REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1181867

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

FOR

THE WOLLSTONECRAFT SOCIETY

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The purpose of the charity is to carry Mary Wollstonecraft's legacy of human rights, equality and justice into young people's lives. This is to be achieved by supporting the advancement of:

- Education
- Citizenship
- Community development
- Arts, culture and heritage in places associated with Mary Wollstonecraft
- Religious and racial harmony
- Equality and diversity

Significant activities

2025 was another productive year for the Wollstonecraft Society, which saw the new in-person projects delivered with primary schools, secondary schools and with children and their families in the community.

"I like activities like this because it can make you realise what people can do to make themselves better and help others...I am in care and to be honest I was on the wrong path...but I have realised, like her [Mary Wollstonecraft], I want to make a difference to people's life."

(Young Person, aged 12 years)

Across the year, we have worked with 4522 children and young people across 57 creative activities; 31 in the community, 13 in primary schools and 13 in secondary schools. The children spoke over 37 languages and came from 30 different ethnicities. Nearly 50% of the children and young people engaged were identified as facing barriers in their day to day life. This year we have focussed our work in areas which have some of the highest levels of deprivation and/or have a connection to Wollstonecraft's own life. These included Yorkshire and Humberside, where we focused on Hull and towns across East Yorkshire, and London, with our first activity taking place in Islington in December 2025. Islington is the 56th most deprived area in a country of 317 local authorities, 6th most deprived of 32 London boroughs, and it is where Mary Wollstonecraft lived during her time in London. We plan to expand our charitable activities to South Wales as we increase capacity.

Primary Schools

For primary schools, we began delivering our Wollstonecraft Society Primary Schools' Award to great success. As part of our Awards programme, schools are able to select the level of award that they would like to engage in; Bronze, Silver and Gold, with activities ranging from interactive assemblies about Wollstonecraft's life and human rights to all day creative projects inspired by Wollstonecraft.
Feedback from primary teachers included:

"It shows pupils that individual voices can have a lasting impact on society…"
"It empowers both girls and boys to value fairness, equity, and critical thinking…"
"This has given pupils a fantastic starting point to begin considering global citizenship topics, such as feminism, equality, human rights."

Secondary Schools
Our work in Secondary Schools' focused primarily on developing relationships with Beverley High School, and new relationship with Withernsea High School, which involved delivering a **Wollstonecraft Assembly** to the entire school.

At Beverley High School, we delivered **The Wollstonecraft Museum** project with 150 Year-9 students in partnership with East Riding Archives and Square Peg Hull (visual arts). It involved students completing a rotation of four creative workshops; including theatre-making, clay tiles, creative writing and local history, to explore topics related to 'Wollstonecraft's Life', 'Wollstonecraft and the Future 'and 'Your Future'. The original creative pieces were then displayed in the school hall for the next two weeks in a recreation of the student's own museum.

'Young People who Lead' was a short 8-session leadership programme which involved working with a small cohort of barriered students, specifically selected based on regular visits to the emotional wellbeing staff, and lower engagement with the academic requirements. The programme explored self reflection, leadership styles, justice and democracy, enabling students to build their knowledge of Mary Wollstonecraft and human rights, connect with other young people and develop creative and practical skills, such as confidence and presentation skills. The project concluded with the students planning their own event to advocate for a cause they believed in, which in this case was a mental health pop-up to raise awareness of mental health support available within the school and the local area.

In the Community
Our community work was split into two distinct projects:

Young People's Leadership and Training included piloting our 'Young People who Lead' project, which was delivered in partnership with 'Matthew's Hub' - a charity that supports 13+ year olds living with autism,'Cornerhouse', a charity that supports young people and people who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community with a range of supports, including mental health, and with internationally and nationally renowned Hull Truck Theatre and Pilot Theatre. The project took select participants to see a curated production of 'Mary and the Hyenas' which depicted the story of Wollstonecraft's life.

One supporting staff member from Cornerhouse shared their reflection of the programme:

"I couldn't believe that the young people wrote poetry! And spoke on camera. At the start of the project, they never would have done this. They had real conversations around what they thought was important in their community. I doubt the young people would have had this opportunity before!"

Creative Schools Holiday Provision involved delivering creative workshops with school-aged children in Hull, Beverley, Bridlington and Withernsea, with some workshops open for families to engage in together. Examples of creative sessions delivered included:

- 'Board Games and Big Ideas' where children would learn about the change Wollstonecraft would like to make, and then create a board game about the issue that they would like to change.
-'Super Hero, Super You' where children explored their best skills and created their own super hero character and wrote a story about their super hero, and what difference they would make to the world.
- 'Let's Be Detectives' where children participated in creative activities about traveling the world, just like Wollstonecraft did, followed by creating their own Wollstonecraft and Human Rights themed puzzle books and mazes.

Finally, we were also commissioned to deliver a one-day project in partnership with Hull and East Yorkshire's Children's University for their 'Step Up Move On' cohort; a group of care experienced young people. We also featured as part of Colliderfest, a city-wide arts and science festival in Hull led by the University of Hull and Hull Museums.

Annual Mary Wollstonecraft Lecture
This year we delivered another successful annual lecture for the interested young adult and adult audiences, and Wollstonecraft champions with the aim of raising the profile of the organisation, as well as increasing awareness of the work we deliver with children and young people. Titled 'Challenging the Manosphere' with Laura Bates in conversation with Gemma Cairney, this year's annual lecture was delivered in partnership with the University of Westminster.

