Company Registration Number: 09196281
Charity Registration Number: 1159355

Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland

Financial Statements

For the Year Ending

31 December 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objects and Public Benefit

The charity's objects, as set out in its governing document, are to:

- Promote the efficiency and effectiveness of Christian-based charities and community organisations through advice, support, networking, and shared resources; and
- Relieve financial hardship and disadvantage by providing support, services, and initiatives that promote wellbeing and community resilience.

The charity remains rooted in Christian values, with compassion, service, dignity, inclusion and care for others continuing to underpin its work. During the year, the charity continued to develop an increasingly inclusive and multicultural approach, working with organisations and communities across Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland, regardless of faith or cultural background.

In setting objectives and planning activities, the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The trustees confirm that the charity's activities during the year have been carried out in furtherance of its charitable purposes for the benefit of the public.

Objectives and Activities

During the year, Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland continued to work across Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland to support communities experiencing poverty, financial hardship, food insecurity, and social isolation. During 2025, the trustees reviewed the organisation's priorities and agreed that the principal focus for the year would be food security, support for local community organisations, and wraparound support for children and families. The charity's work during the year focused on:

- Supporting local community organisations to respond to food insecurity and financial hardship;
- Providing and supporting food and activities for children and young people;
- Strengthening support around children and families through community-based activity;
- Supporting community connection, belonging and opportunities to reduce loneliness and social isolation; and
- Continuing to develop partnerships with community organisations across Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland.

A significant part of the year's activity was delivered through the Feast of Fun programme, which provided funding to community organisations across Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland to deliver meals and activities for children and young people.

The programme enabled local organisations to provide food alongside activities, social opportunities and community connection, helping to provide a broader wraparound response to children and families experiencing financial pressures.

The charity's work during the year was delivered through partnership with local community organisations, reflecting the charity's commitment to supporting locally led responses and making use of the knowledge, relationships and capacity already present within communities.

Achievements and Performance

Despite a challenging funding environment, the charity achieved a number of important outcomes during the year, including:

- Continued support for food security across Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland through local community organisations;
- Delivery of the Feast of Fun programme, enabling community organisations to provide meals and activities for children and young people;
- Support for community organisations to provide wider wraparound support to children and families;
- Strengthened opportunities for children, families and communities to connect, participate and develop a sense of belonging;
- Continued contribution to reducing loneliness and social isolation through community-led activities and connections;
- Development of relationships with a diverse range of community organisations across Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland; and
- Continued delivery of the charity's Christian values through an increasingly inclusive and multicultural approach to partnership and community support.

The trustees recognise that the difficult funding landscape during the year restricted the amount of activity that the charity was able to undertake.

The organisation had identified a number of wider priorities, but available funding and organisational capacity meant that it was not possible to progress all of these areas to the extent originally envisaged. The trustees therefore focused available resources on food security, children and families and community connection, where there was a clear and immediate need and where the charity could make a meaningful contribution.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity's work during the year provided tangible benefits to children, families and communities and strengthened the capacity of local organisations to respond to local need.

Financial Review

The charity's income for the year amounted to £90,375, with expenditure totalling £127,530.

Expenditure was primarily directed towards the delivery of charitable activities, including support for community organisations, food security initiatives, children's activities and the Feast of Fun programme.

At the year end, total funds stood at £126,656, comprising both restricted and unrestricted funds.

The trustees continue to monitor the charity's financial position closely, particularly in light of the challenging funding environment and its impact on the charity's ability to undertake activity across its full range of organisational priorities.

The charity maintains a reserves policy to ensure financial stability and sustainability, with unrestricted reserves held at a level considered appropriate to meet ongoing commitments and manage financial risk.

