Company registration number 11308068 (England and Wales)

Charity registration number 1182346 (England and Wales)

NORTH TYNESIDE DISABILITY FORUM LTD

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

NORTH TYNESIDE DISABILITY FORUM LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Ms J Byrne Mr R L Dennis Mr J F Nunn Mrs A Craven Dr H Driver Mr G Talbot	
Secretary	Ms S Adams	
Senior management	Ms S Adams	Chief Executive Officer
Country of incorporation	United Kingdom (England and Wales)	11308068
Charity registration	England and Wales	1182346
Registered office	The NTDF Centre Earsdon Road Shiremoor Tyne And Wear NE27 0HJ	
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NORTH TYNESIDE DISABILITY FORUM LTD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims
The charity's objects ('Objects') are specifically restricted to the following: "The North Tyneside Disability Forum Ltd (NTDF) is established for the public benefit to relieve the needs of people with disabilities within North Tyneside and surrounding areas and their families and carers who are affected by their disability and elderly people in need due to their age or infirmity by providing advice and practical support, activities and services designed to advance their education and by providing facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life."

The basic objectives of the organisation are:
To enable and encourage partnership working practices between disabled, non-disabled, lay and professional people, service users and service providers, carers, families and representatives.

To empower them individually and collectively towards improving and enhancing the range and accessibility of opportunity/resources and services afforded through ongoing consultation and involvement in local and regional initiatives.

To enhance communication between all related groups through representation, encouraging ongoing mechanisms and new channels for involvement in consultation, planning, implementation and monitoring and by working co-operatively locally towards identification of priorities for future and ongoing undertakings.

Public benefit
The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

6 years after Covid 19 and lockdown and the added impact of a cost of living crisis and digitalisation

Physical Situation: At March 2026, we are still tackling the impact of Covid fallout: financial, cultural, social, physical and emotional. On top of this, the cost of living crisis at March 2026, continues to mount. Already vulnerable and disadvantaged people continue to need help with food and fuel poverty, anxiety and health/debt distress which is being exacerbated by the challenges of day to day life. People of all ages, babies to nonagenarians are struggling with food costs especially, hygiene products and day to day resources. All of this is compounded by digitalisation which is barring access and posing obstacles to the massive numbers of people who don’t have phones or equipment to cope with scanning QR codes or digital communications. Many local people, fall through the local safety net of food banks and advice services - people of all ages are additionally anxious, frightened, food challenged and financially challenged - job losses, redundancies, increased emotional and physical disability has increased across the year with folk trying to adapt, cope and recover from ongoing and mounting poverty, food insecurity and emotional fragility and new anxieties impacting negatively on their ability to carry out day to day life tasks - many of these rooted in increased digitalisation.

Finance: At March 2026, NTDF are seeing increased numbers of people needing support and access to our services. This costly in terms of staffing and room usage and we are not just tackling a backlog of poverty issues - but a daily increasing load of new problems.

Whilst we are still looking to rebuild finances to the pre Covid 19 position (Feb 2020) where we had achieved a mixed receipt of income circa 68% grant support and 32% self-generated monies from shop, café and events - this is hampered by the need to simply cover costs and support local need - food, debt, warmth, clothing.

Our Community Supermarket of foods and products, stocked from local donations, fareshare purchases, supermarket surplus food donations and shopper donations also works to support our community café that works in tangent with our supermarket which currently supports 300+ local families.

At March 2026, our café is open 5 days a week and our community shop is open 6 days a week, offering free warm space sessions of a hot meal and snacks and 3 days of heavily subsidised foods - the shop takes donations of quality goods from the local community and enables local families to purchase all manner of things at fair prices. We may not be able to sustain this across 2026 to 2027.

