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WOLVERHAMPTON YOUTH ZONE

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

WOLVERHAMPTON YOUTH ZONE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

It is a privilege to present my second annual report as Chair of Trustees of The Way Youth Zone.

Following a year of rebuilding in 2024–25, this year has been one of refocus, in line with our four-year strategy of *Rebuild, Refocus, Refine, Reflect*. Our purpose remains clear: to invest in young people across Wolverhampton, providing a safe, welcoming and inspiring environment in which they can thrive, build confidence and develop resilience.

During 2025–26, The Way continued to strengthen both the reach and quality of its youth provision. By March 2026 we had 3,373 active members, with weekly sessional attendance reaching 811 against a target of 900. These figures demonstrate the scale of engagement, but it is the impact on individual young people that matters most. Our measures show that 67% reported making new friends, 83% felt healthier, 89% felt better prepared and 77% said they were better able to handle challenges.

The year also saw continued development of targeted provision. Our mentoring and progression work supported young people with higher levels of need, while the development of SEND pathways and a Welcome Committee helped improve accessibility and confidence for young people who require additional support to engage. We have also sought to strengthen youth voice and ensure that young people increasingly shape the way services are developed and delivered.

Alongside our work within the Youth Zone, we continued to strengthen outreach activity across Wolverhampton, building trusted relationships with young people in the places where they spend their time and encouraging them to access the support and opportunities available at The Way. This is an increasingly important part of our role as we respond to changing patterns of need, including safeguarding concerns, online harms, social isolation and pressures on young people's wellbeing.

Financially, the organisation made significant progress during the year. Total income reached approximately £1.64 million, an increase of around £375,000, or 29.7%, compared with the previous year. The Way also moved from an operating deficit of £121,000 in 2024–25 to an operating surplus of approximately £19,000 in 2025–26. Trust and foundation income performed particularly strongly, reaching approximately £454,000. This improvement reflects strong work across fundraising, leadership and financial management.

Our ability to deliver for young people depends upon strong leadership, committed staff and volunteers, and effective governance. During the year we continued to strengthen organisational culture, performance management, safeguarding, staff development, systems and operational resilience. Workforce stability improved and the Board has increasingly benefited from clearer performance information and assurance across key areas of organisational activity.

The Board also undertook a governance review during the year. This recognised strong foundations, a positive culture and effective leadership, while identifying a number of opportunities for further development. We are using that work to strengthen trustee development, committee oversight and the contribution trustees make through challenge, support, advocacy and their wider professional networks.

None of our achievements would be possible without the support of our partners, funders, patrons, businesses, community organisations and the wider OnSide Network. Their continued belief in The Way enables us to provide high-quality youth work and to respond flexibly to the changing needs of young people across Wolverhampton. We are particularly grateful to those supporters who have continued to stand alongside us through a difficult economic climate.

As we move into 2026–27, our strategic theme shifts from Refocus to Refine. The emphasis will be on deepening quality rather than pursuing growth for its own sake: strengthening youth voice, refining our employability offer, improving consistency and standards, developing more sustainable long-term funding relationships and continuing to rebuild financial resilience.

We will continue to challenge ourselves not simply to ask how much activity we deliver, but what difference that activity makes. That focus on outcomes, quality and sustainability will be central to the next stage of The Way's development.

I would like to thank Paul Snape and his leadership team, our youth workers and wider staff, our volunteers, my fellow trustees, OnSide, our partners and supporters, and above all the young people who continue to shape The Way.

The Way remains more than a building. It is a place of opportunity, belonging and support, and the Board remains committed to ensuring that it continues to transform young lives across Wolverhampton for many years to come.

Objectives and activities

Who we are

Wolverhampton Youth Zone, named by young people as 'The Way', is a purpose-built facility for the city's young people aged 8 – 19, and up to 25 for those with additional needs/global delay. The Youth Zone provides a safe environment, where young people can spend their leisure time, helping each young person to raise their aspirations, as well as improve their physical and mental health.

The Youth Zone provides help, support, and education for young people of all abilities, predominantly resident in the Wolverhampton area, through the provision of sports, arts and recreation activities, mentoring and employability support. Up to 20 different activities take place each night, such as football, boxing, dancing, climbing, creative arts, music, drama, and employability training – all for just £5 annual membership and 50p per visit.

