings during the financial year. As a united group and in line with requirements of a membership board we have ensured LWCA has maintained an acceptable but not excessive level of reserves. This year's accounts have allocated some existing reserves to protect LWCA's legal and contractual obligations should it ever not be possible for LWCA to continue.

However, all trustees have a great commitment to continue to provide the services we know are so needed, and so alongside the continued discussions with the Council, we have looked to diversify our sources of funding though increasing our input into external fundraising. These actions are at a first stage however the results are encouraging and provide a good level of optimism for the forthcoming twelve months.

Our Management Committee has continued to meet once every two months either in person or online. We had a consistent membership throughout the year, however we are always looking for new members, so if you would be interested in finding out more about the role of a trustee, please do contact the Scheme Manager. My continued thanks as Chair go to all my fellow trustees for the time they give to the role, which is all done on a voluntary basis.

Finally, as is now becoming traditional my final thanks go to all the children, young people and their families who currently use our services. Whether it is as part of our Weekenders Club, Out and About, or Teen Scene, here's to another year of play, fun and interactive sessions that we all enjoy!



Richard Hewson
Chair of Trustees

MEET THE TEAM

Executive Management Committee

Management Committee Members during the year 1st April 2025 - 31 March 2026.
We have a minimum of six meetings per year plus our AGM in July. These are held via virtual meetings or at our office of the Leeds Weekend Care Association.

Richard Hewson	Chair
David Bossingham	Treasurer
Georgina Nijjar	Secretary
Caroline Bond	Trustee
Ellie Brown	Trustee
Adam Barclay	Trustee
Isabelle Nijjar	Trustee

Office Staff

Liz Sunderland	Service Manager	
Lisa Sheader	Office Manager	
Liz Colbeck	Office Assistant	Retired – August 2025

Scheme Staff

Chantelle Pearce	Senior Play Leader
Lorraine Dempsey	Deputy Play Leader
Caroline Grayson	Deputy Play Leader
Caragh McHugh	Deputy Play Leader

SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT TO AGM



Leeds Weekend Care Association continues to support around 150 children and young people with additional needs, and their families, through our Weekenders Club and Out and About Project. The charity has been in existence since June 1998, and I have been proud to serve as Manager since 2006.

Our Services

Weekenders Club is a Saturday play scheme for children and young people aged 5 to 17 living in Leeds who have additional needs. We support children with a wide range of needs, including those with complex care requirements, for which our experienced staff team receive medical training. Referrals are typically made by social workers or lead professionals, although we also accept referrals directly from families.

Each child attends one session every 4 weeks. Sessions run from 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm and are delivered from The Vinery Centre in Leeds. This well-equipped and inclusive environment enables us to meet a wide range of needs, with accessible facilities including ramps, hoists, a personal care suite, and wheelchair-friendly indoor and outdoor spaces. Children and young people benefit from a sensory room, soft play area, outdoor play space, and dedicated activity rooms.

Our core focus remains to ensure that children and young people can enjoy themselves, build confidence and independence, and engage in meaningful social opportunities within a safe and supportive environment. Families consistently tell us that these sessions provide vital respite, while enabling their children to develop friendships and new experiences.

Teen Scene operates under the umbrella of Weekenders Club, offering a dedicated group for teenagers. It provides opportunities for young people to socialise with peers and take part in activities with greater independence. Many go on to 'graduate' from Teen Scene to the Out and About Project, as they seek more age-appropriate experiences.

Each session supports up to 15 young people, the majority of whom are matched with a key worker to enable them to access all activities and resources. Demand for places remains high, and there continues to be a waiting list for the service.

The Out and About Project is designed for young people aged 14 to 17, providing opportunities to take part in social and leisure activities within the community. Across the year, we aim to deliver over 60 outings, supporting young people to experience activities that reflect typical teenage interests while building confidence and independence.

Reflection

My role as Manager—and previously as a parent who relied on this service for my own autistic son—has given me both personal and professional insight into how essential support services are for families of children with additional needs. I am proud to lead a team who bring compassion, creativity and dedication to their work, and who take genuine pride in the positive difference they make.

The past year has presented significant sustainability challenges beyond our usual financial pressures. Leeds City Council introduced a revised definition of a 'short break', requiring a minimum session length of four hours. As our Weekenders sessions run for three hours, and Out and About sessions vary in length, our provision does not align with these revised criteria.

Although our existing contracts have been extended until 31 August 2026, we have been unable to bid for further Council funding under the new framework.

The Council's new model was informed by consultation with families, young people and providers. In response, we undertook our own consultation with families using our services in April 2026. While some families expressed a preference for longer sessions, the majority emphasised the value of our current model, with many parents telling us that longer sessions would not meet their child's needs. This reinforces the importance of maintaining a flexible, responsive service that reflects the realities of the children and families we support.

Demand for our services continues to grow. Over my 19 years with the organisation, I have seen a reduction in available services alongside increasing need, with more families seeking respite from the significant pressures of caring for a child with additional needs.

At this pivotal point, trustees made a clear and unanimous decision to continue delivering our services and to secure alternative funding through grants and charitable donations. We were pleased to welcome Ellie Brown, Fundraising Consultant, in December 2025. Ellie, who has been a trustee since October 2021, works alongside Sam Lambert, who has supported our trust fundraising for over 15 years. Together, they form a highly effective team, bringing energy, expertise and a strong commitment to our work. This, combined with our current reserves, gives us confidence in sustaining our services over the coming year.

We also continue to benefit from our valued partnership with Leeds Mencap, who provide not only our venue but also ongoing support with governance, guidance and training.

Acknowledgements

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who contributes to the success of our organisation.

Our volunteers play a vital role in supporting Weekenders Club, and their time and commitment are greatly appreciated.

Lisa Sheader, our Office Manager, continues to provide exceptional organisational support. Following the retirement of our Office Assistant in August 2025, Lisa has taken on additional responsibilities with dedication and enthusiasm, supporting staff, volunteers, trustees, families—and myself—with unfailing professionalism.



