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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

HARROGATE & AREA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE LTD

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HARROGATE & AREA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE LTD

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HARROGATE & AREA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE LTD

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 governing document, 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).

The legal and administrative information page forms part of this report.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity and company, as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

- To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the public, primarily but not exclusively in the local government area of Harrogate District and its environs (the 'area of benefit') and, in particular, build the capacity of charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises and provide them with the necessary support, information and services to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose.
- To promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises; and statutory and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purpose within the area of benefit.
- For the public benefit to assist in the advancement of education, the protection of mental and physical health and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness, within the area of benefit.

Our Vision:

People in the Harrogate District benefit from leading fulfilling and active lives and make a positive contribution to local community life.

Our Mission:

To support our communities, charities and volunteers to make the Harrogate District a great place in which to live and work.

Our Overall Aims:

- To help people take positive action to identify and meet the needs of their communities and enhance their own lives in doing so;
- To help enable people to live independently by providing personalised information about their choices for support, some of which may be HADCA-led services;
- To ensure that the role of charities and volunteers across the Harrogate District is recognised, and their contribution is valued and supported;
- To support the local voluntary and community sector to have a strong voice and effective influence on all decision makers in our area.

Our Strategic Objectives:

1. To provide local voluntary and community sector information services
2. To support local community and social action, especially volunteering
3. To support local community fundraising
4. To provide services which help people stay safe and well at home, supported by volunteers
5. To ensure HADCA is fit for purpose, independent and marketed effectively

Our vision, mission, aims and objectives continue to be reviewed as we work towards completion of a new strategic plan taking account of ongoing changes to our grant and contract funding.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The trustees consider that all the activities of HADCA are carried out for the public benefit, as illustrated in this annual report.

Activities of the Charity during the year

Harrogate & District Community Action (HADCA) exists to provide support to charities, voluntary and community groups and volunteers across the Harrogate District of North Yorkshire. We are a member-led organisation. We can trace our history back to 1963 with the establishment of Ripon CVS. Harrogate and Area CVS was founded in 1988 and incorporated Harrogate Volunteer Centre, which had been set up in 1973. The Harrogate and Ripon organisations came together in 2013 to form an organisation which now serves the whole former district. At that time the trading name Harrogate and Ripon Centres for Voluntary Service was adopted and this was changed on 1st May 2020 to Harrogate and District Community Action, to better reflect the charity's role.

HADCA is a local independent multi-purpose charity working in partnership with a wide range of voluntary, public and private sector organisations, connecting and collaborating to support local community and social action. Our information services remain at the heart of our role, with three further themes of local voluntary action, local fundraising and practical support. Connecting and collaborating continues to underpin all our work. Our services are available to charitable groups of all sizes, from small neighbourhood groups through to large regional and national charities based in the Harrogate District.

We own and manage Harrogate Community House to provide reasonably priced office accommodation for 15 voluntary organisations and good quality affordable meeting space for a variety of community activities.

Under the umbrella of the Harrogate Easier Living Project (HELP) we offer a range of practical services for people in need of some additional support.

Funding

North Yorkshire Council continues to provide strategic grant aid for our community action work supporting the local voluntary sector.

The 2025-26 year has been the third year of a three-year grant from Health and Adult Services to contribute towards our wellbeing and prevention work in Ripon, for which we use the name "HELP Ripon and Rural".

In 2025 we were awarded funding from NYC Stronger Communities for our work as a Community Anchor in Harrogate.

We also receive a grant from Ripon City Council to support our Connecting Ripon network and a grant from Harrogate Town Council to support our new Children & Young People's Network which was launched in January 2026.

Information services

We provide a wide range of information including funding, networking and learning opportunities. We promote voluntary sector services, activities, events, news, jobs and volunteering opportunities via our weekly e-bulletin and extensive networks. Our online Where to Turn and Volunteering Directories are at the heart of this work, alongside our new printed Where to Turn booklet for those that aren't digitally connected. We prioritise ensuring that these are kept up to date, accurate and widely promoted so that they are the first port of call for people looking to get involved in the local voluntary and community sector.

Via our reception service at Harrogate Community House, we meet and greet a wide range of visitors and callers and ensure they receive a warm welcome and helpful information and advice. We also keep a wide range of literature on local activities, services and volunteering opportunities in the Community House Information Centre.

Local Community Action

HADCA supports local voluntary organisations and community groups to strengthen their organisations by being better informed and being more aware of emerging local needs and priorities. HADCA provides opportunities to network, to work in partnership and to be involved and influence local decision making.

HADCA works closely with partners from all sectors to ensure a thriving local voluntary and community sector, contributing to local partnership initiatives as opportunities and new needs arise. We also use our connections and networks to feed information through to regional and national partners such as our national associations (NAVCA and NCVO), the Locality Care Partnership (LCP) and the North Yorkshire VCSE Health and Care Sector Assembly. We disseminate useful updates from these and other relevant organisations.

We support local community action via a programme of networks, enabling voluntary and community sector representatives to meet, share issues, achievements and opportunities to work together. We also do this informally by signposting or introducing people with specific interests or needs for support to others who have shared interests locally.

We promote local volunteering and provide information on local volunteering opportunities, with a focus on the online HADCA Volunteering Directory which has been in operation since October 2016. We provide further support to volunteer-involving organisations via regular information updates.

