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WELLBEING CENTRE

Grapevine Project

Charity No: 1099746

Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity

for the Year End 30th September 2025

Trustees

L Brooks - Chair
M Whitlock
H Wright
J Worth - Treasurer
N Clay

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1. Introduction

1.1 Mission Statement

Grapevine Wellbeing Centre is an independent charity supporting adults within our community to improve and maintain their own mental health. We do this through bringing people together, promoting creativity and embracing the natural environment as tools to move people forward.

1.2 Overview (Executive Summary)

The Grapevine Project continues to provide an essential, open-access mental health support service for adults in Buxton and the wider High Peak. Since moving into our fully accessible town-centre premises in January 2022, demand has grown significantly year on year.

During this reporting period, the Centre has experienced a substantial increase in both attendance and the number of individuals accessing support.

This growth reflects both the increasing need for mental health support locally and the effectiveness of Grapevine's early-intervention, community-based approach. Our open-door policy ensures that individuals can access support immediately, without referral or waiting lists, often preventing crisis escalation and reducing pressure on statutory services.

We continue to deliver across three integrated strands:

- Core weekday drop-in support
- Evening and Weekend Grapevine sessions for those in work or with daytime commitments
- Community Grapevine talks providing accessible, expert-led mental health information

Together, these strands enable us to reach a broader cross-section of the community while maintaining a strong focus on improving wellbeing, reducing isolation, and supporting recovery.

2. Activities & Achievements

2.1 Outputs & Outcomes

During the year, Grapevine Wellbeing Centre celebrated over 20 years of supporting the local community.

Demand for our services has continued to grow significantly. Attendance and engagement have increased across all strands of delivery.

Across the wider project period, there have been more than 16,800 attendances, demonstrating both sustained demand and the success of the model.

We have continued to embed and expand our three key service strands:

- **Core Grapevine (weekday provision):**
  Providing consistent, safe, and open-access support for individuals experiencing mental health challenges, including those at risk of crisis.
- **Evening and Weekend Grapevine:**
  A programme of creative and wellbeing activities designed to support those in employment or with daytime responsibilities. These sessions have consistently sold out, demonstrating strong demand and clear impact on participants' wellbeing.
- **Community Grapevine:**
  A growing programme of free talks delivered by professionals and individuals with lived experience. Nearly all events have sold out, with increasing attendance from both the public and professionals. These sessions improve community knowledge, support earlier intervention, and strengthen links with local services.

Feedback across all activities remains consistently positive, with participants reporting improved wellbeing, increased confidence, and reduced isolation.

2.2 The Roles & Contributions of Volunteers

Our volunteers continue to be an invaluable support to the charity, both with their time volunteering in the Centre with our members, and also in providing advice and guidance.

2.3 How the Public Have Benefitted

The charity continues to deliver clear public benefit by providing free, accessible mental health support to adults across Buxton and the High Peak.

Our open-access model removes barriers to support, allowing individuals to attend without referral, reducing waiting times and enabling early intervention. This approach helps prevent deterioration in mental health and reduces demand on NHS and emergency services.

Through our expanded delivery model:

- Individuals in employment are now able to access support through evening sessions
- The wider community benefits from expert-led talks on key mental health topics
- Local professionals and organisations are better informed and connected

Our services have demonstrably improved wellbeing, reduced isolation, and supported individuals to navigate complex mental health systems. In many cases, the Centre has acted

as a vital safety net between statutory services or provided early support that prevented escalation to crisis services.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Position

The charity continues to be primarily funded through the National Lottery Community Fund, which has enabled the significant expansion of our services over recent years.

During this reporting period, we have also continued to diversify our income streams.

Additional funding has been secured through smaller grants, including Warm and Welcoming Space funding, which has helped offset rising utility costs.

While demand for our services continues to grow, financial sustainability remains a key priority. The charity is actively developing a multi-stream funding approach, including increased fundraising, grant applications, and community-based income generation to ensure long-term stability.

A copy of the charity's fundraising policy can be found in Appendix 1

3.2 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.

3.3 Policy on Reserves

The charity has continued to rebuild its reserves following their use during the pandemic and subsequent period of transition. Progress has been positive, and the financial position is stronger than the previous year.

However, given the continued uncertainty around funding and increasing demand for services, maintaining and growing reserves remains a priority to ensure the charity's sustainability and resilience.

3.4 Principal Sources of Funding

Full accounts can be found in Appendix 2

Key grant funders include The National Lottery Fund

3.5 Description of the Principal Risks Facing the Charity

The Trustees have identified the following principal risks:

- **Funding uncertainty:** Reliance on grant funding creates ongoing financial risk. Securing sustainable, multi-source funding remains a priority.
- **Rising demand:** Increasing levels of mental health need place pressure on staff capacity and service delivery.
- **Staffing capacity:** A small team working in a high-pressure environment increases the risk of burnout and impacts continuity if staff leave.
- **Rising operational costs:** Increasing utility and running costs reduce the proportion of funding available for frontline delivery.

