1 JANUARY 2025- 31 DECEMBER 2025

ANNUAL REPORT

NR2 Community Skills Share

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1157844

About Us

We operate in the NR2 area of Norwich. Our projects contribute to building a stronger, more connected community. We provide opportunities for personal development, reduce inequality and enhance the overall quality of life for individuals in the area.

We support and encourage people to develop and share their skills with others to foster a stronger sense of community and collaboration. We help individuals learn from one another and promote the sharing of knowledge and skills within our diverse community.



Bread and Roses Community Café

2025 has been a year of consolidation and growth in the development of Bread and Roses Community Café. We are extremely grateful to our funders, Norwich Consolidated Charities, Anguish's Education Foundation, Norfolk Community Foundation, Charles Littlewood Foundation, CORAL (Brian Eno Foundation), Love Norwich and Pledge Norwich (Norwich City Council), ASDA

In addition to financial support, we are proud of the in-kind contributions received throughout the year, including volunteer hours and donated goods and services. These have added value to our operations and reflect strong community engagement.

Despite the generous support from our funders the financial challenges due to the increased costs of staffing, energy and supplies mean we have had to make some difficult decisions to minimise our running costs and limit our deficit. This includes:

- Reduced staffing hours
- Inability to meet Real Living Wage criteria
- Modest uplift in food prices balanced with what local community can realistically afford

Despite these changes, we continue to face financial challenges. Our cafe income has increased but our per head customer spend reduced in the early part of the year, suggesting that people are choosing cheaper options as the cost of living impact persists. Nevertheless, we continue to provide a home-cooked, nutritious menu that supports the health and wellbeing of our local community.

Safeguarding and Safety

The café operates in an area affected by anti-social behaviour, often linked to county lines drug activity and criminal exploitation.

Issues have required a proactive approach to safeguarding vulnerable adults, children, and young people and maintaining the safety of our staff an customers. We have had a number of violent incidents to manage in the immediate local area which has impacted our operations.

In response, we have:

- Reported all incidents to the police and where appropriate relevant safeguarding bodies
- Liaised with our neighbourhood policing team
- Liaised with local Cllrs to press for local CCTV
- Chair of Trustees reviews all incidents

Partnerships and Community Engagement

We have successfully developed collaborative relationships with:

- The Garage Performing Arts Venue and their community producer
- The detached youth work team
- Our local police beat managers
- Reprezent Project
- Acorn
- Our power
- Forum Trust (Book Week & Street Party)

These partnerships have strengthened our outreach and programming, particularly for young people.

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CAFE IMPACT - WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS SAY

- 70% would have felt isolated if they had not visited the cafe that day
- 68% would not have prepared themselves at meal at home that day
- 83% say their health and wellbeing would be negatively affected if the cafe were to close
- 65% would have nowhere else to go if the cafe did not exist
- 100% feel supported by the cafe and its staff

[80 customers responded to survey over a two week period during August 2025]



6 month sales summary
1 June - 31 December 2025.

Customers buy 2 items on average.

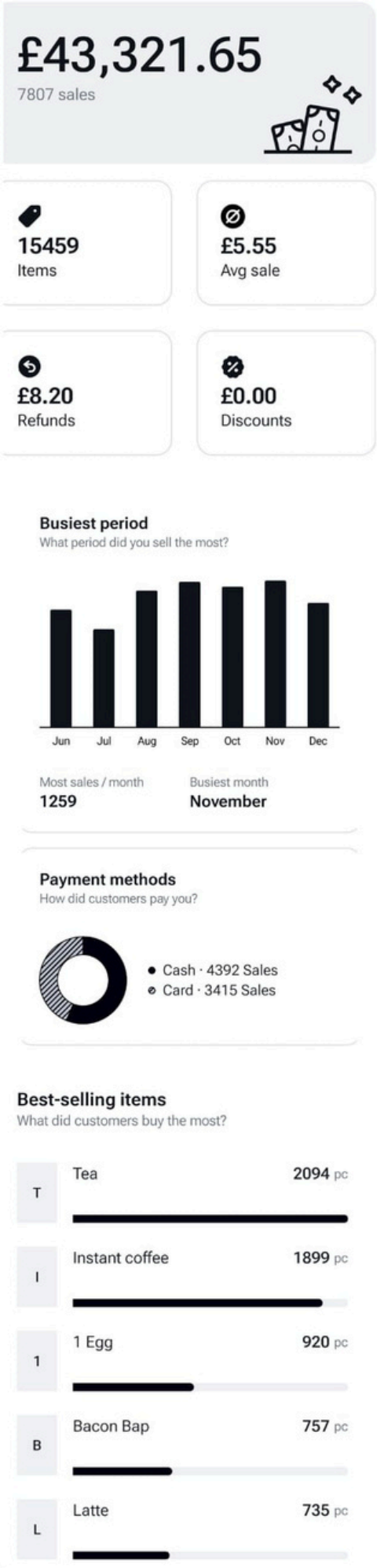
Our average spend has increased from £5.17 to £5.55

July is our quietest month. This is to be expected as it is the beginning of the school holidays.