Our operating model uses a unique partnership approach; drawing together the Local Authority, private sector businesses, young people and the wider local community. This partnership approach establishes the Youth Zone at the heart of the community for the long term, whilst meeting the needs of young people today.

Our Vision, Mission & Values

Our Vision

- To be the go-to place for young people in Wolverhampton.

Our Mission

- To invest in young people, aged 8-19, through safe, state of the art facilities, dedicated staff and quality, fun activities. We will engage with young people on a voluntary basis, supporting them to thrive, make positive decisions, creating growth and resilience for the future. Always putting young people first.

Our Values

- **T**OGETHER We are committed to building positive, inclusive relationships with all. Individuals are respected and celebrated within The Way community.
- **H**ONEST We are open and sincere. We act with integrity and transparency and are accountable for our words and actions.
- **E**NERGETIC We approach all we do with a 'can-do' attitude. We are positive, dynamic, and flexible and always give our best for Wolverhampton's young people.
- **W**ELCOMING We create a safe, positive, and supportive atmosphere for all. We care for people and are passionate in all we do.
- **A**SPIRATIONAL We are constantly evolving and always seek to improve. We grow, progress, and develop as an organisation and as individuals. We lead by example. and inspire others.
- **Y**OUTH-LED We are needs-led and young person focused throughout our work.

Our Activities

The charity delivers its objectives through a purpose-built Youth Zone building, branded 'The Way' which was built in the heart of the city in one of the most deprived areas of the West Midlands. It provides somewhere for young people to go and give them something to do and someone to talk to in a safe environment, providing a huge range of positive activities for a minimal charge per visit.

We are normally open 6-days a week as a safe space for young people. The experienced and skilled staff and volunteers at The Way engage with young people aged between 8 and 19, or up to 25 for young people with a global delay, by providing first-class sports, dance, music, media, arts and recreation activities, which empower them to build greater self-confidence and self-esteem, develop positive relationships, raise and achieve their aspirations, develop self-discipline, resilience and trust and live happier, healthier lives as per the objectives of the charity.

Activities offered include:

- a multi-use outdoor all-weather sports pitch to host five-a-side football matches.
- a multi-use four-court sports hall.
- a performing arts studio for dance and theatre including, street, hip hop and contemporary dance, choreography, drama and dance leadership.
- a fully equipped fitness suite.
- a music studio offering recording, producing, mixing, singing, DJ Facilities and musical instrument coaching.
- an enterprise media suite and programme through which young people can get support looking for jobs and work experience placements as well as help writing their CVs or enhancing interview skills.
- a climbing wall.
- a training kitchen, giving young people essential life skills.
- a boxing and MMA studio.
- a 'Health and Wellbeing Room', offering a space for young girls and women and support with more challenging issues such as relationships and keeping safe.
- a cafe designed by the young people and offering home cooked food at discount prices.
- an extended arts room offering pottery, drawing, writing, fashion, textiles, and photography; and
- a newly refurbished sensory room designed by our young people.

Building on Our Heritage

In the heart of Wolverhampton, a beacon of inspiration and opportunity arose in 2012, thanks to the visionary collaboration between the Wolverhampton City Council, local businesses, and OnSide. The Way Youth Zone, a dream championed by philanthropists like Steve Morgan CBE, The Queen's Trust, and St James's Place Charitable Foundation, transformed into a vibrant reality, offering a sanctuary where the youth could soar.

Since opening our doors in January 2016, we have been a second home to young people aged 8-19, offering an array of over 20 activities nightly. Our purpose-built haven is more than just a building; it's a dynamic space where young minds from all walks of life converge to explore, create, and dream. Here, friendships blossom, skills are honed, and potential is unleashed in an atmosphere brimming with energy and fun.

At the core of The Way Youth Zone is our dedicated team of youth workers, the unsung heroes who provide unwavering support and guidance every day. They are the mentors, the confidants, and the cheerleaders who ensure that every young person feels heard, valued, and empowered. Through meaningful conversations, collaborative projects, playful games, and specialized support, we offer transformative experiences that ignite the spirit and foster resilience in our community's youth.

