XTND – IMPROVING FUTURES

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended

31 March 2025

Charity Number 1141966

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Reference and Administrative Information

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charity Name	XTND – Improving Futures
Charity Number	1141966
Principal Address	Bournville Primary School Selworthy Road Weston-super-Mare Somerset BS23 3ST
Current Trustees	A. Matthews J. Harvey-Bennett J. Porter T. Erridge M. Berry J. Morrison H. Hudd (Appointed 4th December 2024)

Reference and Administrative Information

Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Trustees confirm they have complied with their duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

XTND – Improving Futures is a Charitable Association, our Constitution was adopted on 6th April 2011 and we were registered as a charity on 17th April 2011.

Our Registered Charity number is 1141966.

We are established under a Memorandum of Association which establishes the objects and powers of the Charity and are governed under its Articles of Association.

Constitution adopted 6th April 2011.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees must be proposed by a member and elected, by vote, at the Annual General Meeting.

Members

Our Members are the residents, children, young people, their families and the organisations that make up the four estates of South Ward, Weston-super-Mare.

Additional Governance Issues

There is a Child Safeguarding policy in place along with all recognised policies and procedures. The Charity holds public, employers and trustee liability insurance.

Enhanced DBS checks are carried out prior to any staff or Trustee taking up appointment. These checks are regularly updated in line with statutory requirements.

XTND are partners with Bournville and Windwhistle primary schools who provide the space and facilities for XTND administration and are where the majority of the activities we deliver take place (out of school clubs, parent support groups etc.).

Our Co-ordinator provides leadership for the organisation developing and delivering projects and engagement activities for local families. A part-time business administrator supports the development manager in all charity administration and writing of funding applications associated with the Charity. A part-time family engagement worker delivers activities and groups for families in the local community,

All decisions regarding the overall management of the Charity are made at trustee level.

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's Objects

To enhance the development and education of children, young people and their families and promote Social Inclusion and Community capacity building in the socially and economically disadvantaged community of the 4 estates, South Ward, Weston-super-Mare through provision of:

1. Play, recreation and leisure activities which develop their skills and improve their conditions of life.

2. Appropriate facilities, training and support to encourage parents to become involved with and understand the needs of their children.

The Charity's Activities

- Support families to engage with the local community.
- Provide life-long learning opportunities.
- Hold activities in the local primary schools.
- Organise family events and groups
- Work in partnership with Bournville Primary School, Windwhistle Primary School, SWAN, North Somerset Council, Avon and Somerset Police, Voluntary Action North Somerset, For All Healthy Living Centre and other local community groups.
- Identifies and implements specific activities relevant to the needs of the community.

The majority of children who attend these activities are eligible for free school meals.

Public Benefit

In planning these activities the Trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We welcome and encourage all young people and their families regardless of personal background, faith, gender, personal or financial circumstance.

Background:

XTND – Improving Futures works with statutory, voluntary and community sectors to find imaginative solutions to the challenges faced by our local families and has a strong track record within South Ward and good established links within North Somerset.

North Somerset is generally prosperous. However, there are some very significant pockets of multiple deprivations locally, some falling in the bottom 1% nationally. Our work is based in an area with the 2nd highest levels of child poverty in the South West (Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019).

Achievements and Performance

- Raised £61,628 in grant funding this year.
- 60+ people accessing a weekly group
- 400+ attended family activities this year.
- Activities linked to community event were accessed by all children in the 2blocal primary school

Year Ended 31 March 2025

2024-25 has again been a challenging year financially for the families we support. Many services and charities have been reduced and families have seen a real impact from the cost of living crisis. The grant funding available for charities has also reduced and this has meant significant work has gone in to finding alternative funding sources.

This year we have been able to deliver a variety of activities for a wide range of families across the local area. We have focused primarily on weekly groups where we can get to know families well and promote community cohesion. These groups have included:

- Bournville Tots – A group for young parents and their preschool children, offering play, connection, and support in a welcoming environment.
- Together Time – A group for families with primary school-aged children, promoting positive interactions and fun shared experiences.
- Parent Cooking – A practical group helping parents develop skills to cook healthy, budget-friendly family meals.
- Child and Parent Cooking – A hands-on group where preschool children and parents cook and learn together.
- XTND in the Park – In partnership with SWAN, we delivered weekly summer activities in the park alongside their lunch club, providing accessible outdoor fun for local families.