Chantelle Pearce, Senior Play Leader, has grown with the organisation over two decades and works tirelessly and creatively to ensure the smooth running of both Weekenders Club and the Out and About Project. She celebrated her 20th work anniversary this year in May. We are all proud of her achievements and commitment to the charity.



Lorraine Dempsey, Deputy Play Leader at Weekenders Club and support staff at the Out and About Project also celebrated her 20th year at LWCA in January 2026.

It is wonderful to have so many dedicated staff who stay with us for years, bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge to their roles, while maintaining an openness to continue learning. It is particularly gratifying to see volunteers grow and develop over time—starting with limited or no experience and, through mentoring and training, becoming confident and capable members of the team who go on to support and guide others.

We have a maximum of eight volunteers in training at any one time, and typically no more than two volunteers on any Weekenders session. This ensures they are well supported by the staff team and able to develop within a safe and comfortable environment.

Care Workers The success of Weekenders Club and the Out and About Project rests firmly on the commitment and capability of our Care Workers, and it feels important to recognise the exceptional contribution they make each week. They work in an environment that is dynamic, and at times challenging, yet consistently demonstrate professionalism, resilience and compassion. Their ability to respond to the individual needs of our children—often adapting in real time to complex behaviours and emotional needs—is nothing short of remarkable. They create a safe, supportive and joyful environment where children can thrive, and where families can feel confident that their children are truly understood and

valued. I remain in genuine awe of their skill, dedication and teamwork, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a committed and capable group of staff delivering our services.

Trustees

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our Trustees, whose commitment and support continue to be invaluable to the organisation. They bring not only their experience and insight, but also a willingness to engage deeply with the complex and often challenging issues we face as a charity. Over the past year, they have contributed thoughtfully to significant discussions about the direction and sustainability of the organisation, often within tight timescales and under considerable pressure. Their guidance has been instrumental in helping to steer us through difficult decisions, and on a personal level, I am extremely grateful for their ongoing availability, encouragement and support.

Closing

Finally, I would like to thank the parents, carers, children and young people we support. It is their trust, resilience and engagement that make our work so meaningful.

We look ahead to the coming year with determination, committed to sustaining and developing our services for the families who rely on us.

LWCA 2025-26 at a Glance

- 180 children and young people were supported & accessed our services in 2025-2026.
- 108 Weekenders Club clients registered on 31st March 2026.
- 27 Out & About Project clients registered on 31st March 2026.
- 4,515 Weekenders hours delivered.
- 1,446.5 Out & About hours delivered.
- 56 children on waiting list.
- 64 Out & About trips delivered.
- £105,409.75 raised.
- 100% families reported positive impact.



Liz Sunderland
Short Breaks Services Manager

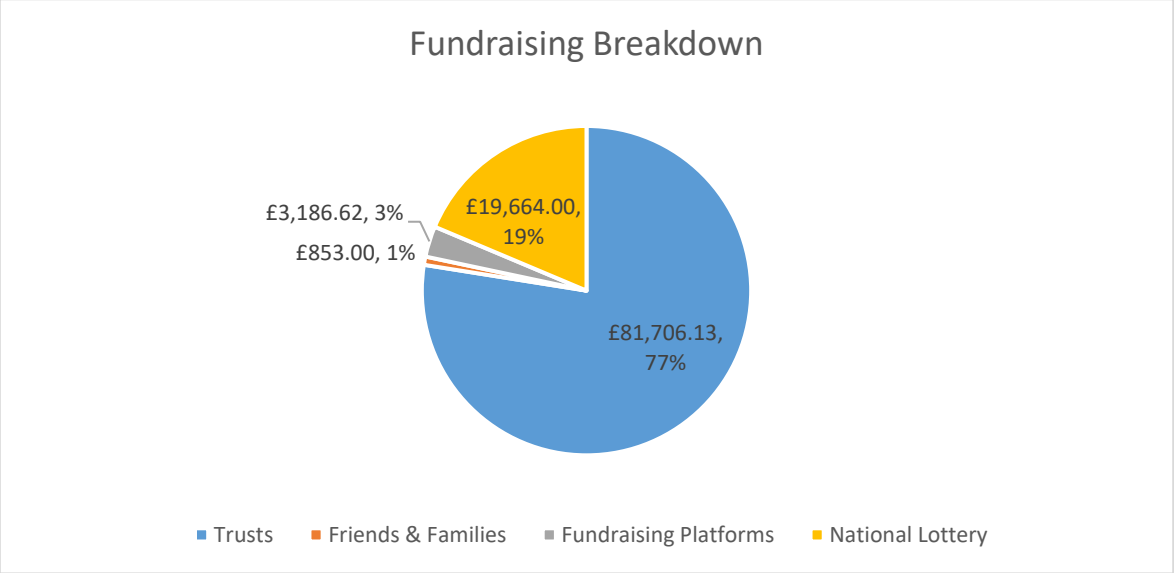
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FUNDRAISING REPORT 2025-2026

We are grateful for the support of the following who have given generously.

Donor	Description	Amount
Direct Giving		£1,000
Friends & Families		£853
PayPal Giving Fund		£1,915.73
Supported Giving	Donations Platform	£235.20
National Lottery Community Fund	Funding for rent of The Vinery Centre for Weekenders Club	£19,664
Virgin Money	Virgin Money Cashback	£35.69
Trusts	A total of 31 Trusts donated during 2025-2026	£81,706.13
TOTAL		**£105,409.75**

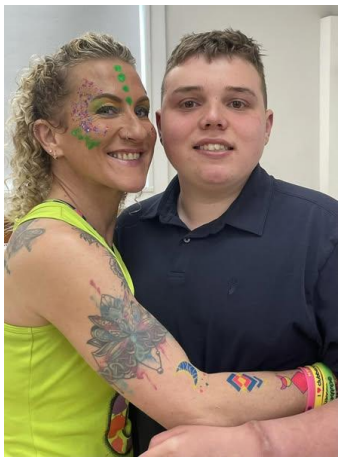
We are grateful for the generous support we have received throughout the year from friends and families, charitable trusts, fundraising platforms, and the National Lottery. A breakdown of income by source is shown in the chart below.