This year marks the eighth full operational year for The Way. Our programmes and partnerships have continually evolved to address the shifting needs of the young people and the community we serve. Today's youth face real-time challenges in mental health, resilience, and cost of living.

We are profoundly grateful to our past and present supporters for turning the Youth Zone vision into reality. We have a responsibility towards our children and young people to ensure they continue to reap the benefits of our safe, state-of-the-art facilities, committed staff, and high-quality, enjoyable activities that foster growth and resilience.

Our Impact During the Year (2025/2026)

The 2025/2026 period marked the second year of our four-year strategic plan, themed **REFOCUS**. Following the rebuilding work undertaken during 2024/2025, the year focused on sharpening our youth offer, strengthening internal discipline, improving performance information and continuing to build a more resilient organisation.

Engagement remained strong during the year. By March 2026, The Way had 3,373 active members and weekly sessional attendance of 811 against a target of 900. Young people also continued to report positive outcomes from their involvement: 67% reported making new friends, 83% felt healthier, 89% felt better prepared for the future, and 77% said they were better able to handle challenges.

The key areas of progress are summarised below.

Youth Provision & Stakeholders

- Maintained a broad universal youth offer across Juniors, Seniors, SEND Squad, Family Sessions and holiday provision.
- Increased opening hours from 27 to 34 per week.
- Reached 3,373 active members and weekly sessional attendance of 811 by March 2026.
- Developed targeted provision for young people with higher levels of need, including mentoring, progression support and improved SEND pathways.
- Strengthened youth voice, outreach and detached engagement so that more young people can shape and access The Way's support.
- Continued to respond to increasing complexity in young people's lives, including safeguarding concerns, online harms, social isolation, family pressures, poverty and emotional wellbeing.

Internal & Infrastructure

- Strengthened the systems, processes and infrastructure that support safe and effective delivery.
- Improved performance reporting and organisational oversight, giving trustees and leaders clearer information about progress, risk and impact.

- Developed a more structured approach to policies, standard operating procedures, asset management and facilities planning.
- Progressed work on building utilisation, room hire, catering and operational efficiency.

Fundraising & Communications

- Strengthened fundraising performance and supporter engagement during a challenging economic climate.
- Reported total income of approximately £1.64 million, around £375,000 higher than the previous year.
- Achieved strong performance in trusts and foundations income, which reached approximately £454,000.
- Continued to rebuild relationships with patrons, funders, corporate partners and supporters.
- Improved impact communications, stewardship and storytelling, including the developing narrative around TheWay2Work.

Learning & People Development

- Continued to strengthen organisational culture, leadership practice and staff development.
- Improved workforce stability and clarified roles, responsibilities, expectations and accountability.
- Progressed job descriptions, KPIs, supervision and appraisal arrangements.
- Invested in training, safeguarding, youth work practice, compliance and leadership development.
- Strengthened the focus on "Our Way" as the shared approach to how we lead, manage and work together.

Finance & Budget Management

- Reported an operating surplus of approximately £19,000 in 2025/2026, compared with an operating deficit of £121,000 in 2024/2025.
- Strengthened budget planning, reforecasting and management information.
- Improved financial oversight through more regular reporting to senior leaders and trustees.
- Developed budget holder confidence, accountability and restricted funding management.
- Maintained careful control of expenditure while continuing to protect the quality of provision for young people.

Governance and Strategic Leadership

During the year, the Board undertook a governance review. This recognised strong foundations, a positive culture and effective leadership, while identifying opportunities to further strengthen trustee development, committee oversight, assurance and strategic challenge. The findings are being used to develop a clearer committee structure, improved reporting arrangements and a Board Assurance Framework, giving trustees stronger visibility of risks, controls, performance and impact.

The year also saw The Way strengthen its external influence, particularly through the development of TheWay2Work. The programme brings together trusted youth work relationships, employer engagement, workplace insight, confidence-building, mentoring and progression pathways to support young people's future opportunities.

The Way remains more than a building. It is a place where young people feel safe, supported and able to build confidence, friendships, skills and aspirations. The impact of our work is seen not only in attendance figures, but in stronger relationships, improved wellbeing and greater hope for the future.