Staffing and Freelancers
After recruiting a team of creative freelancers in late 2024, we invested in successfully inducting and training the team to deliver our projects across our target areas. The majority of the work supported by creative freelancers was part of the Creative Holiday Provision, with some support for both the 'Young People who Lead' programmes. We also developed a new pool of freelancers in London, and extended the number of creative freelancers in Hull and London to deliver our projects.

Next year we plan to continue working across the three key strands, honing our projects based on feedback from staff, freelancers and trustees and advisors on the programme. We are excited to work with our new Fundraising Manager on the team to increase our core and project capacity.

We wish to thank all our funders and partner organisations that have supported our work in 2025, including but not limited to, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, Philip King Trust, Hull City Council Healthy Holidays Fund, East Riding of Yorkshire Council Holidays Activity and Food Fund, Hull and East riding Children's University, Hull Museums, Hull Truck Theatre, University of Hull and University of Westminster.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Financial position
We have ended 2025 with reserves of £65,735. These are primarily held for the continued employment of our Programme Development Manager and Fundraising Manager.

We envisage further fundraising to include recruiting an additional projects officer and prioritising longer term core costs to see our charitable goals come to fruition and continue to grow we engage with through our projects. Our financial position remains stable and in line with our budget projections.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Governing document
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust. The Wollstonecraft Society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation run by a board of trustees, staff and volunteers.

Our trustees have also seen a change this term: One of our founding trustees, David Robinson, chose to become a Patron for the charity, while we welcomed Catrina Smith as a new trustee. Our six Trustees are supported by 2 staff members, additional volunteers and advisors.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
Registered Charity number
1181867

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277a Upper Street
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Trustees
C Bradshaw (Resigned 6 October 2026)
S Gulamhusein
D Robinson (Resigned 14 September 2026)
B Rowlatt
S Sonmez
C Wright
C Smith (Appointed 9 September 2026)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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, the Charities Act 2022, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
C Wright - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Wollstonecraft Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Wollstonecraft Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2022 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

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.

Shaun Muller
FCCA ACA
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Date: .....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		30,633	-	30,633	30,601
Grants and subsidies		100	11,536	11,636	-
Investment income	2	947	-	947	1,257
Total		31,680	11,536	43,216	31,858
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		4,134	-	4,134	1,886
Charitable activities					
Development, launch and delivery of educational materials		6,887	11,536	18,423	6,289
Other		12,574	-	12,574	8,332
Total		23,595	11,536	35,131	16,507
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		8,085	-	8,085	15,351
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		57,650	-	57,650	42,299
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		65,735	-	65,735	57,650

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	-	-
Cash at bank		67,233	59,220
		67,233	59,220
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,498)	(1,570)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		65,735	57,650
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		65,735	57,650
NET ASSETS		65,735	57,650
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted funds		65,735	57,650
Restricted funds		-	-
TOTAL FUNDS		65,735	57,650

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
C Wright - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2022. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern
There are no material uncertainties that cast doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the Charity pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate. Pension costs are allocated to activities on the same basis as set out in the allocation and apportionment of costs policy stated below.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
The Charity's operating costs include staff and pension costs. Such costs are allocated between different expenditure categories including charitable activity, fundraising, management and administration. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to direct charitable expenditure or other expenditure, they have been apportioned based on an estimate of time spent in each of these categories.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	947	1,257

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

During the year, two (2024: three) Trustees' were reimbursed for travel to schools to speak about Mary Wollstonecraft, and the printing and postage of certificates and comics about Mary Wollstonecraft. This expenditure was incurred wholly, exclusively and necessarily in the performance of their duties as Trustees.

4. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	21,600	12,318
Pension costs	461	260
	22,061	12,578

Included in defined contribution pension costs is an accrual for unpaid pensions of £nil (2024: £90).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Support staff	1	1

5. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	-	-

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6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxation & social security	629	631
Other creditors & accruals	869	939
	1,498	1,570

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/25	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	57,650	8,085	65,735
Restricted fund	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	57,650	8,085	65,735

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,680	(23,595)	8,085
Restricted fund	11,536	(11,536)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	43,216	(35,131)	8,085

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	42,299	15,351	57,650
TOTAL FUNDS	42,299	15,351	57,650

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,858	(16,507)	15,351
TOTAL FUNDS	31,858	(16,507)	15,351

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	42,299	23,436	65,735
Restricted fund	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	42,299	23,436	65,735

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,538	(40,102)	23,436
Restricted funds	11,536	(11,536)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	75,074	(51,638)	23,436

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Donations	30,633	-	30,633	30,601
Grants and subsidies	100	11,536	11,636	-
			42,269	30,601
Investment income				
Deposit account interest	947	-	947	1,257
Total incoming resources	31,680	11,536	43,216	31,858
EXPENDITURE				
Raising funds				
Direct costs of raising funds	825	-	825	-
Support costs – staff	3,309	-	3,309	1,886
	4,134	-	4,134	1,886
Charitable activities				
Costs of providing charitable activities	1,648	5,744	7,392	-
Support costs – staff	5,239	5,792	11,031	6,289
	6,887	11,536	18,423	6,289
Other costs				
Management				
Accountancy & professional fees	1,269	-	1,269	1,453
Admin costs	2,047	-	2,047	111
Recruitment expenditure	-	-	-	912
Staff costs	4,412	-	4,412	2,515
Sundry expenses	240	-	240	-
Travelling costs	569	-	569	-
Minor equipment	-	-	-	804
	8,537	-	8,537	5,795
Finance				
Bank charges	60	-	60	60

Governance costs				
Computer running costs	668	-	668	590
Staff costs	3,309	-	3,309	1,887
	3,977	-	3,977	2,447
Total resources expended	23,595	11,536	35,131	16,507
Net (expenditure)/income	8,085	-	8,085	15,351