Company registration number 07805401 (England and Wales)

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COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	The Venerable Dr C Sourbut Groves	
	J Ashdown	
	J Humphrys	
	NJ Hooks	
	B Hensby	
	Professor J Phillipson	
	C Wright	
	J Rose	
	MJ Holt	(Appointed 12 March 2026)
	P Samsom	(Appointed 19 January 2026)
Chief Executive	A Dean	
Charity number	1144604	
Company number	07805401	
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COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Deed of Trust, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are:

1. To promote all or any purposes for the benefit of the community in the County of Northumberland which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable.

2. To promote and organise cooperation in the achievement of the above purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the statutory authorities and voluntary organisations engaged in the furtherance of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

CAN has a long history of providing effective and valued support to rural communities. CAN's vision, reviewed in 2024, is: Rural communities in Northumberland will be vibrant, inclusive, sustainable and resilient. Within this vision we aim to:

- Promote Rural Issues – Providing and supporting a 'rural voice' to influence policy, programmes and action.
- Empower Communities – Supporting and developing local communities, their key groups and organisations.
- Deliver Solutions – Identifying, developing and managing projects to address the needs of individuals.

In practice we deliver this in a variety of ways. For example:
- By devising and running a number of services of benefit to local rural communities, for example in the fields of fuel poverty and energy advice, employability, digital inclusion and housing.
- By providing 'infrastructure' support to village halls/community buildings and Parish/Town Councils across the county.
- By continuing to provide a wide range of expert advice, information, encouragement and other forms of support to key community groups.
- By supporting networking, co-operation and mutual support between community bodies such as village halls consortia and NALC.
- By monitoring and influencing local and national bodies and service-providers to ensure that they respond to the needs and opinions of local communities.
- By promoting the take-up by local residents of new opportunities, such as bulk purchase schemes and energy efficiency measures.
- By facilitating training events themes such as volunteering, safeguarding, management and food safety.

Public benefit

CAN operates a performance management system which involves periodic researching (and seeking feedback from) our beneficiaries in relation to specific projects and programmes to ensure that our services and activities are needed, accessible and delivered in an appropriate way.

As a rule, CAN's services are:
- delivered through a variety of media, including e-bulletins, face-to-face contact, posted hard-copy material, emails, CAN website etc
- available in all parts of Northumberland, without prejudice
- open to new, as well as established, groups and organisations as funding permits
- able to draw upon a high level and wide range of expertise, for the benefit of our beneficiaries

CANs trustees review their activities in the light of our constitutional objects, and we are satisfied that CAN continues to operate exclusively for public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Changes from previous year

CAN maintains its active focus on Northumberland's rural communities and diversity in the amount of funds generated through different routes. This has included, a number of externally funded services and projects, for the benefit of individuals, households and/or community groups covering such topics as energy advice, fuel poverty, employability and housing in addition to our traditional core strengths in relation to village halls/community buildings and Parish/Town Councils. Programmes continuing during the year include Climate Action in the Rural Northeast (CAIRN), a Community Spaces Partnership and our Rural Digital Inclusion project. Northumberland Community Energy Ltd continued operations with support from CAN to reduce energy costs, increase resilience and lower carbon emissions for community buildings across Northumberland.

In addition, we have continued to actively nurture strong relationships with key partners in order to maximise our effectiveness in achieving our objectives and we have consolidated our capacity in relation to core areas.

Financial review

CAN has maintained a diverse range of funding in a time of continuing significant challenges and restricted public sector funds. This funding strength can only be credited to the hard work and dedication all CAN staff and volunteers. The positive results are a strong indicator of the continued high value placed on CAN and its vital services to rural Northumberland, by funders and partners and by the impact of our services and activities on rural communities, organisations and residents.

CAN's total income for 2025-2026 was £886,463 The continuing high level reflects a diverse amount of specific time-limited project funds including those related to the National Lottery Community Fund and a range of energy projects. It also reflects the continued development of more recent initiatives including the Digital Inclusion Project, Rural Employment Hubs, and the Rural Housing Enabling project (RHE).

The maintained high income level Is attributed to a continued growth in our effective collaborations with a range of key partners and the number of separate funding sources secured. In 2025/26, funds were secured from over 15 sources. Maintaining the diversity of funds secured is a key element of CAN's financial strategy.

Total payroll costs have risen, directly reflecting the growth of our activities in providing services to the rural community of Northumberland.

The increase in payroll costs has been more than outmatched by the additional delivery of services to the rural communities of Northumberland, who, together with the Trustees of CAN, owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the staff and volunteers of CAN for their continued outstanding performance during 2025.