Plans for Future Periods

Looking ahead, the trustees will continue to focus on:

- Addressing food insecurity and financial hardship through partnership approaches and by supporting local community organisations;
- Continuing to support children and families through community-based and wraparound approaches;
- Building on the learning from the Feast of Fun programme and exploring opportunities to develop this work;
- Strengthening community connections, belonging and responses to loneliness and social isolation;
- Continuing to develop an inclusive and multicultural approach to partnership working across Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland;
- Securing sustainable funding to support core activity and community programmes; and
- Reviewing and progressing the charity's wider organisational priorities as funding and capacity allow.

The trustees recognise that the funding environment remains challenging and will continue to consider carefully how available resources can be used to achieve the greatest charitable impact.

The charity will seek to build on its role as a connector, supporter and enabler of local community organisations, while retaining the Christian values that underpin its purpose and approach.

Structure, Governance and Management

Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The charity is overseen by a Board of Trustees who are responsible for the strategic direction, governance, and financial oversight of the organisation.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing document and are selected based on the skills, experience, and commitment required to further the charity's objectives. New trustees receive an induction and ongoing support to ensure effective governance.

The trustees delegate the day-to-day management of the charity to the Chief Officer and staff team.

Volunteers and partner organisations continue to play an important role in supporting the delivery of the charity's activities.

The trustees regularly review the organisation's priorities, financial position, governance arrangements and principal risks to ensure that the charity remains appropriately managed and able to respond to changing community needs.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name	Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland
Charity registration number	1159355
Company registration number	09196281
Principal office and registered office	53 Oxford Road Linthorpe Middlesbrough TS5 5DZ

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Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 30 September 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Ms G Sharma
Trustee

Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland

Year Ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland

Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 **Total funds** £	2024 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	**5**	1,000	–	1,000	3,403
Charitable activities	**6**	–	87,947	87,947	174,439
Investment income	**7**	1,428	–	1,428	1,439
Total income		2,428	87,947	90,375	179,281
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	**8,9**	5,401	122,129	127,530	186,795
Total expenditure		5,401	122,129	127,530	186,795
Net expenditure		(2,973)	(34,182)	(37,155)	(7,514)
Transfers between funds		5,171	(5,171)	–	–
Net movement in funds		2,198	(39,353)	(37,155)	(7,514)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		75,697	88,114	163,811	171,325
Total funds carried forward		77,895	48,761	126,656	163,811

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

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 *(restated)* £
Current Assets			
Debtors	**13**	74,644	48,503
Cash at bank and in hand		104,115	116,239
		178,759	164,742
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	52,103	931
Net Current Assets		126,656	163,811
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		126,656	163,811
Net Assets		126,656	163,811
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		48,761	88,114
Unrestricted funds		77,895	75,697
Total charity funds	**15**	126,656	163,811

For the year ending 31 December 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 30 September 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Ms G Sharma
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 53 Oxford Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 5DZ.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

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

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 31st December 2025 there were 5 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up.

5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total Funds 2025**
	£	£	**£**
Donations			
Donations	1,000	–	1,000

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024 *(restated)*
	£	£	£
Donations			
Donations	2,903	500	3,403

6. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total Funds 2025**
	£	£	**£**
Feast of Fun Middlesbrough	–	61,806	61,806
Public Health (MBC) - Seniors Connected	–	26,141	26,141
	–	87,947	87,947

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024 *(restated)*
	£	£	£
Feast of Fun Middlesbrough	–	85,590	85,590
The National Lottery Community Fund	–	76,469	76,469
Know your Neighbourhood - Creative Lives	–	111	111
Public Health (MBC) - Seniors Connected	–	10,269	10,269
Project management fees	2,000	–	2,000
	2,000	172,439	174,439

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	**Total Funds 2025**	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024 *(restated)*
	£	**£**	£	£
Bank interest receivable	1,428	1,428	1,439	1,439

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total Funds 2025**
	£	£	**£**
Cost of charitable activities	3,885	122,129	126,014
Support costs	1,516	–	1,516
	5,401	122,129	127,530