Our local community action work has led us to work on projects to get new people into volunteering, which have grown in success this year:

- Our third year of Help Out Harrogate (recruiting volunteers who go out 'on loan' where one-off help is needed, e.g. community events or charity fundraisers) and our first year of Help Out Ripon. We have also supported another Community Anchor organisation to develop and launch 'Help Out Whitby'
- Community Fit – encouraging a combination of more physical activity and volunteering
- Power of 10 – a programme to encourage the creation of more volunteering roles for young people in Ripon and a rewards scheme for those young people who reach specific milestones in their volunteering. In 2025 we started piloting the project in Harrogate.

Local fundraising

It is part of our role to ensure that the Harrogate District voluntary and community sector is resilient and well prepared. We support THE LOCAL FUND for the Harrogate District, which was launched in partnership with HADCA, the then Harrogate Borough Council and Two Ridings Community Foundation in January 2018. The ambition is to build a substantial endowment fund that can be easily accessed by local charities to help them meet the needs of their beneficiaries. The fund itself is held and managed by Two Ridings Community Foundation and HADCA's role is to promote the fund to potential donors and recipients and participate in the panel which distributes funds.

Providing prevention services for people in challenging times

Via the Harrogate Easier Living Project (HELP), HADCA works with volunteers to help people whose circumstances mean they need additional support to remain healthy, independent and safe in their own homes, reducing the need for statutory and NHS services.

These services were provided equitably across the district but focused on those unable to access affordable support from other providers and those without a trusted local support network. Clients can easily self-refer and we receive referrals from the hospital and social services.

The key services offered during this period were:

In the home:

- Providing one-off practical assistance, including seasonal garden maintenance, preparing homes following hospital discharge, installing handrails, key safes and hospital equipment, decorating and carrying out basic household repairs (Help at Home).
- Ripon & Rural Befriending Service provides one-to-one companionship and support for adults of all ages in the northern part of the district.

Away from the home:

- Information and signposting is a key part of our offer. This service is especially valuable for those who are not digitally engaged or active.
- Social activities such as our Ripon Friendship and Exercise Club, with transport, and Afternoon Teas for clients in Harrogate.

In March 2026, HADCA employed 12 staff (5.9 full time equivalents). However, we were only able to provide our services due to the support of 271 volunteers (66 regular volunteers and 205 occasional volunteers).

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE DURING 2025/26

General overview

The charity was led throughout the year by Elaine Stevenson, Chief Executive and Lizzie Hughes, Development Manager. Elaine took over as Chief Executive in April 2025, building on the work of former Chief Executive Frances Elliot.

Health and safety, data security and safeguarding are considered at every board and team meeting to ensure we comply with all regulatory requirements relevant to our services. We work hard to ensure all our risk assessments, policies and procedures are kept up to date and that staff and volunteers are aware of all key decisions. Staff and volunteers continue to participate in a wide range of training and development and particularly benefited from the increase in online training on offer.

Information services

A key role for HADCA is to promote the local voluntary and community sector and we continue to use a variety of methods to do so, including social media. We have strong links with the local media and contribute two monthly columns in the Harrogate and Ripon weekly newspapers to highlight the work of the sector. Our free online Introduction Sessions help connect new colleagues from statutory and voluntary organisations, as well as local residents and businesses. Health and social care professionals became more aware of local voluntary sector services and how to refer their clients. 38 people participated in 5 sessions.

The weekly HADCA e-bulletins continued to be issued during 2025/26 to keep over 1,000 local charity and community contacts up to date with information on grants; resources; local community food provision; energy and general cost of living support; local community venues offering activities and 'warm welcome spaces'; training and networking opportunities and consultations. They also promoted local charity news, new and changed services, activities, events, volunteering opportunities and charity jobs. Over the year over 308 community events and 110 charity jobs were promoted. Anyone can add community news for inclusion and subscribe for free. Our circulation list also includes local health and social care professionals, local councillors and churches. In the run up to Christmas, we updated and shared information about various ways to support local charities and each other during the festive season. Updated information was shared on warm and welcoming places open over the winter months. HADCA promotes and celebrates voluntary and community action on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X. Regular posts promote local support, opportunities and resources.

The fully searchable online 'Where to Turn' directory contains over 800 charity services and community activities providing support for good health and wellbeing. Our community events calendar lists up to 70 forthcoming events (including online) at any one time for charities, volunteers and people in our communities to connect, learn and have a good time.

Information services (continued)

We attend events across the district to make new connections and to increase awareness of the information, support, learning and opportunities available. This year these included Sights & Sounds of Ripon, Bilton & Woodfield Community Day, Harrogate Allotment Show, Ashville College and Harrogate Grammar School Careers Fairs, Harrogate Christmas Fayre, Dene Park Community Centre Open Day, Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Forum and the Harrogate Kindness Festival.

Local community action

Our fully searchable online Volunteering Directory helps people find roles according to their interests, skills, needs and availability.

Local volunteering opportunities, and the benefits of volunteering, are promoted through local and social media, promotional postcards, booklets of ideas and opportunities (including for under-18's) and partnerships with local organisations. We also work behind the scenes to make sure potential volunteers have the best possible experience. We provide assistance online, by phone and in person for people who need a little extra help to use our Directories to find support, activities or a suitable volunteering role and, for people recruiting volunteers, listing opportunities for the first time.

There are over 100 local volunteering opportunities listed in our directory at any one time, and over the year we helped organisations to recruit volunteers for 258 different roles.

The regular Harrogate District Volunteering Network newsletter continued to keep over 760 local volunteer organisers up to date with resources to recruit and manage volunteers effectively.

Key strands of our work are to bring people together to share best practice and opportunities, to work together to improve local services and community connections, and to give voluntary sector organisations a voice and influence with decision makers.