Without Food Poverty support from charitable trusts and partners via help in kind, our café couldn't survive as it simply wouldn't be able to pay its way and support local need. Our centre continues to rebuild its portfolio of service provision slowly keeping folk safe and helping to rebuild lost relationships and social confidence. Currently we are working to manage higher staff and overheads costs, to meet the challenges of cost of living and covid legacy difficulties alongside increased need. Increases to National Insurance and Minimum Wage means we have to reduce staffing - Funding opportunities are lesser yet costs to survival are greater.

Taking Action: Across the 25-26 year we have increased outreach, remote, telephone, facebook, facechat, zoom, teams, text and newsletter support. Whilst we have cut back on food delivery support, we offer in house food poverty support - foods, meals - supermarket purchases as numbers of folk using the centre has increased and face to face work builds daily as does on site activities and services.

Sessions to younger and older people - am., pm., eve., weekend have built this past year with our café catering to our groups in house as well as to local people. Open 9.30 till 1.30 to provide quality meals at fair prices to mitigate the impact of reducing our food to folk work, the café this year has cost too much in terms of staff, maintenance, foods and resources.

Our aim is to rebuild and increase our vocational work with young and not so young learners and enable increased volunteer led value services to the local community - work experience in the café and the shop is invaluable to both learner and service.

At March 2026, our website www.ntdf.co.uk is being overhauled and our Facebook pages are well used and link to the website. We don't have the luxury of a Social Media worker and staff and volunteers populate the sites. These folk know the service and know the messages we want to get across.

The future plan is to continue face to face services whilst retaining some remote options. We are looking to future proof our charity and safeguard our service users. There are past participants, reluctant to re-engage socially - loss of confidence, self-esteem and increased anxiety has left people of all ages, additionally vulnerable and isolated. We also have new referrals and waiting lists to some activities. This is because of the demise of so many local mainstream services. The numbers of new participants, arriving into this current cost of living crisis period, masks the 7% fallout rate - which we are still tackling by peer support and volunteer led befriending.

Our NTDF Objectives and Activities into the future remain:
We provide a range of opportunities to people of all ages to be involved in events and activities around health and social care, education and training, health and wellbeing, sports and arts, younger peoples work, older peoples work, disability issues, heritage and culture, advice information and guidance, deaf and hard of hearing issues, complementary health, personal development and vocational training, music and song, consultation and research.

We provide a Monday to Sunday programme of activity, advised by ongoing user led consultation. Everyone is always welcome but post Covid - places need to be booked - and we already have a waiting list. BSL/English interpreters, lip speakers, hearing loop and ramped access, large visual display, and large print format information are all provided and other requirements on request can in most cases be easily met.

Within our Centre grounds we operate our Community Café and Social Supermarket which looks to reduce food poverty in our Borough and complements our services to support the vocational training of people of all ages to enhance their employability.

Our eco friendly Community Garden enjoys an embryonic orchard, raised vegetable beds and a greenhouse to support local people growing their own veg and fruit and enabling outdoors activity. Our Cook from Scratch work provides horticultural therapy support to all ages.

Our Community Shop in the local town serves to enable local people to get quality goods at fair prices and serves also to enable vulnerable people to volunteer and engage with the local community safely.

Training
NTDF work with a range of other training providers to ensure disabled people of all ages have equal access to evidencing skills and gaining accreditations. Unfortunately NOCN and other accrediting agencies have become too costly and we have to seek providers that afford a good quality and economically acceptable service.

Networks and Partnerships
In order to ensure disabled people are represented Locally, Regionally and Nationally, Trustees, management, staff, volunteers and members work hard to ensure viable networks and partnerships are established and maintained. We believe this is the best way to ensure a mechanism for communication and involvement. It serves to inform us and enables us to inform others and each other. Conferences, training days, local and regional area forums, information days, consultation days and presentations are all events where we try to ensure our presence and input. This year, such opportunities have been much reduced.