The total amount of donations received in 2025–2026 was **£105,409.75**, representing a significant contribution to sustaining and developing our services.

Our contracted fundraiser, Sam, has worked tirelessly to secure funding from charitable trusts that support children and young people with SEND. Her targeted and thoughtful approach resulted in **77% of our additional income** being generated through trust applications.

While many trusts prefer to remain anonymous, we would like to acknowledge one exceptional contribution. During the year, a charitable trust that was in the process of winding down its activities generously distributed its remaining funds. We were fortunate to receive an extraordinary donation of **£40,551.15**, which will have a lasting impact on our work.





We are also incredibly grateful to Sam Perry for organising a successful **Clubbercise fundraising event** in her local community. The event not only raised **£2,000** for Leeds Weekend Care Association but also brought people together in support of our services. Sam's personal connection to LWCA, through her son Rhys who attends our Out and About Project, makes this contribution particularly meaningful.

Funds raised through this event were received both directly (as donations from friends and families) and indirectly via fundraising platforms.

In December 2025, we were delighted to welcome Ellie Brown into an expanded role to support our fundraising activity. Ellie has been a valued trustee since October 2021, and in response to the anticipated end of Council funding, the Board made the strategic decision to strengthen our fundraising capacity. Ellie successfully secured a **National Lottery grant of £19,664**, which will fund our venue costs at The Vinery Centre for 2026/27.

This funding ensures we can continue to provide safe, high-quality short break services for children and young people with SEND and vital respite for their families.

We extend our sincere thanks to all individuals, trusts and organisations who have supported us this year, whether through significant grants, community fundraising or personal donations.

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Memorable Moments

‘’Here we have captured some of our memorable moments from Weekenders Club/Teen Scene throughout 2025-2026”
















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TESTIMONIALS & CONSULTATION FINDINGS

Some amazing feedback from families!

Inclusion

"*LWCA is an exceptional service. They accept children exactly as they are. True inclusion isn't fitting children into existing spaces — it's creating better spaces for everyone. LWCA does this. For a parent of a child with complex needs, finding a place that genuinely accepts differences is rare. This service has provided a safe, joyful space for our child and essential respite for our family."*

The monthly Saturday session meets both my children's and my needs perfectly. The staff are kind, welcoming, and skilled, even when managing complex behaviours such as pica and bowel related needs. They take a child-centred approach, tailoring support rather than using a one-size-fits-all model. The respite is essential for our family and has a profound impact on our quality of life."

Independence, Skill Development & Social Growth

"*Ella doesn't have a social set of friends. She loves getting out, mid-week, after school. If she didn't have the club, she wouldn't get out. She loves the club so much. It's had a positive impact on her life. It's changed her life. Before, she didn't get out or have fun like she does now. She loves the trips and the helpers. We thank you for helping with Ella." 😊"*

"Weekenders has enabled my daughter to build friendships with both adults and peers independently from her family. As a parent, it's invaluable being able to leave your child with trusted staff, knowing they are safe and enjoying themselves."

"The Out & About Project has made a huge difference to my daughter and family. She has made a close friend who she sees at all the events, and it has helped her gain independence and confidence. The staff are incredible, and all the activities are perfect for her. As a parent I now get to go to the gym and have time alone with my other child."

"Antoni has attended Weekender Club for over 2 years. What a fantastic place and team. He always has a great time with lots of different activities, both indoor and outdoor. It is a place where he can meet new friends. Thank you for all your hard work."

"My son doesn't really have any social life outside of school. He's autistic, and very apprehensive of meeting new people, or doing something in a non-structured environment. LWCA is amazing because he trusts the staff, the sessions are predictable, and it gives him a sense of independence being out and about somewhere with people around his own age and doing fun stuff with people other than his family members. This is super important and so valuable for us."

Early 2026, Leeds Weekend Care Association (LWCA) carried out consultations with families across both the Weekenders Club and Out & About Project to understand impact, demand, and how services best meet children and families' needs. Responses were received from **97 families in total (76 Weekenders; 21 Out & About)**, providing strong evidence of both impact and ongoing need.

Who We Support

Across both projects, LWCA supports children and young people aged **5–17**, with needs ranging from moderate to highly complex. The Weekenders Club predominantly supports those with **high or complex needs**, with approximately **92% requiring 1:1 support**, reflecting the intensity of provision required.

The Out & About Project supports teenagers, aged **13-17,** with **moderate to high needs**, many of whom have previously been unable to access mainstream provision.

Together, the projects provide a **continuum of support**, enabling progression from highly supported environments to more community-based, independence-building experiences.

Impact on Children and Families

Feedback across both services is consistently strong:

- **100% of families** agreed that both projects have a **positive impact** on their child and family life.
- The vast majority selected **"strongly agree"**, indicating exceptionally high satisfaction
- Families report improvements in:
    - Confidence and independence
    - Social skills and friendships
    - Emotional wellbeing
    - Access to opportunities otherwise unavailable

Parents consistently describe LWCA services as **essential**, particularly where children experience isolation or cannot safely access universal activities.

What Makes LWCA Provision Effective

The consultation highlights several factors that underpin successful outcomes:

1. Specialist, tailored support
Children are supported in ways that reflect their individual needs, rather than a one-size-fits-all model, enabling safe participation even for those with complex needs.

2. Trusted relationships and consistency
Families emphasise the importance of experienced staff who understand their children, build trust, and create predictable environments.