We organised and supported eight forum and network meetings, attended by 147 people. In October, the HADCA AGM brought together 64 people at a local community venue to share opportunities to work together with our volunteering projects and recognise the important role of charities in Neighbourhood Health and Prevention.

Regular targeted e-mail updates were compiled and circulated to keep members of the following groups up to date on relevant current events and issues:

- Connecting Ripon Network is a partnership group which has grown to 172 members, representing 89 organisations, facilitated by HADCA for voluntary, community and faith sector organisations to work together to strengthen volunteering and community connections in Ripon and the surrounding villages. It met 4 times in 2025/26.
- Harrogate District Charity Leaders' Group is a network of 87 decision makers who share news, views, the challenges of managing change and opportunities for funding and partnership working. Four meetings were held in 2025/26. The meeting in February had a focus on wellbeing for small charity leaders. Talking together and having good peer support in a safe space was valued and this theme was carried forward with a wellbeing session taking place in May 2026.
- Our Fundraising Network meets every two to three months at Harrogate Community House and continues to offer peer to peer support for fundraisers or those who are responsible for fundraising in their charity/non-profit, exploring opportunities for partnership working and to see where some shared knowledge could save others time and money. The group has now held eight face to face sessions with 50 people engaging with the Network.
- An initial consultation workshop took place in March to help shape a new Children & Young People's Network in Harrogate. 30 people working with young people came together to share experiences, ideas and knowledge and an energy and commitment to work together, across voluntary, statutory and education sectors.

As well as our forums and networks, we are involved in a variety of partnerships where we seek to share learning and issues gleaned from our wide range of connections. We continued to be active members of the following partnerships:

- North Yorkshire VCSE Health and Care Sector Assembly
- Harrogate & Rural District LCP (Locality Care Partnership) and Health Inequalities Subgroup
- North Yorkshire Council, Macmillan and Harrogate District Foundation Trust's Community Beacons Group
- North Yorkshire Thriving Communities Partnership Meetings
- North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board – Prevent Sub Group
- Harrogate Chamber of Trade – regular contact and attendance at events and meetings
- Harrogate Town Council – we are one of four local Key Stakeholder organisations for the newly formed Council

We actively seek opportunities to develop services and activities to support local community action and volunteering. Our three volunteering projects, working with partner organisations across the district, developed during the year to inspire local people to explore new opportunities to help out, keep active and get involved in their community:

1. The Power of 10
Over the last 12 months we have successfully grown and developed the Power of 10 volunteer rewards scheme (PO10) for young people within the community, attending and presenting at many events including Connecting Ripon, Uredale Community Partnership and Ripon's Youth Volunteering Network.

We worked with the Yorkshire Rivers Trust, the National Trust, Lower Ure Conservation Trust, Ripon Walled Garden, Ohana and Ripon Museums, supporting them to develop their volunteering offer to young people, to provide safe and meaningful opportunities.

We have hosted two successful Young People's Volunteer Recruitment Fairs at Ripon Grammar and Outwood Academy Ripon. 10 local charitable organisations attended with their young people's volunteering offer.

1. The Power of 10 (continued)

In October 2025, we played a key role in supporting Ripon's volunteer awards 'St Wilfrid's Stars'. A Power of 10 Ambassador and Ripon Youth Council member was named Young Volunteer of the Year, while the Youth Council received the Youth Group Award. The Ambassador also officially opened Ripon's Sights and Sounds event alongside the Dean of Ripon and was invited by Community First Yorkshire to share their volunteering journey in a promotional video.

From January 2025 to March 2026 there have been 152 young recipients of a PO10 certificate. This equates to nearly 8,000 hours of volunteering and making a difference in their communities. We have also developed the Power of 10 rewards further in consultation with our Ambassadors, and participants can now achieve from 10 – 1000 hours.

We were delighted to launch Power of 10 with students from Harrogate College in 2025. 16 students have received their first PO10 awards, giving 230 hours of volunteering support in their local community.

2. Community Fit (Harrogate)

The project has created a community of local people who meet to be social and active while giving time to Harrogate's people and spaces. Via weekly group sessions, people run or walk together from Community House to a community group or charity where they help out for an hour, before heading back to base. Helping out is anything from sorting donations to moving furniture, painting, planting or litter picking.

In January 2025 we secured a grant from Awards for All which has part funded the project through the calendar year. Community fundraising, including a Quiz Night, also helped to plug the funding gap. We received another Awards for All grant in March 2026 to secure the future of the project.

In 2025-26 our 'FitStars' gave 838 hours of support to 31 different charities, schools and community groups, collectively moving 2004 miles. This provided much needed additional resources to those groups as well as improving the health and wellbeing of our FitStars.

3. Help Out

This project recognises that the local voluntary sector can be more efficient and impactful when we pool resources and work together. This is at the heart of HADCA's mission and vision.

Launched in autumn 2023, Help Out Harrogate was inspired by the surge in volunteering during the COVID 19 pandemic when over 350 people came forward to support their local community. As life returned to normal, HADCA recognised that this fantastic cohort of volunteers could be lost unless we created new ways to engage in a flexible way and broke down barriers to participation. We also recognised that many local charities continue to be challenged by volunteer recruitment and retention.

Signing up to be part of the Help Out crew offers local people the chance to volunteer at a variety of one-off events or for ad hoc activities with different charities without the need to make any regular commitment.

From Apr 25 to Mar 26, 232 volunteers (72 individual volunteers) provided 763 hours of support for 54 different local events and activities. They supported 24 different charities and community groups. We continued to support the NHS flu vaccination programme in the autumn, with volunteer marshals providing 107 hours of support over three weekends at Mowbray Square Medical Centre.