Public benefit
We encourage people to find a voice and to make that voice heard. We encourage people to come together and share their ideas and opinions and we use this information to set up projects and schemes that address the issues that people want addressed. We don't beat a drum but we believe that by working together with partners, with respect for diversity and difference and each other's aims and objectives that we can and do make a difference. This is the best way we know to make sure disabled people and their representatives are part of the decision making processes. Again, this year, this has been difficult.

Volunteers
We are grateful to the number of volunteers, who help with a range of tasks across all areas of Forum provision including photocopying, setting up rooms, refreshments to meetings, note taking and minute taking, tutoring, shop support, IT support, ironing, fundraising, raffle ticket sellers, tombola and gift donors, tombola and coffee morning support. Without volunteers we could not operate and again special thanks to those volunteers who have enabled NTDF to afford specialist assistance to other organisations e.g. with hearing loops, formatting, BSL etc.

Professional volunteer support has been afforded via a range of local businesses and their staff - public and private sector enabling broader involvement and support to local disabled people and their families.

We are grateful to the range of professionals who have given us their time and expertise an estimate of the potential cost of this for our organisation is shown in our accounts. Also the ongoing support from a range of commercial and corporate sponsorships makes a huge difference to our ability to provide appropriate services. Time and gifts in kind to all areas of our work are enormously important.

Achievements and performance

Charitable activities - to be booked in advance to keep numbers safe

- Friday Baby and Toddlers Together session for parent and carers and their charges
- Children's project Monday, Wednesday Thur and Saturday incorporating music and drama dance and fitness 7 to 18 years and 18 to 25 years
- Thursday tea club - all ages - older groups cook for younger groups and 'meet and eat' tackles food insecurity.
- Thursday Cook from Scratch - young adults
- Tuesday and Wednesday PC club for all ages in partnership with Park View Project
- Adult choir - advanced - ability to read music needed
- Employability project for over 18s
- Training and learning project -all ages and variety of accreditation and learning areas
- Musicality and Community Choir all ages
- Community Supermarket
- Dance and Drama for all ages
- Arts, crafts and music projects for all ages
- Mental health support work - specific groups to specific needs
- Nurture through Nature horticultural wellbeing project
- Music and Movement - all ages - Fit and Fun
- Health and Wellbeing project
- Tai Chi, Relaxation, Beauty
- Guitar classes, ukulele and piano – musicality and skills build
- Community shop life skills and retail training project
- Community café catering training
- Accessible information project /webdesign and IT support 'e' quality for all and putting I in IT partnership with Park View Project
- Steel pans
- Boccia and Kurling for all
- Clog Dancing and Maypole Dancing
- Basketball skills
- Arts group and mental health support
- Information sessions - speaker meetings
- Stretch and Strength and dancercise

Financial review

Financial position
The Statement of Financial Activities shows a deficit for the year of £53,185 (2025 - £25,634). This was made up of a surplus of £9,643 (2025 - surplus £12,781) of Restricted Funds and a deficit of £62,828 (2025 - surplus £12,853) of Unrestricted Funds.

Total reserves at 31 March 2026 amounted to £663,855 (2025 - £717,040) of which £218,962 (2025 - £281,790) are in Unrestricted Funds.

Principal funding sources
Lloyds Foundation, Ballinger Trust, Children in Need, R W Mann Trust, Awards For All, The Joicey Trust, Morrisons Foundation, Hadrian Trust, Sir James Knott Trust, Thomas Wall Trust, Garfield Weston, Hays Travel, Edward Gostling Foundation, Community Foundation Tyne and Wear, Shears Foundation, Smallwood Trust, NTC HAF, Northumbria Police, Barbour Trust, Sports England, Hospital of God at Greatham, Bernard Sunley Foundation, The Banks Group, Ninevah Trust, Albert Gubay Foundation, The Access Fund, Wellbank Foundation, Baily Thomas.

We would like to thank all our funders, sponsors and fundraisers for their support.

