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ANIMAL AID 246

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

Company Registration No. 07616442
Charity Registration No. 1143133

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2026.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006, Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective 1st January 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Charitable Company are to prevent cruelty and relieve the suffering and distress of animals in need of care and attention in the North West area. Animal Aid 246 is committed to providing shelter for stray / unwanted animals focusing on felines. Our aim is to find loving, secure homes for all the animals in our care. All animals in the care of the organisation receive excellent veterinary care and are spayed / neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped before rehoming. Any animals may be taken back if owners become unable to care for them. In considering the objectives and activities, the Trustees have considered Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit to ensure that the charitable company is meeting its Public Benefit requirements.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Animal Aid would like to thank all our loyal supporters, volunteers and shop customers for their continued support and donations during the past year. This invaluable support has enabled us to continue to provide the best care possible to the many unwanted, abandoned and abused cats that are in our care.

The past year has presented the Charity with many difficult challenges. The current financial situation, which is affecting so many people, has had a significant impact on finances. This, coupled with the ever-rising cost of cat food, cat litter, veterinary care and energy, continues to drain the Charity's resources. The main source of income is our Charity shop, which is situated in an area of great deprivation. Many residents are unemployed or on low incomes. The shop supports the local community by selling clothes and household goods at affordable prices. Staff are always available to give advice to people who pop into the shop with queries about their cats and sign post them if they are unable to help. They also offer a micro-chipping service at a very reasonable rate.

The Charity's income has been supplemented by having Christmas and Easter raffles and other fundraising ideas such as 'Guess How Many Sweets in the Jar. 50p and £1 'Lucky Dips' have proved to be very successful and both Vinted and Facebook have been used to sell items of clothing to raise funds.

Social media has been important in helping the Charity draw attention to the work done by the rescue and to raise awareness of the importance of having cats neutered and micro-chipped. It has helped re-unite lost pets with their owners through posting photographs and details of lost cats and has brought about the adoptions of several cats. The Charity's website has been successful in attracting much needed donations.

We are indebted to all our supporters and donors for their generous monetary donations and for their donations of saleable items and items for raffle prizes, particularly at a time when many have difficulty making ends meet. It is only because of them that we are able to continue to provide the best possible care for the cats in our catteries.

The catteries and isolation area are kept spotless by the staff and great care is taken to ensure that the environment is comfortable and stimulating for the cats.

Staff go above and beyond to find the best forever homes for the cats in our care. They know the personality of each cat and successfully match cats with their prospective owners.

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Prospective adopters are welcome in the catteries to meet all the cats and kittens. This year, thirty-two cats have been successfully rehomed and eight have been placed in foster care. In addition, an increasing number of cats and kittens, many of them abandoned and living rough, have been brought into the rescue and provided with a place of safety, food, health care, comfortable surroundings and lots of love and attention. Every cat is neutered, micro-chipped, receives flea and worm treatment and is health checked by our vet before being rehomed.

Once again there has been a reduction in people looking to adopt cats, mainly due to the financial commitment required. The Charity has received an increasing number of emails from owners who can no longer look after their cats requesting a space in rescue. Unfortunately, it isn't possible to take in many of these pets as the catteries are invariably full. Staff have always tried their best to help owners in this situation, either sign posting them to another rescue or drawing attention to their plight via social media. It is a heartbreaking situation, but everything possible has been done to help.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £62,055 (2025: £64,296); of which £nil (2025: £nil), related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure for the year was £67,051 (2025: £76,775) leaving a deficit for the year of £4,996 (2025: deficit £12,479).

At 31st March 2026 the charitable company's reserves stood at £171,348 (2025: £176,344).

RISK MANAGEMENT

The main risks, to which the charitable company is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charitable company to maintain unrestricted reserves, which are free reserves at a level to cover redundancy provision and three months' running costs should no further funding be received.

Free reserves are the charitable company's unrestricted funds less tangible fixed assets. At the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £171,348 (£68,359 of net current assets).

The charitable company requires £10,777 for redundancy provision, £16,763 for three months' running costs (totalling £27,540).

PLANS FOR FUTURE

The high cost of living and the ever-increasing demands for the Charity's services have led to resources being stretched to the limit. This makes fundraising the absolute priority for the foreseeable future. Alongside raffles, Lucky Dips and selling items via social media other ways of raising money will be explored. It is hoped to form a fundraising committee for this purpose. We plan to investigate the possibility of a scheme to 'Sponsor a Cat' whereby a sponsor would choose a particular cat and pay a monthly or yearly subscription to pay for food, litter, vet fees etc., In return they would receive a photo, short video and an update of their sponsored cat.

There will be a drive on Gift Aid, raising awareness that tax paying supporters can gift aid their donations at no extra cost to themselves. Donations can be made via the Charity's website but currently there is no facility for donations to be gift aided – this option will be explored.

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A greater focus will be placed on rehoming the cats in our care. Our website and social media will play a pivotal role in this, but we will also explore whether holding an open day would be feasible.