3. Meaningful, age-appropriate experiences

- Weekenders Club provides safe, structured weekend activities
- Out & About enables access to **"ordinary teenage experiences"** such as social outings and community activities, which families unanimously value as important.

Meeting Need in a Sustainable Way

A key theme across both consultations is the importance of **balancing need, accessibility, and sustainability**.

- Weekenders families value the current **3-hour sessions**, with most reporting they meet needs well and provide meaningful respite'
- While some families would welcome longer sessions, responses show this is **not appropriate for all children**, particularly due to fatigue, regulation, and safety considerations.
- Out & About families strongly favour **shorter after-school sessions (2–3 hours)**, which fit around school demands and support positive engagement.

Across both services, families expressed concern that imposing a **mandatory four-hour minimum session length** could:

- Reduce accessibility for some children
- Negatively impact wellbeing and regulation
- Disrupt family routines

For many, flexibility is key. A combination of **shorter regular sessions alongside occasional longer opportunities** is seen as the most effective model.

Value to Families and the Wider System

Families consistently highlight that without LWCA:

- Their children would have **very limited or no access** to social opportunities
- Parents and carers would lose **vital respite**
- Children risk increased **isolation and reduced development of independence**

The consultation evidences that LWCA services are:

- **Highly valued and trusted**
- **Uniquely positioned** to support children with complex needs
- **Critical in preventing isolation and supporting family wellbeing**

Summary

The findings demonstrate that LWCA's Weekenders Club and Out & About Project deliver **high-impact, specialist provision** that meets a clear and ongoing need within Leeds.

Families overwhelmingly value services that are **flexible, person-centred, and developmentally appropriate**, and emphasise that maintaining this approach is essential to ensuring disabled children and young people can continue to access meaningful, safe, and enriching short break opportunities.

INFORMATION

Client Statistics – Weekenders Club & Teen Scene

1st April 2025– 31st March 2026

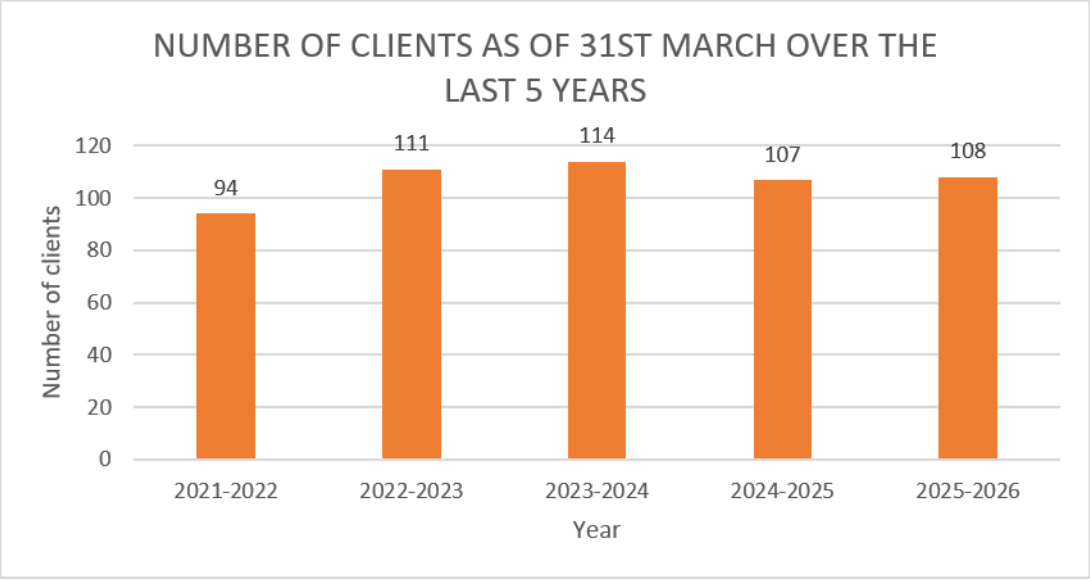
Total number of registered clients at Weekenders Club on 31st March 2026: **108**

Number of clients who accessed the service during 2025-2026:**138**

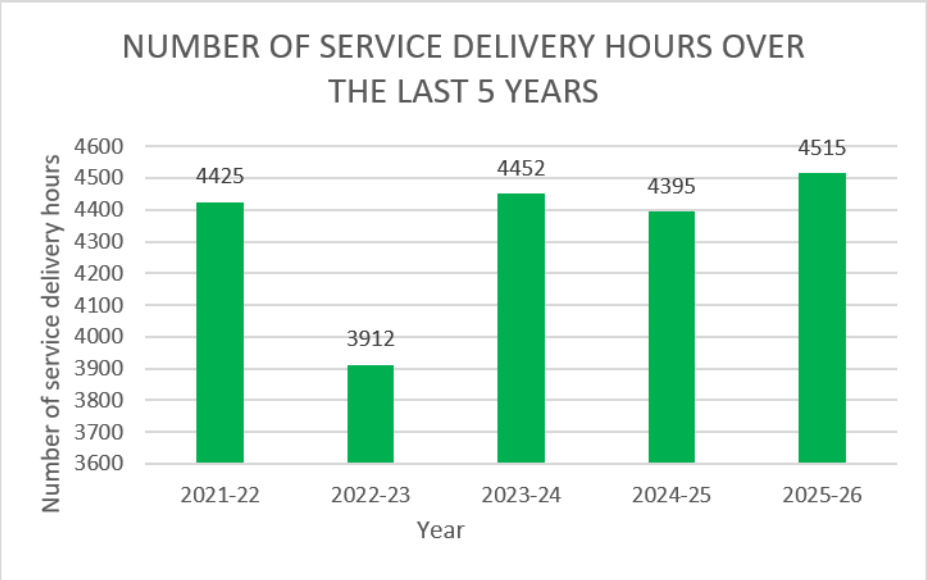
Number of new clients who joined the scheme during this year: **27**

Number of clients who left the scheme during this year: **30**

The following chart shows a comparison for number of clients with the previous 4 years:



Between 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026 Weekenders Club provided **4,515** hours of short breaks in total.