We were delighted to launch Help Out Ripon just before Christmas 2025. In its first four months, six volunteers completed eight flexible volunteering opportunities, giving 26 hours of their time to support three local charities and community groups. This strong start demonstrates the appetite for flexible volunteering in Ripon and lays the foundations for the project's future growth.

We also worked alongside Flash Company Arts to develop Help Out Whitby providing them with the planning, marketing collateral and resources required to replicate the project in the coastal town.

Harrogate Community House

The reception team support HADCA staff, tenants and visitors with a wide range of services. A wide variety of organisations continue to use our meeting rooms for training, workshops, meetings, interviews and one-to-one sessions. Meeting rooms are fully accessible and the benefit of a Polycom system for hybrid meetings means people can also easily join from home or elsewhere.

Office occupancy remains high and meeting room usage has continued to increase. A new bike shelter has been installed to support tenants to use active travel for their commute.

Community Fundraising

The value of THE LOCAL FUND endowment (held by Two Ridings Community Foundation) has continued to grow in size, with another application round held this year. 17 local community organisations received grants totalling £37,473. Since the launch in 2018, 164 grants have been made, with over £430,000 awarded to local grassroots organisations and projects. The Fund partners continue to meet regularly and organised the annual celebration event at Artizan Café and Creative Space in November 2025, attended by stakeholders, donors, grant recipients and Friends of THE LOCAL FUND.

In 2025-26 we continued to promote and champion THE LOCAL LOTTO for the Harrogate District, both to good causes and players. There are now 117 good causes signed up, with over 100 players choosing to support THE LOCAL FUND as a cause. In December we supported THE LOCAL LOTTO charity hut at the Harrogate Christmas Fayre, organising the rota, opening every morning, making sure charities were set up OK, taking photos and promoting the 15 community organisations on the hut rota, and their charity fundraising activities, each day, across HADCA's four social media platforms.

Services for people in the community

The Harrogate Easier Living Project (HELP)

HELP provides a range of preventative services aimed at enabling people to maintain their independence in their own homes. Due to North Yorkshire Council funding coming to an end, HADCA had to move to a charging model in April 2025. Additional income is also generated via trusts, community and corporate fundraising.

Help at Home

This long established and vital service is provided by one part-time handyman, accompanied by volunteers. We provide practical support to help people live safe, well and independently in their own homes.

In 2025-26, Help at Home provided 918 hours of practical support on 205 occasions to enable 169 people's continued independence at home. Support from volunteers accompanying the handyman increased our capacity by 86%. 40% of tasks directly prevented a fall.

70% of HELP clients are over 55, with one in five over 85. 20% of the jobs we carry out are for people in the Bilton & Woodfield Ward which has neighbourhoods ranked as the most economic and health deprived on the IMD.

Ripon & Rural Befriending Service

Our dedicated befrienders continue to provide regular visits to 18 isolated older people across Ripon and the surrounding rural communities. Offering companionship, conversation and a listening ear, they help reduce loneliness and improve wellbeing. Regular befriender gatherings ensure our volunteers feel supported, connected and equipped to continue providing this vital service.

Our weekly Friendship & Exercise Club continues to provide a vital service, offering gentle seated exercise for all abilities and much appreciated social contact for 22 members. We also provide transport for three people to attend weekly, helping to break down the barriers to participation. The focus is not solely on mobility and physical activity, but also on supporting cognitive wellbeing through voice, coordination and memory-based exercises. This is particularly important as some members are living with dementia, Parkinson's, or recovering from strokes and benefit greatly from the social interaction, routine and cognitive stimulation the group provides.

Here to HELP Information Services

HADCA continues to be a focal point of contact for individual and professional signposting. People who are not digitally engaged risk missing out on important information, so we attend events to offer one-to-one information and signposting. We handle a large number of incoming phone calls, emails, enquiries via social media and in-person queries at Community House. 2,000 copies of our printed Where to Turn booklet have been circulated in 2025-26.

We kept a growing list of Warm Spaces up to date via our Where to Turn directory and liaised with community groups to offer our information and signposting services as needed. We shared information about cost-of-living support with local schools each term and responded to enquiries relating to the specific needs of families within those school communities.

Social Activities

Thanks to support from Harrogate High School and Resurrected Bites, we hosted free or low-cost Afternoon Teas to enable people to reconnect.

Fundraising

With the support of the full staff team, our Development Manager secured around £55,000 from various Trusts and Foundations in support of our core and project services. Community fundraising secured a further £35,625 including donations from organisations and individuals plus support from local businesses.

Principal funding sources

We are extremely grateful to all the trusts, community groups, organisations and individuals who provided us with the funds necessary to carry out our work in 2025/26:

Abacus Smarter Accountants, The Adelphi, Carole Holmes, Christ Church Junior Church, Councillor Chris Aldred, Councillor Peter Lacey, Councillor Andrew Timothy, Dacre URC, David Lister Charitable Trust, George A Moore Foundation, Grocers' Charity, Harrogate Round Table, Harrogate Spa Ladies, Harrogate Town Council, Kirkby Malzeard Combined Charitable Trust, Knoll Charitable Trust, Leeds Federated Housing Association, National Lottery Awards for All, Nidderdale Hardy Planters, North Yorkshire Council, Rotary Club of Harrogate, Ripon Cathedral, Ripon City Council, Ripon Pantomime Group, Ripon Recycling Fund, Saints Plant Stall, Seastock Charitable Trust, Shears Foundation, St Paul's URC, Sylvia & Colin Shepherd Charitable Trust, The Local Fund, White Rose Squares.