Social media will continue to be a means to educate the public about important issues such as neutering and micro-chipping cats and to advertise forthcoming fundraising events.

The catteries will be inspected regularly so that any damaged or worn cat furniture and soft furnishings can be repaired or replaced.

Hopefully it will be possible to continue with the work to make the cellar a suitable storage area, but this will be dependent on funds.

The strong belief in animal welfare remains at the heart of our operations. We will, in the coming year, endeavour to apply for suitable grants and funding to ensure that we can give the best possible care to the cats and kittens we rescue.

Dissolution of charitable company

The charitable company was dissolved with Companies House on 28th May 2019 and removed from the Charity Commission register on 29th November 2019. The charitable company was restored with Companies House on 11th November 2020 and charity registration re-instated on 25th November 2020.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Animal Aid 246 is a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered in England and Wales, No. 07616442) incorporated on 27th April 2011 and registered as a charity (number 1143133) on 27th July 2011. Animal Aid 246 was dissolved with Companies House on 28th May 2019 reinstated on 11th November 2020 and removed from the Charity Commission register on 29th November 2019, reinstated 25th November 2020.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed by its Articles of Association.
The governing document is a constitution adopted on 27th April 2011. The charitable company operates across the Merseyside area.

The board of Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charitable company) forms the Committee which meets regularly throughout the year to attend to operational matters, fundraising and governance issues.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name	Animal Aid 246	
Company Number	07616442	
Charity Number	1143133	
Registered Office	246 County Road, Liverpool, Merseyside, L4 5PW	
Trustees	S Blackburn J Barnard T Birchall M Caffrey R Caffrey A Fleming R Stokes	(Appointed 26th August 2026) (Resigned 26th August 2026) (Resigned 2nd June 2025) (Resigned 2nd June 2025) (Resigned 16th March 2026)
Independent Examiner	Mrs Ying Huang ACCA c/o LCVS, 151 Dale Street, Liverpool, L2 2AH	
Bankers	Lloyds TSB Bank PLC, Waterloo, Birmingham OSC 4 Ariel House, 231 Coventry Road, Sheldon, Birmingham, B26 3JW	

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed by:
M. A Caffrey
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M A Caffrey - Trustee

Date 02 October 2026

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the Trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law), to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By the Order of the board,

Signed by:
M. A Caffrey
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M A Caffrey
Trustee

246 County Road,
Liverpool,
Merseyside,
L4 5PW

Date: 02 October 2026 .....

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ANIMAL AID 246

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from the 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 – matter of concern identified

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 and 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 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.

Name: **Mrs Ying Huang** Signed by: DF051AE92EBD4B6...

Relevant professional qualification or body: **ACCA**

Address: **c/o LCVS 151, Dale Street, Liverpool, L2 2AH**

Dated: 06 October 2026 ……..

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2026	Restricted Funds 2026	Total 2026	Total 2025
Income and endowments from:		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Donations and legacies	3a	49,277		49,277	41,534
Charitable activities	3b	12,405		12,405	21,967
Other trading activities	3c	373		373	795
Total income		**62,055**	**-**	**62,055**	**64,296**
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	4	67,051	-	67,051	76,775
Total expenditure		**67,051**	**-**	**67,051**	**76,775**
Net (expenditure), net movement in funds		**(4,996)**	**-**	**(4,996)**	**(12,479)**
Total funds brought forward	9, 10	176,344	-	176,344	188,823
Total funds carried forward	8 - 10	**171,348**	**-**	**171,348**	**176,344**

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these accounts. The net movement in resources for the period was derived from the continuing activities of the charitable company

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Company No 07616442

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2026

	Notes	31st March 2026		31st March 2025	
Fixed assets		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	5		102,989		105,431
Current assets					
Debtors	6	950		341	
Cash at bank and in hand		69,468		72,322	
		70,418		72,663	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,059)		(1,750)	
Net current assets			68,359		70,913
Total assets less current liabilities			**171,348**		**176,344**
Funds:					
Unrestricted funds	8, 9		171,348		176,344
Restricted funds	8, 10		-		-
			171,348		**176,344**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

For the period covered by these accounts the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are the directors of the charitable company, acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

Approved by the Board on 02 October 2026, and signed on their behalf by.

Signed by:
M. A Caffrey
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M A Caffrey - Trustee

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1. Limited Liability

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. Each member's liability is limited to £10.

2. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective 1st January 2019, Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The charitable company has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, the Trustees are confident that the levels of liquidity and free reserves will not affect the charity's operations. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are the charitable company's free reserves available for the Trustees to apply in accordance with the charitable company's charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donor. All restricted funds are accounted for as restricted income and expenditure for the purposes is charged to the fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charitable company has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies comprise of donations which are recognised in the accounts when received, with the exception of known legacies which are accounted for when their receipt is certain.

Income from charitable activities is recognised on an accrual's basis except for grants receivable, which are recognised on the date on which their unconditional payment is confirmed by the donor.

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Income from other trading activities relates to fundraising events and is recognised when the amount is certain.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.
All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to the operation of a charitable company comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charitable company. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charitable company.