Reserves policy

Community Action Northumberland income is mainly derived from grants and donations, but a proportion of our income is derived from trading. These resources are subject to fluctuation, and are time limited depending on the nature of the funder or funding programme.

As part of our strategic planning, we as Directors/Trustees, believe it is important to retain reserves in order to maintain effective resource management and assist with financial viability and long-term sustainability. We also believe this will build the confidence of our beneficiaries, funders, employees and wider stakeholders and help CAN meet expectations of transparency and accountability.

Due to a changing and uncertain funding environment we have established several unrestricted designated funds which includes an increase to our general reserve reflecting our increased staffing levels. We believe this to be an appropriate level of resources necessary to function effectively for a period of 6 months, should financial difficulties occur beyond the control of CAN. These difficulties include unplanned and unforeseen increases in expenditure or decreases in income. That this is a prudent policy is underlined by the circumstances surrounding the pandemic and whilst we, partly by our own efforts and partly by external support, increased our resources during this period, this might not have been the case. Details of these reserves are set out in note 14 to these accounts.

Because our costs and liability change over time, the level of each fund will be agreed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and approved by the Board. We, as directors/trustees believe in a continual process of careful financial management and will review this policy annually, taking into consideration any significant changes in the organisation's financial circumstances.

Risk management
CAN takes a comprehensive and systematic approach to risk-management, identifying significant risks under 5 main headings: external and strategic; governance; financial; operational and personnel; and compliance. Procedures are in place to mitigate or otherwise manage the most significant risks identified.

Plans for future periods
In 2026/27 we will deliver against our vision and mission as set out in the 'Objectives and activities' section above within the changing context of changing public sector funding regimes and other significant external issues. This will focus on:

- Promoting rural issues
- Empowering communities
- Delivering solutions

We will continue to build strong relationships with our key partners and funders and seek to implement services and activities to address the needs of Northumberland's rural communities.
We will also seek to gradually build our reserves to reflect the growth in our project activities over recent years.

Structure, governance and management
Governing document
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Charity constitution
CAN is a charity and a company limited by guarantee which aims to support rural communities in Northumberland that are vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable. CAN is one of 38 members of the ACRE Network (Action with Communities in Rural England), all of which continue to receive support direct from government through the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). CAN works across Northumberland and beyond in relation to particular areas of work, such as our support to Parish and Town Councils and community-led housing.

The Board currently has one formal committee: Finance and General Purposes.
In February 2018, CAN established Communities CAN (North East LTD) as a trading arm to form a hub for community-led housing development. CAN was the sole member of this company limited by guarantee, with its own independent board. Communities CAN (North East LTD) transitioned to a fully independent Community Interest Company in 2025 ending the formal relationship with CAN..

Property
CAN owns no premises. Our registered office in Pegswood is occupied on a licence, from the charity Groundwork North-East and Cumbria.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

The Venerable Dr C Sourbut Groves	
J Ashdown	
J Humphrys	
NJ Hooks	
B Hensby	
Professor J Phillipson	
C Wright	
J Rose	
MJ Holt	(Appointed 12 March 2026)
P Samsom	(Appointed 19 January 2026)

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

People with Significant Control
The company knows or has reasonable cause to believe that there is no registrable person or registrable relevant legal entity in relation to the company.

CAN is made up of over 100 individual or organisational members and managed by eleven directors/trustees. Consequently, no individual has more than 25% of the company's voting rights so there are no people with significant control who should be registered as required by the Companies Act 2006.

Planning and implementation
CAN's trustees prepare an Operating Plan for a 3-year period which is reviewed annually along with an annual budget. Together, these plans set out the roles and activities which CAN staff undertake on behalf of the Board. The Board regularly monitors and reviews CAN's work to ensure that it is of public benefit, and that the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit are met. All of CAN's staff are employed directly by CAN.

CAN appointed a Communications Manager in 2025 to support our communication activities, replacing the service previously delivered through a marketing consultant. From time to time, CAN employs and supports the development of a small number of staff on behalf of other bodies: mostly voluntary organisations which are in their early stages of development, or which do not have the capacity directly to employ and manage their own staff. In 2025/26 this relates to the Chief Officer for the Northumberland Association of Local Councils (NALC), the Project Officer for Prudhoe Community Partnership, the Coordinator for Communities CAN (North East LTD), and the Project Manager for Northumberland Community Energy Ltd.

Over the past year, the Board has met once every two months, and it receives and considers reports from staff on the delivery of the Business Plan.

Related parties
CAN is a partnership body, with a range of individuals, statutory and voluntary bodies in its membership. As a 'community development body', CAN provides services to a wide range of local groups and agencies throughout Northumberland, all of which are invited to attend CAN's AGM and can receive our regular news bulletins (CAN e-news). In addition, from time to time CAN convenes and supports a range of forums and networks: for example, in relation to village halls/community buildings and community energy.