We are still reliant on high cash sales.

Breakdown of main categories:

Main Meals - £4412.00
Breakfasts - £12208.00
Drinks - £11233.00
Invisible Coffee - £759.00
Pastries/Scones/Cakes - £2337.00





Engagement with local schools has remained challenging, despite a proactive approach from our art club teacher. We continue to engage directly with young people and families in the area and other partner agencies to encourage and support access to our activities.

We now have an established programme of projects, developed in genuine collaboration with the local community.

Tuesdays - Youth Group run by the Targeted Youth Support Service at Norfolk County Council and The Garage Community Producer
Qualified youth workers provide a range of high quality and engaging activities for young people in the area based around sports and performing arts, with a strong safeguarding focus.

Wednesdays - Under 11s & 11-18 art groups
Facilitated by two highly experienced, qualified teachers we run two art clubs with a a wide range of stimulating materials and activities available. The younger age group attend with parents and carers and space is created to support strengthening of family relationships and communication. Activities include clay modelling, puppet making, still life drawing, sculpture, theatre and movement, design and technology, 3D modelling, performance skills using outdoor space around the cafe. All of our artwork is linked to seasons or different cultural events and celebratiions eg Diwali, Easter, Mexican Day of the Dead, Chinese New Year. The older children's group attend independently without a parent or carer. They have participated in Lino Cut printing, Jelly Plate Printing, Collage, and portfolio work to support GCSE studies.

Thursdays - Adults art group
Adults living in the local area asked for their own art club after noticing how much fun children and young people were having at our other sessions. It is a popular group with on average 18 people attending each week. This is also facilitated by experienced qualified teachers with high quality materials provided. Activities include still life drawing, print making, sculpture, mixed media, clay work, 3d modelling, wreath making

Community Events

We have worked with partners to deliver a wide range of Community Events including Community art design workshops and mural painting with Reprezent & The Garage with almost 100 local residents particpating,

In August Over 200 people attended a free street party hosted in collaboration with The Garage and The Forum Trust and In October we ran a book event with The Forum.

Over Halloween week (half term) we provided a week long programme of activities and partnership with Reprezent and The Garage culminating in a Haloween Party with safe trick or treating, a puppet show, treasure hunt, DJs and street art in the park and area outside the cafe

We have completed further murals this year, co-designed with local residents and families (all ages) which brighten our space and reflect local voices and have consolidated a sense of local pride.



“everyone who lives in this area has something they can learn and something that they can help someone else to learn how to do”

ART GROUP GALLERY





















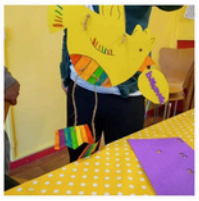


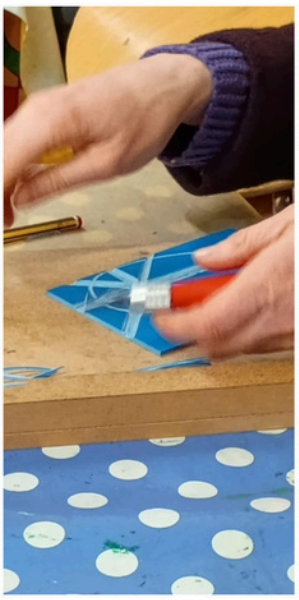


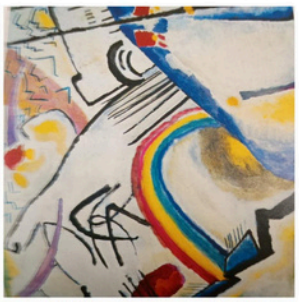














WE HAVE USED OUR GRANT FUNDING TO:

- Subsidise the cost of the most nutritious hot meals to make them affordable to the local community
- Supplement our staffing budget and sessional employment of a qualified and experienced teacher for our youth activities
- Support with core running costs to mitigate the increased cost of energy and supplies
- Start a weekly lunch club providing a home cooked healthy hot meal, pudding and a drink for £5
- Purchase high quality materials for our art clubs
- Pilot and evaluate new projects suggested by the local community then use the evaluation as evidence base for subsequent funding bids



GET MOVING - ACCESSIBLE EXERCISE

The Get Moving Exercise Class continued to grow in popularity throughout the year, leading to the introduction of a consecutive second group due to popular demand.

