CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1171140

Autism Matters

Financial Statements

31 December 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Autism Matters
Charity registration number	1171140
Principal office	57-59 Mandale Road Stockton on Tees TS17 6AE

The trustees

Mr M Bean
Mrs A Langford
Mrs A E Overend
Ms M Stephenson

Auditor	Davies Tracey Swan House Westpoint Road Teesdale Business Park Stockton on Tees TS17 6BP

Structure, governance and management

Autism Matters is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated on 16th January 2017 and is governed by its constitution which was adapted on 4th January 2017. Day-to-day operations are led by Chief Executive Officer Anna Taylor, supported by the Senior Management Team.

Objectives and activities

The object(s) of the CIO are

(1) to promote and improve for the public benefit the health and wellbeing of people with an Autistic Spectrum Condition, their families and friends and anyone who supports, lives or works with somebody with an Autistic Spectrum Condition and (2)to provide personalised advice and support for people with an Autistic Spectrum Condition

The trustee's have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

1. Welcome & Introduction
2025 has been another remarkable, energetic, and successful year for Autism Matters As a dedicated, user-led Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) based in the North East of England, our purpose remains focused on promoting and improving the health, wellbeing, and independence of Autistic adults, their families, and support networks.
Whether our members are diagnosed, undiagnosed, or self-identify as Autistic, they are at the center of every service we deliver. This year has brought strong community partnerships, staff development, positive quality audits, and strategic investments that pave the way for long-term impact.

2. Achievements, Performance & Service Highlights
Impacting Lives & Reaching Our Community

- Consolidating Our Impact: We proudly hit our target of impacting 10,000 lives across our local services, social media, online support groups, and podcast channels.
- Member Feedback & Satisfaction: Impact tracking via our GoCollab CRM system showed that over 92% of our members feel significantly more confident, understood, and connected through our services.

Branch & Service Progress

- Newcastle Branch Growth: Our Newcastle upon Tyne replication branch continued to develop. As planned, we utilised earmarked reserves to support its second-year growth as it builds long-term roots in the local community.
- Autism Angels Service: Operating 5 days a week, our Angels service generated £116,909 in charitable income this year. As our Angels Manager HB prepares for retirement, we celebrate his dedicated contribution and are actively recruiting a new manager to lead the service forward.
- Teesside Airport Accessibility Partnership: Key team members were invited to join Teesside Airport's Accessibility Team, attending quarterly meetings to advise on accessibility and help create more inclusive travel environments for Autistic individuals across the region.
- Team Wellbeing & May Miles: Our entire HQ and Newcastle team participated in the May Miles Challenge, fostering friendly competition between Newcastle and Teesside staff while promoting wellness and raising community awareness.

3. Quality, Governance & Operational Excellence
Middlesbrough Council Audit Success: We achieved an outstanding 99% score in our Middlesbrough Council quality audit, affirming our high standards of person-centered care and operational safety.

Smooth Independent Audit: We successfully completed our full statutory financial audit with Davies Tracey, ensuring complete transparency and compliance for our funders, partners, and members.

Investing in Our Team: Supporting our headcount of 66 employees remains a top priority. We expanded our Mindful Employer commitments, rolled out Positive Intelligence (PQ) leadership training for SMT, updated Wellness Action Plans, and launched an admin support scoping exercise to streamline workload management.

4. Financial Review & Reserves
Financial Performance
Total income for 2025 grew to £1,446,332 (up from £1,314,045 in 2024), driven by strong demand for our core services:
* Social Groups: £745,994
* PA Support Service: £432,040
* Respite Service: £116,830
* Angels Service: £116,909
* Fundraising & Retail: £7,404

Total charitable expenditure was £1,475,822. This resulted in a planned net movement of (£29,490), representing our intentional investment into staff development, systems, and supporting branch development out of accumulated reserves.
Reserves Position
Total charity funds stand at a healthy £181,312 at year-end (£177,909 in unrestricted funds and £9,403 in restricted funds). The trustees maintain a designated Redundancy Reserve (£69,108 transferred/earmarked) to safeguard our 66 staff members, alongside £102,801 in free general reserves to protect operational continuity.