Reserves policy
In accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines and North Tyneside Disability Forum Ltd's Constitution, the Trustees must consider the setting aside of funds for necessary and appropriate expenditure. Provisions for staff and ensuring that sufficient attention is paid to the financial requirements of the charity are considered in determining this policy.

In order to implement this policy and because of the significant number of projects the North Tyneside Disability Forum Ltd is operating, the Trustees consider it prudent for the 26-27 year, to see sufficient reserves for four months running costs. This is in line with the Charity Commission's recommendations and considers the COVID 19 impact.

The unrestricted funds at 31 March 2026 amounted to £218,962 (2025 - £281,790). After deduction of the contingencies set out in note 19 to the accounts the balance remaining amounts to £134,106. The anticipated expenditure for 26-27 year is estimated at £429,000 however NTDF have several ongoing projects for which funding is already in place and this funding of £73,400 will cover a part of the total expenditure reducing the level of unrestricted running costs to £355,600 four months of which would be £118,533 leaving unrestricted free reserves of £15,573.

This reserves policy will be reviewed annually at the end of each financial year.

Future plans

As a self enterprising charity, NTDF Ltd as Registered Charity 1182346 work hard to move away from 100 % grant dependence and look to achieving a mixed receipt of grants and self generated, income to be reinvested back into our charitable activities. We recognise the challenges involved in this during a financially challenging period. In 2027, we celebrate 40 years and hope to do so, confident of the future.

We will continue to build our infrastructure strength and stake holding capacity and look to our sustainability into the future.

The activities and assets of the previous charitable trust registered number 1072475 were transferred into the new charitable company 1182346 in 2018

In looking to generate income to support charitable work NTDF look to maximise their community shop project, supermarket and further develop their community café initiative.

Ongoing Organisational Review is being undertaken to look to better refining our 5 year Business Plan in consideration of local context, need, culture and economy and drawing together the strands of the NTDF Ltd portfolio of provision.

Structure, governance and management

North Tyneside Disability Forum Ltd is a registered charity working with and for disabled and able bodied people and their groups in North Tyneside.

The North Tyneside District Disability Forum Trust was formed in 1987 and became a registered charity 1072475 in November 1998.

In 2018, NTDF became a Company Ltd by Guarantee with a company number 11308068 and on 6 March 2019 the Ltd company achieved charitable status with Charity Registration Number 1182346.

The charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on the 13th April 2018.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms J Byrne
Mr R L Dennis
Mr J F Nunn
Ms A Reynolds (Resigned 11 April 2026)
Mrs A Craven
Dr H Driver
Mr G Talbot

Recruitment and appointment of trustees
Appointment of the Trustees and Committee is governed by the constitution of the charity. The Committee is authorised to appoint new members to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing member.

Organisational structure
The Charity has 6 Director/Trustees who are supported by a management committee which is drawn annually from general membership. Representatives from the Board of Trustees and management committee and from general membership make up specialist sub groups who support, direct, monitor and evaluate specialist areas of the charity's work.

Trustees and management committee meet bi monthly and Steering/Sub Committees every 6 weeks.

Induction and training of new trustees
All Forum staff, management and membership are offered free training, and DBS check and have access to training courses across the range of areas relevant and appropriate to their needs and to the needs of the organisation. This ensures that we build firm foundations and strengthen our own infrastructure and the infrastructure of the voluntary and community sector.

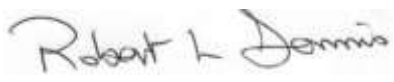
Related parties
North Tyneside Disability Forum Ltd takes a community development approach to service provision. Our ethos is participation on equal terms underpinned by partnership and collaborative working practices. We are represented on a range of the Local Networks across North Tyneside which provides a range of collaborative opportunities

Our range of partners include Local Authority and Health Authority departments and functions with whom we enjoy good relationships but from whom we are completely independent.

