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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Trustees	E Meleagrou S Moorehead C Waldegrave S Turvey J Barnett S Walker A Khan
Charity registered number	1149664
Principal office	12 Addison Avenue London W12 4QR
Executive director	V Gray
Accountants	Menzies LLP Chartered Accountants Magna House 18-32 London Road Staines-Upon-Thames TW18 4BP
Bankers	National Westminster 55 Kensington High Street Kensington Royal Garden Branch London W8 5EQ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Give a Book promotes books and reading in the hardest places. At the heart of all our work is a belief in the transformative power of reading. That belief runs through all our partnerships, culture and projects. Since 2017, Prison Reading Groups, a project out of the University of Roehampton, has been part of the charity, together we provide reading groups for diverse levels of experience and family reading initiatives in prisons across the UK. Our mission is rooted in the belief that sharing a book is a transaction of lasting worth, offering connection and mental release to those in the criminal justice system.

Our work addresses the critical literacy gap in the UK prison estate, where 50% of people have the literacy level of a child leaving primary education. By fostering a 'reading community,' we help prisoners develop positive social identities, improve their quality of life, and increase the likelihood of their participation in further education or rehabilitation programmes. In the past year alone, we supported 75 reading groups in more than 50 prisons and over 200 Family Days, providing thousands of books and reading opportunities to those who need them most.

The Need

The state of prison reading is currently under significant scrutiny. A critical 2022 Ofsted report highlighted the parlous state of prison reading, leading to a new requirement for all prisons to implement a reading strategy. The need is urgent: poor literacy locks adults out of the job market and prevents parents from supporting their children's learning, often perpetuating a cycle of disadvantage.

Beyond functional literacy, there is a profound need for human connection and mental escapism. Prisoners often feel reduced to a number or defined solely by their criminal record. Our projects address these needs by providing what author Ali Smith calls 'an open window in a locked room'. The recent update by HM Inspector of Prison, Reading for Rehabilitation, in January 2026, commended several of our projects.

Reading in Prison

Give a Book delivers several key services within the prison estate:

- **Prison Reading Groups:** We set up and support 75 groups where the emphasis is on the pleasure of reading. Groups choose their own books fostering agency in a place where there is little, and meet informally to develop discussion skills and sociability. This engenders respect and mutual support, helping prisoners rethink themselves.

'Someone pitched in with the need for more work and training opportunities. Are initiatives like the reading group of any real benefit? Yes, said someone, being treated decently makes you keener to be on the out.' - Facilitator

- **Family Days & Family Reading:** We provide books and volunteers for extended family visits, allowing parents and children to choose and enjoy a book together. This instils some normality into an unsettling prison environment and provides a lasting reminder of a time spent together as a family. In 2025 we supported 214 Family Days in 45 prisons. We now work with volunteers from the Ministry of Justice who have said:

'I had a fantastic experience volunteering at XXXX Prison at their Family Day. Over four hours we gave out around 30 books and we could see how happy this made the children and their families. Over the course of the day a lot of children came up to our table, including a few that staff thought might not be interested. It was great to see families discussing the books and I hope the books will help the children going forward. Having the stall at Family Day certainly added to the offering for families and I would really recommend the initiative to others'

'It's a great idea because you can see the progress of your children as they grow up.' participant

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- **Raising Readers:** This initiative encourages prisoner parents to choose a book from a special library display to send home to their children, complete with a personal message. It promotes family reading and helps parents stay connected with their children's development. The project runs in 65 prisons.

'It's helped me with my own anxiety, mental health and also to build a closer relationship with my son and grandson.' - participant

'My prisoner was very emotional when he realised he could have a book to read to them himself.' - staff

'We think it's amazing for the children. Another opportunity for them and dads to bond in a calming way. I also think it's just as important for the dads to be reading with the children.' - staff

- **Books for First Nighters:** launched by Give a Book in 2017 and now running in 85 prisons, the project provides a selection of carefully chosen books to new arrivals to offer comfort during the traumatic transition into prison life and facilitate better relationships between staff and inmates. We provide tailored bookmarks, highlighting other available prison reading facilities. Books are refreshed quarterly through the year. In many prisons now there is a very high churn rate so this project is greatly in demand. For a pilot scheme in one prison we are giving a book to every prisoner on arrival. This is proving very popular but the sheer number will make it hard to roll out across many prisons.

