

North Area Partnership (NAP)

Registered Charity No. 1110073

**Annual Report & Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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Company information

Trustees & Directors		
	John Whittle	
	Dr Tricia Ann Ayrton	
	Nicki Tina Iginla	
	Karen Alexandridis Jill Hodkinson Helen Johnson Andrea Thompson Marcianne Uwimana	
Members of Staff responsible for the management of the Business		
	Simone Yeoman	Project Co-ordinator
Registered Office Principle place of business	Syke Community Base Syke Methodist Church Syke Road Rochdale OL12 9TF	From April 2015
Independent Examiners	Steve Charlesworth Limited 65 Manchester Road, Heywood, OL10 2EG	
Bankers	Nat West Bank Town Hall Square Rochdale OL16 1LL	

Trustees and Directors Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Directors, who are the trustees of the charity, present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Directors have the power to admit any person or organisation to membership. The Board have the power to make bye laws and rules governing the admission to and termination of membership, the rights and privileges of members and the entrance fees, subscriptions and other fees or payments to be made by members. The members in general meeting may alter or appeal such rules and bye laws.

The members of the company agree to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 in the event of the charity being wound up.

Appointment of Directors and Trustees

The Directors, who are the Trustees, are appointed by the members in general meeting and are collectively known as the Board. At each AGM, one third of the Directors stand down by rotation, being the longest in office and are eligible for re-election. Other than a retiring trustee, the only people eligible for election as trustees are those either nominated by the Board or member giving not less than 14 and not more than 35 clear days' written notice of a nomination.

The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed on page 3.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

The organisation has a process for the recruitment and induction of the members of the Board of Directors and is led by the needs and skill requirements of the organisation.

Organisation

The Board, which must not be less than six members and not more than fifteen, administers the Charity and meets as necessary, usually at least 6 times per year. Although there is no formal structure of sub committees, individual trustees hold specific portfolios, and take the lead on behalf of the Board on these matters. The Board occasionally sets up ad hoc working groups to look at specific matters and to report back.

Portfolio	Holder
Governance	Helen Johnson
Finance	John Whittle
Personnel	Jill Hodgkinson

The day – to - day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the Project Co-Ordinator, to whom the Trustees delegate authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Board.

Risk Management

The Trustees have undertaken a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Periodic reviews are made to ensure that the charity continues to identify and mitigate any major risk that may arise. The major financial risks facing the charity arise in connection with:

Uncertainty about the continuing financial capacity of some of the regular funders to continue to support the work,

The short - term nature of project funding,

The charity may also face continuing organisational challenges in aligning its resources to meet the requirements of its customers/grantors, whilst maintaining its financial viability.

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objectives are:

- a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together and said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- b) To establish, or secure the establishment of, a community centre (hereafter called "the centre") and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.
- c) To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.
- d) The Association shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.

In the context of its objectives, the charity has defined its mission as being:

"To make a difference to the lives of the residents of the North Rochdale area and provide access to services which improve the quality of life for people working and living in the area and to improve the environment in which they live.

Vision

North Area Partnership's vision is to see the North area of Rochdale as a thriving community where people want to live, work, visit and do business. A place where people feel safe and secure, where lifelong education and training is easily accessible, where people enjoy good health and well - being, where people feel safe and secure in their homes, in a pleasant environment and have access to local jobs, businesses, arts and leisure facilities.

Aims

- To promote and support a safe community.
- To increase opportunities for community members to develop skills and confidence.
- To reduce social exclusion and isolation of local residents and users.
- To address issues raised by poverty.
- To reduce racial tension within the area.
- To increase community cohesion and intergenerational understanding.

- To enable residents to access services which improve their employment prospects.
- To enable local people to improve their health and wellbeing.
- To enable local residents to influence decisions affecting their area with particular reference to Healey Ward.
- To improve the environment and road safety for residents within the area.
- To improve access to a base where people of all ages can come together to meet existing friends and make new ones.
- Respond to any newly expressed needs resulting from the pandemic.