We have also delivered a series of seasonal and themed events at both local primary schools. These events are always well-attended and provide joyful, shared experiences for families:

- Pumpkin Carving – A community favourite; we ran three successful sessions.
- Christmas Cooking – Two festive sessions celebrating creativity and togetherness.
- Lantern Making – 2 whole school open afternoons for all children to participate with their parents. Leading into a community event.
- World Book Day Book Swap – Two sessions promoting literacy and book sharing within the school community.
- Paw patrol/Bluey/Pepper Pig events for EYFS children and their families.

This year, we have also welcomed a part-time Family Engagement Worker, with a specific focus on Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This role has increased out offer to engage families with young children, providing support during these early years of family life. The Family Engagement Worker has delivered a wide range of high-impact activities including:

- Book Events – Encouraging parent and child interactions, engagement in school and shared reading and early literacy.
- Messy Play Sessions – Supporting sensory development and parent-child interaction.
- Arts and Crafts Activities –session that promote parent and child interaction while building fine motor skills.
- Toddler Groups – Offering play and social opportunities for both children and parents.
- Parenting Support Groups – Providing a space for parents to connect, share experiences, and receive practical guidance.

We continue to be actively involved in local organisations including:

Bournville and Windwhistle Schools whose children live in the community we support.

South Weston Activity Network (SWAN) of which we are founder members. SWAN brings coordination to a programme of activities provided by partners, which complement each other in a way that makes sense for local families.

Voluntary Action North Somerset. (VANS) is a vital resource for local voluntary and third sector organisations, providing us in particular with valuable advice, guidance and training particularly in relation to fundraising.

We are pleased to welcome Heidi Hudd as a new Trustee. Heidi brings a wealth of experience to the board and the team look forward to working with her.

Year Ended 31 March 2025

The year ahead

The need to secure future funding will always be a prominent focus, we will continue to research opportunities for core funding that is essential to securing staff costs to enable the running and development of all current and future activities. As we approach the final year of a multi0year grant we will focus on other multi-year grant opportunities to secure funding for the coming years.

We hope to continue the groups and events we have previously run, to use these spaces to support and grow relationships with families.

We hope to continue our strong relationships with other charities in the area and increase our partnership events

We would also like to continue to focus on early intervention, building strong relationships with local nurseries, to grow our relationships with parents in their first years of parenting so that we can offer support quickly and efficiently when needed.

Fundraising
A total of £61641 raised this year through grants, donations and local fundraising.

We are hugely grateful to the following grant funders. Through these grants we have been able to secure funding to maintain provision for this year and towards the coming year.

- The Trusthouse charitable foundation (3 year funding)
- Quartet community foundation Resilience grant
- Awards For All
- North Somerset community fund
- Alliance homes community grant

Financial Review
Our main source of funding has been grant funding and donations. All expenditure in this current financial year has been used directly towards these activities.

We are particularly grateful for the support of Windwhistle and Bournville Schools for the contributions of space and time they make towards the Charity.

As at 31 March 2025 the Charity's unrestricted fund balance was £105,676 and restricted funds were £Nil.

Reserves

Our policy on reserves is to maintain a balance that cover the organisations running costs for 6 months in the event of no further funding being available. This contingency would allow for the notice and redundancy costs of the employed staff and to enable projects to be wound down over this period.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Justin Harvey Bennett

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Date:

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts of XTND – Improving Futures for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:
- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees 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:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
  (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

- 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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Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary income	61,628	-	61,628	88,180
Investment income	13	-	13	1
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-	-	-	4,924
Total income	61,641	-	61,641	93,105
Expenses				
Costs to generate voluntary income	30,876	-	30,876	45,147
Charitable activities	8,966	-	8,966	45,485
Governance costs	1,081	-	1,081	1,339
Total expenses	40,923	-	40,923	91,971
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	20,718	-	20,718	1,134
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Fund movement	20,718	-	20,718	1,134

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year Ended 31 March 2025

		2025	2024
		£	£
Current assets			
Bank		105,676	84,958
Current liabilities		-	-
Net assets		105,676	84,958
Cash reserves			
Unrestricted funds			
Brought forward	84,958		83,824
Net incoming resources	20,718		1,134
		105,676	84,958
Restricted funds			
Brought forward	-		-
Net outgoing resources	-		-
		-	-
Total reserves		105,676	84,958

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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