END OF YEAR REPORT

2025



VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

East Durham Veterans Trust 1190445
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East Durham Veterans Trust Our Misson

East Durham Veterans Trust was founded in July 2020 as a Veterans Mental Health Charity; we support veterans and their families. Our mental health program consists of a combination of counselling and peer support groups.

At East Durham Veterans Trust, we appreciate that veteran health support is more than just counselling and peer support and many issues can affect a person's wellbeing. This is where our caseworkers are invaluable to the delivery of our core services and being able to give the level of support to the veterans and their families.

The caseworkers at East Durham Veterans Trust offer support with food & fuel poverty, housing, employment, benefit checks, pip claims, form filling, armed forces pension, armed forces compensation and white good support to name a few areas of support. Our caseworkers are mental health first aider trained and have completed various training courses including benefits and different types of benefits.

Additionally, to this level of support we have a social inclusion program, through our social inclusion program. We offer social inclusion groups from a Monday to a Saturday including Art, walking, photography, funday Friday, free meals, coffee morning, allotment, breakfast clubs to name a few areas.

Additionally, to these social inclusion groups we offer a wide range family trips and external programs for the benefit of veterans and their families.

CEO Review

2025 has been another fantastic year for East Durham Veterans Trust



East Durham Veterans Trust during the reporting period celebrated the fifth anniversary and being a registered charity. The last five years we have established East Durham Veterans Trust as one of the major support networks for veterans in the Northeast of England.

We have established our core services providing mental health support, practical support and social inclusion. Our mission is simply to provide tangible services for the veteran community and simultaneously creating safe spaces for veterans and their families.

“continue to strive for excellence in everything we do for the Veteran Community”

During the year we have engaged in some new projects, we were delighted and honoured to be able to be involved with the Armed Forces Covenant Thrive together program alongside the project leads Defence Medical Services and several national and local organisations.

At East Durham Veterans Trust, we know the benefits of the outdoors and how physical health can benefit an individual’s mental health, so we were delighted to be able to work alongside Sport England to be able to provide a physical activity program for veterans and their families which included paddle boarding and hill walking.

During the reporting period we have been able to be part of some amazing social and fundraising activities, taking veterans to Normandy for D Day week was a particular highlight as was our Summerbell.

The reporting period has been busy and brilliant, in so many ways and we are delighted to be able to continue to strive in excellence in everything we do for the veteran community.

2025 Snap Shot

300 Referrals into our Service

283 Service Users Attended Our Counselling Program

756 Service Users through our Doors in 2025

Over 2000 hours of counselling provided.

Services Overview

The services of East Durham Veterans Trust through the reporting period have been hugely in demand. The counselling service keeps going from strength to strength with more service users than ever before accessing the service we are offering the veteran community.

We have seen 300 referrals into the service with each one being triage by the caseworker's who have offered support in several areas including food & Fuel Poverty, Benefit support, Pip Claims, pension support, housing support etc.

The counselling program has thrived, we have been a developmental member of the Quality Network for Veterans Mental Health Services, and we have supported more service users than ever before through the services with over 2000 hours of counselling provided to veterans and their families.

Additionally, we have built on previous successes with our amazing social inclusion program offering a social inclusion program form a Monday to a Friday. Additionally, to this over the reporting period we have now added more family trips away including a fantastic trip to Normandy for D Day week. Alongside the family trip's we have also introduced a physical activity program with paddle boarding and hill walking included.

Overall, the services we offer at East Durham Veterans Trust are now embedded in our community and are making a difference to the lives of our veterans and their families.


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Thrive Together Program

During the reporting period we were delighted to be involved with the Thrive together program which was led by the Defence Medical Welfare Service. We worked alongside some of the biggest and best military charities from the UK. Our part of the program was to deliver a program for organisations and businesses. The aim of the program was to educate people working in these organisations about the experiences of veterans while serving and to help understand why veterans behave the way they do. Additionally, to this part of the program was to create referral pathways for veterans within these organisation who may need the help and support.

THRIVE TOGETHER

Empowering Veterans and Families: Creating Connections, Building Futures

New awards to build sustainable and resilient support networks for Veterans





The program has been hugely successful with various individuals and organisations receiving the training. It was great to meet so many veterans and many veterans' families through the program.