Social Value

As part of the OnSide Youth Zone network, The Way contributes to the wider social value generated through high-quality youth work. OnSide's independent evaluation has previously shown that every £1 invested in a Youth Zone

delivers more than £13 in social value, including improved health and wellbeing, reduced crime and anti-social behaviour, enhanced educational outcomes and increased employability.

Planning for the Future

As we enter the third year of our strategic plan, our focus moves from **REFOCUS** to **REFINE**. In 2026/2027, The Way will focus on refinement rather than expansion. This means doing fewer things better, strengthening quality and consistency, embedding clearer standards, and ensuring that our decisions are guided by impact, sustainability and the needs of young people.

The year ahead will be shaped by high challenge and high support. We will continue to invest in young people, protect the quality of the offer, strengthen our financial resilience and embed "Our Way" consistently across leadership, delivery, spending and partnerships. Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team are prioritising the rebuilding of unrestricted reserves towards a rolling three months of operating costs, recognising that current reserves remain below this level.

The focus for 2026/2027 is not growth for its own sake. It is about becoming more disciplined, more consistent, more sustainable and more confident as an organisation.

Youth Provision & Stakeholders

We will refine our programme, offer and partnerships so that we retain young people, improve the quality of youth work and achieve stronger outcomes without stretching capacity or diluting quality. We will:

- Embed monthly youth voice mechanisms so that young people's views are regularly captured, acted upon and reported back.
- Develop a clear alumni pathway, giving former members meaningful opportunities to stay connected, volunteer, mentor and contribute.
- Refine our employability offer through TheWay2Work, ensuring young people experience a clear journey through Discover, Develop, Decide and Do.
- Strengthen employer engagement, sector-based pathways and progression opportunities linked to local and regional skills needs.
- Improve outreach and detached youth work coverage using data, local intelligence and partner feedback.
- Deliver monthly workshops and targeted support in response to emerging issues affecting young people.
- Maintain high safeguarding standards and continue to respond to increasing complexity in young people's lives.
- Stop or adapt activity that does not contribute clearly to retention, progression, outcomes or young people's needs.

Internal & Infrastructure

We will refine infrastructure and processes, so teams spend more time delivering high-quality youth work and less time navigating systems. We will:

- Finalise and embed key standard operating procedures and policy documents.
- Develop a clearer asset register, capital expenditure plan and planned preventative maintenance programme.
- Continue to simplify internal systems and reporting so they support rather than slow down delivery.
- Strengthen cyber security, business continuity and IT resilience.
- Improve the room hire and catering offer based on learning, cost control and net contribution.
- Maintain strong internal communications and clearer cross-team coordination.
- Ensure operational decisions are linked to safety, quality, value for money and long-term sustainability.

Fundraising & Communications

We will refine income generation and communications, so we reduce financial risk, prioritise long-term relationships and rebuild unrestricted reserves without compromising delivery quality. We will:

- Prioritise long-term, multi-year income and partnerships over short-term wins.
- Strengthen corporate partnerships, philanthropy and individual giving.
- Develop sustainable monthly giving and payroll giving opportunities.
- Re-engage lapsed founder patrons and continue to strengthen stewardship.
- Use trustees' networks and strategic influence to open doors to new supporters and partners.
- Improve impact reporting, donor communications and supporter engagement.
- Produce more outcome-focused content that demonstrates the real difference youth work makes.
- Build the profile of TheWay2Work with employers, funders, civic leaders and regional stakeholders.
- Avoid pursuing opportunities that do not offer long-term value, align with our values or support sustainable delivery.

Learning & People Development

We will refine our employee lifecycle, leadership practice and governance arrangements so we build a consistently positive culture, retain and develop our people, and ensure high-quality youth work is delivered safely and sustainably. We will:

- Embed a high challenge, high support leadership approach across the organisation.
- Strengthen supervision, appraisal, KPIs and development plans for all roles.
- Address underperformance or behaviours that undermine Our Way early, fairly and consistently.
- Continue to develop manager confidence, accountability and leadership practice.
- Deliver focused training and development that supports safeguarding, youth work quality, compliance and leadership.
- Use staff feedback, pulse surveys and reflective practice to improve culture and engagement.
- Embed the governance review recommendations and strengthen trustee development.
- Introduce a clearer committee structure aligned to strategic objectives.
- Develop a Board Assurance Framework to provide stronger oversight of risks, controls, assurance and areas requiring intervention.