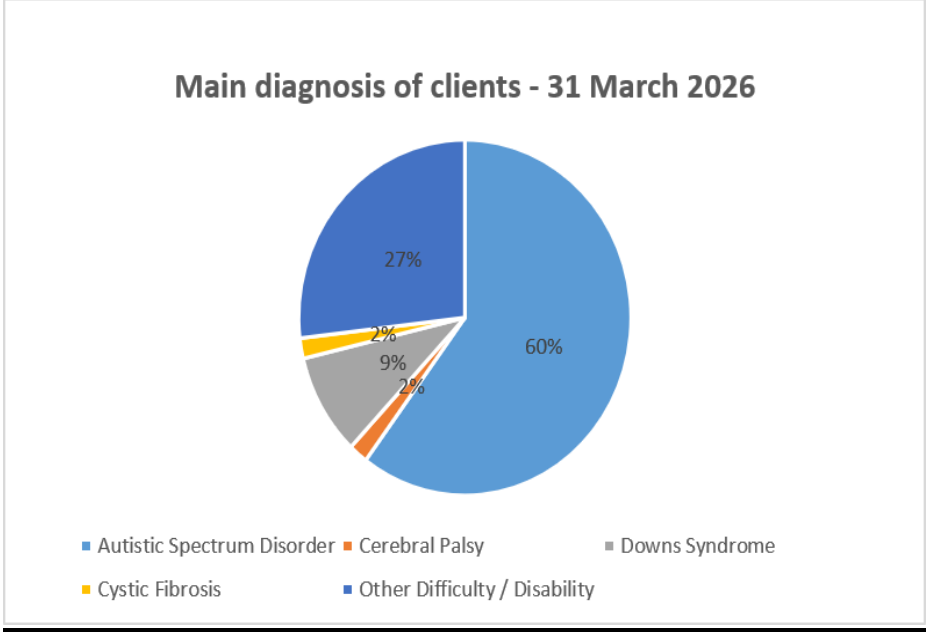


Waiting List

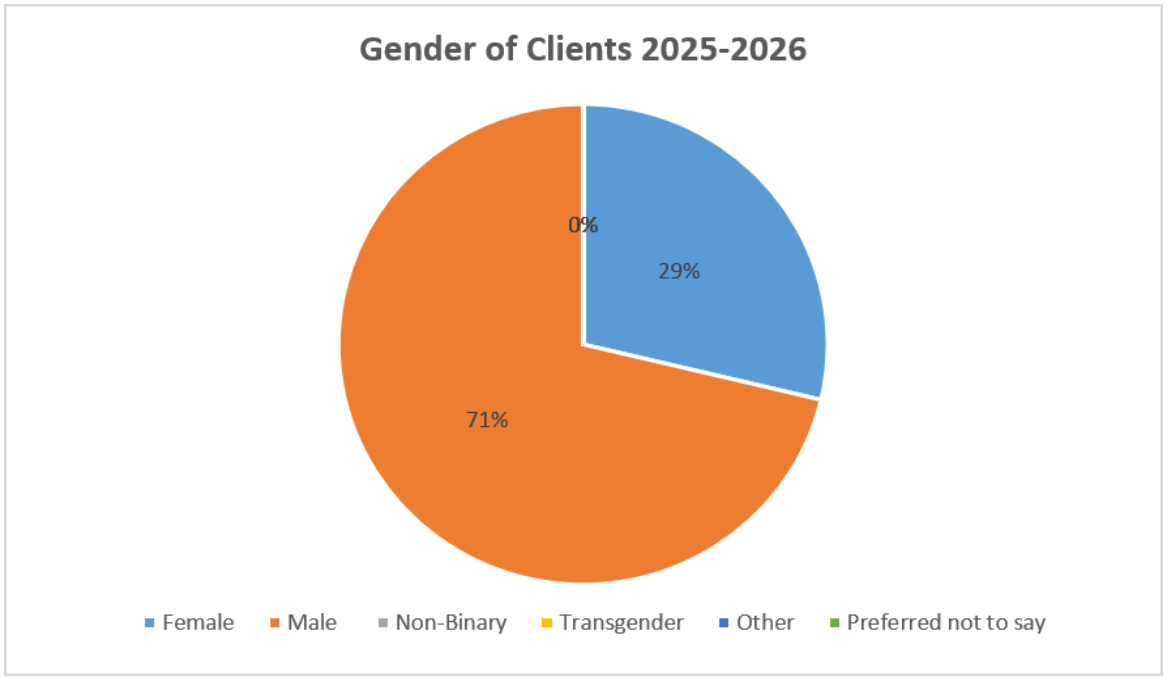
As of the 31st of March 2026, there were **56** clients on our waiting list and the demand has increased significantly. We aim to get back to maximum capacity of clients in 2026-2027 to reduce our waiting list.