In addition to these funds, HADCA receives income for its various services, from donations from individuals, as well as rental income from tenants and meeting room users. We also received support in kind from several organisations including Asda, Cornish Bakery, Crowne Plaza Harrogate, Morrisons, Tesco and Ripon Cathedral.

Financial Review

HADCA finished the year with an overall deficit of £85,085 (deficit of £21,189 in 2024/25). This was made up of a deficit of £37,898 within unrestricted funds and a deficit of £47,187 within restricted funds due to planned spending of money received in advance of the year.

Total income was £261,828 (£303,750 in 2025)

Total expenditure in the period was £346,913 (£324,939 in 2025).

Trustees took a deliberate decision to bridge fund 3 projects until new funding streams could be secured, making use of reserves which were above the reserves target. Going forward these 3 projects now have continuation funding and ongoing deficits will be much reduced.

Reserves policy

The trustees have agreed that it is necessary to hold free reserves to cover the following contingencies:

- To cover the redundancy and other costs in the event of the charity winding up through a substantial loss of funding.
- To provide working capital where contracts are paid in arrears.
- To finance existing or new activities until adequate external funding is obtained.

The trustees consider that a reserve equivalent to three months' running costs is sufficient. Currently £100,000 is adequate to cover these contingencies. The actual free reserves at 31 March 2026 were £129,264 and we are running a deficit budget to apply these funds to charitable activity.

Risk management

HADCA maintains a risk register and the board of trustees and sub committees ensure that all major risks to which the charity is exposed are reviewed on a regular basis and that the systems and procedures are in place to manage these risks. Health and safety, data security and safeguarding are agenda items at every board meeting.

Future Plans

General overview

The charity continues to have the following objectives:

- Helping people stay safe and well supported by volunteers (Harrogate Easier Living Project – HELP)
- Provision of local voluntary & community sector information services (the Where to Turn directory and associated services)
- Support for Local Community & Social Action including volunteering, community fundraising via THE LOCAL FUND and the operation of Harrogate Community House.

The creation of a single unitary local authority for North Yorkshire in April 2023 has had a significant impact on all our key funding streams and services during 2025/26, as follows:

- Current funding from NYC (previously Harrogate Borough Council) for our information and community action work is likely to come to an end in 2028/29 so we are planning now for alternative ways to ensure that we can continue to provide the information and community action that is so very much needed by so many across our district
- Grant aid support from NYC for our Help at Home service came to an end in March 2025. We are now charging those who can afford to pay for our Help at Home service and we are raising funds externally towards a Hardship Fund to continue to provide an equitable service for clients.
- We were successful in obtaining a three year Staying Healthy, Independent and Connected grant towards the cost of low-level prevention services in Ripon until March 2026, which has been extended to March 2027. The funding was not sufficient to reopen referrals to our Befriending service. However, existing volunteers still visit the people they have been matched with and we work to signpost people to other local services and host our popular weekly Friendship & Exercise Club.

We applied for and were awarded the funding from NYC Localities to become the Community Anchor Organisation (CAO) for Harrogate Town for three years commencing May 2025. In 2026-27 we are working closely with the NYC Stronger Communities team to shape the role of a CAO in a larger urban population, identifying local neighbourhood hubs that can help build connections and resilience.

The operation of Harrogate Community House for voluntary and community sector tenants and meeting room users: receipt of discretionary rate relief (previously from HBC) is crucial to the building's finances, and we are grateful to have had this confirmed for 2026/27.

We are delighted to have been appointed a Key Stakeholder organisation for the newly formed Harrogate Town Council (HTC). We will be supporting the Council's vision to help local people live well, increasing access to inclusive and meaningful opportunities for people to contribute to their community. In partnership with the Council, we have launched a Children & Young People's Network aimed at strengthening the local system of support between the VCSE, statutory and education sectors locally. Grant funding from HTC will also support the roll out of our Power of 10 project to inspire and celebrate youth volunteering in the town.

In June 2026, we became the local operator managers of The Local Lotto for the Harrogate District. A champion and advocate of the Lotto since its inception, we look forward to building on the excellent work of the team at NYC (formerly Harrogate Borough Council) who launched and grew the initiative eight years ago. We look forward to engaging more local causes and players to inject even more funds into our community.

We are keen to replicate and share our successful volunteering models in new communities. Building on the development of Help Out Whitby, we are now working with partners to extend the reach of Power of 10, inspiring and supporting more young people to volunteer across North Yorkshire.

In 2026/27, we are delighted to partner with the Shears Foundation, exploring resident-led giving within a specific neighbourhood in Harrogate. Supported by funding from the legacy of Big Local, this pilot will be HADCA's first experience of participatory grant-making, placing decision-making power directly in the hands of local residents and enabling communities to shape the priorities and projects that matter most to them.

We will continue to support effective grant-making by acting in an advisory capacity to the Brigantes Rotary grant programme and serving on the Panels for the Starbeck Fund, Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund and The Local Fund.

There will be a continued focus on fundraising, which remains challenging, as members of the public and businesses all face rising costs. Competition for funding, particularly with trusts and foundations, remains high and we continue to find solutions to the challenge of raising additional income. We are excited to be part of a Stage 2 National Lottery funding application for a Climate Action project, with our role focusing on community engagement and youth volunteering. The partnership project has a shared vision of people, water and nature thriving together across Harrogate and Knaresborough.