CAN previously established "**Communities CAN (North East) Ltd**" as a Company limited by guarantee Company Number 11203303, of which CAN was the sole member This organisation became a fully independent CIC on 10 June 2025.

Volunteers

CAN encourages people to undertake voluntary action in their own communities, in wider voluntary organisations and other settings. CAN itself receives unpaid assistance in several ways.

-The board consists of unpaid individuals who volunteer their time and expertise.
-It benefits from the unpaid advice/assistance of other volunteers, some of whom come from partner organisations

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Community Action Northumberland for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



J Humphrys
Trustee

Date: 14th September 2026

COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Community Action Northumberland (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (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.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 that in any material respect:

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

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 Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Nicholas Cunningham FCCA
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Dated: 16.9.2026.

COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	2,845	-	2,845	3,145
Charitable activities	3	79,755	794,676	874,431	959,368
Other trading activities	4	6,619	-	6,619	26,937
Investments		2,568	-	2,568	2,353
Total income		91,787	794,676	886,463	991,803
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	4,808	-	4,808	5,361
Charitable activities	6	158,451	713,887	872,338	888,677
Total expenditure		163,259	713,887	877,146	894,038
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(71,472)	80,789	9,317	97,765
Gross transfers between funds		108,173	(108,173)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		36,701	(27,384)	9,317	97,765
Fund balances at 1 April 2025		236,895	134,854	371,749	273,984
Fund balances at 31 March 2026		273,596	107,470	381,066	371,749

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

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	3,145	-	3,145
Charitable activities	3	77,760	881,608	959,368
Other trading activities	4	26,937	-	26,937
Investments		2,353	-	2,353
Total income		110,195	881,608	991,803
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	5,361	-	5,361
Charitable activities	6	111,876	776,801	888,677
Total expenditure		117,237	776,801	894,038
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(7,042)	104,807	97,765
Gross transfers between funds		50,902	(50,902)	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		43,860	53,905	97,765
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		193,035	80,949	273,984
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		236,895	134,854	371,749

COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	£	2025 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	307,143		100,096	
Cash at bank and in hand		273,714		450,484	
		580,857		550,580	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(199,791)		(178,831)	
Net current assets			381,066		371,749
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	15		107,470		134,854
Unrestricted funds	14		273,596		236,895
			381,066		371,749

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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.

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 14th September 2026

J Humphrys
Trustee

COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	£	2025 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	18		(179,338)		145,537
Investing activities					
Investment income received		2,568		2,353	
Net cash generated from investing activities			2,568		2,353
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(176,770)		147,890
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			450,484		302,594
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			273,714		450,484

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Community Action Northumberland is an incorporated charity, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Uniun Building Front Street, Pegswood, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 6UF.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 **Accounting policies** **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 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. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities

2 **Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Donations and gifts	2,845	3,145

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2026 £	Charitable activities 2025 £
Other income	46,890	47,960
Grant income	827,541	911,408
	874,431	959,368
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	79,755	77,760
Restricted funds	794,676	881,608
	874,431	959,368
Performance related grants		
DEFRA	42,405	43,005
NCEL	11,735	10,000
National Lottery Community Fund	60,000	52,500
Energy Projects	56,659	62,110
NEWH Energy Savings Trust	21,677	-
CAIRN	189,400	129,230
LEAD	16,899	53,663
Royal Countryside fund	15,000	-
Community Housing Fund	16,164	41,758
REDRESS	92,259	120,190
Other	305,343	398,952
	827,541	911,408

Included in other grants is £3,000 (2025: £nil) from The Ballinger Trust; £85,840 (2025: £161,175) from UKSPF; £5,000 (2025: £5,000) from The Sir James Knott Trust; £55,048 (2025: £44,544) from ACRE; £31,000 (2025: £8,000) from Digital inclusion; £nil (2025: £680) from Northumberland Village Hall Heritage; £nil (2025: £119,860) from Solar Projects MOTCA / TVCA; £113,256 (2025: £49,693) from Northumberland Community Energy Ltd; £10,000 (2025: £10,000) from NICRE; £2,200 (2025: £nil) from Amazing Communities together/ACRE/Vonne.