Client Stats

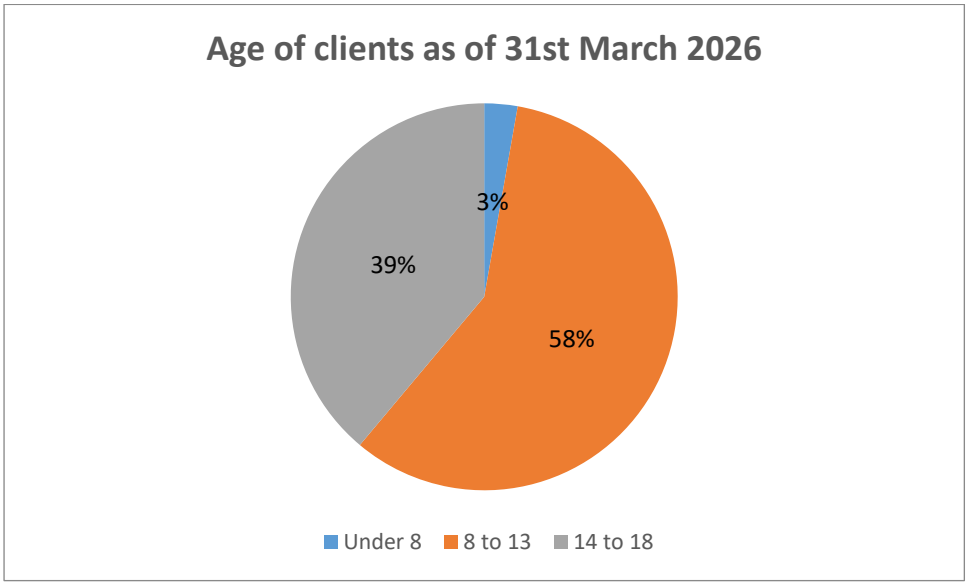
Main diagnosis of our clients at the end of March 2026



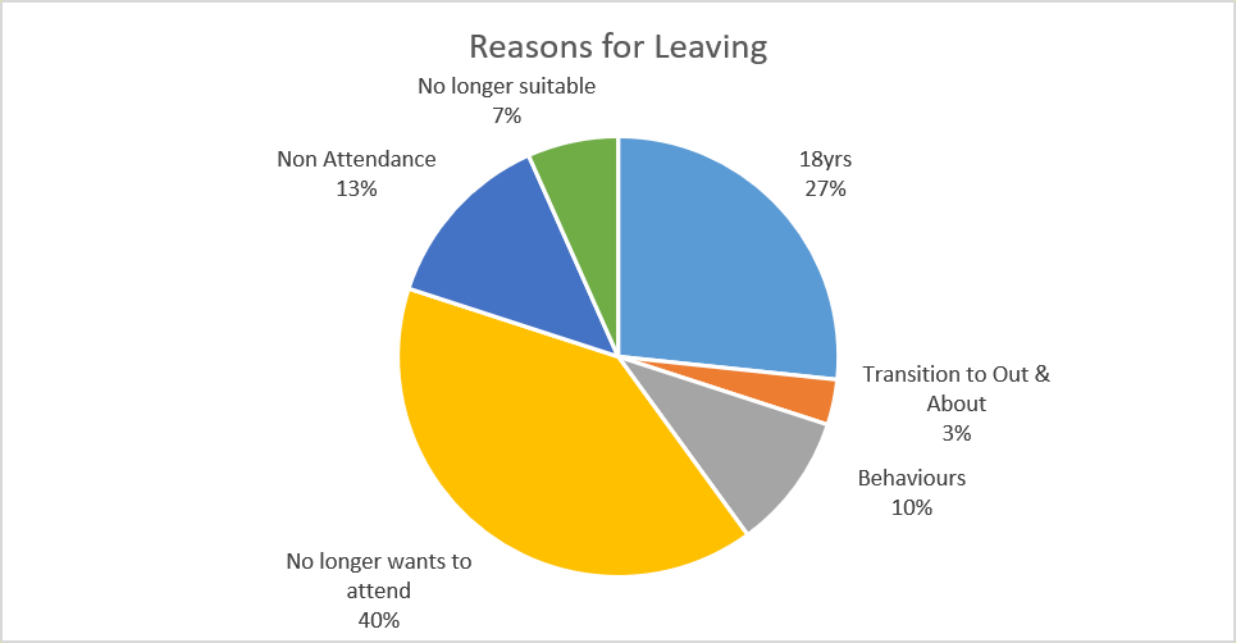
Gender of our clients at the end of March 2026



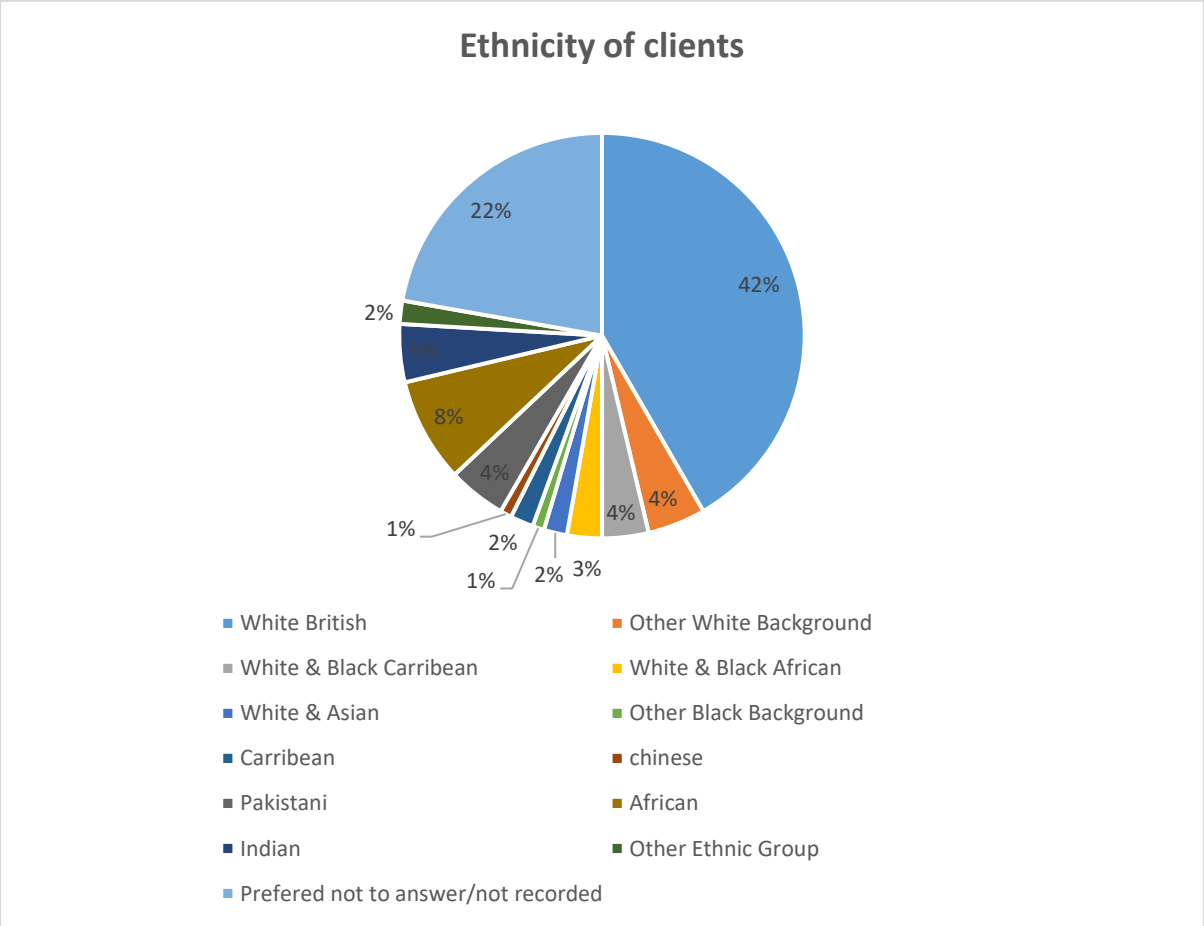
Our client age range at the end of March 2026