HADCA's local knowledge, trusted relationships and strong partnership track record position us as a key connector across the voluntary and public sectors. We will continue to secure funding to address unmet need across the former Harrogate District and work collaboratively with local partners to reduce inequalities and strengthen our communities.

Helping people stay safe and well at home supported by volunteers
Local authority funding for our Help at Home project came to an end in March 2025 and we introduced a charge of £25 per hour for our handyman to carry out practical tasks for clients. Alongside this, we created a small Hardship Fund to enable us to continue to support those who can't afford these charges.

Helping people stay safe and well at home supported by volunteers (continued)

A year on from introducing this funding model, we will be very sorry to say goodbye to our handyman, Andy, who retires in September 2026. During his 11 years with Help at Home, Andy has supported thousands of people, helping them to remain safe and independent through practical support. His departure coincides with the opportunity to review the service and explore new ways of working focusing our support where it is needed most.

We are delighted to be working closely with Leeds Federated Housing Association to promote our services to their customers in Harrogate and Ripon. We have also received funding from a number of trusts and foundations, including The Local Fund, to ensure we can continue offering this vital practical support service to local people.

Connecting people to support each other or providing information that they need will always be a key aim for us. We will continue to strengthen partnerships with local voluntary organisations, schools and community groups to reach more people as financial pressures continue to affect our communities. The launch of our new printed Where to Turn booklet has been welcomed by both referrers and local residents. It provides an invaluable source of information for people who are not digitally connected, ensuring they can still access the support and services available in their community.

Our Friendship & Exercise Club continues to be a constant source of support for our older clients in Ripon. Membership is growing, and those who access the weekly group report feelings of improved emotional wellbeing as well as supporting their mobility.

Local voluntary and community sector information services

We will be continuing to focus on making the best use of technology and information channels to support and promote our local voluntary and community groups. The “Where to Turn” and Volunteering Directories remain at the heart of this work, and we will ensure that both are up to date, accurate and widely promoted so that they are the first port of call for people looking for support or to get involved in their local community. We will continue to provide our regular e-bulletins and newsletters and ensure all our services are GDPR compliant. We use a range of social media and traditional platforms to raise awareness of the value and contribution of our sector and the opportunities to become involved.

Support for local community and social action

We will support local voluntary action via our programme of events and networks and will continue to host forums, enabling VCS representatives to meet, share issues and influence decision makers. We are pleased to have received a small annual grant from Ripon City Council each year to March 2028 which supports our Connecting Ripon Network work.

We continue to play an active role in the Harrogate & Rural District Local Care Partnership and its Health Inequalities Subgroup. This positions us well to capitalise on any opportunities arising from the Partnership's commitment to working strategically with the VCSE sector.

We will keep championing volunteering across the district, sharing information on opportunities and promoting good practice in volunteer management. This includes seeking further funding to continue to deliver our three successful volunteering projects: The Power of 10, Community Fit and Help Out.

We will ensure that Harrogate Community House is maintained and developed as a supportive and welcoming location for voluntary and community groups to work and meet. Meeting room bookings have increased by 53% (2025 to 2026) with more charities and community groups choosing to host events, training and meetings in our low cost Annexe space. We continue to seek funding for the installation of solar panels as the next step in ensuring the sustainability of the building.

We will continue to review our strategy and update the aims and objectives of the organisation to ensure HADCA remains best placed to respond to changing needs of our area, whilst adapting to our own changing finances. Our board of trustees, staff and volunteer teams remain our greatest asset, and we will continue to invest in them to achieve the best outcomes for our community.

We were sorry to see our Chief Executive, Elaine Stevenson, leave the organisation for personal reasons at the end of the May 2026. During her time with HADCA, Elaine built strong relationships with a wide range of partners and stakeholders, and we were already seeing the positive impact of her leadership. We thank Elaine for her contribution and wish her every success for the future.

The Board of Trustees is keen to explore collaboration and partnership working to ensure the successful long-term future of HADCA’s services, enabling us to continue to help people stay safe and well supported by volunteers, to provide local voluntary and community sector information services, support local community and social action, and continue the operation of Harrogate Community House.

We are delighted that Lizzie Hughes, who is well known to many through her role as our Development Manager over the past few years, has stepped into the role of Interim Chief Executive. Lizzie is continuing Elaine’s great work and ensuring that we capitalise on all new opportunities that come our way.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Harrogate and Area CVS was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee at Companies House (number 7760477) on 2 September 2011. Registration with the Charity Commission (number 1144758) took place on 23 November 2011. The memorandum and articles were amended by special resolutions at Companies House on 26 March 2012, 13 October 2022, and 16 October 2025.

The charity is a membership organisation. Our memorandum and articles of association require that members make up 60% of the board of trustees.

Recruitment, appointment and induction of trustees

Appointment of trustees is governed by the memorandum and articles of association. The board of trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

One third of the trustees must retire at the Annual General Meeting. However, if eligible, they may offer themselves for re-election, serving a maximum period of up to 8 years (two four-year terms).

Organisational structure

The board of trustees of the charity holds a minimum of four board meetings per year, plus two board development sessions. In addition, there are sub-committees for finance and property:

Finance:
Victoria Oldham (Chair)
Phyl Hughes (to 25 November 2025)
Alistair Ratcliffe
Helen Bourner
Clare Schmidt (from 25 November 2025)
Michael Curnow (from 25 November 2025)

Property:
Sam Gibbs
Helen Bourner
Phyl Hughes (from 25 November 2025)
Matthew Graham (from 25 November 2025 to 12 May 2026)

Operational management is delegated to the Chief Executive, who is supported by a team of staff and volunteers in three areas of work: community action services, services to individuals and business support. In 2025/26 the management team was made up of the Chief Executive, the Development Manager and the Finance Officer. The Finance Officer is responsible for the day-to-day financial management of the charity.