'It's an amazing way of supporting our reading strategy and encouraging prisoners to continue their reading and learners prior to them moving to normal locations and accessing the library which can take time.' - staff

'Young prisoners especially find that first night can be one of the hardest. It's often the first time they've faced such extreme isolation, fear, or uncertainty. Several prisoners have commented, something to read can and does make a real difference on their first night in a cell.' - staff

'It has a lot of impact, I have had prisoners come to a Library induction with the book they received when they first came into the Prison. They have told me it actually makes them feel like someone cares. It's also made them look at a book for the first time in years, which then has a role [sic] on effect to them coming to the Library.' – staff

Reach and Impact

Quantitative Reach:

- **75 Prison Reading Groups** currently active, with membership from 6-15, meeting regularly, usually monthly. 20 further groups for Emergent Readers typically meet more often, to establish a safe community where people can read aloud, rather than ahead of time, to help confidence. The emphasis in both cases is always on the pleasure of reading, on the dignity of having choice of reading material, and of providing an encouraging atmosphere to discuss and read for people who have often had unfortunate educational past experience.

- **214 Family Days** supported annually, typically reaching 15–20 families per event. Family connection has been seen as the 'golden thread' and a crucial pillar of rehabilitation and future desistance (Farmer Review, 2017). Reading together is a simple way to encourage family bonding, building bridges with books.

- **65 prisons** currently run the Raising Readers initiative, reaching 50 parents and children each term at each prison.

- **85 prisons** provide Books for First Nighters. There is significantly high churn at the moment, so demand for this is very high with, in some prisons, several hundred new inmates a month.

Measuring Success: We collect qualitative and quantitative data through surveys, questionnaires, and testimonials from participants, volunteers, staff, and families.

'I think the impact is very positive – it shows we have their best interest at heart, and it humanises a somewhat difficult situation no matter what the circumstances are.' - staff

And as one former reading group member put it: *'The narrative on the Wing changed to "What are you in for?" to "Where have you got up to?"'*

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In 2024-5 we worked with the Department of Criminology at Royal Holloway, University of London to measure the impact of our prison reading groups. To quote from the Executive Summary in the final report, Community, Connection and Change:

Prison Reading Groups (PRG) supports reading development in prisons through reading groups which are informal, voluntary and open-ended. PRG was established in 1999 and currently supports more than 75 regular groups in over 50 prisons nationwide and 20+ Reading the Way groups for emergent readers. The central objective of the evaluation was to identify what members most enjoy and value about the groups and to understand better the impact of reading groups on the lives of prisoner members. Data was collected though surveys and focus groups with a qualitative emphasis that prioritised participant experience and interpretation. Five key themes were identified from the responses: becoming a reader; connections; wellbeing; confidence; widening horizons, challenge and change.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

Our work is inherently inclusive, reaching those locked out of society. We ensure our book selections reflect the diverse backgrounds of the prison population. For example, our family projects provide books like Lemn Sissay's *My Name Is Why* or titles featuring mixed-race characters to ensure families see themselves represented in the stories they share. By giving every member a voice and agency in our reading groups, we validate their opinions and foster a sense of equality.

Partnerships

Collaboration is central to our delivery model. We work in close partnership with:

- **Prison Librarians and Staff:** To facilitate book deliveries and group meetings.
- **External Volunteers:** Who help run reading groups and support family days, including from the Ministry of Justice and many corporate firms.
- **Academic Institutions:** Such as Royal Holloway University of London for impact evaluation. Also Education Providers inside Prison such as Novus.
- **Sector Peers:** We align our work with findings from the Shannon Trust, the Reading Agency and the National Literacy Trust to target the most pressing literacy needs. We are part of the Literacy in Prison Stakeholders Group, a collaborative network which has met online since lockdown. Earlier this year we became a member of the Advisory Group for the National Criminal Justice Arts Alliance (NCJAA).
- We work closely with the various different organisations who provide family liaison and support in prison and beyond (eg PACT, Barnardos, and Children Heard and Seen).
- We are part of Penguin Random House's **Corporate Social Responsibility** and have an ongoing fruitful collaboration with the **Royal Society of Literature.**