- **External pressures:** Wider societal challenges, including cost-of-living pressures and reduced statutory provision, continue to increase demand for the charity's services.

Mitigation measures include active fundraising, partnership working, staff support and supervision, and ongoing review of service delivery.

3.6 Remuneration of Trustees

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

4. Reference and Administration Details

4.1 Charity Name & Registration

Name of the Charity:

Grapevine Project

Charity No: 1099746

4.2 Charity's Principal Address

Grapevine Wellbeing Centre

2B, 11-13 Eagle Parade,

Buxton,

Derbyshire,

SK17 6EQ

e-mail: welcome@grapevinebuxton.com

website: www.grapevinebuxton.com

4.3 Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity

Our current Trustees are
L Brooks - Appointed 15th January 2024
M Whitlock - Appointed 30th August 2024
H Wright - Appointed 30th August 2024
J Worth - Appointed 23rd May 2025
N Clay – Appointed 25th March 2019

4.4 Names of Advisors & Senior Members of Staff

Ana Mankiewicz – Charity Manager

5. Structure, Governance & Management

5.1 Type of Governing Document

Constitution.

5.2 Charitable Objects

The relief and respect to persons in Buxton and the High Peak who are experiencing or have experienced mental health considerations through the provision of information, advice, one-to-one and group support and the operation of a Drop-In Centre in an effort to build self-esteem, independence and a sense of well-being.

5.3 Statutory Declaration

We, the Trustees, confirm that we have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

5.4 Trustee Selection Methods

There must be at least three charity trustees.

In accordance with the Constitution, Trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.

Appendix 1

Fundraising Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 Our fundraising promise to the general public and our existing supporters is that our fundraising, in all its forms, is legal, open, honest and respectful.
1.2 We will be honest about how donations are used, open about the methods we use to raise funds and who we work with, respectful to the wishes, preferences, personal information and circumstances of the people we interact with and we will take all steps necessary to comply with the law and sector fundraising practice standards.
1.2.1 Nobody directly or indirectly employed by or volunteering for Grapevine Project shall accept commissions or bonuses for fundraising activities,
1.2.2 No general solicitations shall be undertaken by telephone or door-to-door to the public.
1.2.3 We will treat donors fairly. We will not discriminate against any group or individual.

2. Legal requirements

2.1 This policy takes into account the following legal requirements and regulatory codes, standards and guidance:

- Charities Act 2006 Fundraising Policy 4 Version 1: Aug 2018
- Charities Act 1992
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Equality Act 2010
- Mental Capacity Act 2005

3. What are the fundraising activities covered by this policy?

3.1 Charitable Funds consist of but are not exclusively limited to:

- Money left in a legacy for the benefit of Grapevine Project
- Money which has been raised through fundraising events
- Money which has been donated as a result of a fundraising appeal
- Corporate sponsorship
- Pledges (for example Fixed Crowdfunding)

4. Fundraising by Staff

4.1 Participation in fundraising activities (for the purposes of this policy, meaning specifically participating in or completing the activity) by staff is voluntary and should not be imposed on individuals. The existing charity insurance arrangement covers staff for certain 'low risk' fundraising activities.

5. Acceptable fundraising activities

5.1 Before fundraising activity can be initiated approval must be sought from the board of Trustees.
5.2 All fundraising by means of lotteries, e.g. raffles, etc. must comply with the required licensing arrangements.
5.3 All fundraising publicity must state quite clearly how the fundraising will benefit Grapevine Project and where further information of Grapevine Project can be accessed.

6. Donations or gifts

6.1 Grapevine Project, in deciding whether to accept or decline a donation or gift will consider the charity's best overall interest and will not accept donations from donors whose activities appear to be in direct conflict with our charitable aims and objectives.
6.2 Grapevine Project will not work with companies or individuals who participate in activities which:
- could cause detriment to the charity's reputation
- will disproportionately decrease the amount of donations to further the work of the charity
- undermine our vision and values
- are associated with unsuitable products, corporate or individual e.g. arms dealings, tobacco etc.
- are from unknown sources of funding
- potentially harm our relationships with other donors, service users, stakeholders or volunteers
- expose us to undue adverse publicity or reputational risk

6.3 Donation or Gift processing
- All donations or gifts must be reported to the board of Trustees at the earliest possible opportunity. A receipt of donation should also be completed with the donors details, including their full name, contact details, and address
- On receipt, all donations should be inputted on to SAGE and marked as Donation.

6.4 Gifts in memoriam - donations or gifts to honour, in will be received by the Chair of Trustees.
6.5 Fundraising Collections
6.5.1 Grapevine Project will ensure that all fundraising collection is carried out sensitively to protect the organisation's reputation in the mind of the public
6.5.2 Grapevine Project will ensure that adequate permission for a static collection is obtained, and can evidence this sufficiently where required; and that all collectors can be clearly identified.
6.6 Handling of Cash Donations – Grapevine Project will adhere to the following good practice when handling cash donations resulting from face-to-face activities:
6.6.1 Cash must be collected, counted and recorded by two unrelated individuals and counted in a secure environment, wherever possible. (Collection boxes must only be examined and opened by two unrelated individuals)
6.6.2 Unsecured cash must never be left unattended or in an unattended environment
6.6.3 Cash must be banked as soon as is practicable
6.6.4 Cash not banked immediately must be placed in a secure location.