Participants have continued with their self started initiative Amble and Chat Group, meeting independently for local walks and social gatherings. This self-organised group reflects the positive social impact of the exercise class.

A current participant volunteers to coordinate the sessions, demonstrating strong community ownership and sustainability.

Activities have a positive impact on balance, stability, confidence and mobility.

Funders have expressed their support and enthusiasm for the class's impact, particularly the emergence of additional social activities initiated by participants.

We extend our sincere thanks to our skilled and engaging tutor Emma, whose energy, empathy, and professionalism have been instrumental in the success of the programme

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Her ability to create a welcoming and accessible environment has helped many participants regain mobility and confidence, particularly those affected by isolation during lockdown

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To demonstrate the value placed on the sessions by participants at their suggestion the sessions now operate on a pay what you can afford basis ranging from £3 to £10 per participant, with sessions remaining free for anyone on a very low income. This means that a smaller amount of match grant funding will need to be sought rather than full costs.

"OUR CLASSES ARE INCLUSIVE, WITH INVENTIVE WAYS ADDED TO KEEP ALL OF THE CLASSES INCLUSIVE. WE MOVE OUR BODIES THROUGH ALL RANGES OF MOVEMENT, LEARNING HOW TO IMPROVE POSTURE, COORDINATION AND CONCENTRATION. WE FOCUS ON FALLS PREVENTION, INDEPENDENT MOVEMENT AND FUNCTIONAL MOBILITY"





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(Charity No. 1157844)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	Charity no	1157844
Set out on page	1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

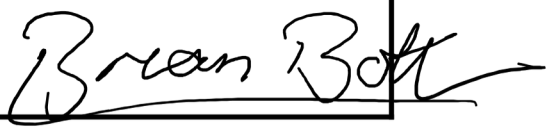
Independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:		Date:	20-Oct-26
Name:	Brian Bolt ACA		
Address:	10 St Marks Gardens Hatton Road Norwich NR1 2PT		

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Income & Expenditure Statement for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Café income		
Café turnover	£78,915	£61,370
Café expenses		
Café supplies	£28,355	£27,996
Staff costs	£68,903	£59,243
Utilities, rent, rates, refuse etc	£15,478	£14,056
PIF	£1,400	£3,442
Café expenses total	£114,136	£104,737
Trading deficit	-£35,222	-£43,367
Other income		
Grants	£134,534	£62,500
Do nations	£1,922	£4,644
Sunday social	-	£2,275
Room hire	£600	£2,025
Other income total	£137,056	£71,444
Other expenses		
Manager's employment costs	£15,574	£15,093
Equipment and repairs	£3,227	£13,191
Exercise class costs	£8,528	£6,743
Art class costs	£7,291	£335
Gardening project	-	£1,608
Other expenses	-	£1,607
Other expenses total	£34,619	£38,577
Surplus /-Deficit for the year	£67,21	-£10,500
Reserves B/fwd	5	£40,046
Reserves C/fwd	£29,54	£29,546
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Balance Sheet at 31 December

	2025	2024
Bank balance	£96,621	£29,406
Cash floats	£140	£140
	£96,761	£29,546
Funds		
General fund	£85,261	£15,387
Anguish's grant-Children's Art Classes	£5,869	-
NCC-Exercise Classes	£5,631	£14,159
	£96,761	£29,546

EMMA CORLETT, CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

I would like to thank our volunteers and staff for their hard work and commitment to improving the lives of the local community.

I thank all of the partners who have worked with us this year to use our collective strengths, skills and resources for the benefit of those in and around the Jenny Lind area of Norwich. We have brought forward exciting new projects this year in direct respnse to residents' ideas and suggestions - bringing their ideas to life.

Heartfelt thanks to all of our funders; Anguish's Education Foundation, Charles Littlewood Trust, Asda, Noroflk Community Foundation, Norwich Consolidated Charities, Love Norwich, Pledge Norwich, CORAL (Brian Eno Foundation)