Finance & Budget Management

We will equip staff to manage budgets effectively, improve forecasting and rebuild unrestricted reserves without compromising delivery quality. We will:

- Embed regular monthly reforecasting and financial review.
- Strengthen budget holder training, confidence and accountability.
- Improve cash flow visibility and use financial information to support early intervention.
- Continue to strengthen purchase order processes and spending controls.
- Make value-led decisions that link expenditure to outcomes, quality and sustainability.
- Prioritise the rebuilding of unrestricted reserves towards a rolling three months of operating costs.

- Maintain financial discipline, recognising that unrestricted reserves remain the organisation's principal strategic risk.
- Protect young people's provision while ensuring the organisation remains financially sustainable.

Strategic Discipline

Across all areas, strategic discipline will be central to the Refine year. We will not increase activity, cost or complexity without clear evidence of need, outcomes and sustainability. We will not say yes to funding, partnerships or delivery that compromise our values, quality or long-term resilience. We will not tolerate drift in standards, safeguarding, financial control or behaviour.

By March 2027, we expect to see an even more positive culture with clear expectations and consistent challenge, stronger organisational confidence, improved evidence of impact, stronger governance oversight, and an improved cash position. The organisation will continue to face financial and operational pressures, but the Refine year is designed to ensure The Way remains safe, high quality, investable and sustainable.

In the year ahead, we will continue to ask not only how much activity we deliver, but what difference that activity makes. That focus on quality, outcomes and sustainability will guide the next stage of The Way's development and ensure we continue to transform young lives across Wolverhampton.

Risk Management

The Trustees operate a considered and thorough approach to identifying and managing the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. The risk register, which has been under regular review this year, is presented and reviewed annually (as a minimum) by the Trustee board; the Senior Leadership Team review the register quarterly and where a significant change in risk level or type has been identified, will escalate this to the Trustee board more frequently. The Risk Register will be kept under review to ensure it remains suitable.

The Trustees have considered the principal risks and consider these to be:

- recruitment, retention & wellbeing of staff teams; and
- failure to secure budgeted income from private and public funders and fundraising activities.

In relation to recruitment, retention and wellbeing of staff teams, people planning is a regular activity and progress is considered against the aims of the organisation. We want to attract and retain people with talent, commitment, and a passion to make a difference to the lives of young people. We can support this through investing in our team: we want staff who are developed to meet their full potential. We can do this through good communications, internal training, employee support, performance and appraisal processes.

In relation to securing funding, a significant level of support has already been given and continues to be generated from several local and national benefactors for which we are grateful. Alongside funding from Wolverhampton City Council and fees provided by users of the facilities, this is expected to cover operational revenue costs. We are working to broaden our income base through a renewed communications and fundraising strategy, together with targeted funding bids aligned to our delivery programme.

Reserves policy

The trustees of Wolverhampton Youth Zone (The Way) are focusing on building back to a reserve equivalent to a rolling three months of operating costs, although current reserves are below this target. This policy ensures the charity's financial stability and ability to continue its vital work in the event of unforeseen circumstances. While prioritising this reserve level, trustees will also strategically invest funds in young people, recognising that this investment is needed now more than ever. Over time, the goal is to build on these reserves, providing even greater security and flexibility for the charity's future endeavours.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the ability of the Charity to continue to operate as a going concern, considering the impact of inflation and other external environmental pressures in this review. After careful analysis of the Charity's income, expenditure and unrestricted reserves, the Trustees are confident in the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Through the Senior Team, the Trustees continue to maintain tight control of the fixed cost base and a clear line of sight of the financial health of the Charity. After making enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in note 21 of the financial statements.

Structure, governance and management

Wolverhampton Youth Zone is a company limited by guarantee without share capital and registered under the Companies Act. The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and management of the company's affairs is vested in the Trustees.