It has helped the people who have attended encourage veterans and their families to reach out and get help and to be able to emphasise with what they have gone through.

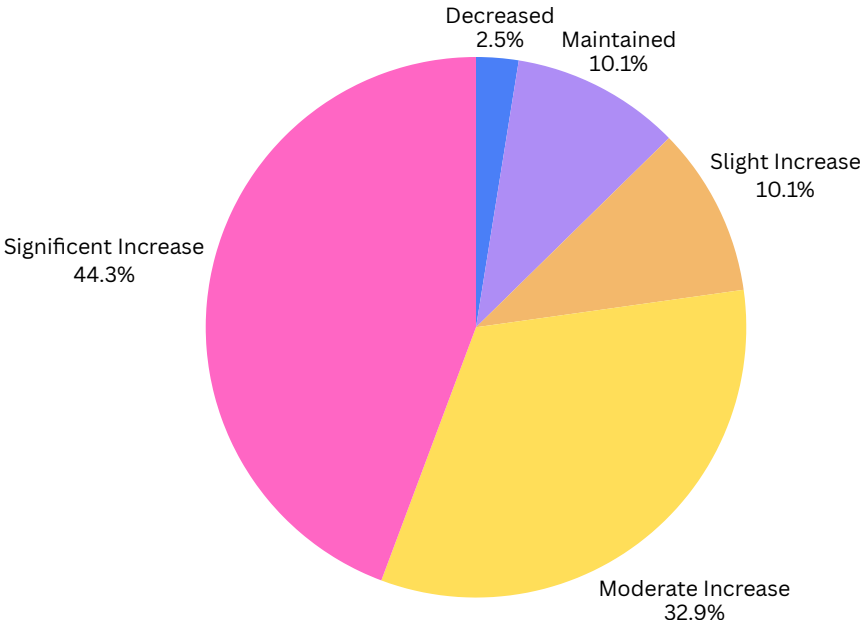
The second part of the program was to be able to help train veterans' champions in these organisations. This part of the program is still ongoing as we continue to offer workshops to organisations and businesses across the region.

THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUST

Mental Health Program

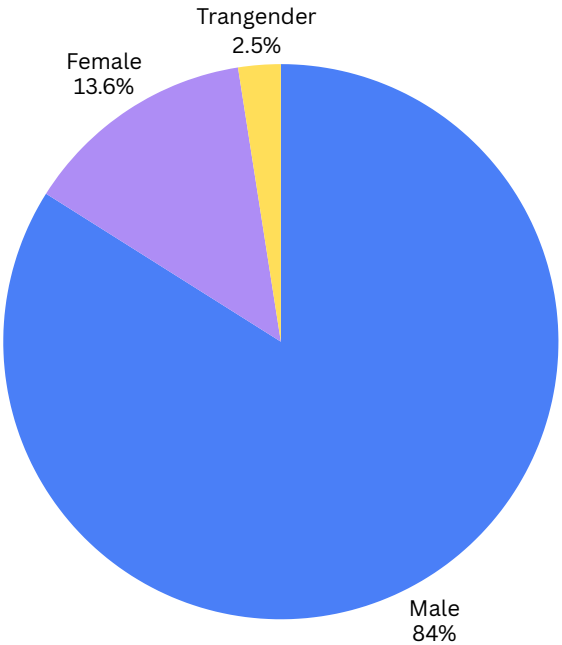
East Durham Veterans Trust was founded to be a veterans mental health charity, since been founded we have seen this service go from strength to strength. We have seen a huge increase in demand but at the same time we have maintained the amazing results our program receives.

40% INCREASE IN DEMAND IN 2025



We have seen amazing results from our counselling program with over 77% of service users attending scored in the top two tiers of a five-tier scoring system showing the progress that was made through this core service.

One of the main benefits of the counselling program is the diversity of the program, with male, female and transgender all attending the program in 2025.



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COMMUNITY FUND

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BALLINGER CHARITABLE TRUST

VETERANS' FOUNDATION

Normandy



Normandy 2025 was the first time that we ever took a group abroad and to be able to take a group of 16 to Normandy on D Day week was truly amazing.
The group visited all of the sites and museums across Normandy as well as being entertained by military planes flying overhead.





