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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Financial Statements

For the Year Ending

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year Ended 30 April 2026

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2026.

Aims and Objectives of DACYM

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry (DACYM) works from an inclusive Christian value base, using the principles and practices of informal education and community development. Through this work, DACYM aims to transform the lives of young people educationally, socially, and spiritually, empowering them to achieve their full potential. DACYM supports both community and church-based youth work activities. Our activities continue to make a positive impact on the lives of the young people we have had the privilege to work with during this accounting period.

Activities and Achievements During the Year

The Listening Post

The Listening Post is a Darlington community and school-based listening and mentoring service, providing one-to-one 'listening' time and/or mentoring for young people. It was established in 2017 as an expression of Christian care in action.

During the academic year ending July 2025, we facilitated over 2319 listening sessions across Darlington for 273 students. We anticipate that the number of sessions in 2025/26 will increase again.

These appointments predominantly took place in secondary school settings... Carmel College, Haughton Academy, Hummersknott Academy, Hurworth Academy, Longfield Academy, Polam Hall School, St Aidan's CofE Academy, and Wyvern Academy. However, we also provided the Listening Post into the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Rise Carr College, St Mary's Primary School, Cockerton, West Park Academy, Heathfield Primary School and Skerne Park Academy. Sessions also took place at Primary Healthcare Darlington (A central multi-purpose venue for health and care activities for the population of Darlington and surrounding area).

Over the last 12 months issues that have arisen for our young people are wide ranging. Areas include death of a peer by suicide; toxic family dynamics; general family relationships; historic eating disorders; suicidal thoughts; pressure from expectations of academic achievements; friendship breakdowns; gender identity; low mood and fatigue; bullying (some historic, some online); sexuality; managing college/school work and life; living and managing over-thinking and associated anxiety; environmental anxiety; managing anger; illness within family; cost of living crisis; impact of ADHD; self-loathing; issues relating to sleep patterns; impact of historic sexual abuse; boyfriend / girlfriend issues; being a looked after child in either a foster family and/or a residential home - and in the primary school setting the transition from Primary to Secondary.

The difference these sessions make for each young person is significant…

"The Listening Post helps me because it allows me to come and talk about my life. What is happening in school, with my friends, and where I live (in a residential children's home). It helps me get through the week." Secondary School Student, April 2026

"My listening sessions have been really helpful. They have allowed me to talk about those things that are on my mind. I am now getting better grades and feel less self-conscious about myself. They have helped me to turn a corner with my confidence". Year 11 Student, April 2026

"Before I went to the Listening Post, I was feeling anxious and having someone to talk to has really helped me". "These sessions are helping me".
"My listener listens to me better than anyone else".
Primary School Students, April 2026

Activities and Achievements During the Year ***(continued)***

"Thank you so much for your support over the last academic year. The Listening sessions have been just what I needed, and they have helped me reach the point I am now at". Sixth Form Student, April 2026

Referrals have come from a wide variety of sources including GP surgeries, social workers, youth workers, parents, teachers, CAMHS, Family Support/Early Help and the young people themselves.

One of the key strengths of the Listening Post is that we are not prescriptive on the number of sessions we offer in support of a young person. So, listening sessions have been offered on a short, medium, and long-term basis - dependent upon the individual needs of each young person.

The schools also appreciate the work we do…

"The Listening Post service provides an invaluable source of support for our students, offering a safe, confidential, and non-judgmental space where young people can discuss concerns that may be affecting their wellbeing, learning, or personal development. Many students face challenges both inside and outside of school, and having access to trained professionals who can listen, guide, and support them helps ensure that issues are identified and addressed at an early stage. This early intervention can significantly reduce barriers to learning and enable students to engage more fully with their education.

The impact of the Listening Post extends beyond individual students, contributing positively to the wider school community. By supporting students' emotional wellbeing, resilience, and mental health, the service helps create a more inclusive and supportive learning environment. Students who access the service often demonstrate improved confidence, attendance, behaviour, and readiness to learn. The Listening Post is therefore a highly valued resource within our school, playing a vital role in promoting student welfare and helping young people achieve their full potential both academically and personally".