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024 *(restated)*
	£	£	£
Cost of charitable activities	2,153	183,404	185,557
Support costs	1,238	–	1,238
	3,391	183,404	186,795

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	**Total funds 2025**	Total fund 2024
	£	£	**£**	£
Cost of charitable activities	126,014	–	126,014	185,557
Governance costs	–	1,516	1,516	1,238
	126,014	1,516	127,530	186,795

10. Independent Examination Fees

	2025	2024 *(restated)*
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	720	720

11. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024 *(restated)*
	£	£
Wages and salaries	23,497	73,335

The average head count of employees during the year was 2 (2024: 3). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Development worker	2	3

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

12. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees received no remuneration or expenses in the current and previous year.

13. Debtors

	2025	2024 *(restated)*
	£	£
Accrued income	74,644	48,503

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024 *(restated)*
	£	£
Accruals	1,440	720
Pension creditor	211	211
Other creditors	50,452	–
	52,103	931

15. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	**At 31 December 2025**
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	75,697	2,428	(5,401)	5,171	77,895

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	78,316	6,342	(3,391)	(5,570)	75,697

15. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 December 2025** £
Feast of Fun Middlesbrough	–	61,806	(105,177)	43,371	–
Catholic Diocese	48,542	–	–	(48,542)	–
The National Lottery Community Fund - Beyond Recovery	38,234	–	–	–	38,234
Public Health (MBC) - Seniors Connected	1,338	26,141	(16,952)	–	10,527
	88,114	87,947	(122,129)	(5,171)	48,761

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
Feast of Fun Middlesbrough	9,650	86,090	(104,559)	8,819	–
Feast of Fun Redcar and Cleveland	3,249	–	–	(3,249)	–
Know your Neighbourhood - B.R.I.A.N	28,133	–	(28,133)	–	–
Catholic Diocese	50,000	–	(1,458)	–	48,542
The National Lottery Community Fund - Beyond Recovery	1,977	76,469	(40,212)	–	38,234
Know your Neighbourhood - Creative Lives	–	111	(111)	–	–
Public Health (MBC) - Seniors Connected	–	10,269	(8,931)	–	1,338
	93,009	172,939	(183,404)	5,570	88,114

15. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure as declared by the donor:

Feast of Fun
The coordination of a South Tees wide school holiday programme providing healthy food and educational activity to struggling families; and the funding of partner delivery through a small grants programme.

Know your Neighbourhood B.R.I.A.N
To deliver intergenerational community activity and intergenerational practice training for professionals and volunteers.

Catholic Diocese
To cover organizational development work and core staffing and administrative costs.

The National Lottery Community Fund
Themed work covering food insecurity, intergenerational work, community engagement and homelessness interventions. To cover project costs.

16. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Current assets	129,998	48,761	178,759
Creditors less than 1 year	(52,103)	–	(52,103)
Net assets	77,895	48,761	126,656

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	76,628	88,114	164,742
Creditors less than 1 year	(931)	–	(931)
Net assets	75,697	88,114	163,811

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,000	3,403
Charitable activities		
Feast of Fun Middlesbrough	61,806	85,590
The National Lottery Community Fund	–	76,469
Know your Neighbourhood - Creative Lives	–	111
Public Health (MBC) - Seniors Connected	26,141	10,269
Project management fees	–	2,000
	87,947	174,439
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	1,428	1,439
Total income	90,375	179,281
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Activities undertaken directly		
Wages and salaries	23,497	73,335
Insurance	340	915
Administrative support	3,400	2,928
Travelling	–	890
Telephone	–	441
Postage, stationery, design and artwork	67	177
Programme costs	98,230	103,749
Project management costs	–	2,000
Room hire and associated costs	–	807
Other costs	480	315
	126,014	185,557
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,412	1,131
Bank charges	104	107
	1,516	1,238
Total expenditure	127,530	186,795
Net expenditure	(37,155)	(7,514)