7. Reports to sponsors

7.1 It is the responsibility of the Project coordinator to compile official reports on appeal donations/grants if requested by outside agencies or individual donors.

8. Complaints

8.1 Grapevine Project will respond to all complaints from sponsors and members of the public in a timely, respectful, open and honest way.

Fundraising Strategy

Mission Statement

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Financial overview:

To effectively carry out our mission statement, the Grapevine explores various funding streams to secure the necessary finances. Our main income comes from both large and small bids. At present the large bids cover the centre, staff and general running costs as well as expenses from our core activities. The smaller bids cover any bespoke projects that we feel will benefit an immediate need raised in the community.

We also direct-fundraise, which helps build our unrestricted funds and supports bespoke projects that address immediate community needs.

Grapevine Project Ltd

Directors' Report

Year ended 30 September 2025

The directors present their report and the unaudited abridged financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2025.

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of a drop in centre for those with mental health considerations.

The Grapevine Project is a mental health charity registered with the Charity Commission.
Charity Number: 1099746
Company Number: 08008019

DIRECTORS

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

L Brooks	
N Clay	
M Whitlock	
J Worth	(appointed 23 May 2025)
H Wright	
S Mcgill	(resigned 23 May 2025)

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 29 May 2026 and signed on behalf of the board by:

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L Brooks

Director

Grapevine Project Ltd

Abridged Income Statement

Year ended 30 September 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross surplus	127,432	121,436
Administrative expenses	(112,392)	(110,002)
Operating surplus	15,040	11,434
Operating surplus before tax	15,040	11,434
Tax on surplus	-	-
Surplus for the financial year	15,040	11,434

The company has no other recognised items of income or expense other than the results for the year as set out above.

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Abridged Statement of Financial Position

30 September 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors	3,580	-
Cash at bank and in hand	88,661	72,632
	92,241	72,632
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(5,857)	(1,288)
Net current assets	86,384	71,344
Total assets less current liabilities	86,384	71,344
Reserves		
Income and expenditure account	86,384	71,344
Total reserves	86,384	71,344

For the year ending 30 September 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

All of the members have consented to the preparation of the abridged statement of financial position and the abridged income statement for the year ended 30 September 2025 in accordance with Section 444(2A) of the Companies Act 2006.

These abridged financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These abridged financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 29 May 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

L Brooks

Director

Company registration number: 08008019

Grapevine Project Ltd

Notes to the Abridged Financial Statements

Year ended 30 September 2025

1 General information

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and is registered in England and Wales. The company's registration number is 08008019 and the company's address of the registered office is 2b, 11 - 13 Eagle Parade, Buxton, SK17 6EQ, England.

2 Statement of compliance

These abridged financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 Section 1A, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

3 Accounting policies

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The abridged financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.
The abridged financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company.

TURNOVER

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when receivable and the charity is entitled to the income.
Grants are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any criteria attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.
Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods supplied, net of discounts and Value Added Tax.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the buyer, usually on despatch of the goods; the amount of revenue can be measured reliably; it is probable that the associated economic benefits will flow to the entity; and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transactions can be measured reliably.

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided.

4 Average number of employees

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was 5 (2024: 5).

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Detailed Income and Expenditure Account

Year ended 30 September 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover		
Donations	6,270	3,804
Takings	2,639	1,117
Restricted Funds	139,789	133,819
	148,698	139,717

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cost of sales		
Purchases	7,013	4,689
Materials	14,253	13,592
	21,266	18,281
Gross surplus	127,432	121,436

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	77,719	77,549
Employers NI	1,121	-
Defined contribution pension costs	1,433	1,394
Rent	14,320	14,320
Light, heating and power	2,007	2,256
Travelling	1,154	1,563
Advertising	764	142
Printing, postage and stationery	829	732
Telephone	739	665
Computer costs	2,073	1,370
Legal fees	2,250	2,250
Accountancy fees	2,339	2,345

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Detailed Abridged Income Statement (continued)

Year ended 30 September 2025

General insurance	683	667
Repairs and maintenance	1,507	330
Cleaning	1,332	1,352
Bank charges	641	384
Subscriptions	1,128	662
Sundry expenses	353	2,021
	112,392	110,002
Operating surplus	15,040	11,434
Surplus before tax	15,040	11,434
Net surplus for the financial year	15,040	11,434

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: GRAPE VINE PROJECT

On accounts for the year ended: 30 SEPTEMBER 25

Charity no (if any): 1099746

Set out on pages: 3 to 18 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ~~[insert name of applicable listed body]~~. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.* ICAEW.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [redacted] **Date:** 28/07/26

Name: SIMON FUSSELL

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: ICAEW

(if any):

Address [redacted]

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

