Charity number: 1184116
Company number CE018003

Voluntary Action Doncaster

Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

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Officers and Advisers

For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Trustees	Lai Lim (Chair) Nicky Birkinshaw (Treasurer) Lynne Rothwell Jana Kovariova Syed Miah Catherine Muller (appointed 17 April 2025) Jade Leigh Helen Mitchell (resigned 16/09/2025) Neena Rainey (resigned 16/09/2025)
Registered address	c/o Bentley Resource Centre High Street Bentley Doncaster DN5 0AA
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Chair's Statement

For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Welcome to the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2026.

This past year has been an important one for Voluntary Action Doncaster (VAD), as we have focused on deepening our understanding of our members, strengthening relationships, and welcoming new organisations that share our vision of a thriving voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFS) sector.

The launch of our first Volunteer Awards has been a particular highlight. The awards provided VAD with an opportunity to learn more about our members and celebrate the valuable work taking place across Doncaster. They have also highlighted, once again, the strength of our vibrant volunteer base and the collective spirit that exists across our communities.

I am deeply grateful to our dedicated volunteers, committed Board of Trustees, advisors, partners and all the local organisations that have worked alongside us throughout the year.
Together, we have delivered activities and events that have not only responded to urgent needs but have also built lasting connections across our communities. From supporting grassroots organisations to championing local voices in decision-making, VAD has been proud to stand alongside those who are making a real difference in Doncaster.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to amplifying community action, strengthening partnerships and collaboration, and ensuring that Doncaster continues to be a place where everyone can thrive.

Working in partnership is crucial to achieving more together. I would therefore like to thank all our members and the following organisations for their continued support of VAD over the past year:

National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF)

Rotherham Doncaster & South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RD&SH)

South Yorkshire Community Foundation (SYCF)

South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB)

Well Doncaster Team

Your support, collaboration and commitment are invaluable to us and to the wider VCFSE sector in Doncaster.

I look forward to another year of working together, supporting one another and ensuring that we continue to meet the needs of our members and the communities they serve.



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Lai Lim (Chair)
17 September 2026

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Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Treasurer's Statement

The financial year ending 31 March 2026 has been a period of consolidation for Voluntary Action Doncaster. The accounts presented confirm that the charity remains financially stable and well positioned for future growth.

VAD carried forward Reserves of £92,140 from the previous year. Income for the year included a Big Lottery Community Fund grant of £20,000 and £1,500 from RDASH.

Expenditure for the year was £29,827, with a carry-forward Reserves balance of £83,830 into the 2026/27 financial year.

At the year end, total funds comprised £85,330 in the bank, being £65,861 of unrestricted funds, and £19,469 of restricted funding.

Financial Highlights

During the year:
VAD received a grant from the Big Lottery Community Fund to deliver Volunteer Induction training courses for members in collaboration with Family Lives. The funding also covered a percentage of core costs for a two-year period.

VAD received a grant from RDASH to support the Volunteer Celebration event.

Running costs were significantly reduced by reducing admin support from 20 hours per week to 10 hours per week. This was made possible through Board members taking on additional roles and responsibilities to cover the shortfall.

Looking Ahead
While income during the year was modest, VAD has worked hard to strengthen its financial foundation.

Since the year end, the charity has developed and implemented a robust funding strategy, exploring a diverse range of opportunities including grants, trusts and foundations, social value partnerships, donations and income from services.

VAD has also developed a new website to provide information and to enable members to promote their events, workshops and job and volunteering opportunities. The website includes a facility for members and participants to make donations through the Local Giving platform.

Our partnerships have continued to strengthen. We have developed relationships with funders, other infrastructure organisations, private sector partners and community stakeholders to ensure that, as VAD enters a period of growth and development, we have the networks, skills and resources required to succeed.

VAD remains financially stable, strategically focused and committed to delivering maximum value for the communities we serve.

Nicky Birkinshaw

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Nicky Birkinshaw (Treasurer)
17 September 2026

Voluntary Action Doncaster

Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

INTRODUCTION

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 – second edition published in October 2019.

