Charity Registration Number 1171523

The Gateway Group

Annual Report and Financial Report

For the year ended 31st March 2026.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	A Ambrose
	K Evans
	H Kitching
	D Marsden (Resigned 20th June 2025)
	C Park
	G Pickersgill
	A Stainthorpe
	P Whiteley
Charity registration Number	1171523
Principal Office	17 Finkle Street
	Kendal
	Cumbria
	LA9 4AB
Accountants	Stables, Thompson & Briscoe
	Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
	Lowther House
	Lowther Street
	Kendal
	LA9 4DX

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees present the Annual Report together with the Balance Sheet of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Trustees and Officers

The Trustees and officers serving during the year and since year end were as follows.

Trustees: A Ambrose
K Evans
H Kitching
C Park
G Pickersgill
A Stainthorpe
P Whiteley

Objectives and Activities

Objects and aims

The charity's objectives are specifically restricted to the following:

The promotion of the voluntary sector in Westmorland and Furness for the benefit of the public by providing management, governance and other support to small charities and voluntary organisations that provide a wide range of information, support and services.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Financial Review

Policy on Reserves

The Trustees consider that as the purpose of the charity is to distribute grants, and as it has no staff or property costs, the level of reserves required is very low. At 31st March 2026 the level of unrestricted reserves was considered adequate, as steps were already being taken to dissolve the charity.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 7th February 2017. The charity became active on 20th June 2017 when there was an initial transfer of money from a collaboration of various charities in Kendal.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trutess.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

The charity trustees will make available to each new trustee, on or before their first appointment:

a) A copy of the current version of the constitution; and
b) A copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.

Organisational Structure

The charity is registered as a CIO – Foundation. It's members are trustees.

Number of Trustees

a) There must be at least four (4) charity trustees representing at least four Core Group organisations. If the number falls below the minimum, the remaining trustee(s) may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee.
b) The maximum number of charity trustees is twenty (20). The maximum number of Core Group organisations is ten (10). The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.
c) Each Core Group organisation will have the right to have up to two (2) charity trustees appointed.
d) A Core Group organisation an have two (2) appointed trustees attending each meeting and they may fully participate in the agenda and any other business discussion.
e) When a vote is being taken, a Core Group organisation with two trustees in attendance will only register one vote. In this circumstance, a reasonable time, up to five (5) minutes, must be allowed for the Core Group members with two trustees attending to agree their voting position. Where agreement

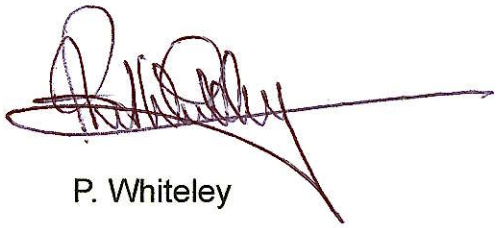
between the two trustees is not reached within five (5) minutes, that vote will be considered as an abstention.

Financial Instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to very few risks as it principally acts as a distributor of grants to other charities within its objectives.

This annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20th October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



P. Whiteley

Chair of Trustees.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

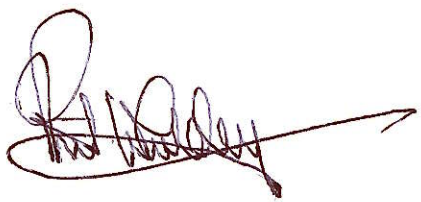
The law applicable to the charities require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 20th October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



P. Whiteley

Chair of Trustees.

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 Mar 2026

Total Assets Less Total Liabilities	0
Capital & Reserves	0

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Profit & Loss
1st Aprril 2025 to 31 March 2026

Sales		-
Purchases		
Distribution of charitable funds	-	5,700.00
Support / administration costs	-	824.35
Net Profit/Loss	-	6,524.35

