Charity Number: 1166157

HEXHAM YOUTH INITIATIVE

Report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2026

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

CHARITY NUMBER:	1166157	
TRUSTEES:	Diane Harris	Chair
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Introduction

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Reference and administration information set out above forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in January 2019.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governance

Hexham Youth Initiative is a registered charity, number 1166157. It was registered in its present form with the Charity Commission on 21 March 2016, and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Its Constitution was adopted on 21 March 2016. The principal activity of the charity is to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of young people, aged 25 years or under, who are resident in the town of Hexham and the surrounding area in the County of Northumberland, and in particular the advancement of education, the protection of health and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.

Trustees

The Management Committee comprises a minimum of four and a maximum of twelve trustees, who are charity trustees for the purpose of charity law. There are currently nine appointed trustees.

Trustees are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting and, if willing to stand, offer themselves for re-election each year. The officers of the charity for the ensuing year are nominated and elected (by ballot if necessary) at every AGM.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. No trustee received any remuneration for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 March 2026.

Trustee Induction and Training

A Trustee Information Pack is available to potential and new trustees. Potential trustees are invited to attend a trustee meeting to find out more about the workings of the Management Committee and the governance of the charity, after which they may feel better informed to make the decision to become a trustee.

New trustees are introduced to the charity, their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the governing document, the trustees and the decision-making process, the business plan and financial performance of the charity, during an induction period soon after appointment. Trustees are also encouraged to attend appropriate training events that will support effective conduct in their role.

Organisation

The Management Committee is responsible for the overall management and control of the charity and meets approximately six times a year for full Management Committee meetings plus the Annual General Meeting. A finance sub-committee meets more regularly and reports to the Management Committee.

The charity is run on a day-to-day basis by the Coordinator, supported by the Youth Worker Manager. Sessional workers, largely part-time, are employed to provide services to the charity's beneficiaries.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations

The charity is not affiliated with any other organisation.

Risk Management

Where appropriate, policies and procedures or systems have been put in place to mitigate the risks the charity might face. Significant external risks to funding, and the nature of funding across the Community and Voluntary Sector, have led to the development of a regularly reviewed long-term strategic plan including the identification of priority activities in relation to income generation.

Policies and procedures exist to ensure compliance with health and safety of all staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries of the charity. This includes the provision of adequate insurance cover and risk assessment of all charitable activities. These policies and procedures are reviewed annually or more frequently, on change of circumstances, to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public Benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year and in planning the activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The charity provides various drop-in sessions, information, advice and guidance, motivational and educational projects such as Duke of Edinburgh Award and Young Leaders Group.

The charity also offers personal and social education projects, a girls' group, mentoring support and a young carers' project, health support including healthy eating sessions, sexual health, information and advice and counselling support.

The charity runs a weekly job club/16 plus group, providing support into employment, training and further education as well as two LGBTQ+ clubs at Queen Elizabeth High School. Environmental groups and activities, using the woodland garden at Queen Elizabeth High School, have this year included lunch–time sessions and groups for years 8, 10 and 11.

Hexham Youth Initiative also runs Acomb Youth Club.

In addition to term-time sessions, the charity provides a busy programme of holiday activities that addresses issues of holiday hunger and offers support, enriching activities and challenges for young people, especially those who lack other opportunities.

This year, a programme of work with boys and young men has been developed, including a small Lads' group for young men who have become disengaged with schoolwork and other small groups offering sporting opportunities, cooking, adventure sessions and visits. The charity continues to work with partners such as the Tynedale Youth Forum and the Northumberland Youth Work Network to offer residential opportunities for personal development wherever possible.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Hexham Youth Initiative continues to support young people to plan and run their own projects. For example, Young Leaders are developing skills that will enable them to run sessions with younger participants on the holiday activities programme and to evaluate and plan youth sessions. They have been involved in first aid and leadership training and completed a basic safeguarding course.

Trustees, staff, volunteers, young leaders and young people were involved in an away day in August 2025 to identify strengths and weaknesses and areas for further development. This has led to the creation of a new three-year plan and the completion of a trustees' skills audit and report.

