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The Halo Project

Trustees Report and Accounts

for the year ended 28th February 2026

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number	1159143
Company registration number	8913368
Registered office	307A Vanguard Suite Broadcasting House Gilkes Street Middlesborough TS1 5JA
Trustees	Rachel Gray Claire Preston Sara Mirsaheli Asma Shaffi Saima Hussain Stephanie Ho
Secretary	Ian Reid
Accountants	Reid, Campbell & Co Ardluing Kilmun Argyll PA23 83Y
Bankers	Barclays Bank

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Report of the Trustees
for the period 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2026

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 28th February 2026. The directors, who are also trustees of The Halo Project for the purposes of charity law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1 of this report.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity Accounts Regulations and Directions 2008 , the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland 2019 (FRS102)

Structure, governance and management

Background

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and was registered in England on 26th February 2014 . It is registered with the Charities Commission under Charity number 1159143.

The Trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of Company Law,are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Trustees may be appointed to the Board if they are proposed by one of the existing Trustees and approved by the majority of the Trustees. None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Company. All the Trustees are members of the company an guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

Under the terms of the Articles of Association of the company, every director or other officer of the company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the company against any loss or liability which he or she must sustain in connection with the execution of the duties of his or her office.

Organisation

The board of Trustees administers the Charity. The board meets on a quarterly basis or as needed. There are currently 6 members of staff who report to the Board

Related parties

None of the Trustees receive any remuneration or benefit from their work with the Charity, nor do any contractual relationships exist with any related parties.

Risk Management

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to these risks.

Reserves Policy

The reserves are maintained and distributed in line with the charity's objectives and also the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The policy of the Charity is to aim to retain sufficient reserves to meet the cost of at least 3 months overheads and any redundacy payments due to staff in the event of winding up.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity complies with the duty to have regard to guidance on public benefit as published by the Charities Commission

Objectives and Activities

The Charity supports BAME women and families at risk of harm or abuse. The Objectives are:

Promoting the human rights of women through empowerment, education and specialist intervention programmes

Providing specialist accommodation and recovery programmes to enhance safety

Providing trauma-informed recovery programmes

Promoting economic independence, preventing abuse, building resilience

Acievements and Performance

It is a privilege to reflect on another year of Halo's work and as Chair of Trustees, to recognise the extraordinary courage of the women and girls whose lives are at the heart of everything we do.

For Black and minoritised women and girls experiencing domestic abuse, forced marriage, honour-based abuse and other forms of hidden harm, seeking help and rebuilding their lives can require immense courage. Our role is not simply to support women to survive; it is to help create the conditions in which they can live safe, independent and fulfilled lives, free from violence and abuse.

Over the past year, Halo has continued to develop both the breadth and impact of its work. Led by Yasmin Khan CBE, our dedicated team has delivered specialist support alongside advocacy, education, prevention and campaigning for wider systemic change. The expansion of our specialist Halo Homes refuge has strengthened our ability to provide safe accommodation and support to women facing significant risk, while our wider advocacy work continues to challenge the structures, attitudes and inequalities that allow abuse to persist.

We have also continued to use our experience and expertise to influence wider debate and advocate for change in law, policy and practice, including our work around honour-based suicides. This combination of direct support and systemic advocacy remains central to Halo's purpose and to our ambition to achieve lasting change.

The Board of Trustees has continued to fulfil its governance responsibilities, meeting regularly to monitor risks, ensure financial accountability and guide strategic direction. We are satisfied that appropriate systems and controls are in place to manage the charity's operational, financial and safeguarding responsibilities. None of the trustees received any remuneration or personal benefit during the year.

We extend our deepest thanks to our funders, partners and supporters, whose trust and generosity have enabled us to continue our vital work. Their compassion and belief in our mission have helped us protect and empower some of the most vulnerable women and girls in our communities.

Looking ahead, we remain firmly committed to strengthening our services, expanding our capacity and advocating for systemic change to ensure that every woman and girl lives free from fear, harm and oppression. The challenges remain significant, but so does our resolve.

Financial Review

Total income in the year was £498,390 (2025: £472,403). Expenditure amounted to £589,782 (2025: £440,027). Expenditure includes a depreciation charge on property of £9,373, and also a deferred Capital Grant £98,068. The Charity retained net assets of £125,986

Risk Policy

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to these risks.

Reserves Policy

The reserves are maintained and distributed in line with the charity's objectives and also the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The policy of the Charity is to aim to retain sufficient reserves to meet the cost of any regular commitments, as well as a contingency to enable it to continue to develop further projects.

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Report of the directors (incorporating the Trustees' report)
for the period 1st March 2025 to 28th February 2026

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors (who are also Trustees of The Halo Project Charity under charity law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the fiancial statements; and

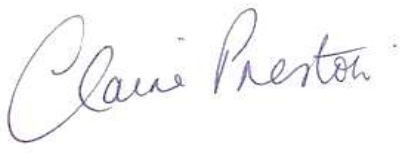
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure thaty the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2011, the Charities Accounts Regulations and Directions 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small companies provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on 17th September 2026 and signed on its behalf by



Claire Preston

Director and Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Halo Project Charity

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 28th February 2026

Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts Regulations 2006.

The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2008 Accounts Regulations and Directions does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2008 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2011 Charities Act and Regulation 4 of the 2008 Accounts Regulations and Directions have not been met.