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

E Vitalis	
C E Payne	(Appointed 6 May 2026)
C S B Bissitt	(Appointed 6 August 2025)
P Humpage	(Appointed 21 May 2025)
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T Munro	
L J Bashford	

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are to be recruited according to the skills and capacity needs of the charity and the suitability of possible candidates. Following the opening of the facility the composition of the Board has changed to reflect people who are active in the local community. As such, Trustees have been appointed in relation to their integrity and probity and proven record in their chosen professional career. It is expected that the policy attaching to appointments will continue in that vein. The background of each appointee is such that formal training is not required. Newly appointed Trustees are provided with a comprehensive induction to The Way, through in-house meetings with the existing Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The rules of Trustee appointment are set out in the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, which may be inspected at the registered office.

Organisational Structure

Wolverhampton Youth Zone is governed by its Board of Trustees, which is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation and the policy of the charity. The Trustees carry the ultimate responsibility for the conduct of the Wolverhampton Youth Zone and for ensuring that the charity satisfies its legal and contractual obligations. The Trustees meet on a bi-monthly basis.

Day-to-day management is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, Paul Snape. The Board of Trustees considers that working with the Board, who are the directors, the Chief Executive Officer is key to the leadership of the charity. Paul is supported by an experienced, skilled, and effective management team.

The pay of the Chief Executive Officer is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees via the People & Culture Committee.

Volunteers

In addition to employing full and part-time staff, The Way's operating model is also reliant on the support of regular volunteers who attend specific sessions to engage with young people across all our activities. We are incredibly thankful and appreciative to all our volunteers, and they are a vital part of our charitable work.

Wider Network

We are part of the OnSide Network, a growing group of youth centres we call Youth Zones across the UK, developed by the charity OnSide Youth Zones (charity number 1125893) with the same mission, to provide young people with the opportunity to shine and fulfil their potential.

Between us we support tens of thousands of young people nationwide. As the OnSide Network grows together, it works together. We support each other by sharing ideas, learning from each other about what works for young people and by championing the power of youth work locally, regionally and nationally.

Over 50,000 young people are members of OnSide's growing Network, currently in areas including: Barking and Dagenham, Barnet, Barnsley, Bolton, Blackburn, Bristol South, Carlisle, Chorley, Crewe, Croydon, Grimsby, Hammersmith and Fulham, Manchester, Oldham, Preston, Salford, Thames Gateway, Warrington, Wigan and Wirral. We are proud to be part of a Network that has been putting young people and their needs first for over a decade. It's inspiring. It's empowering. And it works.

Fund-Raising Standards Information

The Trustees wish to record their thanks to all those Trusts, individuals and companies who have made donations to support the work of the Charity. Wolverhampton Youth Zone raises funds by approaching businesses and philanthropic individuals who have an interest in supporting young people. We also apply for grants and to Trusts that have the same interest.

The charity is not currently a member of any voluntary scheme for regulating fund-raising. During the period, the charity received no complaints regarding its fund-raising activities. The charity does not street or door-to-door fund-raise so does not come into contact with vulnerable or other people who may feel intruded upon, be unreasonably approached, or have pressure placed upon them.

Auditors

The auditors, BK Plus, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 23rd September 2026 and signed on the board's behalf by:

E Vitalis
Trustee

23 September 2026



WOLVERHAMPTON YOUTH ZONE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Wolverhampton Youth Zone 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.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Charities SORP.

WOLVERHAMPTON YOUTH ZONE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WOLVERHAMPTON YOUTH ZONE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Wolverhampton Youth Zone (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2026 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF WOLVERHAMPTON YOUTH ZONE

Responsibilities of Trustees
As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

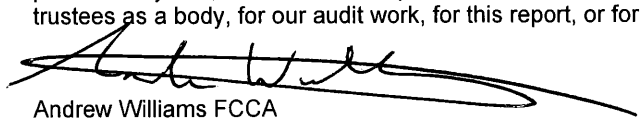
Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report
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. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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England
23 September 2026

bk plus Audit Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

WOLVERHAMPTON YOUTH ZONE

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 from:							
Donations and legacies	3	1,217,220	412,991	1,630,211	893,892	366,018	1,259,910
Investments	4	2,746	-	2,746	5,055	-	5,055
Total income		1,219,966	412,991	1,632,957	898,947	366,018	1,264,965
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	117,224	31,005	148,229	76,705	-	76,705
Charitable activities	5	1,240,351	352,782	1,593,133	1,048,945	376,580	1,425,525
Other expenditure	10	467	-	467	-	-	-
Total expenditure		1,358,042	383,787	1,741,829	1,125,650	376,580	1,502,230
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(138,076)	29,204	(108,872)	(226,703)	(10,562)	(237,265)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2025		4,314,458	72,111	4,386,569	4,541,161	82,673	4,623,834
Fund balances at 31 March 2026		4,176,382	101,315	4,277,697	4,314,458	72,111	4,386,569