Young people identified projects and ideas that are important to them and worked to raise funds through the Key and local fundraising efforts to deliver them.

The charity continued to build and maintain positive relationships with young people. It has worked hard to encourage young people who have concerns about the future to re-engage with education and training and to begin planning for a more positive future. The Job Club/16 plus support sessions have supported 12 young people into work and 17 young people into training or further education since the beginning of September 2025. Many Job Club participants have been volunteering this year.

Hexham Youth Initiative offered a varied programme of activities in all of the school holidays. In the summer of 2025, 452 different young people participated in safe, stimulating and fun summer scheme activities, designed by other young people. They were supported by a dedicated group of staff and volunteers. The Youth Initiative used the Holiday Action Fund wherever possible to address holiday hunger and were also supported by the Rank Foundation, Karbon Homes and Trinity Methodist Church.

Following a grant from the Youth Investment Fund, the Youth Work Manager and sessional youth workers have made the most of the new kitchen. Funding from the Community Foundation and BAE Systems has also enabled the charity to run additional cooking and healthy eating sessions.

The Duke of Edinburgh group, with participants at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, encourages participants to develop independence, self-esteem and team-work skills. This year, over 30 young people are taking part. Young people volunteered in local community projects and raised funds as part of their service section. Expeditions this year were based in and around Hadrian's Wall and the North Pennines.

Work with partners in the community continues, including supporting children and young people in the super output area of Hexham East, where some holiday activities were based. These included work with Hexham Town Council promoting the use of the Community Garden and with the Town and County Councils supporting the development and use of the new multi use games area (MUGA). Work also continued with schools, Hexham Community Partnership, the Rotary and Tynedale Lions Club (Santa's Sleigh initiative) and Northumberland County Council (Early Help and HAF).

Valuable partnership working continues with the District Youth Forum and the newly formed Northumberland Youth Network to offer joined up support and activities across the district and county.

An initiative supported by the Rank Foundation allowed the charity to offer a paid internship for a year, with the intern now embarking on an outdoor education degree. In addition, Karbon Homes provided funding that enabled Hexham Youth Initiative to offer a work experience placement.

A change to the staffing structure in July 2025 was managed smoothly and the way the charity works with local schools was also changed – moving away from a formal alternative education offer, funded through the local authority, to more of a youth work and mentoring offer funded by the schools themselves.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity remains grateful for the help and support given by local government agencies, charitable trusts and other sources of fundraising and donations.

This review covers the 12 month period to 31 March 2026.

The charity generates a significant proportion of its income from grant funding and fees from its youth work and mentoring offer to schools. Total income, including these fees, grants, fundraising and donations, in the year ended 31 March 2026, was £267,379 (2025: £321,808). The decrease was largely a deliberate result of the decision to end the formal alternative education offer to the local authority.

Within the total income was an unrestricted grant of £15,000 from the Ballinger Trust and further major grants from Hexham Town Council, the Belford Charitable Trust, the Garfield Weston Foundation and UK Youth were specifically restricted to core operational expenditure. Without these grants the charity would have been unable to cover its core costs and plan for the future. Unrestricted income also included education and mentoring fees of £27,496 (2025: £72,900). All grants are disclosed within Income from charitable activities (Note 4).

Total costs were £253,570 (2025: £305,685) and as a result the charity made a surplus for the year of £13,809 (2025: £16,123). The overall result is better than had been forecast and is satisfactory, particularly given the challenging economic environment in which charities continue to operate.

Payroll costs, which represent the significant part of the charity's costs, were £171,482 (2025: £196,279) representing 67.6% of total expenditure (2025: 64.2%).

Total funds at 31 March 2026 were £84,491 of which £82,509 was held in cash. Of the total funds at 31 March 2026, £28,341 related to unrestricted funds (2025: £16,617). This represents significant progress towards meeting the trustees' reserves policy target.