2. which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *R Pooran*

Name: **Rickey Pooran**

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: **AAT**

Address: **Reid, Campell & Co, Ardluing, Argyll PA23 8RY**

Date **17th September 2026**

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Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

for the period 1st March 2025 to 28th February 2026

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2026 Total £
Incoming Resources				
Donations and Legacies	3.1	-	1,486	1,486
Activities for generating funds (Grants Received)	3.2	400,805	-	400,805
Other Income	3.3	-	96,099	96,099
Total incoming resources		400,805	97,585	498,390
Resources Expended				
Staff Costs		256,783	-	256,783
Halo Homes			53,455	53,455
Halo Hub Training		9,500	-	9,500
Motor and travelling expenses		12,673	-	12,673
Accountancy fees			5,400	5,400
Legal and professional fees			14,000	14,000
Communication and IT		6,871	732	7,603
Other Office Expenses		16,544	-	16,544
Interest payable and finance charges		-	-	0
Books and subscriptions		-	-	0
Charitable Activities Costs		100,478	-	100,478
Donations		-	-	0
Depreciation		-	9,374	9,374
Other costs		-	25,392	25,392
Total resources expended		402,849	108,353	511,202
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		-2,044	-10,768	-12,812
Total funds brought forward		94,426	44,372	138,798
Total funds carried forward		92,382	33,604	125,986

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Balance Sheet
as at 28th February 2026

	Notes	£ Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
Fixed assets	1	157,451	0	157,451
Current assets				
Debtors	7	0	-	,-
Cash at bank and in hand		62,830	36,570	99,400
		62,830	36,570	99,400
Creditors: amounts falling within one year	8	-34,797	-	-34,797
Net current assets		28,033	36,570	64,603
Creditors: amounts falling outwith one year		-96,068	0	-96,068
Net total assets		89,416	36,570	125,986
Funds				
Restricted Funds				89,416
Unrestricted income funds	9			36,570
Total Funds				125,986

The directors statements required by s475(2) and s475(3) are shown on the following page which forms part of the Balance Sheet

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Balance Sheet (continued)

Directors' statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 28th February 2026

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period.

(c) that we ackowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

These financial statements were approved by the board on 17th September 2026 and signed on its behalf by



Claire Preston
Director

Notes to financial statements
for the period 1st March 2025 to 28th February 2026

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding period.

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the 2008 Charities Regulations and Directions and the Companies Act 2006

1.2 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific preformance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilioties are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

1.3 Resources expended

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

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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2 Fixed Assets	Land & Buildings	Furniture & Equipment	Total
Cost			
At 1 March 2025	89,245	6,169	95,414
Additions	100,000	0	100,000
Disposals	-1,135	0	-1,135
As at 28 February 2026	188,110	6,169	194,279
Depreciation			
At 1 March 2025	21,238	6,169	27,407
Charge for Year	9,421	0	9,421
As at 28 February 2026	30,659	6,169	36,828
Net Book Value			
At 1 March 2025	70,441	0	70,441
As at 28 February 2026	157,451	0	157,451

3.1 Donations & Legacies

	2026 Total Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Various small donations	1,486		1,486

3.2 Grants Received

Jill Franklin Trust	20,900	20,900	-
The Ballinger Trust	20,000	20,000	-
Community Safety Serious Violence Fund	22,410	22,410	
Esmee Fairbairn	60,000	60,000	
Global Make Some Noise	30,890	30,890	
Greggs Foundation	20,000	20,000	
Groundworks UK	1,500	1,500	
Lloyds Bank Foundation	25,000	25,000	
Ministry of Justice North Yorkshire	47,045	47,045	-
The Balcome Trust	35,000	35,000	-
Sabina Thawani Foundation	10,000	10,000	
The Smallwood Trust	50,000	50,000	-
Sport England	4,610	4,610	
The Henry Smith Grants	25,000	25,000	
Other Small Grants Received	14,441	14,441	-
Deferred Income brought forward	14,009	14,009	-
	400,805	400,805	-

3.3 Other Income

	2026 £
Rent & Housing Benefit Received	96,099
	96,099

Notes to financial statements
for the period 1st March 2025 to 28th February 2026

5 Employees

Employment costs

	2026 £	2025 £
Wages and salaries	256,783	114,789
	256,783	114,789
Average Number of Employees	8	8

No Trustee received any remuneration or benefits in kind during the year in respect of their role as a Trustee.

6 Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes act 1998. Accordingly there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

7 Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Voluntary Grants not yet deposited at Bank	,-	34,679
	-	34,679

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Deferred Revenue Grants	34,797	32,195
Trade Creditors	-	-
Amortised Capital Grant	96,068	66,686
	130,865	98,881

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Total Funds	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Fund balances at 28th February 2026 as represented by:			
Fixed Assets	157,451		157,451
Current assets	99,400	99,400	0
Current Liabilities	-34,797	-34,797	0
Long-Term Liabilities	-96,068		-96,068
	125,986	64,603	61,383

10 Unrestricted funds

	At 01/03/2025	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	44,372	97,585	108,353

11 Purpose of Funds

Jill Franklin Trust	To support refuge clients
The Ballinger Trust	Towards Running Costs
Community Safety Serious Violence Fund	Restricted funding for specialist case workers
Esmee Fairbairn	Unrestricted Core Costs supporting the charity's operations
Global Make Some Noise	Delivering peer support groups and community education for women experiencing honour-based violence
Greggs Foundation	Community grant funding Domextic Abuse services for BME communities
Groundworks UK	To raise awareness of Halo Hubs at different colleges and universities
Lloyds Bank Foundation	Unrestricted specialist programme grant supporting organisational development and core costs
Ministry of Justice North Yorkshire	Staff Costs and travel
The Balcome Trust	Core operating costs
Sabina Thawani Foundation	Unrestricted donation
The Smallwood Trust	Grants to be distributed to clients
Sport England	Restricted Funding for purchase of Sports equipment and arranging activities at refuge
The Henry Smith Grants	Restricted grant for BME specialist domestic abuse services including frontline staff and overheads