Alongside our prison work we **work in schools** with particular disadvantage,- in pupil referral units (PRUs) and the Secure Accommodation Network. Give a Book provides books for the young people in secure accommodation, part of the criminal justice and welfare system, who are some of the most vulnerable people in the country. Every half term we give books that the young people choose themselves. We believe that choice is very much at the heart of becoming a reader. Choice is fundamental in all our projects. As in our prison work, the projects for young people have reading for pleasure, the joy of reading, at their core.

In the last year we co-founded the **Literacy Link**, a collaboration of Literary/literacy charities. We are all playing our part of the **National Year of Reading**, and in our case are concentrating more on the prison side our work, given there is so much 'reading activity' in schools.

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Case Studies

- **Connecting Families:** One prisoner, just getting to know his daughter, is using Give a Book books as his primary way of connecting with her. Another parent shared: *'Raising Readers is brilliant, my son really enjoyed being able to read the book with me over the phone'*.

- **A Sense of Self:** A Prison Reading Group member noted: *'In the reading group everyone is given a voice... For one hour a month, I feel that my opinion is valid, that others care about what I say.'*

- **Humanising the System:** A prison librarian remarked that these small gestures *'illustrate the difference between punishment for punishment's sake and genuine efforts at rehabilitation.'*

We have been approached by literacy specialists in Norway and Finland to help them set up a Nordic Network of reading groups across Scandinavian prisons. And by someone in the Japanese Criminal Justice sector. We are developing a relationship with a similar initiative out of Rikers Island in New York.

The trustees confirm that the charity's governance arrangements, policies, procedures and internal controls were reviewed during the year and remain appropriate to the size, nature and activities of the charity. The trustees are satisfied that the charity continues to operate in accordance with its governing document, relevant legislation, Charity Commission guidance and applicable regulatory requirements. The trustees consider that the charity has appropriate systems in place to manage risk, safeguard its assets and ensure the effective delivery of its charitable objectives.

Financial review
The trust's work is entirely reliant on donations. Unrestricted donations of £311,637 were received in the year (31 March 2025: £327,291).

During the year Give a Book made no grants (31 March 2025: £NIL), and funded prison and school projects worth £337,845 (31 March 2025: £315,382).

Reserves policy

The restricted fund represents donations received which are to be used for specific projects. The level of restricted reserves as at 31 March 2026 was £27,828 (31 March 2025: £16,311). The unrestricted fund can be applied for the general purposes of the charity as set out in the governing document. The level of unrestricted reserves as at 31 March 2026 was £125,659 (31 March 2025: £112,542).

£80,000 of the £125,659 is the amount that the charity needs to keep running for four months should the charity not be able to raise sufficient funding over the year. The £80,000 gives the charity some security when planning for 2027. This means that £80,000 does not represent a free reserve. Taking this into account, the unrestricted reserves are £45,659.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed, dated 7 November 2012, the charity is constituted as an unincorporated trust. The trust is a registered charity, number 1149664.

Trustees

The charity is managed by a board of trustees. Every committee member has one vote. Trustees may act by a majority decision. There must be at least three trustees. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting. The trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. The trustees must make available to each new trustee, on his or her appointment, a copy of the Trust Deed and a copy of the charity's latest report and accounts.

Related party

There are no significant related parties or related party transactions requiring disclosure.