The charity recognises the valuable contribution made by individuals and supporters and would like to thank them very warmly for donations of £3,618 (2025: £3,469).

Reserves Policy

Hexham Youth Initiative trustees have determined that an appropriate level of free unrestricted reserves should be equivalent to not less than three months' core operating costs, which is deemed to be of the order of £36,000. This will be kept in a separate reserve fund account, which currently holds £28,554.

The strategy is to build reserves by allocating bank interest, Gift Aid and unrestricted donations directly to the reserve fund account as well as applying for unrestricted grants.

The trustees regularly review the level of unrestricted reserves at Management Committee meetings.

Grant Making Policy

The Charity does not make grants.

Investment Policy

The charity holds no investments other than reserve funds held in interest bearing bank deposit accounts and as such has no formal investment policy.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The main aim of the charity is always to continue to find funds to support the most disadvantaged and vulnerable young people in our community. The trustees want to offer a responsive and adaptable service and to continue to provide well thought out and preventative initiatives.

The charity will also continue to build up its staff and volunteer skills base and concentrate, in particular, on listening to and supporting its young leaders at every level. Staff and volunteers will benefit from a good training programme and opportunities for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) will be offered wherever possible.

Hexham Youth Initiative hopes it will continue to work with the Rank Foundation, supporting young leaders, and also wishes to develop further opportunities for work placements supported by Karbon Homes.

In the coming year, the charity will concentrate on developing its mentoring and youth work offer to schools, centring on students who are disengaged with learning and who are disadvantaged in some way.

In partnership with Queen Elizabeth High School (QEHS), youth work provision using the woodland garden area will be further developed and nature and horticulture will be used as a base and focus for youth work. LGBTQ+ provision in QEHS and during the holidays will also increase and sexual health sessions both in and out of school will be offered.

The charity wishes to encourage access to community facilities for all young people and will continue to use sports facilities at QEHS and the Wentworth Leisure Centre as much as possible and develop sports sessions at the MUGA in Hexham East.

Hexham Youth Initiative will continue to work with Hexham Town Council and support the development of new initiatives on the Sele, including the skatepark and supporting the development of a pump track area. It will work with young people to develop their peer support project and to run skateboard sessions.

The charity will continue to work in partnership with the Hexham and Tynedale Community Trust to support multi-generational work and other joint initiatives where possible.

Trustees and staff will continually review the three-year plan and will implement evaluations and further monitoring systems to measure effectiveness.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year; in preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- 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 and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which 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 Charities Act 2011. The trustees 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.

Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out under Legal and Administrative Information. In accordance with charity law, as the charity's trustees, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's examiner is unaware; and
- as trustees we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant accounts information and to establish that the charity's examiner is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in January 2019).

Approved by the trustees on 14 July 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

..... Diane Harris (Chair)

HEXHAM YOUTH INITIATIVE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HEXHAM YOUTH INITIATIVE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hexham Youth Initiative for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 10 to 24.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HEXHAM YOUTH INITIATIVE

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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14 July 2026

HEXHAM YOUTH INITIATIVE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2026 £	*Total funds 2025 £*
Income from:					
Donations and gifts	**3**	3,618	-	3,618	*3,469*
Grants received	**4**	16,250	208,500	224,750	*230,110*
Charitable activities	**4**	37,893	-	37,893	*87,659*
Investments	**5**	1,118	-	1,118	*570*
Total Income		**58,879**	**208,500**	**267,379**	***321,808***
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	**6**	46,355	206,415	252,770	*304,585*
Governance costs		800	-	800	*1,100*
Total expenditure		**47,155**	**206,415**	**253,570**	***305,685***
Net income/(expenditure)	**7**	**11,724**	**2,085**	**13,809**	***16,123***
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		**11,724**	**2,085**	**13,809**	***16,123***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		16,617	54,065	70,682	*54,559*
Total funds carried forward		**28,341**	**56,150**	**84,491**	***70,682***