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



Helen Claire Bourner - Chair

Trustee

Date: 17 September 2026

HARROGATE & AREA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE LTD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees, who are also the directors of Harrogate & Area Council for Voluntary Service Ltd 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; 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.

HARROGATE & AREA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE LTD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF HARROGATE & AREA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE LTD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Harrogate & Area Council for Voluntary Service Ltd (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 (the 2006 Act).

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 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered 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 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 financial statements to be reached.

J H Senior

Jacqueline Senior FCA

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Business Advisors and Accountants
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York

Dated: 30 September 2026

HARROGATE & AREA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Income and endowments							
Donations and legacies	**2**	3,742	35,254	38,996	5,218	47,968	53,186
Charitable activities	**3**	172,315	45,099	217,414	148,141	95,147	243,288
Investments	**4**	5,418	-	5,418	6,576	-	6,576
Other income	**5**	-	-	-	-	700	700
Total income		181,475	80,353	261,828	159,935	143,815	303,750
Expenditure							
Raising funds	**6**	-	599	599	-	1,052	1,052
Charitable activities	**7**	219,373	126,941	346,314	147,684	176,203	323,887
Total expenditure		219,373	127,540	346,913	147,684	177,255	324,939
Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		(37,898)	(47,187)	(85,085)	12,251	(33,440)	(21,189)
Fund balances at 1 April 2025		207,808	579,124	786,932	195,557	612,564	808,121
Fund balances at 31 March 2026		169,910	531,937	701,847	207,808	579,124	786,932

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.

HARROGATE & AREA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026		2025	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**12**		516,370		514,372
Current assets					
Debtors	**13**	11,070		10,834	
Cash at bank and in hand		211,637		288,443	
		222,707		299,277	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	(37,230)		(26,717)	
Net current assets			185,477		272,560
Total assets less current liabilities			701,847		786,932
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**16**		531,937		579,124
Unrestricted funds			169,910		207,808
			701,847		786,932

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 17 September 2026

Helen Claire Bourner - Chair

Trustee

Company registration number 07760477

HARROGATE & AREA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Harrogate & Area Council for Voluntary Service Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Community House, 46-50 East Parade, Harrogate, HG1 5LT.

1.1 Accounting convention

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.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties. 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 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.

1.4 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.5 Expenditure

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

Raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting donations and legacies and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both the direct costs and support costs relating to such activities.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include its audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation. Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost.

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	2%
Computers and office equipment	33%
Fixtures and fittings	10%
Vehicles	25%

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity 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 charity's balance sheet when the charity 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.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price.

Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits. The amounts included within termination payments are paid to the employee in line with the company redundancy policy.

Pensions

The charity contributes to defined contribution pension schemes in respect of its employees. The assets of these schemes are entirely separate to those of the charity. The pension cost shown represents contributions payable by the charity in respect of the employees.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.11 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2026	**2026**	**2026**	2025	2025	2025
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations	371	35,254	35,625	4,042	44,328	48,370
Legacies	3,371	-	3,371	-	3,640	3,640
Gift aid	-	-	-	1,176	-	1,176
	3,742	35,254	38,996	5,218	47,968	53,186

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

3 Charitable activities

	Community action 2026	Forums and events 2026	Service delivery 2026	Total 2026
	£	£	£	£
Grants	54,500	-	40,035	94,535
Fees and charges	117,815	-	5,064	122,879
	172,315	-	45,099	217,414
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	172,315	-	-	172,315
Restricted funds	-	-	45,099	45,099
	172,315	-	45,099	217,414

	Community action 2025	Forums and events 2025	Service delivery 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Grants	57,446	-	85,448	142,894
Fees and charges	98,495	-	1,899	100,394
	155,941	-	87,347	243,288
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	148,141	-	-	148,141
Restricted funds	7,800	-	87,347	95,147
	155,941	-	87,347	243,288

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Unrestricted funds 2025
	£	£
Interest receivable	5,418	6,576

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

5 Other income

	Total	Restricted funds
	2026	**2025**
	£	**£**
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	700

6 Raising funds

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2026	2025
	£	£
Direct fundraising costs	599	1,052
	599	1,052

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

7 Charitable activities

	Community action 2026	Service delivery 2026	Total 2026
	£	£	£
Direct staff costs	49,901	114,983	164,884
Project costs	4,588	13,239	17,827
	54,489	128,222	182,711
Share of support costs (see note 8)	111,428	46,410	157,838
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	5,135	630	5,765
	171,052	175,262	346,314
Analysis by fund			
Unrestricted funds	139,841	79,532	219,373
Restricted funds	31,211	95,730	126,941
	171,052	175,262	346,314

	Community action 2025	Service delivery 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Direct staff costs	42,950	105,301	148,251
Project costs	3,504	13,654	17,158
	46,454	118,955	165,409
Share of support costs (see note 8)	107,500	46,134	153,634
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	3,996	848	4,844
	157,950	165,937	323,887
Analysis by fund			
Unrestricted funds	137,593	10,091	147,684
Restricted funds	20,357	155,846	176,203
	157,950	165,937	323,887

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2026	Support costs	Governance costs	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	19,526	-	19,526	18,045	-	18,045
Support staff costs	62,393	-	62,393	60,128	-	60,128
Communications and IT	11,328	-	11,328	10,140	-	10,140
Financial costs	1,440	-	1,440	1,363	-	1,363
Printing and postage	2,638	-	2,638	4,319	-	4,319
Premises	60,513	-	60,513	59,639	-	59,639
Governance costs	-	5,765	5,765	-	4,844	4,844
	157,838	5,765	163,603	153,634	4,844	158,478
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	157,838	5,765	163,603	153,634	4,844	158,478

Governance costs includes payments to accountants of £2,958 (2025: £2,700) for independent examiners fees.