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Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

sarah moorehead
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S Moorehead
(Trustee)

Date: 21 August 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Give a Book ('the charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 ICAEW, 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 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: DocuSigned by: Janice Matthews 634F24DE92A4471... Dated: 21-Aug-2026

Janice Matthews FCA

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	*Total funds 2025 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**311,637**	**150,662**	**462,299**	*393,685*
Investments	4	**819**	**-**	**819**	*1,119*
Total income		**312,456**	**150,662**	**463,118**	*394,804*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	**18,133**	**-**	**18,133**	*20,396*
Charitable activities	6	**281,206**	**139,145**	**420,351**	*378,165*
Total expenditure		**299,339**	**139,145**	**438,484**	*398,561*
Net movement in funds		**13,117**	**11,517**	**24,634**	*(3,757)*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**112,542**	**16,311**	**128,853**	*132,610*
Net movement in funds		**13,117**	**11,517**	**24,634**	*(3,757)*
Total funds carried forward		**125,659**	**27,828**	**153,487**	*128,853*

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note		2026 £		*2025 £*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		**366**		*2,105*
			366		*2,105*
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**1,510**		*1,451*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**191,888**		*155,568*	
		193,398		*157,019*	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(40,277)**		*(30,271)*	
Net current assets			**153,121**		*126,748*
Total assets less current liabilities			**153,487**		*128,853*
Total net assets			**153,487**		*128,853*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	13		**27,828**		*16,311*
Unrestricted funds	13		**125,659**		*112,542*
Total funds			**153,487**		*128,853*

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

sarah moorehead

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S Moorehead
(Trustee)

Date: 21 August 2026

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1. General information

Give a Book is a charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is disclosed on the reference and administrative details page.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Give a Book meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

2.4 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 allocated on the portion of the asset’s use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- 3 years

2.7 Debtors

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

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

2.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	*Total funds 2025 £*
Donations				
Donations from individuals	70,785	2,630	**73,415**	*58,511*
Donations from Trusts	231,403	148,032	**379,435**	*328,823*
Gift aid	9,449	-	**9,449**	*6,351*
Total 2026	311,637	150,662	**462,299**	*393,685*
Total 2025	*327,291*	*66,394*	*393,685*	

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	*Total funds 2025 £*
Bank interest	819	**819**	*1,119*
Total 2026	819	**819**	*1,119*
Total 2025	*1,119*	*1,119*	

5. Expenditure on raising funds

Fundraising trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	*Total funds 2025 £*
Staff costs and other fundraising expenses	18,133	**18,133**	*20,396*
Total 2025	*20,396*	*20,396*	

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Project costs 2026 £	Support costs 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	*Total funds 2025 £*
Direct and support costs	337,845	82,506	**420,351**	*378,165*
Total 2025	*315,382*	*62,783*	*378,165*	

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2026 £	*Total funds 2025 £*
Other staff costs	**12,089**	*13,381*
Depreciation	**1,740**	*1,740*
Accountancy	**10,035**	*7,271*
Consultancy	**6,468**	*2,130*
IT and website	**7,399**	*8,632*
Training/Conferences/Events	**1,081**	*2,406*
Insurance	**1,371**	*1,351*
Travel/Meetings	**1,908**	*1,149*
Subscriptions	**8,049**	*7,600*
Enthuse fees	**1,224**	*1,133*
Printing and stationery	**955**	*3,271*
Advertising and marketing	**2,928**	*755*
Casual help	**4,848**	*125*
Rent & rates	**20,340**	*8,414*
Christmas party	**-**	*369*
Legal expenses	**-**	*1,799*
Bank charges	**470**	*460*
Payroll fees	**498**	*742*
General expenses	**1,077**	*55*
Book purchases	**26**	*-*
	82,506	*62,783*

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Analysis of project costs

	2026 £	2025 £
Prison Projects	**168,923**	*220,767*
Schools & Children's Projects	**168,922**	*94,615*
	337,845	*315,382*

7. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner and accounts preparation fee of £2,750 *(2025 - £2,480)*.

8. Staff costs

	2026 £	2025 £
Wages and salaries	**115,366**	*125,659*
Social security costs	**3,742**	*6,165*
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**1,778**	*1,994*
	120,886	*133,818*

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2026 No.	2025 No.
	4	*5*

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

During the year, 1 individual made up key management personnel of the Charity. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £38,396 *(2025 - £33,750)*

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits *(2025 - £NIL)*.