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.
A full comparative SOFA is available on the last page of the financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	2026 £	2026 £	*2025* £	*2025* £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets			-		-
Total fixed assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	**12**	8,682		*12,027*	
Cash at bank and in hand		82,509		*63,882*	
Total current assets		**91,191**		***75,909***	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	**13**	(6,700)		*(5,227)*	
Net current assets			**84,491**		***70,682***
Total assets less current liabilities			**84,491**		***70,682***
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	**14**		56,150		*54,065*
Unrestricted income funds	**15**		28,341		*16,617*
Total charity funds			**84,491**		***70,682***

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 14 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Diane Harris, Chair Beverley Kempson, Treasurer

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period and in the preceding year.

a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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), second edition – October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, as well as the Charities Act 2011.

Hexham Youth Initiative constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

b. Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the charity will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. At the year end Hexham Youth Initiative had net current assets of £84,491 and although, at £28,341, the charity's unrestricted free reserves did not satisfy the reserves policy, the charity's forecast shows that it will be able to continue as a going concern for at least the next twelve months. As usual, the charity will require additional external funding if it is to continue over the longer term. The trustees remain optimistic that the charity will be able to raise sufficient funds to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

c. Judgements and estimates

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

d. Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income which is received by way of grants, donations and gifts to the charity is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities upon receipt. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by

the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

- Bank interest and other investment income is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.
- Income from charitable activities which is derived from contracts and service agreements is accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Volunteers – the value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts, but is described and acknowledged in the trustees' report.

e. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are incoming resources received or generated for charitable purposes. They are available to spend at the discretion of the trustees on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds are grants or donations that the donor has specified can only be used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

f. Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred, because there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both the direct costs and support costs relating to such activities.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountancy and independent examination fees.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

g. Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand comprise cash and call deposits, and other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

h. 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.

i. Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions 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 and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discount due.

j. Pensions

The charity uses a qualifying defined contribution workplace pension scheme to meet its duties as an employer. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in Note 8. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales under Charity Number 1166157 and governed by its constitution dated 21 March 2016.

3. Income from donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2026	*Total 2025*
	£	£	£	£
Donations	3,618	-	3,618	*3,469*
Total by fund 31 March 2026	3,618	-	**3,618**	
Total by fund 31 March 2025	*3,469*	-		*3,469*

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2026	*Total 2025*
	£	£	£	£
Grants				
BAE Systems	-	2,450	2,450	-
Ballinger Trust	15,000	-	15,000	*15,000*
Belford Charitable Trust	-	17,000	17,000	*16,000*
Community Foundation	500	21,170	21,670	*11,458*
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	15,000	15,000	-
Hexham Town Council	-	34,000	34,000	*33,000*
JD Foundation	-	-	-	*2,500*
Northumberland County	-	55,150	55,150	*35,109*
Rank Foundation	-	380	380	*38,884*
Rise North East	-	-	-	*10,000*
TNL Community Fund		48,000	48,000	*19,260*
UK Youth	-	14,000	14,000	*14,000*
West Northumberland	-	-	-	*900*
Youth Investment Fund	-	-	-	*32,349*
Other small grants	750	1,350	2,100	*1,650*
Total grants	16,250	208,500	224,750	*230,110*
Fees and other income				
Educational income	27,496	-	27,496	*72,900*
Project income	4,708	-	4,708	*9,885*
Other income	5,689	-	5,689	*4,874*
Total fees and other income	37,893	-	37,893	*87,659*
Total by fund 31 March 2026	**54,143**	**208,500**	**262,643**	***317,769***

4. (continued)