Reasons for Leaving 2025-2026



Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion



“Weekenders Showcase of Activities”

Here are some of the wonderful pieces of artwork made at the scheme!









The Weekenders Club delivered 47 weeks of themed activities throughout 2025–2026!

- **April:** Autism Awareness Day • Easter Celebration • National Superhero Day
- **May:** Hedgehog Awareness • Spring Theme • Eurovision • World Turtle Day • National Meditation Day
- **June:** Eid Celebration • Father’s Day • Summer Theme • Hug Holiday
- **July:** World Snake Day • International Karaoke Day • Friendship Day
- **August:** Summer Sports Days
- **September:** Read a Book Day • International Chocolate Day • Autumn Theme • International Rabbit Day
- **October:** World Space Week • Jewish New Year (Yom Kippur) • Diwali Celebration • Halloween
- **November:** Bonfire Night • Remembrance Day • Children in Need • Monsters Creative Play •
- **December:** Christmas Party with *Boomchickaboom* & Festive Activities
- **January:** Winter Theme • National Popcorn Day • Burns Night • National Hot Chocolate Day
- **February:** Jungle Theme • Valentine’s Day • Pancake Day • St David’s Day
- **March:** Under the Sea • Mother’s Day • Down Syndrome Day & St Patrick's Day • On the Farm

We usually organise around four events per month for the teens who attend the Out and About Project. This is anything from bowling, climbing, cinema, eating out, snooker, theatre, full days out in the school holidays, trampolining; basically, anything teens would like to do!

Client Statistics

1st April 2025– 31st March 2026

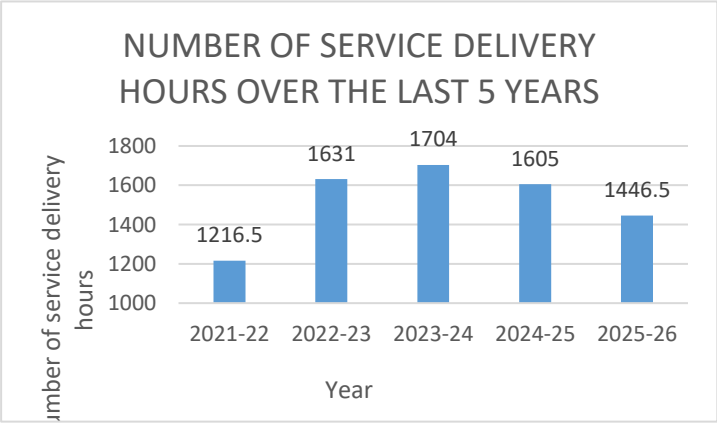
Number of clients attending Out & About as at 31st March 2026**: 27**

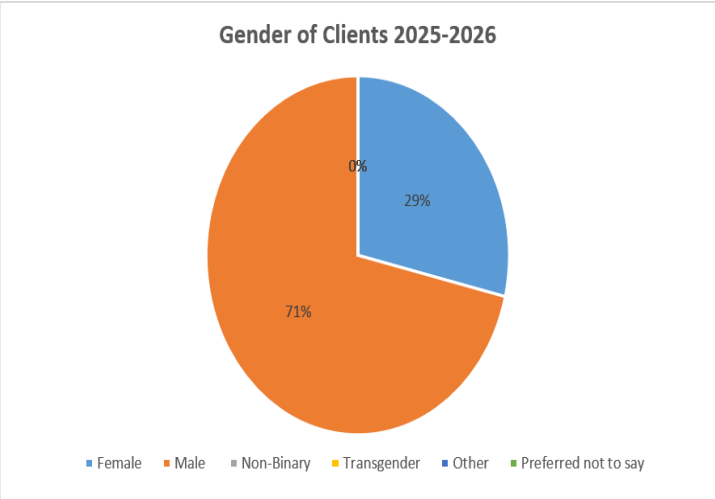
Number of clients who accessed the service during 2025-2026:**42**

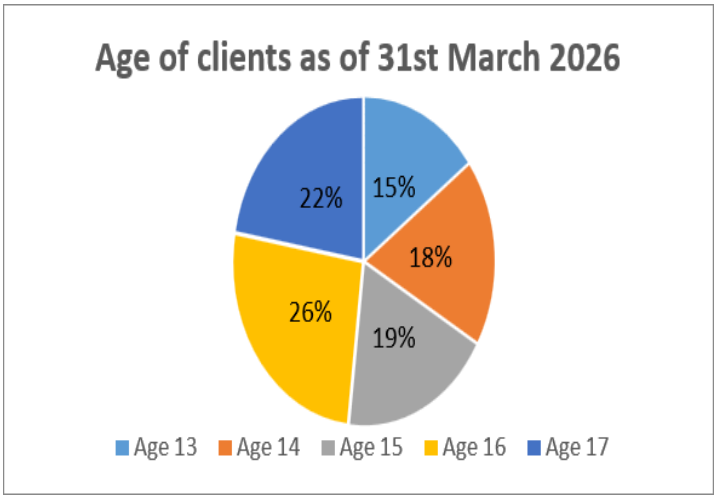
Number of new clients who joined the scheme during this year: **17**

Number of clients who left the scheme during this year: **15**

Service delivery hours **- 1446.50 hours.**







Here are all 64 trips which the Out & About Project's enjoyed during April-March 2025-2026!