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

WOLVERHAMPTON YOUTH ZONE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**12**		4,184,004		4,183,753
Current assets					
Debtors	**13**	75,907		163,491	
Cash at bank and in hand		202,724		162,689	
		278,631		326,180	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	(184,938)		(123,364)	
Net current assets			93,693		202,816
Total assets less current liabilities			4,277,697		4,386,569
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	**17**		101,315		72,111
Unrestricted funds	**18**		4,176,382		4,314,458
			4,277,697		4,386,569

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 under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, 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 23 September 2026

E Vitalis
Trustee

A K Summan-Ram
Trustee

WOLVERHAMPTON YOUTH ZONE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	21		66,119		(219,697)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(116,130)		(19,659)	
Investment income received		2,746		5,055	
Net cash used in investing activities			(113,384)		(14,604)
Financing activities					
Loans from related parties		87,300		-	
Net cash generated from financing activities			87,300		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			40,035		(234,301)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			162,689		396,990
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			202,724		162,689

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Wolverhampton Youth Zone is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Way Wolverhampton Youth Zone, School Street, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV3 0NR.

1.1 Basis of preparation

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

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. 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, as the charity has a large quantity of unrestricted reserves.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

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

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

1.6 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.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold buildings	2% straight line
Equipment	20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	10 & 20% straight line
IT equipment	20 & 33% straight line
Sports Equipment	20% straight line

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 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.9 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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. 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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

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.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

There are no critical accounting estimates and judgements to report.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Donations	489,073	13,320	502,393	194,029	116,270	310,299
Grants	533,971	399,671	933,642	516,543	249,748	766,291
Room hire and membership fees	100,370	-	100,370	106,062	-	106,062
Session fees	27,357	-	27,357	17,620	-	17,620
Catering income	57,275	-	57,275	46,153	-	46,153
Gift aid	9,174	-	9,174	13,485	-	13,485
	1,217,220	412,991	1,630,211	893,892	366,018	1,259,910

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Interest receivable	2,746	5,055

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Raising funds 2026 £	Other 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Raising funds 2025 £	Other 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Direct costs						
Staff costs	823,439	346,023	1,169,462	686,294	270,061	956,355
Depreciation and impairment	13,720	101,692	115,412	14,176	101,692	115,868
Staff training	11,944	-	11,944	5,182	-	5,182
Travel & subsistence	2,820	-	2,820	6,810	-	6,810
Recruitment fees	22,444	-	22,444	36,669	-	36,669
Advertising	3,424	-	3,424	5,461	-	5,461
Premises expenses	141,551	-	141,551	175,401	-	175,401
Audit fees	14,100	-	14,100	19,200	-	19,200
Accounting fees	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-
Legal & professional fees	36,509	-	36,509	38,557	-	38,557
Printing, postage and stationary	4,138	-	4,138	5,612	-	5,612
Bank charges	2,130	-	2,130	967	-	967
Computer running costs	28,213	-	28,213	29,610	-	29,610
Charitable donations	25,000	-	25,000	25,000	-	25,000
Sundry expenses	12,986	-	12,986	4,833	-	4,833
	1,145,418	447,715	1,593,133	1,053,772	371,753	1,425,525
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	1,138,659	101,692	1,240,351	947,253	101,692	1,048,945
Restricted funds	6,759	346,023	352,782	106,519	270,061	376,580
	1,145,418	447,715	1,593,133	1,053,772	371,753	1,425,525

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Fundraising and publicity						
Other fundraising costs	117,224	31,005	148,229	76,705	-	76,705

7 Net movement in funds

	2026 £	2025 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	17,100	19,200
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	115,412	115,868
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	467	-

8 Trustees

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

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2026 Number	2025 Number
	60	52

Employment costs	2026 £	2025 £
Wages and salaries	1,034,097	862,485
Social security costs	110,629	59,110
Other pension costs	24,736	34,760
	1,169,462	956,355

Included within the remuneration figures below are employer's national insurance contributions.