Fundraising & Local Support
We extend our grateful thanks to our grant funders and supporters, including:
* The Teesside Charity Grant: £6,000
* Womble Bond Dickinson: £4,500
* Community Fundraising & Shop Sales: £7,404

5. Thank You!
The Board of Trustees would like to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible members, dedicated care staff, leadership team, volunteers, local local authority partners, and funders. Your energy, support, and dedication allow Autism Matters to deliver real, life-changing outcomes every single day. We step into 2026 with huge enthusiasm and excitement for the future!

Financial review

The results for the period are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities in the accounts. The accounts for the year show a deficit of £29,490. The reserves stand at £181,312 with £171,909 being unrestricted and free reserves of £102,801.

Reserves Policy
The trustees aim is to expend all funds on their charitable objects; however, they recognise the need to maintain a certain level of reserves as a cushion against possible future difficulties. Free reserves at the level of 6 months running costs would allow the charity to continue it's operations while alternative funding sources were sought.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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 financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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 applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 26/10/26 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

M. Stephenson

Ms M Stephenson
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Autism Matters

Year ended 31 December 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Autism Matters (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

· obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity, such as the Charities Act 2011 and relevant charity and tax legislation, and obtaining an understanding of how the charity complies with those frameworks;

· assessing the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, with audit procedures including: considering internal controls; testing supporting documentation; enquiring of the charity's management; reviewing minutes of trustees' meetings; and obtaining written confirmations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. We are not responsible for preventing fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and cannot be expected to detect all fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for
This description forms part of our auditors report.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Davies Tracey

For and on behalf of
Davies Tracey
Chartered Accountants
Swan House
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Davies Tracey is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	**4**	9,748	10,500	20,248	14,541
Charitable activities	**5**	1,416,781	–	1,416,781	1,297,657
Other trading activities	**6**	7,404	–	7,404	–
Investment income	**7**	1,899	–	1,899	1,847
Total income		1,435,832	10,500	1,446,332	1,314,045
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	**8,9**	1,474,725	1,097	1,475,822	1,230,934
Total expenditure		1,474,725	1,097	1,475,822	1,230,934
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		(38,893)	9,403	(29,490)	83,111
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		210,802	–	210,802	127,691
Total funds carried forward		171,909	9,403	181,312	210,802

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 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**13**	11,165	11,789
Current assets			
Debtors	**14**	180,394	164,553
Cash at bank and in hand		51,699	83,951
		232,093	248,504
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	61,946	49,491
Net current assets		170,147	199,013
Total assets less current liabilities		181,312	210,802
Net assets		181,312	210,802
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		9,403	–
Unrestricted funds		171,909	210,802
Total charity funds	**18**	181,312	210,802

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 26/10/26...., and are signed on behalf of the board by:

M. Stephenson

Ms M Stephenson
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net (expenditure)/income	(29,490)	83,111
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,561	3,006
Other interest receivable and similar income	(1,899)	(1,847)
Interest payable and similar charges	725	390
Accrued income	(19,243)	(70,473)
Changes in:		
Trade and other debtors	22,183	(16,966)
Trade and other creditors	(6,326)	(12,882)
Cash generated from operations	(29,489)	(15,661)
Interest paid	(725)	(390)
Interest received	1,899	1,847
Net cash used in operating activities	(28,315)	(14,204)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(3,937)	(7,484)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,937)	(7,484)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(32,252)	(21,688)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	83,951	105,639
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	51,699	83,951

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Newtown Community Resource Centre, Durham Road, Stockton on Tees, TS19 0DE.

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 Charities Act 2011.

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.

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)*

Incoming resources

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.

Resources expended

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.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

3. **Accounting policies** *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	20% straight line
Equipment	-	20% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Donations			
Donations	9,748	–	9,748

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Grants			
Teesside Charity Grant	–	6,000	6,000
Womble Bond Dicken	–	4,500	4,500
	9,748	10,500	20,248

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	14,541	–	14,541
Grants			
Teesside Charity Grant	–	–	–
Womble Bond Dicken	–	–	–
	14,541	–	14,541

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	159	159	71	71
PA Service	432,040	432,040	381,340	381,340
Respite Service	116,830	116,830	95,160	95,160
Social Group	745,994	745,994	729,420	729,420
Other income from charitable activities	1,489	1,489	1,429	1,429
Angels	116,909	116,909	86,877	86,877
Rent income	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360
	1,416,781	1,416,781	1,297,657	1,297,657

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	5,898	5,898	–	–
Shop income	1,506	1,506	–	–
	7,404	7,404	–	–