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Lai Lim (Chair)
Nicky Birkinshaw (Treasurer)
Lynne Rothwell
Jana Kovariova
Syed Miah
Catherine Muller (appointed 17 April 2025)
Jade Mitchell (resigned 21 August 2025)
Neena Rainey (resigned 16 September 2025)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The reference and administrative details are shown on page 3 of this report.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The charity was registered on 26 June 2019 and is governed by its constitution, last amended 1 June 2022.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

All trustees are appointed on a voluntary basis, and do not receive any remuneration for their time. Some of the organisations which employ the Trustees have received a stipend which is intended to provide some recompense for releasing staff to fulfil their Trustee duties and for representing the voluntary and community sector at various meetings. All expenses reimbursed are disclosed in the accounts.

Risk Management

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined the operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the sufficient risks.

Going Concern

The charity has attracted grant funding during the year to carry out community work and has the benefit of adequate unrestricted funds to carry on its activities and to pursue other working partnerships. Having assessed ongoing and foreseeable future financial commitments, the Trustees are satisfied with the validity of preparing these accounts on a going concern basis.

Objectives and Activities

The main object of the charity is to:

- promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the public, principally but not exclusively, in the local government area of Doncaster and its environs, and, in particular, to build the capacity of third sector organisations and provide them with the necessary support, information and services to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose to benefit local residents and communities; and

- promote, organise and facilitate cooperation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

The Trustees refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and future direction. The guidance is available from the Charity Commission.

2025/26 REVIEW

The financial year 2025/26 marked a period of renewal and positive momentum for Voluntary Action Doncaster, following a more challenging previous period.

Board Developments

During the year, changes were made to the Board of Trustees. We warmly welcomed our new members, who bring with them extensive financial expertise, diverse sector experience, and valuable networks. We also extended our sincere gratitude to the outgoing board members whose contributions were pivotal in the organisation's ongoing work.

Organisational Progress

The Board, working alongside an independent consultant, has continued to address historical challenges and make progress in rebuilding trust and strengthening relationships across the voluntary, community and faith sector, as well as with wider stakeholders.

We recognise the importance of active member engagement and remain committed to ensuring that members' views and feedback are central to the development of our work.

Key Activities and Milestones

Support to Groups and CICs

VAD has provided tailored information, advice and guidance to numerous groups during the year. This support has contributed to the formation of several new constituted groups and Community Interest Companies (CICs). VAD members are now supported by a fully functional website and have the opportunity to share information and networking opportunities with members through the bi-monthly networking events.

As of 31 March 2026, VAD had more than **150 member organisations**, all of which play an important role in supporting a thriving third sector in Doncaster.

Acknowledgements
VAD's achievements during the year are a testament to the commitment and dedication of our core volunteer base.

We extend our particular thanks to our Board members, who continue to represent VAD in strategic forums and provide effective governance to support the organisation's long-term sustainability.

We also acknowledge the contribution of our members, who actively participate in events and generously share information and resources as we move towards our Fair Share Model.

A particular note of appreciation goes to Lisa Clayton, our freelance Member Coordinator, whose work supporting members, coordinating events and maintaining communications has been instrumental in strengthening member engagement and supporting our continued growth.

2026/27 Outlook and Plan
Looking Ahead: Priorities for 2026/27

By the end of the next financial year, VAD aims to:

- launch our second Volunteer Celebration Event;
- deliver five Volunteer Training events in collaboration with Coram Family Lives;
- strengthen relationships with members, funders, the Council and other stakeholders; and
- diversify our funding portfolio and secure long-term, sustainable income streams.

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 Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, 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 Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate 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 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Report) 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.

On behalf of the board

Lai Lim

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Lai Lim (Chair)
17 September 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (incl. income and expenditure account)

For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31.03.2026	Year ended 31.03.2025
Incoming from:	2				
Donations and legacies		17	-	17	1,027
Grants receivable		-	21,500	21,500	-
Total		17	21,500	21,517	1,027
Expenditure on:	3				
Charitable activities		-	2,031	2,031	63,234
Other		27,796		27,796	39,302
Total		27,796	2,031	29,827	102,536
Net income / (deficit) and net movement in funds		(27,779)	19,469	(8,310)	(101,509)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		92,140	-	92,140	193,649
Total funds carried forward	8	64,361	19,469	83,830	92,140

Voluntary Action Doncaster

Registered company number: CE018003
Charity number: 1184116

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments			-
Cash at bank and in hand		85,330	98,015
			98,015
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,500)	(5,875)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		83,830	92,140
TOTAL NET ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		83,830	92,140
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted funds	8	64,361	92,140
Restricted funds	8	19,469	-
TOTAL FUNDS		83,830	92,140

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17 September 2026 and were signed on behalf of the Board by;

Lai Lim

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Lai Lim – Chair

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

a) General information and basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – second edition published in October 2019 , the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

Voluntary Action Doncaster is a charity formed in England within the United Kingdom. The principal address is given in the charity information on page 3 of these financial statements.

These financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors, or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably, and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a

Income recognition (continued…)

valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds
- Expenditure on charitable activities; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

e) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

f) Going concern

After due consideration of all relevant factors, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern

2 Analysis of incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.03.2026 £	Year ended 31.03.2025 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations	17	-	17	1,027
Total 2026	17	-	17	1,027
Total 2025	1,027	-	1,027	

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.03.2026 £	Year ended 31.03.2025 £
Charitable activities				
Big Lottery		20,000	20,000	
RDaSH		1,500	1,500	
Charitable activities	-	21,500	21,500	-
Total 2026	-	21,500	21,500	-
Total 2025	-	-	-	

3 Analysis of resources expended

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.03.2026 £	Year ended 31.03.2025 £
Charitable activities				
Digital Inclusion	-	-	-	334
BGET	-	-	-	900
Big Lottery	-	531	531	-
RDaSH	-	1,500	1,500	-
Transfer of funds to new provider	-	-	-	62,000
Total 2026	-	2,031	2,031	63,234
Total 2025	-	63,234	63,234	
Other				
Staff equipment costs	298	-	298	145
Stationary	-	-	-	251
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	-
National insurance	-	-	-	-
Pension	-	-	-	-
Redundancy costs	-	-	-	-
Stipends	7,700	-	7,700	6,375
Telephone & IT services	1,688	-	1,688	1,049
Subscriptions	120	-	120	331
Training	-	-	-	-
Legal and professional	47	-	47	2,864
Sundry Expenses	-	-	-	433
DBS Check	-	-	-	-
Insurance	618	-	618	798
Staff expenses	-	-	-	-
Accountancy and independent examiners fees	-	-	-	2,700
Consultancy fees	15,780	-	15,780	22,220
Meeting expenses	1,547	-	1,547	838
Travel and subsistence	-	-	-	254
Point of view project	-	-	-	1,044
Bookkeeping and administration	-	-	-	-
Total 2026	27,796		27,796	39,302
Total 2025	38,258	1,044	39,302	

4 Payments to trustees

a) No expenses were paid during the year in addition to the stipend disclosed in note 3 and a small number of direct reimbursements for charity expenses paid for personally by the trustees.

b) During the year, £250 was paid to one trustee for administration services provided to the charity (2025: £1,300).

5 Fees for examination

For the year ending 31 March 2026 the charity was not required under the Charities Act 2011 to obtain an independent examination, nor an audit, under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, of the financial statements. The members did not require the charity to obtain an independent examination nor an audit of its financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2026. The fee for the independent examination for the year ended 31 March 2026 was £nil (2025: £900). Other accountancy services were provided during the year amounted to £nil (2025: £1,800)

6 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was 0 (2025: 0).

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Year ended 31.03.2026 £	Year ended 31.03.2025 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,500	5,875
	1,500	5,875

8 Analysis of charitable funds

Current year	Balance at 01.04.2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31.03.2026 £
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery	-	20,000	(531)	19,469
RDASH	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
Restricted funds	-	21,500	(2,031)	19,469
Unrestricted funds	92,140	17	(27,796)	64,361
Total funds	92,140	21,517	(29,827)	83,830

9 Transactions with related parties

There were no related party transactions during the year (2025: £nil).

10 Control

Throughout the year, the charity was under the control of the board of Trustees.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.03.2026 £
Cash at bank and in hand	65,861	19,469	85,330
Other net current liabilities	(1,500)	-	(1,500)
Total net assets 2026	64,361	19,469	83,830

Prior year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.03.2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	98,015	-	98,015
Other net current liabilities	(5,875)	-	(5,875)
Total net assets 2025	92,140	-	92,140