Income from charitable activities – previous reporting period

	Unrestricted £	*Restricted* £	*Total 2025* £
Grants			
Ballinger Trust	*15,000*	-	*15,000*
Belford Charitable Trust	-	*16,000*	*16,000*
Community Foundation	-	*11,458*	*11,458*
Hexham Town Council	-	*33,000*	*33,000*
J D Foundation	-	*2,500*	*2,500*
Northumberland County Council	-	*35,109*	*35,109*
Rank Foundation	-	*38,884*	*38,884*
Rise North East	-	*10,000*	*10,000*
TNL Community Fund	-	*19,260*	*19,260*
UK Youth	-	*14,000*	*14,000*
West Northumberland Food Bank	-	*900*	*900*
Youth Investment Fund	-	*32,349*	*32,349*
Other small grants	*650*	*1,000*	*1,650*
Total grants	*15,650*	*214,460*	*230,110*
Fees and other income			
Educational income – Alternative curriculum fees	*72,900*	-	*72,900*
Project income	*9,885*	-	*9,885*
Other income	*4,874*	-	*4,874*
Total fees and other income	*87,659*	-	*87,659*
Total by fund 31 March 2025	***103,309***	***214,460***	***317,769***

5. Investment income

	2026	*2025*
	£	£
Income from bank deposits	1,118	*570*

All of the charity's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts. All investment income is unrestricted.

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2026	*Total 2025*
	£	£
Staff costs	171,482	*196,279*
Premises costs	10,711	*36,875*
Administrative costs	3,857	*4,485*
Project costs	66,720	*66,946*
Governance costs - Accountancy and independent examination	800	*1,100*
	253,570	*305,685*

	2026	*2025*
	£	£
Restricted expenditure	206,415	*190,245*
Unrestricted expenditure	47,155	*115,440*
	253,570	*305,685*

7. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting)	2026	*2025*
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	800	*800*

8. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	Total 2026	*Total 2025*
	£	£
Wages and salaries	165,080	*188,655*
Social security costs	3,306	*4,628*
Pension costs	3,096	*2,996*
	171,482	*196,279*

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2025: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 16 (2025:18).
The average full time equivalent number of staff employed during the period was 5.0 (2025: 6.4).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Coordinator and the Youth Worker Manager. The total remuneration of the key management personnel of the charity was £70,008 (2025: £36,954 which did not include the Youth Worker Manager).

9. Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the Management Committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2025: Nil).

None of the trustees received travel or subsistence expenses during the year (2025: Nil).

Aggregate donations from trustees or related parties were £120 (2025: £120).

There were no donations from related parties outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

The trustee Leonie Serbrook was paid £501 (2025: £Nil) in workshop fees, in accordance with the charity's constitution. The amount owed by the charity at the balance sheet date was £Nil (2025: £Nil).

Otherwise, no trustees or other persons related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

10. Government grants

The government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

	Total 2026	*Total 2025*
	£	£
Hexham Town Council	34,000	*33,000*
Northumberland County Council	55,150	*35,109*
Youth Investment Fund	-	*32,349*
	89,150	*100,458*

There were no unfilled conditions and contingencies attached to these grants.

11. Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

12. Debtors

	Total 2026	*Total 2025*
	£	£
Trade debtors	8,682	*12,027*
	8,682	*12,027*

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2026	*Total 2025*
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,115	*1,653*
Other creditors and accruals	1,142	*1,184*
Taxation and social security	2,443	*2,390*
	6,700	*5,227*

14. Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	At 01 April 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
BAE Systems	-	2,450	(615)	-	1,835
Belford Ch Trust	16,000	17,000	(16,348)	-	16,652
Community Foundation	4,368	21,170	(15,228)	-	10,310
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	15,000	(11,250)	-	3,750
Hexham Town Council	-	34,000	(34,000)	-	-
Northumberland County Council	-	55,150	(55,150)	-	-
Rank Foundation	18,880	380	(19,260)	-	-
Rise North East	3,582	-	(3,582)	-	-
TNL Community Fund	11,235	48,000	(37,245)	-	21,990
UK Youth	-	14,000	(12,837)	-	1,163
Other small grants	-	1,350	(900)	-	450
Total	54,065	208,500	(206,415)	-	56,150