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	**Total Funds 2025**	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	**£**	£	£
Bank interest receivable	1,899	1,899	1,847	1,847

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total Funds 2025**
	£	£	**£**
Activity	1,436,212	1,097	1,437,309
Support costs	38,513	–	38,513
	1,474,725	1,097	1,475,822

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Activity	1,191,812	1,784	1,193,596
Support costs	37,338	–	37,338
	1,229,150	1,784	1,230,934

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	**Total funds 2025**	Total fund 2024
	£	£	**£**	£
Activity	1,437,309	–	1,437,309	1,193,596
Governance costs	–	38,513	38,513	37,338
	1,437,309	38,513	1,475,822	1,230,934

10. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,561	3,006
Operating lease rentals	26,500	25,500
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	7,200	7,200

11. Staff costs

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	834,184	677,543
Social security costs	72,413	41,251
Employer contributions to pension plans	20,247	16,026
Other employee benefits	718	152
	927,562	734,972

The average head count of employees during the year was 61 (2024: 67).

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	1	1
£70,000 to £79,999	1	–
	2	1

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £141,104 (2024:£75,337).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

- no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.
- no trustee expenses have been incurred.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Equipment	**Total**
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	11,217	10,619	21,836
Additions	–	3,937	3,937
At 31 December 2025	11,217	14,556	25,773
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	5,972	4,075	10,047
Charge for the year	2,666	1,895	4,561
At 31 December 2025	8,638	5,970	14,608
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2025	2,579	8,586	11,165
At 31 December 2024	5,245	6,544	11,789

14. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	51,476	70,420
Prepayments and accrued income	127,103	94,133
Other debtors	1,815	–
	180,394	164,553

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	18,811	644
Accruals and deferred income	42,470	47,968
Other creditors	479	479
Other creditors	186	400
	61,946	49,491

16. Deferred income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amount deferred in year	33,219	38,687

The deferred income relates to income received in advance for respite due to take place next year.

17. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £20,247 (2024: £16,026).

18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 December 2025** £
General funds	167,632	1,435,832	(1,474,725)	(25,938)	102,801
Redundancy Reserve	43,170	–	–	25,938	69,108
	210,802	1,435,832	(1,474,725)	–	171,909

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	82,737	1,314,045	(1,229,150)	–	167,632
Redundancy Reserve	43,170	–	–	–	43,170
	125,907	1,314,045	(1,229,150)	–	210,802

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 December 2025** £
North Star Housing	–	–	–	–	–
Teesside Charity Grant	–	6,000	(1,097)	–	4,903
Womble Bond Dicken	–	4,500	–	–	4,500
	–	10,500	(1,097)	–	9,403

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
North Star Housing	1,784	–	(1,784)	–	–
Teesside Charity Grant	–	–	–	–	–
Womble Bond Dicken	–	–	–	–	–
	1,784	–	(1,784)	–	–

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Tangible fixed assets	11,165	–	11,165
Current assets	203,879	9,403	213,282
Creditors less than 1 year	(43,135)	–	(43,135)
Net assets	171,909	9,403	181,312

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	11,789	–	11,789
Current assets	248,504	–	248,504
Creditors less than 1 year	(49,491)	–	(49,491)
Net assets	210,802	–	210,802

20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Cash flows £	**At 31 Dec 2025 £**
Cash at bank and in hand	83,951	(32,252)	51,699

21. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Not later than 1 year	26,500	26,500
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	76,750	103,250
	103,250	129,750

The Charity has entered into 2 rental lease agreements as lessee.

The main building lease runs for 5 years from November 24- November 2029 at £16,500 per annum.

The Angels building lease runs for 6 years from April 23- April 29 at £10,000 per annum with a first year discount of £1000.

22. Related parties

SJ Accounting Services (NE) Ltd
(a) Trustee Amy Overend is a director of SJ Accounting with a 52% shareholding during the year. (b) SJ Accounting invoiced Autism Matters £10,750 in the financial year for the provision of bookkeeping, payroll and accounting services. (c) At the year end there was no outstanding amount due.
Transformation Matters Ltd
(a) CEO Anna Taylor is the sole shareholder of Transformation Matters with significant influence and control.
(b) Transformation Matters invoiced Autism Matters £27,194 in the financial year for the provision of respite accommodation, therapy and training services. (c) At the year end there was no outstanding balance due.