Fixed assets

Capital expenditure of £200 and above is stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as below:

Pet Care Equipment	20% reducing balance basis
Shop Equipment	20% reducing balance basis
Freehold Property	2% straight line basis

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The charitable company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 ‘Basic Financial Instruments’ and Section 12 ‘Other Financial Instruments Issues’ of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charitable company’s balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charitable company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Taxation

Income and gains are exempt from taxation as they are received and applied for charitable purposes only. The charitable company benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and are not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions.

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3. Income and endowments from

	Unrestricted Funds 2026	Restricted Funds 2026	Total Funds 2026	Total Funds 2025
a. Donations and Legacies	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Donations	39,514	-	39,514	12,108
Legacies	9,000	-	9,000	28,853
Gift Aid	763	-	763	573
	49,277	**-**	**49,277**	**41,534**
b. Charitable activities	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Shop income	11,445	-	11,445	20,262
Cat Adoptions	960	-	960	1,705
	12,405	**-**	**12,405**	**21,967**
c. Other trading activities	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Fundraising	**373**	**-**	**373**	**795**

4. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Charitable Expenditure £	Support & Governance Costs £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
To prevent cruelty and relieve the suffering and distress of animals in need of care and attention	60,996	6,055	**67,051**	**76,775**

a. Analysed as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Direct charitable expenditure:		
Staff salary costs	33,004	30,974
Pension	756	643
Running costs	4,247	8,644
Shop expenses	292	1,514
Waste	2,066	554
Pet food	9,264	10,306
Pet care	11,367	16,953
	60,996	**69,588**

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	2026	2025
Support & Governance costs:	£	£
Staff Salary costs	-	69
Office costs	485	1,001
Legal fees	-	34
Insurance	1,822	2,214
HMRC Penalty	-	200
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	113
Accountancy	1,306	1,102
Depreciation	2,442	2,454
	6,055	7,187
Total expenditure on charitable activities	**67,051**	**76,775**

All the above expenditure relates to unrestricted funding.

b. Staff Costs & Numbers

	2026	2025
	£	£
Salaries	33,004	31,043
Pension	756	643
	33,760	**31,686**

c. Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2026	2025
Total number of staff	**1.49**	**1.52**

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

No out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to Trustees in the year (2025: £nil).

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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Pet Care Equipment	Shop Equipment	Freehold Property	Total
Cost	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Balance at 1st April 2025	856	1,004	119,517	121,377
Additions	-	-	-	-
Balance 31st March 2026	**856**	**1,004**	**119,517**	**121,377**
Accumulated Depreciation				
Balance at 1st April 2025	846	758	14,342	15,946
Charge for the year	2	50	2,390	2,442
Balance at 31st March 2026	**848**	**808**	**16,732**	**18,388**
Net Book Value at 31st March 2026	**8**	**196**	**102,785**	**102,989**
Net Book Value at 31st March 2025	10	246	105,175	105,431

All fixed assets are used in the direct charitable activities of the charitable company.

6. Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Debtors and prepayments	607	-
Other Debtors	343	341
	950	**341**

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accruals	1,306	1,102
Pension	140	35
Other Creditors	613	613
	2,059	**1,750**

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8. Analysis of net assets between funds

Year end 2026	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
Unrestricted Funds	**£**	**£**	**£**
General Fund	22,149	68,359	90,508
R Jones Designated Fund	80,840	-	80,840
	102,989	**68,359**	**171,348**
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
Totals	**102,989**	**68,359**	**171,348**

Year end 2025	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
Unrestricted Funds	**£**	**£**	**£**
General Fund	22,711	70,913	93,624
R Jones Designated Fund	82,720	-	82,720
	105,431	**70,913**	**176,344**
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
Totals	**105,431**	**70,913**	**176,344**

9. Unrestricted Funds

Year end 2026	Funds at beginning of year	Movements in the Year: Income	Expenditure	Funds at end of year
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
General Funds	93,624	62,055	(65,171)	90,508
R Jones Designated Fund	82,720		(1,880)	80,840
	176,344	**62,055**	**(67,051)**	**171,348**

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Year end 2025	Funds at beginning of year	Movements in the Year: Income	Movements in the Year: Expenditure	Funds at end of year
	£	£	£	£
General Funds	104,223	64,296	(74,895)	93,624
R Jones Designated Fund	84,600	-	(1,880)	82,720
	188,823	**64,296**	**(76,775)**	**176,344**

General Fund is used to finance the charitable company's general activities as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

R Jones Designated Fund – Contribution towards the acquisition of the property 246 County Road

10. Restricted Funds

There were no restricted funds held during the year or at 31st March 2026 (2025: £nil).

11. Operating Lease Commitments

There were no financial commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as at 31st March 2026. (2025: none).

12. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions at as 31st March 2026 (2025: £nil).

13. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities as at 31st March 2026 (2025: £nil).

14. Guarantees

As at 31st March 2026 6 members had given a guarantee of £10 each in the event of the charitable company winding-up total £60 (2025: 6 members £60).