Name of restricted fund	**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**
BAE Systems	Healthy eating sessions
Belford Charitable Trust	Towards core costs
Community Foundation	Healthy eating, Garden and environmental activities, Job Club and 16+ group, Saturday drop-in sessions
Garfield Weston Foundation	Towards staff costs
Hexham Town Council	Towards core costs
Northumberland CC	Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF)
Rank Foundation	Community Action placements and training, Aspire programme
Rise North East	Sporting activities
TNL Community Fund	Staff costs and working with young men
UK Youth	Towards staff costs
Other small grants	Towards Duke of Edinburgh awards, Summer scheme

Analysis of movements in restricted funds (continued)

Previous reporting period

	At 01 April 2024	*Income*	*Expenditure*	*Transfers*	*At 31 March 2025*
	£	£	£	£	£
Belford Charitable Trust	*10,647*	*16,000*	*(10,647)*	-	*16,000*
Community Foundation	*5,722*	*11,458*	*(12,812)*	-	*4,368*
Hadrian Trust	-	*1,000*	*(1,000)*	-	-
Hexham Town Council	-	*33,000*	*(33,000)*	-	-
JD Foundation	-	*2,500*	*(2,500)*	-	-
Netherton Park Trust	*7,000*	-	*(7,000)*	-	-
North of Tyne Combined Authority	*3,860*	-	*(3,860)*	-	-
Northumberland County Council	-	*35,109*	*(35,109)*	-	-
Rank Foundation	*2,621*	*38,884*	*(22,625)*	-	*18,880*
Rise North East	-	*10,000*	*(6,418)*	-	*3,582*
TNL Community Fund	-	*19,260*	*(8,025)*	-	*11,235*
UK Youth	-	*14,000*	*(14,000)*	-	-
West Northumberland Foodbank	-	*900*	*(900)*	-	-
Youth Investment Fund	-	*32,349*	*(32,349)*	-	-
Total	*29,850*	*214,460*	*(190,245)*	-	*54,065*

Name of restricted fund	***Description, nature and purposes of the fund***
Belford Charitable Trust	*Towards core costs*
Community Foundation	*Community arts, Young Parents' group and crèche, Summer activities, Health and Wellbeing, Saturday drop-in sessions*
Hadrian Trust	*Towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards*
Hexham Town Council	*Towards core costs*
JD Foundation	*Towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards*

Name of restricted fund	*Description, nature and purposes of the fund*
Netherton Park Trust	*Tuesday and Thursday drop-in sessions*
North of Tyne Combined Authority	*Job Club and Young Parents' Group*
Northumberland CC	*Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF)*
Rank Foundation	*Community Action placements and training, Cost of Living, Aspire programme*
Rise North East	*Sporting activities*
TNL Community Fund	*Staff costs and working with young men*
UK Youth	*Towards core costs and staff training*
West Northumberland Foodbank	*Holiday hunger*
Youth Investment Fund	*Kitchen refurbishment and training, internal and external decorating*

15. Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

Current reporting period	At 01 April 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	16,617	58,879	(47,155)	-	28,341
	16,617	58,879	(47,155)	-	28,341

Previous reporting period	*At 01 April 2024*	*Income*	*Expenditure*	*Transfers*	*At 31 March 2025*
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	*24,709*	*107,348*	*(115,440)*	-	*16,617*
	24,709	*107,348*	*(115,440)*	-	*16,617*

Name of unrestricted fund	**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**
General fund	The unrestricted reserves

16 Prior year Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	*Restricted funds*	*Total funds 2025*
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and gifts	*3,469*	*-*	*3,469*
Grants received	*15,650*	*214,460*	*230,110*
Charitable activities	*87,659*	*-*	*87,659*
Investments	*570*	*-*	*570*
Total Income	***107,348***	***214,460***	***321,808***
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	*114,340*	*190,245*	*304,585*
Governance costs	*1,100*	*-*	*1,100*
Total expenditure	***115,440***	***190,245***	***305,685***
Net income/(expenditure)	***(8,092)***	***24,215***	***16,123***
Transfer between funds	*-*	*-*	*-*
Net movement in funds	***(8,092)***	***24,215***	***16,123***
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	*24,709*	*29,850*	*54,559*
Total funds carried forward	***16,617***	***54,065***	***70,682***

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.