Events in 2025/2026	Number of Trips this Year
Bowling & Food	12
Mencap Night In	24
Puttstars Golf	2
Cinema & McDonalds	1
Pantomime	2
Theatre	2
Forbidden Corner	1
Gravity	4
Snooker	4
Laserzone	4
Yorkshire Wildlife	1
Temple Newsam Northern Lights	1
Clip 'n' Climb	2
Park & Picnic	1
Circus Zyair	1
Ninja Warriors	2

LEEDS WEEKEND CARE ASSOCIATION

where you're welcome

Memorable Moments

‘’Here we have captured some of our memorable moments at the Out & About Project during 2025-2026.’’

















FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Leeds Weekend Care Association Limited

Statement of Financial Activities - For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Contributions & donations	2	85,582	-	85,582	31,779
Client fees	2	25,290	-	25,290	25,203
Grants	3	160,680	-	160,680	159,734
Bank interest & sundry income		8,283	-	8,283	9,344
TOTAL INCOME		279,835	-	279,835	226,060
EXPENDITURE					
Raising funds		23,014	-	23,014	23,251
Charitable activities		160,235	-	160,235	156,901
Other		50,235	-	50,235	54,219
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4	233,484	-	233,484	234,371
NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)		46,351	-	46,351	(8,311)
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2025		325,288	-	300,262	333,599
Fund transfer		-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2026		371,639	-	346,613	325,288

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

Leeds Weekend Care Association Limited

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	9		500		500
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	10	499		487	
Short term bank deposits		250,504		242,221	
Cash at bank and in hand		143,736	394,739	84,648	327,356
			395,239		327,856
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11		23,600		2,568
Net assets			371,639		325,288
Unrestricted funds			371,639		325,288
Restricted funds			-		-
Total funds	12		371,639		325,288

Looking Ahead to 2026–2027

As we reflect on another successful year, we do so with both gratitude and determination. The year ahead will bring challenges, particularly as we prepare for the end of our current funding arrangements with Leeds City Council in August 2026. However, throughout our history, Leeds Weekend Care Association has adapted to changing circumstances whilst remaining focused on what matters most – supporting children and young people with additional needs and providing vital respite for their families.

The strength of the feedback received from families this year reinforces the importance of our work. Demand for our services continues to grow, and families consistently tell us that the opportunities, friendships, support and respite provided by LWCA make a meaningful difference to their lives.

Over the coming year, our Trustees, staff and fundraising team will continue to explore new funding opportunities and partnerships to help secure the long-term future of the organisation. We remain committed to delivering safe, high-quality and inclusive services that enable children and young people to have fun, build confidence, develop independence and enjoy experiences that many would otherwise be unable to access.

We would like to thank every child, young person, parent, carer, volunteer, staff member, trustee, donor and supporter who has been part of our journey this year. Your trust, commitment and generosity make everything we do possible.

Together, we look forward to another year of friendship, fun, achievement and opportunity.

The future may be uncertain, but our commitment to the families we serve remains unchanged.

Leeds Weekend Care Association

(A company limited by guarantee)

Registered Charity Number 1077162
Company Number 3827833

Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

Leeds Weekend Care Association

Registered Charity Number 1077162

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Leeds Weekend Care Association
(Registration No. 03827833)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	2		500		500
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	4	499		487	
Short term bank deposits		250,504		242,221	
Cash at bank and in hand		143,736	394,739	84,648	327,356
			395,239		327,856
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	5		23,600		2,568
Net assets			371,639		325,288
Unrestricted funds			371,639		325,288
Restricted funds			-		-
Total funds	6		371,639		325,288

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 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 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. As permitted by s444(5A) of the Companies Act 2006, the directors have not delivered to the Registrar a copy of the Profit and Loss account.

Signed on behalf of the management committee by:

R. Hewson .....

Richard Hewson
Trustee

Dated : 13/07/26

Note 1. Accounting Policies

General

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), issued October 2019 – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and has been classified under 'Natural' headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Grants

Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Depreciation Policy

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which is estimated at 4 years for Office Equipment and 3 years for Toys and Resources.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds. Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

Note 2. Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment	Toys & Resources	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2025	8,052	8,443	16,495
Additions in year	-	-	-
Disposals in year	-	(8,443)	(8,443)
At 31 March 2026	8,052	-	8,052
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2025	7,552	8,443	15,995
Charge for year	-	-	-
Eliminated on disposal	-	(8,443)	(8,443)
At 31 March 2026	7,552	-	7,552
Net book value at 31 March 2026	500	-	500
Net book value at 31 March 2025	500	-	500

Note 3. Staff Numbers

The average monthly headcount was 26 staff.
No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

Note 4. Debtors and prepayments

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accounts receivable	49	37
Prepayments	450	450
	499	487

Note 5. Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Other creditors	1,110	1,128
Deferred income	19,964	-
Accrued expenses	2,526	1,440
	23,600	2,568

Note 6. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2025	Fund Transfer	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	325,288	-	279,835	(233,484)	371,639
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	325,288	-	279,835	(233,484)	371,639