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2026 Number	2025 Number
£60,001 to £70,000	1	1
£70,001 to £80,000	1	1

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Aggregate compensation	194,014	71,365

The number of employees that were classed as key management personnel during the year was 3 (2025: 1).

10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	467	-

11 Taxation

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

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold buildings	Equipment	Fixtures and fittings	IT equipment	Sports Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 April 2025	5,084,603	54,060	134,381	51,786	20,695	5,345,525
Additions	-	32,882	59,597	23,651	-	116,130
Disposals	-	(2,007)	(845)	(390)	(1,695)	(4,937)
At 31 March 2026	5,084,603	84,935	193,133	75,047	19,000	5,456,718
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 April 2025	925,909	53,940	123,370	47,277	11,276	1,161,772
Depreciation charged in the year	101,692	1,998	5,149	4,501	2,072	115,412
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(2,007)	(845)	(390)	(1,228)	(4,470)
At 31 March 2026	1,027,601	53,931	127,674	51,388	12,120	1,272,714
Carrying amount						
At 31 March 2026	4,057,002	31,004	65,459	23,659	6,880	4,184,004
At 31 March 2025	4,158,694	120	11,011	4,509	9,419	4,183,753

13 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2026 £	2025 £
Trade debtors	53,265	125,597
Other debtors	-	(2,000)
Prepayments and accrued income	22,642	39,894
	75,907	163,491

14 Loans and overdrafts

	2026	2025
	£	£
Loans from related parties	87,300	-
Payable within one year	87,300	-

The above loan is interest-free, and can be repaid early without penalties.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Borrowings	87,300	-
Other taxation and social security	34,392	25,118
Trade creditors	23,586	27,704
Other creditors	22,560	22,699
Accruals	17,100	47,843
	184,938	123,364

16 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes	2026	2025
	£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	24,736	34,760

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

17 Restricted funds

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

	At 1 April 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£
	72,111	412,991	(383,787)	101,315

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
	82,673	366,018	(376,580)	72,111

18 Unrestricted funds

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

	At 1 April 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2026 £
General funds	4,314,458	1,219,966	(1,358,042)	4,176,382

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	4,541,161	898,947	(1,125,650)	4,314,458

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £
At 31 March 2026:			
Tangible assets	4,082,689	101,315	4,184,004
Current assets/(liabilities)	93,693	-	93,693
	4,176,382	101,315	4,277,697

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 March 2025:			
Tangible assets	4,111,642	72,111	4,183,753
Current assets/(liabilities)	202,816	-	202,816
	4,314,458	72,111	4,386,569

20 Related party transactions

Mr T Munro and Mrs C Payne are employees of Wolverhampton City Council which has provided funding of £278,430 (2025: £307,249) to the charity during the period. Wolverhampton City Council have also hired rooms at The Way costing £405 (2025: £6,202) and used cafe facilities costing £94 (2025: £Nil).

Ochuko Adekoya is an employee of OnSide Youth Zones which has provided funding of £81,681 (2025: £72,192) to the charity during the period and has used cafe facilities costing £2,898 (2025: £91), and has paid staff recharges of £2,284 (2025: £Nil).

Ms L Bashford is an employee of Wolverhampton College which has provided funding of £25,000 (2025: £49,700) to the charity during the period.

Mr A Raju provided funding of £2,000 (2025:£NIL) to the charity during the period, through is company Endeavour Restaurants Ltd.

Lucy Rook provided video and content creation services for the charity at no cost.

21 Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations

	2026	2025
	£	£
Deficit for the year	(108,872)	(237,266)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,746)	(5,055)
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	467	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	115,412	115,868
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	87,584	(63,035)
(Decrease) in creditors	(25,726)	(30,209)
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	66,119	(219,697)

22 Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 April 2025	Cash flows	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	162,689	40,035	202,724
Loans falling due within one year	-	(87,300)	(87,300)
	162,689	(47,265)	115,424