During the year ended 31 March 2026, expenses totalling £2,826 were reimbursed or paid directly to 2 Trustees *(2025 - £2,270 to 2 Trustees)*. These expenses were those relating to the purchase of books, postage, stationery, meeting refreshments and travel costs.

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2025	**5,219**
At 31 March 2026	**5,219**
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2025	**3,113**
Charge for the year	**1,740**
At 31 March 2026	**4,853**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2026	**366**
At 31 March 2025	*2,106*

11. Debtors

	2026 £	*2025 £*
Due within one year		
Prepayments	**1,510**	*1,451*
	1,510	*1,451*

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £	*2025 £*
Trade creditors	**23,116**	*24,451*
Other taxation and social security	**3,186**	*2,460*
Other creditors	**777**	*690*
Accruals and deferred income	**13,198**	*2,670*
	40,277	*30,271*

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	**112,542**	**312,456**	**(299,339)**	**125,659**
Restricted funds				
Prison Reading Groups	**-**	**55,162**	**(55,162)**	**-**
HMP Isis Reading Prison	**4,375**	**-**	**(4,375)**	**-**
Mother & Baby Units	**4,436**	**-**	**(2,374)**	**2,062**
Raising Readers	**-**	**83,000**	**(68,000)**	**15,000**
Whole School Library Project	**7,500**	**-**	**(4,234)**	**3,266**
IT and Website	**-**	**12,500**	**(5,000)**	**7,500**
	16,311	**150,662**	**(139,145)**	**27,828**
Total of funds	**128,853**	**463,118**	**(438,484)**	**153,487**

Prison Reading Groups - these funds are used to support prison reading groups that are voluntary and informal where the members choose the books they read and are given their own copies. The groups are open ended, where members can join or leave as they want.

HMP Isis Reading Prison - HMP Isis wants to develop a whole prison reading strategy that motivates prisoners by finding out what kinds of reading the young men value and responding to their reading priorities with initiatives that seem relevant and enjoyable to them. This is the focus of our proposed projects—a 3-year multi project approach for whole prison reading.

Mother & Baby Units - this fund helps us provide books for mothers to read or share with their babies in prisons throughout the UK.

Raising Readers - a family reading initiative, offering prisoner parents the chance to choose and send a book home to their children, complete with a bookplate and a personal message.

Whole School Library Project - each year Give a Book helps create a new school library in a school which does not currently have one - this includes books and furnishings

IT & Website - the funding is for the development of a new Beacon CRM system and website for the charity

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Balance at 31 March 2025* £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	*103,305*	*328,410*	*(319,173)*	*112,542*
Restricted funds				
Prison Reading Groups	*5,000*	*17,694*	*(22,694)*	-
HMP Isis Reading Prison	*8,958*	*7,500*	*(12,083)*	*4,375*
Making it Up	*847*	-	*(847)*	-
Raising Readers	*11,500*	*10,000*	*(21,500)*	-
PRG - HMP Dovegate, Fosse Way & Hewell	*3,000*	-	*(3,000)*	-
Whole School Library Project	-	*10,000*	*(2,500)*	*7,500*
Mother & Baby Units	-	*5,000*	*(564)*	*4,436*
IT and Website	-	*1,500*	*(1,500)*	-
Family Days	-	*14,700*	*(14,700)*	-
	29,305	*66,394*	*(79,388)*	*16,311*
Total of funds	*132,610*	*394,804*	*(398,561)*	*128,853*

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	**Restricted funds 2026** £	**Total funds 2026** £
Tangible fixed assets	366	-	**366**
Current assets	165,570	27,828	**193,398**
Creditors due within one year	(40,277)	-	**(40,277)**
Total	125,659	27,828	**153,487**

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	*Restricted funds 2025 £*	*Total funds 2025 £*
Tangible fixed assets	*2,105*	*-*	*2,105*
Current assets	*140,708*	*16,311*	*157,019*
Creditors due within one year	*(30,271)*	*-*	*(30,271)*
Total	*112,542*	*16,311*	*128,853*

15. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £1,778 *(2025 - £2,338)*, £775 *(2025 - £688)* were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

16. Related party transactions

The charity has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the charity at 31 March 2026.