Michelle Farley-Smith, Welfare Officer, Polam Hall School

"We have been delighted to work in partnership with Listening Post throughout this academic year at Hurworth School. Their commitment to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our young people has had a profound and lasting impact on our school community. The team has provided a safe, supportive, and non-judgemental environment where students have felt listened to, understood, and valued. Through their compassionate and highly skilled approach, they have helped many young people build resilience, improve their emotional wellbeing, and develop practical strategies to manage anxiety, low mood, stress, and other challenges they face.

We have seen significant positive changes in many of the students who have accessed support. Young people have grown in confidence, become more willing to seek help when they need it, and developed healthier ways of managing their emotions. Many students have shown improved self-esteem, increased engagement in school, better attendance, stronger relationships with peers and staff, and a greater ability to cope with the demands of everyday life. For some, the support from Listening Post has been truly transformative, enabling them to re-engage with their education and look to the future with renewed optimism.

Activities and Achievements During the Year ***(continued)***

The feedback from students, families, and staff has been overwhelmingly positive. Students consistently describe feeling heard, respected, and empowered, while parents have shared how the support has had a positive impact not only on their child but on family life as a whole. Staff have also recognised the difference the service has made, with students returning to lessons better equipped to learn, participate, and thrive.

Listening Post has become a trusted and invaluable partner within our school community. Their collaborative approach, professionalism, and genuine care for every young person have made a real difference to the lives of our students. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and expertise and look forward to continuing this successful partnership. We would wholeheartedly recommend Listening Post as a service to any school seeking high-quality, compassionate mental health support that delivers meaningful and lasting outcomes for young people".

Mrs Kelly Davison, Assistant Head Teacher, Hurworth Academy

In conjunction with Darlington College in May/June 2025, we ran a Level 2 Effective Listening Course; as a result of this course, we recruited new listeners who started volunteering with the Listening Post in September 2025.

Hurworth Youth Project (HYP)

DACYM have been involved in the running of youth activities in Hurworth, in partnership with All Saints Church, for 18 years. These activities come under the banner of Hurworth Youth Project and include the Friday Night Hang-Out, Friday Night Drop-In and Friday Night Walk-About.

The Friday Night Hang-Out started as a monthly activity about eight years ago. Following the COVID lockdown, we decided to make it weekly, and it very quickly became increasingly popular with between 40 - 50 primary school children attending each week. Attendances have been strong throughout the year, especially in the autumn and winter months.

The Friday Night Drop-In has been a long-established fixture in Hurworth, and it was originally set-up in response to the numbers of young people (secondary school age) hanging around in Hurworth on a Friday evening. Over the past 18 years, well in excess of a 1100 young people have attended sessions at the drop-in. In September 2024 we relaunched the Drop-In as a club just for those in Year 7, in September 2025 we extended the provision to those in Years 7 & 8 we have a core committed group of young people who have really enjoyed the provision. The plan in September 2026 is for the club to expand to include young people in school years 7, 8 & 9.

On the nights we had sufficient volunteers and/or weren't able to open the Drop-In, we did some detached work nicked named 'The Friday Night Walk-About' - which involves the team walking around the village engaging, with young people hanging around, in conversation and activities - and listening to what they have to say.

The Friday Night Hang-Out and Friday Night Drop-In take place in All Saint's Church.

Polam Hall School Chaplaincy Project

The Polam Hall Chaplaincy Project, which commenced in September 2022, continued into it fourth year, albeit in a slightly different format with a change of personnel and a reduction in hours following the completion of the initial three-year project.

The chaplaincy continued to grow as an integral part of school life, building on foundations laid in the previous three years. Key activities included:

- Continued 1-2-1 and small group pastoral care, responding to grief, anxiety, friendship and faith challenges.

Activities and Achievements During the Year ***(continued)***

- Ongoing development and daily use of the Credo chaplaincy space, now firmly established as a safe, inclusive and valued part of the school.
- The Chaplain being a presence around the school, engaging with students (and staff) on a regular basis.
- The continuation and development of the Engage group for Years 7-9, with new topics and increased student participation.
- Leading regular assemblies and collective worship across all key stages. Key events included: Christmas and Easter.
- Increased trust from students and staff, allowing more pastoral conversations.

After School Clubs & Activities

Longfield Academy - We have been running in Longfield since 2011, INSPIRE for over 11 years, we continue to attract a core group of students who attend weekly, they help set the programme and even give presentations on people and social issues that matter to them.