3 **Charitable activities** **(Continued)**

Other Income

The following amounts are included in other income:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Northumberland Association of Local Councils	32,710	30,000
Prudhoe Partnership	9,525	12,700
Wingates	3,793	3,779
Oil CAN	862	1,481

4 **Income from other trading activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Unrestricted funds 2025
	£	£
Recharges for administration	6,619	26,937

5 **Raising funds**

	Unrestricted funds general 2026	Unrestricted funds general 2025
	£	£
Raising funds		
Administration	268	201
Staff costs	4,540	5,160
Raising funds	4,808	5,361
	4,808	5,361

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2026	Charitable activities 2025
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	143,422	176,236
Project costs	695,163	688,677
	838,585	864,913
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	19,391	9,185
Governance	14,362	14,579
	872,338	888,677
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	158,451	111,876
Restricted funds	713,887	776,801
	872,338	888,677

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2026	Support costs	Governance costs	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	-	8,892	8,892	-	8,661	8,661
Insurance	2,411	-	2,411	2,151	-	2,151
Telephone, postage & stationery	3,311	-	3,311	3,500	-	3,500
Sundry expenses	1,807	-	1,807	3,571	-	3,571
Central office costs	6,144	-	6,144	6,144	-	6,144
Office equipment	2,318	-	2,318	1,973	-	1,973
Fees & subscriptions	13,430	-	13,430	13,054	-	13,054
IT support	3,783	-	3,783	3,515	-	3,515
Travel	893	-	893	1,466	-	1,466
Project allocation	(14,706)	-	(14,706)	(26,189)	-	(26,189)
Meetings and admin costs	-	2,170	2,170	-	2,558	2,558
Independent examiners fees	-	3,300	3,300	-	3,360	3,360
	19,391	14,362	33,753	9,185	14,579	23,764
Analysed between Charitable activities	19,391	14,362	33,753	9,185	14,579	23,764

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

There were no trustees expenses paid from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2026 Number	2025 Number
Director	1	1
Staff	22	22
Total	23	23

Employment costs	2026 £	2025 £
Wages and salaries	521,357	508,327
Social security costs	51,272	41,943
Other pension costs	30,835	30,200
	603,464	580,470

Key management remuneration during the year totalled £67,137 (2025 : £61,441)

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2026 £	2025 £
Prepayments and accrued income	307,143	100,096

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Other creditors	159,463	168,304
Accruals and deferred income	40,328	10,527
	199,791	178,831

Amounts included within other creditors are for liabilities to external organisations.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Restricted funds 2026	Total 2026
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2026:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	273,596	107,470	381,066
	273,596	107,470	381,066

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2025:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	236,895	134,854	371,749
	236,895	134,854	371,749

14 Designated funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Redundancy fund	69,476	-	-	-	69,476
Projects fund	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Sickness fund	11,227	-	-	-	11,227
Relocation fund	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
General Fund	149,192	91,787	(163,259)	108,173	185,893
	236,895	91,787	(163,259)	108,173	273,595

15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
DEFRA	-	42,405	(13,835)	(28,570)	-
Energy projects	107,573	346,509	(319,818)	(38,823)	95,441
Community Foundation Digital Inclusion	1,485	76,385	(47,368)	(29,017)	1,485
ACRE/ Rural Housing Enabler	-	55,048	(46,246)	(8,802)	-
Rural Unemployment UKSPF Rural	17,022	57,525	(67,858)	(4,919)	1,770
Solar Project	8,774	-	-	-	8,774
PCP Innovation officer	-	9,525	(11,802)	2,277	-
NALC	-	32,710	(33,329)	619	-
UKSPF VOL programme	-	33,412	(27,497)	(5,915)	-
Communities CAN	-	16,165	(19,818)	3,653	-
NCEL	-	124,992	(126,316)	1,324	-
	134,854	794,676	(713,887)	(108,173)	107,470

Transfers between funds
The net transfer from restricted to unrestricted funds takes into account the understanding from funders that an agreed and reasonable allocation is spent on necessary support, management and indirect costs

16 Funds adminstered for external organisations

Funds received as agent
During the year the charity received funds on behalf of third parties in its capacity as agent. These amounts are not included in the Statement of Financial Activities as the charity is not entitles to any of the economic benefits and acts solely as an intermediary.

	Income	Expenditure	Balances held at year end
	£	£	£
National Lottery Community Spaces Fund	150,000	150,000	-
National Lottery Community Spaces Capital	634,855	634,845	10
Ballinger Trust	12,600	12,100	500
CAIRN - Climate Action in Rural North east	230,685	150,646	80,037
Wingates Windfarm Community Fund - Infinis	137,029	58,112	78,917
Grants to small local groups	300	300	-

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2025 - none).

18 Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	2026	2025
	£	£
Surplus for the year	9,317	97,765
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,568)	(2,353)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(207,047)	23,720
Increase in creditors	20,960	26,405
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(179,338)	145,537