Values

The values that underpin the work of Syke Community Base:

To be open with each other,

To enable all to achieve their goals,

To work for the whole community.

The Trustees consider that the public benefit arising from activity undertaken to advance this mission is primarily achieved by the development and increased effectiveness of the work of the charity's members and others with whom the charity works. This constituency group reaches most people in the area of benefit and pursues a broad range of charitable objects.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when deciding which activities the charity should undertake.

Achievement and Performance

During the reporting period, the organisation successfully delivered several notable projects. Among these were the launch of a youth club, expansion of our regular activities, and increased volunteer engagement. Feedback from participants and stakeholders has been overwhelmingly positive, indicating the effectiveness of the charity's approach. The Trustees regularly reviewed progress against strategic objectives and adapted plans as necessary to address emerging needs. We have recently appointed a charity fundraiser in order to try to meet our aim to be more financially robust and not so reliant on grant funding. Through this post we hope to develop new partnerships and find sponsor for our work.

Financial Review

The organisation continues to rent space in Syke Methodist Church, which has undergone a major refurbishment and now provides a fit for purpose setting for Syke Base activities. In 2025, both income of £92,932 and expenditure of £65,028 show increases on 2024 figures (see page 10).

Income. This year, we have received grants to the value of £56,330 (see page 13). Whilst we were aware that a Rochdale Community Centre Consortium application would be viewed favourably by the lottery Reaching Communities, the outcome was taking longer than expected and still not guaranteed, putting the organisation at risk. This prompted us to apply to the Henry Smith Foundation, who made a grant of £20,000 per year for three

years. After we had received their grant, Reaching Communities awarded a significant grant to the consortium, of which, £15,000 per year for three years was to Syke Community Base for core costs.

Our efforts to achieve greater financial self-sufficiency are reflected in an increase of £1,161 in room hire revenue for 2024. However, there was a decrease of £1,798 in activity income. Overall, total income rose by £6,469 due to a pension refund.

Expenditure. An increase of £4,257 on salaries compared to 2024 is due to the retention of part time staff following the return from maternity leave of our manager, and from January 2025 the payment of the real living wage following our statement of intent to become members of the Greater Manchester Good Employer Charter and increases to the manager's salary to reflect the increasing strategic nature of the post .

Whilst premises costs remained level, office costs increased by £2,519, due to the purchase of kitchen equipment (increased use of kitchen). Activity costs increased by £4,008 due to a £4,552 increase in tutor and resources costs (increase in activities and beneficiaries). An increase of £2,787 in staff and volunteer costs is down to training undertaken by staff.

The organisation reports a surplus of £27,163, which includes £9,000 placed in a new reserve account in this budget year. This arose due to a funder (Henry Smith Foundation) raising the risk due to our lack of reserve fund. Our financial management policy now states that free reserves equivalent to 6 months unrestricted expenditure will be kept where possible, to cover costs should the organisation need to wind up.

Plans for the future

- Continue to work in partnership with outside agencies to meet the needs of our beneficiaries.
- Continue in our aim to become more financially self-sufficient.
- Keep staff to a minimum but affordable within the level of funding.
- Continue to ensure the financial viability of existing groups.
- Continue to monitor all areas of expenditure to identify where savings can be made.
- Continue to source and apply for external funding as appropriate.
- Continue to respond to issues arising from the increasing cost of living and the lasting effects of Covid 19.

Directors Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Company and of the surplus or deficit of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Directors have:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently,
- Made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- Stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- Prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

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

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Stephen Charlesworth

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Date 02/12/2025

Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds	1	£29,167	£27,163	56,330	35,580
Other incoming resources Income from Investments	2	£36,602		36,602	29,448
Total incoming resources		£65,769	£27,163	92,932	65,028
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Charitable activities	3	£38,293	£27,163	65,456	51,375
Governance Costs	8	£313		313	400
Total Resources Expended		£38,606	£27,163	65,769	51,775
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		£27,163		27,163	13,253
Transfer between funds					
Net movement in funds		£27,163		27,163	13,253
Total funds brought forward		£19,967		19,967	6,714
Net Total funds carried forward		£47,130		47,130	19,967

Continuing Operations

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these accounts

Balance Sheet

		31 March 2025	31 March 2024
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	-	-
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand			
	Total current assets	47,430	20,367
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	10	300	400
Net current assets			
Total assets less current liabilities			
Net assets		47,130	19,967
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		47,130	19,967
Total unrestricted funds		47,130	19,967
Restricted funds			
Total funds		47,130	19,967

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts 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 accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies 'regime'.