Assemblies And Church Visits

DACYM continue to assist schools by helping with the provision of assemblies (or collective worship) throughout the academic year, and special times of seasons such as Christmas and Easter.

In our Listening Post capacity, assemblies about Mental Health and Wellbeing were delivered into Longfield Academy and Hummersknott Academy, spread over the year utilising Mental Health Awareness week, World Mental Health Day and Children's Mental Health week.

We delivered a Christmas assembly into Longfield Academy, and Harvest, Advent/Christmas, Fairtrade, and Easter assemblies into Hummersknott Academy, some of which were extended assemblies at 45 minutes long.

During this accounting period we did not facilitate any school to church visits, however dates have been set for future visits.

Conclusion

The period of May 2025 to April 2026 has been one of continued development as we demonstrate Christian care in action, facilitating support for hundreds of young people whilst also continuing to develop other aspects of our work. We are grateful for those who have continued to support the work of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry, whether that be financially, or by being a volunteer for the Listening Post and/or Hurworth Youth Project. Without such support the vital work undertaken would not have been possible.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £72,578 (2025 - £84,538) of which £42,656 (2025 - £53,472) was restricted. Expenditure totalled £74,726 (2025 - £74,835) of which £44,932 (2025 - £36,637) was restricted. The overall deficit of £2,149 (2025 - surplus of £9,704) comprised a surplus of £138 (2025 - deficit of £7,131) on unrestricted funds and a deficit of £2,286 (2025 - surplus of £16,835) on restricted funds. At 30th April 2026 net assets totalled £44,546 (2025 - £46,694) of which £27,397 (2025 - £29,683) was held in restricted funds and £17,149 (2025 - £17,011) in unrestricted funds. The Trustees consider the current financial position to be stable.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal sources of funding are from private individuals, local churches, personal support and service level agreements. Personal support is a long standing commitment by individuals providing funding for salary costs of particular named members of staff. We also received funding from Charitable Trusts, aimed specifically at the Listening Post. The Charity will aim to carry out additional fund raising events each year. We wish to thank funders and donors for their continued support enabling DACYM to impact the lives of young people

Investment Policy

The Charity does not have an investment policy at the current time; it is purely a case of ensuring that income is greater than expenditure.

Reserves Policy

The management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity. At 30 April 2026 there were restricted funds held in the amount of £27,397 principally restricted for use on the Hurworth Youth Project, Polam Hall and the Listening Post.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 April 2010 and registered as a charity on 26 July 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register is to be established and updated regularly. Procedures re Health & Safety etc are to be periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisational Structure

The charity has a management committee who meet approximately five to six times a year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Public Benefit

Our main activities and who we help are described in other parts of the trustees' report. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year when deciding on the activities of the charity.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name	Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry
Charity registration number	1137059
Company registration number	07217418
Principal office and registered office	The DACYM Office Elm Ridge Methodist Church Carmel Road South Darlington County Durham DL3 8DJ

The Trustees

Rev D Bage	(Retired 14 October 2025)
Ms T Raeburn-Prouse	
Ms A Meeks	
Rev C Jay	
Mr T Evans (Chair)	
Mrs E Carling	
Ms C L Hunter	
Ms P J M Moon	
Rev J J Monopoli	(Appointed 14 October 2025)

Independent Examiner

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
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Small Company Provisions

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

The trustees' annual report was approved on 22nd September 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Year Ended 30 April 2026

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2026.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 30 April 2026

	Note	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	**Total funds £**	2025 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	**5**	24,935	25,676	**50,611**	69,000
Charitable activities	**6**	1,218	11,274	**12,492**	10,711
Other trading activities	**7**	3,779	5,696	**9,475**	4,827
Total income		29,932	42,646	**72,578**	84,538
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	**8**	1,500	–	**1,500**	750
Costs of other trading activities	**9**	1,930	749	**2,679**	2,418
Expenditure on charitable activities	**10,11**	26,364	44,183	**70,547**	71,666
Total expenditure		29,794	44,932	**74,726**	74,834
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		138	(2,286)	**(2,148)**	9,704
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		17,011	29,683	**46,694**	36,990
Total funds carried forward		17,149	27,397	**44,546**	46,694