We offer support to and receive support from a range of organisations, agencies and community groups and charities. North Tyneside Disability Forum Ltd work with people of all ages and our working relationships across play, youth, generalist, disability and older peoples' agencies and organisations is extensive.

We are grateful for the support we receive from our partners and from our range of funders, charitable trusts and donors.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr R L Dennis

19 May 2026

NORTH TYNESIDE DISABILITY FORUM LTD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees, who are also the directors of North Tyneside Disability Forum Ltd for the purpose of company law, 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).

Company law 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 charitable company for that year.

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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

NORTH TYNESIDE DISABILITY FORUM LTD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NORTH TYNESIDE DISABILITY FORUM LTD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of North Tyneside Disability Forum Ltd (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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16 June 2026

NORTH TYNESIDE DISABILITY FORUM LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	12,396	20,847	33,243	13,612	17,667	31,279
Charitable activities	**4**	-	253,287	253,287	-	343,540	343,540
Other trading activities	**5**	49,422	20,545	69,967	61,144	18,745	79,889
Investments	**6**	8,261	-	8,261	9,296	-	9,296
Other income	**7**	10,910	100	11,010	5,338	1,495	6,833
Total income		80,989	294,779	375,768	89,390	381,447	470,837
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**8**	22,132	8,222	30,354	24,245	17,231	41,476
Charitable activities	**9**	120,357	278,242	398,599	55,736	347,991	403,727
Total expenditure		142,489	286,464	428,953	79,981	365,222	445,203
Net income/(expenditure)		(61,500)	8,315	(53,185)	9,409	16,225	25,634
Transfers between funds		(1,328)	1,328	-	3,444	(3,444)	-
Net movement in funds	**11**	(62,828)	9,643	(53,185)	12,853	12,781	25,634
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2025		281,790	435,250	717,040	268,937	422,469	691,406
Fund balances at 31 March 2026		218,962	444,893	663,855	281,790	435,250	717,040

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

NORTH TYNESIDE DISABILITY FORUM LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**16**		47,632		50,580
Current assets					
Debtors	**17**	15,731		20,545	
Cash at bank and in hand		610,068		661,757	
		625,799		682,302	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**18**	(9,576)		(15,842)	
Net current assets			616,223		666,460
Total assets less current liabilities			663,855		717,040
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	**21**		444,893		435,250
Unrestricted funds	**22**		218,962		281,790
			663,855		717,040

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 19 May 2026

Joan Byrne

Ms J Byrne

Robert L Dennis

Mr R L Dennis

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

North Tyneside Disability Forum Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The NTDF Centre, Earsdon Road, Shiremoor, Tyne And Wear, NE27 0HJ.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset’s use.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold improvements	in accordance with the property
Office equipment	20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

All financial assets and financial liabilities of the charity qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Donations and gifts	12,396	20,847	33,243	13,612	17,667	31,279

4 Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2025 £
Charitable activities		
Grants	253,287	343,540

Analysis of grants

	Charitable activities 2026 £	Charitable activities 2025 £
Children in Need	15,000	14,888
Heritage Lottery Fund	-	5,250
R W Mann Trust	3,000	3,000
Community Foundation	26,157	58,892
North Tyneside Council	11,196	10,895
Lloyds Foundation	25,000	25,000
Henry Smith Foundation	-	770
Groundworks UK	1,000	950
The Shears Foundation	6,000	5,000
The Bruce Wake Charitable Trust	2,000	-
Ballinger Charitable Trust	20,000	20,000
Barclays Community Sport Fund	1,000	-
Hadrian Trust	-	1,000
Hospital of God Greatham	-	3,500
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,000	20,000
The Albert Gubay Foundation	8,320	-
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	2,160	-
The Joicey Trust	-	2,000
The Morrisons Foundation	-	6,300
Caried forward	140,833	177,445