Signed by a Director

John Whittle

Print name

John Whittle

Dated

18/12/2025

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (2005)

The company is reporting a surplus of £27,163 and the company reserve is positive at £47,130 at the year end.

Fund accounting

General funds are available at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company.

Designated funds are created by the Directors to meet anticipated future expenditure and the designations may be changed at any time.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by funders or by the purpose of the grant.

Incoming resources

Total incoming resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) represents the net amounts from all sources.

These are included in the SoFA when:

- The charity becomes entitled to the resources,
- The trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross into SoFA.

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' and Directors' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Assets. Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Fixtures, fittings and equipment are depreciated using the reducing balance method at a rate of 25% per annum.

1. Grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
RMBC Grant	9,000		9,000	9,000
Rochdale Township		500	500	
Healey Ward Funds First Aid		780	780	1,280
Healey Ward Funds Christmas		840	840	
Henry Smith		20,000	20,000	10,000
RCCC Lottery	15,000		15,000	
Mains Grant				10,000
Garfield Weston	5,167	2,333	7,500	5,000
Forever Manchester		960	960	
Home Instead				
Action Together		500	500	
Arnold Clark		750	750	
Norman Barnes		500	500	300
Other				
TOTAL	29,167	27,163	56,330	35,580

2. Other incoming resources

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Donations		320		320	
Classes & Activities		19,722		19,722	21,520
Room Hire		8,606		8,606	7,445
Pension Refund		6,469		6,469	0
Travel & other Income		1,419		1,419	483
Bank Interest		66		66	0
TOTAL		36,602		36,602	29,448

3. Charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Salaries, NI & Pension		7,017	20,000	27,017	22,760
Premises costs	4	12,776		12,776	12,266
Office costs	5	5,580		5,580	3,061
Classes & activity costs	6	9,964	7,163	17,127	13,119
Staff & volunteer costs	7	2,956		2,956	169
Sundries					0
TOTAL		38,293	27,163	65,456	51,375

4. Premises costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Rent & Rates	7,154		7,154	6,315
Insurance	759		759	1,389
Cleaning & Materials	4,863		4,863	3,905
Equipment, repairs & maintenance				115
Building R&R				542
TOTAL	12,776		12,776	12,266

5. Office costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Postage & Carriage				20
Stationery & Photocopying	470		470	546
Kitchen Equipment	2,275		2,275	137
Office Equipment	482		482	539
Telephone	1,585		1,585	1,400
Donations & Gifts	768		768	419
TOTAL	5,580		5,580	3,061

6. Classes & activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Tutors & Resources	5,877	7,163	13,040	8,488
Hospitality & Events	4,087		4,087	4,631
TOTAL	9,967	7,163	17,127	13,119

7. Staff & volunteer costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Travel & Training	2,956		2,956	169
Volunteer Expenses				0
TOTAL	2,956		2,956	169

8. Governance costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Accountancy	313		313	300
TOTAL	313		313	300

9. Staff Costs

No employee earned more than £60,000 and the number of full time equivalent employees was 1.

10. Creditors

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025
Income in Advance			
Other Creditors	300		300
TOTAL	300		300

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment
As at 1 April 2024	-
Additions	-
Disposals	-
As at 31 March 2025	-

Depreciation

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment
As at 1 April 2024	-
Charge for the Year	-
As at 31 March 2025	-

Net Book Value

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment
As at 1 April 2024	-
Disposal	-
As at 31 March 2025	-