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

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Statement of Financial Position

30 April 2026

	Note	2026 £	£	2025 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	**16**		**472**	629
Current Assets				
Stocks	**17**	**150**		150
Debtors	**18**	**5,268**		5,122
Cash at bank and in hand		**40,013**		42,559
		45,431		47,831
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**19**	**1,357**		1,766
Net Current Assets			**44,074**	46,065
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			**44,546**	46,694
Net Assets			**44,546**	46,694
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted funds			**27,397**	29,683
Unrestricted funds			**17,149**	17,011
Total charity funds	**21**		**44,546**	46,694

For the year ending 30 April 2026 the charity 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 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 financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 22nd September 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 30 April 2026

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is The DACYM Office, Elm Ridge Methodist Church, Carmel Road South, Darlington, County Durham, DL3 8DJ.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity’s ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where legacies have been notified to the charity but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity, being the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.

Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and 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.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Debtors

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

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

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

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Creditors

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

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 30th April 2026 there were 8 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 in the event of a winding up.

5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2026 £**
Donations			
Donations from individuals	9,297	1,465	**10,762**
Donations from churches	5,300	1,210	**6,510**
Personal support	7,194	300	**7,494**
Gift aid	3,144	–	**3,144**
Grants			
County Durham Community Foundation/Point North	–	10,000	**10,000**
Darlington Lions Club	–	5,000	**5,000**
Darlington Rotary Charity	–	1,720	**1,720**
JD Foundation	–	1,000	**1,000**
Cummins	–	4,981	**4,981**
	24,935	25,676	**50,611**

5. Donations and Legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations from individuals	9,959	4,235	14,194
Donations from churches	4,800	1,061	5,861
Personal support	7,712	300	8,012
Cash collections	–	289	289
Gift aid	3,766	–	3,766
Grants			
Hurworth Parish Council	–	400	400
County Durham Community Foundation/Point North	1,900	17,100	19,000
Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust	–	5,000	5,000
Darlington Lions Club	–	5,000	5,000
Darlington Mayor's Fund	–	7,478	7,478
	28,137	40,863	69,000

6. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2026 £**
Listening Post	–	8,274	**8,274**
Polam Hall	–	3,000	**3,000**
Other income from charitable activities	1,218	–	**1,218**
	1,218	11,274	**12,492**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Listening Post	–	7,687	7,687
Polam Hall	–	1,800	1,800
Other income from charitable activities	1,114	110	1,224
	1,114	9,597	10,711

7. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2026 £**
Fundraising income	602	5,696	**6,298**
Tuck shop income	3,177	–	**3,177**
	3,779	5,696	**9,475**

7. Other Trading Activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fundraising income	–	3,012	3,012
Tuck shop income	1,815	–	1,815
	1,815	3,012	4,827

8. Costs of Raising Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2026 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donor admin costs	1,500	**1,500**	750	750

9. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2026 £**
Tuck shop purchases	1,844	–	**1,844**
Advertising and publicity	84	532	**616**
Fundraising costs	2	217	**219**
	1,930	749	**2,679**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tuck shop purchases	1,530	–	1,530
Advertising and publicity	555	143	698
Fundraising costs	190	–	190
	2,275	143	2,418

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2026 £**
Costs of charitable activities	25,208	44,183	**69,391**
Support costs	1,156	–	**1,156**
	26,364	44,183	**70,547**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Costs of charitable activities	34,174	36,494	70,668
Support costs	998	–	998
	35,172	36,494	71,666

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	**Total funds 2026**	Total fund 2025
	£	£	**£**	£
Costs of charitable activities	69,391	–	**69,391**	70,668
Governance costs	–	1,156	**1,156**	998
	69,391	1,156	**70,547**	71,666

12. Net (Expenditure)/Income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2026	2025
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**157**	209

13. Independent Examination Fees

	2026	2025
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	**602**	560

14. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**61,300**	63,446
Employer contributions to pension plans	**1,316**	1,338
	62,616	64,784

The average head count of employees during the year was 3 (2025: 3). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2026	2025
	No.	No.
Number of project staff	**3**	3

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2025: Nil).

15. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received either remuneration or expenses during the year (2025 - Nil).

16. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment	**Total**
	£	**£**
Cost		
At 1 May 2025 and 30 April 2026	3,545	**3,545**
Depreciation		
At 1 May 2025	2,916	**2,916**
Charge for the year	157	**157**
At 30 April 2026	3,073	**3,073**
Carrying amount		
At 30 April 2026	472	**472**
At 30 April 2025	629	629

17. Stocks

	2026	2025
	£	£
Stock	**150**	150

18. Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade debtors	**1,612**	3,093
Prepayments and accrued income	**527**	507
Gift aid recoverable	**3,129**	1,517
Other debtors	**–**	5
	5,268	5,122

19. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade creditors	**–**	574
Accruals and deferred income	**594**	568
Social security and other taxes	**763**	624
	1,357	1,766

20. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,316 (2025: £1,338).

21. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 May 2025	Income	Expenditure	**At 30 April 2026**
	£	£	£	**£**
General funds	14,835	25,537	(25,313)	**15,059**
Tuck shop	2,176	4,395	(4,481)	**2,090**
	17,011	29,932	(29,794)	**17,149**

	At 1 May 2024	Income	Expenditure	At 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	21,253	28,337	(34,755)	14,835
Tuck shop	2,889	2,729	(3,442)	2,176
	24,142	31,066	(38,197)	17,011

Restricted funds

	At 1 May 2025	Income	Expenditure	**At 30 April 2026**
	£	£	£	**£**
Breathe	4,230	–	(4,230)	**–**
Listening Post	14,706	33,686	(28,857)	**19,535**
HYP	3,082	960	(4,042)	**–**
Polam Hall	7,665	8,000	(7,803)	**7,862**
	29,683	42,646	(44,932)	**27,397**

	At 1 May 2024	Income	Expenditure	At 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£
Breathe	4,230	–	–	4,230
Listening Post	–	31,002	(16,296)	14,706
HYP	7,951	3,570	(8,439)	3,082
Polam Hall	667	18,900	(11,902)	7,665
	12,848	53,472	(36,637)	29,683

22. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2026 £**
Tangible fixed assets	472	–	**472**
Current assets	18,034	27,397	**45,431**
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,357)	–	**(1,357)**
Net assets	17,149	27,397	**44,546**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	629	–	629
Current assets	18,148	29,683	47,831
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,766)	–	(1,766)
Net assets	17,011	29,683	46,694

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Management Information

Year Ended 30 April 2026

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 April 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations from individuals	**10,762**	14,194
Donations from churches	**6,510**	5,861
Personal support	**7,494**	8,012
Cash collections	**–**	289
Gift aid	**3,144**	3,766
Hurworth Parish Council	**–**	400
County Durham Community Foundation/Point North	**10,000**	19,000
Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust	**–**	5,000
Darlington Lions Club	**5,000**	5,000
Darlington Mayor's Fund	**–**	7,478
Darlington Rotary Charity	**1,720**	–
JD Foundation	**1,000**	–
Cummins	**4,981**	–
	50,611	69,000
Charitable activities		
Listening Post	**8,274**	7,687
Polam Hall	**3,000**	1,800
Other income from charitable activities	**1,218**	1,224
	12,492	10,711
Other trading activities		
Fundraising income	**6,298**	3,012
Tuck shop income	**3,177**	1,815
	9,475	4,827
Total income	**72,578**	84,538

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
Expenditure		
Costs of raising donations and legacies		
Donor admin costs	**1,500**	750
Costs of other trading activities		
Tuck shop purchases	**1,844**	1,530
Advertising and publicity	**616**	698
Fundrasing costs	**219**	190
	2,679	2,418
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Activities undertaken directly		
Wages	**61,300**	63,446
Pension contributions	**1,316**	1,338
Insurance	**507**	467
Legal & professional fees	**1,368**	990
Telephone and IT	**987**	839
Printing, stationery & postage	**23**	183
Depreciation	**157**	209
Activity costs	**526**	1,211
Training	**1,500**	1,450
Staff travel & expenses	**1,576**	459
Other costs	**131**	76
	69,391	70,668
Governance costs		
Independent Examiner's fees	**602**	560
Board expenses	**554**	438
	1,156	998
Expenditure on charitable activities	**70,547**	71,666
Total expenditure	**74,726**	74,834
Net (expenditure)/income	**(2,148)**	9,704