4 Income from charitable activities **(Continued)**

Brought forward	140,833	177,445
The Finn Family Foundation	1,000	500
The Access Foundation	10,920	-
Awards For All	19,993	19,986
Sport England	13,586	-
The Rothley Trust	800	-
Nineveh Trust	2,000	-
The William Leech Charitable Trust	5,000	-
Charities Trust	-	2,000
Sir James Knott Trust	3,000	3,000
Skipton Building Society	-	2,716
Smallwood Charitable Trust	30,100	29,259
Asda Foundation	-	2,500
Barbour Foundation	5,000	5,000
Wellbank Foundation	-	16,481
North of Tyne Combined Authority	-	29,054
The Bailey Thomas Charitable Foundation	5,000	-
Global Charities Ltd	-	30,191
CDCF Point North	2,000	-
Bauer Radio - Cash for Kids	3,000	5,670
The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust	-	1,000
Feeding Britain	8,055	5,400
The Hargreaves Foundation	-	2,718
The Hubbub Foundation	3,000	5,000
The Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	1,000
The Grocer's Charity	-	2,820
St James's Place Charitable Foundation	-	1,800
	253,287	343,540

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Fundraising income	100	20,545	20,645	-	17,530	17,530
Shop, cafe and salon takings	49,322	-	49,322	61,144	1,215	62,359
Other trading activities	49,422	20,545	69,967	61,144	18,745	79,889

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Interest receivable	8,261	9,296

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Other income	10,910	100	11,010	5,338	1,495	6,833

8 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Trading costs						
Shop, cafe and salon expenditure	22,132	8,222	30,354	24,245	17,231	41,476

9 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2026	Charitable activities 2025
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	231,264	237,174
Van leasing charges	5,186	9,350
Casual workers	24,542	23,710
Sessional workers	25,745	20,524
Staff travel	2,943	3,453
Members' expenses	450	392
Volunteers' expenses	2,070	1,816
Training	7,638	3,642
Materials and equipment	6,611	8,838
Events and activities	10,713	6,546
Publicity	993	1,079
Catering and refreshments	11,074	16,786
Members' support	500	-
Transport costs	2,392	3,008
Recruitment costs	-	157
	332,121	336,475
Share of support and governance costs (see note 10)		
Support	65,080	65,914
Governance	1,398	1,338
	398,599	403,727
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	120,357	55,736
Restricted funds	278,242	347,991
	398,599	403,727

10 Support costs allocated to activities

	2026	2025
	£	£
Depreciation	5,561	5,670
Operating lease charges	25,646	25,646
Trustees' expenses	45	215
Insurance	1,821	1,751
Telephone	7,296	7,452
Printing, post and stationery	1,456	2,439
Subscriptions and publications	2,691	675
Computer and IT costs	6,379	7,175
Repairs and maintenance	3,637	4,307
Bank charges	911	790
Bookkeeping and payroll costs	7,158	7,903
Professional fees	488	13
Cleaning	150	193
Storage charges	1,841	1,685
Governance costs	1,398	1,338
	66,478	67,252
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	66,478	67,252

Governance costs comprise:	2026 £	2025 £
Independent examination fees	1,398	1,338
	1,398	1,338

11 Net movement in funds

	2026	2025
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,398	1,338
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	5,561	5,670
Operating lease charges	25,646	25,646

12 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

Expenses amounting to £45 (2025 - £215) were reimbursed to one trustee.

13 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2026 Number	2025 Number
Projects	13	13
Administration	1	1
Total	14	14

Employment costs	2026 £	2025 £
Wages and salaries	190,277	202,006
Social security costs	18,353	12,031
Other pension costs	22,634	23,137
	231,264	237,174

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Aggregate compensation	46,383	46,383