9 Net movement in funds

	2026	2025
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	19,526	18,045
Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(700)
Independent examiner's fees	2,958	2,700

10 Trustees

No trustees received any remuneration or had their expenses paid by the charity in either year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2026	2025
	Number	Number
Total	12	14
Wages and salaries	182,523	183,520
Social security costs	8,279	11,122
Pension costs	9,157	13,734
Secondment costs	27,318	-
	227,277	208,376

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 per annum (2025: £nil)

The total paid to key management personnel (as listed on page 1) during the year was £39,989 (2025: £35,278).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

11 Employees **(Continued)**

The average number of employees is calculated on the basis of full time equivalents with regard to a 37 hour working week was 6.6 (2025: 6.4).

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	Computers and office equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation					
At 1 April 2025	550,000	56,156	-	14,970	621,126
Additions	-	-	21,524	-	21,524
At 31 March 2026	550,000	56,156	21,524	14,970	642,650
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2025	77,000	14,784	-	14,970	106,754
Depreciation charged in the year	11,000	7,448	1,078	-	19,526
At 31 March 2026	88,000	22,232	1,078	14,970	126,280
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2026	462,000	33,924	20,446	-	516,370
At 31 March 2025	473,000	41,372	-	-	514,372

Community House was received from winding up Harrogate Community House Trust Ltd on 28 September 2018. The asset was valued at £550,000 by Feather Smailes Scales at the time of transfer.

13 Debtors

	2026	2025
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Debtors (accounts receivable)	8,536	6,179
Accrued income	716	3,176
Prepayments	1,818	1,479
	11,070	10,834

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Trade creditors		4,195	2,634
Other creditors		1,283	1,485
Accruals		6,752	7,598
Deferred grant income	15	25,000	15,000
		37,230	26,717

15 Deferred income

	2026 £	2025 £
Opening balance	15,000	15,000
Amount released to income in the year	(15,000)	(15,000)
Amounts deferred in the year	25,000	15,000
	25,000	15,000

Deferred income comprises grants received in advance of the funding period.

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Community House Capital Reserve	489,228	-	(13,029)	-	476,199
Community House Cash Funds	47,122	-	-	-	47,122
Community Fit	17,231	949	(18,180)	-	-
HELP - Harrogate Easier Living Project	10,609	38,716	(49,325)	-	-
Help at Home	6,236	21,829	(23,899)	-	4,166
Help Out Harrogate	7,941	6,250	(9,741)	-	4,450
Power of 10	22	11,755	(11,777)	-	-
Friendship Club	735	854	(1,589)	-	-
	579,124	80,353	(127,540)	-	531,937

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

16 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Movement in funds: Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Community House Capital Reserve	502,257	-	(13,029)	-	489,228
Community House Cash Funds	46,652	7,800	(7,330)	-	47,122
Community Fit	28,161	23,456	(34,386)	-	17,231
HELP - Harrogate Easier Living Project	17,943	48,180	(55,514)	-	10,609
Help at Home	-	46,561	(40,325)	-	6,236
Help Out Harrogate	4,250	10,600	(6,909)	-	7,941
Power of 10	13,301	5,298	(18,577)	-	22
Friendship Club	-	1,920	(1,185)	-	735
	612,564	143,815	(177,255)	-	579,124

Restricted funds represent monies to be used for the following specific purposes:

Community House Capital Reserve
This is the value of the property as at April 2019 when it was acquired and any capital improvements that have since been made.

Community House Cash Funds
These funds were transferred over from Harrogate Community House Trust Ltd on completion of the transfer and will be used to maintain and develop the building.

Community Fit
A community of local people who meet to be social and active while giving time to Harrogate's people and spaces.

Harrogate Easier Living Project
A project providing practical and emotional support to people to continue living safe and well independently. It incorporates Help at Home handy person service which has its own separate restricted funding.

Help at Home
This is a scheme to provide a gardening, decorating and DIY service to older and disabled people.

Help Out Harrogate
This is a scheme to help inject ad hoc volunteer support into a wide range of local charities.

Power of 10
The programme encourages young people to complete and record volunteering hours, rewarding their contribution through certificates and rewards while helping them develop confidence, skills, wellbeing and employability.

Friendship Club
This funding is for our weekly Friendship Club to pay for our sessional leader, to fund the venue hire costs, refreshments and a contribution towards the Service Coordinator's time to organise the activity.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2026	2026	2026
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2026 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	40,171	476,199	516,370
Current assets/(liabilities)	129,739	55,738	185,477
	169,910	531,937	701,847

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	25,144	489,228	514,372
Current assets/(liabilities)	182,664	89,896	272,560
	207,808	579,124	786,932

18 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Within one year	475	950
Between two and five years	-	475
	475	1,425

19 Related party transactions

No trustees (2025: nil) were reimbursed for expenses during the year (2025: £nil).

There were no payments of travel and subsistence expenses to trustees during the year (2025: £nil).

None of the trustees nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration during the year.

There were no further related party transactions during the year (2025: none)