14 Gifts in kind

NTDF are grateful for the help in kind support of Morrisons Community Champions - especially Caroline Jordan providing shopper donated resources and store gifted foods support to our Food Poverty work donating surplus foods at an average of £30 per week. We owe thanks to our Volunteers from DWP, EE, and Lloyds Bank, making our events a success and giving us extra pairs of capable hands to events 3 times per year saving us what would be £200+ extra staffing, staffing costs per event. Darren at Hays Travel for fundraising support and provision of Internal Verification to our Employability work courses £500, TRACED and The Rookery for musical accompaniment at our events £300, Professor Pete Glaves for all things media £300 and Hilary Snderson and the late Gillian Quinn from Gillian Quinn School of Theatre and Dance £300. Gary Kennedy providing much needed advice and practical help around fuel costs and services saving us £400+ per annum. Much gratitude goes to Baldy Holly Band for twice yearly fundraisers and entertainment and to our reliable volunteers who delver sessions across the week around art, music, dance, sports without whom we couldn't do as much as we do - costs value circa £10k per annum. The charity operates from premises owned by North Tyneside Council at a reduced rent of 25% of market value currently £7,749 per year. The gift in kind is valued at £23,247 annually.

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15 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

16 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements	Office equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2025	65,160	4,561	16,542	14,707	100,970
Additions	-	-	1,069	1,544	2,613
At 31 March 2026	65,160	4,561	17,611	16,251	103,583
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2025	25,312	2,367	10,625	12,086	50,390
Depreciation charged in the year	2,344	436	1,394	1,387	5,561
At 31 March 2026	27,656	2,803	12,019	13,473	55,951
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2026	37,504	1,758	5,592	2,778	47,632
At 31 March 2025	39,848	2,194	5,917	2,621	50,580

17 Debtors

	2026	2025
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	9,212	20,341
Other debtors	78	204
Prepayments and accrued income	6,441	-
	15,731	20,545

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2026	2025
		£	£
Other taxation and social security		3,866	2,985
Deferred income	**19**	-	3,894
Accruals		5,710	8,963
		9,576	15,842

19 Deferred income

	2026	2025
	£	£
Other deferred income	-	3,894

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	-	3,894

	2026	2025
	£	£
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2025	3,894	14,993
Released from previous periods	(3,894)	(14,993)
Resources deferred in the year	-	3,894
Deferred income at 31 March 2026	-	3,894

20 Retirement benefit schemes

	2026	2025
Defined contribution schemes	£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	22,634	23,137

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

21 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2026 £
Digital Support Fund	8,431	100	(7,063)	-	1,468
Food Poverty Fund	52,973	53,047	(43,114)	(91)	62,815
Sports for All Fund	464	26,406	(10,538)	(394)	15,938
Health and Wellbeing Fund	22,616	23,100	(30,613)	(694)	14,409
Music and Arts Fund	7,906	17,242	(11,655)	255	13,748
Training Fund	59,436	40,493	(40,333)	1,883	61,479
Play and Youth Work Fund	72,722	39,016	(45,469)	1,283	67,552
Older and Vulnerable People Support Fund	7,123	8,381	(8,110)	987	8,381
Post Covid Recovery and Resiliance Work Fund	87,082	23,000	(16,311)	(1,544)	92,227
Social Activities Support Fund	116,497	63,994	(73,258)	(357)	106,876
	435,250	294,779	(286,464)	1,328	444,893

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Digital Support Fund	10,044	1,495	(3,108)	-	8,431
Food Poverty Fund	18,928	78,693	(42,760)	(1,888)	52,973
Sports for All Fund	9,262	-	(8,878)	80	464
Health and Wellbeing Fund	40,481	41,225	(56,406)	(2,684)	22,616
Music and Arts Fund	8,451	9,620	(10,451)	286	7,906
Training Fund	29,016	93,634	(70,493)	7,279	59,436
Play and Youth Work Fund	72,211	46,059	(37,650)	(7,898)	72,722
Older and Vulnerable People Support Fund	9,916	20,619	(24,590)	1,178	7,123
Post Covid Recovery and Resiliance Work Fund	87,773	23,000	(23,894)	203	87,082
Social Activities Support Fund	136,387	67,102	(86,992)	-	116,497
	422,469	381,447	(365,222)	(3,444)	435,250

22 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2026 £
Fundraising activities	169,988	49,362	(81,508)	-	137,842
General funds	111,802	31,627	(60,981)	(1,328)	81,120
	281,790	80,989	(142,489)	(1,328)	218,962

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Fundraising activities	179,096	61,285	(70,393)	-	169,988
General funds	89,841	28,105	(9,588)	3,444	111,802
	268,937	89,390	(79,981)	3,444	281,790

23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £
At 31 March 2026:			
Tangible assets	47,632	-	47,632
Current assets/(liabilities)	171,330	444,893	616,223
	218,962	444,893	663,855

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 March 2025:			
Tangible assets	50,580	-	50,580
Current assets/(liabilities)	231,210	435,250	666,460
	281,790	435,250	717,040

24 Funds

Charitable funds and contributions from members, with related purposes, have been combined together into projects as follows.

Project 2 - Fundraising activities fund
This designated fund contains the trading monies from the charity shop, café and hairdressing activities.

Project 3 - Digital support fund
Charitable funds include monies from the Park View Project for digital support.

Project 4 - Food poverty fund
This project includes monies for warm zone café funds, food poverty and friends share social supermarket with funding from North Tyneside Council and the Hadrian Trust.

Project 5 - Sports for all fund
Sport England funded a dance project.

Project 6 - Health and wellbeing fund
This project promotes health and wellbeing through relaxation, safety and health and wellbeing classes funded by Community Foundation, Warburton Foundation, DWF Foundation, Awards For All, D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust, Smallwood Trust, Bernicia Foundation, Groundworks UK, R W Mann and National Lottery Community Fund.

Project 7 - Music and arts fund
There are several ongoing activities in this project with funding from The National Foundation of Music's 'Youth Music' project, Clog dancing has been funded by Community Foundation..

Project 8 - Training fund
Training and youth training work has been funded by Community Foundation.

Project 9 - Play and youth work fund
The charity has run summer and other holiday programmes with funding from North Tyneside Council and Community Foundation, Children in Need have funded a children and young peoples project and Global Charities Ltd 'Make Some Noise' funded a positive future lives project. Other projects included a safe space area funded by The Neighbourly Foundation and North of Tyne Combined Authority youth employability..

Project 10 - Older and vulnerable people support work fund
Funding for this work in this year has come from Community Foundation Kellet Fund.

Project 11 - Post covid recovery and resilience work fund
This year the charity has continued to build a safe environment for its members to enjoy activities with support through funding from Garfield Weston Foundation and Sir James Knott Trust.

Project 12 - Social support fund
Included in this fund are monies which have been raised and donated for special purposes and the future use of these will be at the discretion of the Trustees. Funds were provided for core costs, centre safety and charity development work by Ballinger Charitable Trust, Northumbria Police, Lloyds Bank Foundation and the Peoples Postcode.

Transfers between funds
The fund transfers represent the transfer of restricted funds to unrestricted funds where a portion of the grant funding has been used to purchase fixed assets. Other transfers represent the completion of a project with the transfer of the remaining funds to unrestricted.

25 Contingent liabilities

The unrestricted reserves includes designated funds from fundraising activities amounting to £137,842.

The unrestricted reserves of £218,962 may be required to pay redundancy payments of £43,214, leases to which the charity is contracted for the main premises rent and services of £12,823, shop rent and services of £18,930 and van lease of £6,460. Also the website replacement of £2,250 and the Playhouse booking for the next show of £1,179.

If all of the above funds result in settlements being made at their anticipated amounts, this will leave a surplus on the general unrestricted fund of £134,106.

26 Operating lease commitments

Lessee
At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Within one year	36,920	36,920
Between two and five years	77,012	82,180
In over five years	-	18,930
	113,932	138,030

27 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2025 - none).