Normandy gave so many fantastic experiences for all those attending, this included meeting American WW2 veterans and listening to their experiences.

The group as well as visiting the sites and museums also visited the Great Britan, American and German war cemeteries and the trip was concluded with a wreath being laid at the British memorial in Bayeux.

Sign Off

CEO

Name..... ANDREW CAMMISS .....

Signature..... A. Cammiss .....

Chairman

Name..... David McKenna .....

Signature..... DMcKenna .....

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1190445

East Durham Veterans Trust

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2025

MITCHELLS LIMITED
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East Durham Veterans Trust

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2025

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East Durham Veterans Trust

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2025

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

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	East Durham Veterans Trust
Charity registration number	1190445
Principal office	The Leanne Kennedy Centre Queen Alexandra Road Seaham County Durham SR7 7NH

The trustees

Mr A Cammis	CEO
K J Shaw	Trustee
H L Jones	Trustee
N Rooney	Trustee
D McKenna	(Resigned 1 January 2025)
G M Morris	Trustee

Independent examiner	Elliott Hails ACA Mitchells Limited Swallow House Parsons Road Washington Tyne & Wear NE37 1EZ

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are for the benefit of veterans of all branches of the Armed Forces and their families living in East Durham.

1. The promotion of social inclusion among veterans to prevent them from becoming socially excluded and to relieve the needs of them and to help them integrate into society. For the purpose of this clause society "socially excluded" means excluded from society, or parts of society, due to mental health issues or as a result of being unable to adjust to a civilian environment.

2. To relieve financial hardship.

3. The relief of physical and mental sickness of persons in need by reasons of trauma such as combat post-traumatic stress disorder, addictions and isolation.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 27 October 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Andrew Cammiss (Oct 27, 2026 14:52:04 GMT)

Mr A Cammis
Director

East Durham Veterans Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of East Durham Veterans Trust

Year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of East Durham Veterans Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements 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.

E.Hails

E.Hails (Oct 27, 2026 14:52:51 GMT)

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East Durham Veterans Trust

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Year to 31 Dec 25 Unrestricted funds £	Year to 31 Dec 25 Total funds £	Period from 1 Feb 24 to 31 Dec 24 Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	**4**	173,781	173,781	135,134
Other trading activities	**5**	109,617	109,617	73,397
Total income		283,398	283,398	208,531
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	**6,7**	289,466	289,466	240,794
Total expenditure		289,466	289,466	240,794
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		(6,068)	(6,068)	(32,263)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		(3,232)	(3,232)	29,031
Total funds carried forward		(9,300)	(9,300)	(3,232)

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

The notes on pages 6 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

East Durham Veterans Trust

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	**12**		13,542		18,056
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		38,599		779	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13**	61,441		22,067	
Net current liabilities			22,842		21,288
Total assets less current liabilities			(9,300)		(3,232)
Net liabilities			(9,300)		(3,232)
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			(9,300)		(3,232)
Total charity funds	**15**		(9,300)		(3,232)

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 27 Oct 26, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Andrew Cammiss

Andrew Cammiss (Oct 27, 2026 14:52:04 GMT)

Mr A Cammis
Director

The notes on pages 6 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Leanne Kennedy Centre, Queen Alexandra Road, Seaham, SR7 7NH, County Durham.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

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

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

Tangible assets ***(continued)***

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

Depreciation

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

Motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of fixed assets

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

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

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

Financial instruments

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

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

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

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Gifts				
Albert Hunt	–	–	5,000	5,000
V3P Defence Medical Welfare	–	–	7,063	7,063
Army Benevolen fund	25,908	25,908	10,000	10,000
Believe Housing Li Group Grant	2,000	2,000	918	918
Community foundation	–	–	10,000	10,000
FAF Grant	1,166	1,166	2,332	2,332
Greggs foundation	–	–	17,815	17,815
Hadrian Trust	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Grocers Charity	–	–	5,000	5,000
Morrisons Foundation	–	–	3,000	3,000
Sainsburys Neoughbourly Grant	–	–	500	500

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants				
Armed forces covenant force for change	632	632	6,175	6,175
Ballinger trust	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000
CDCF - Community grant	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Durham county council (neighbourhood budget)	10,000	10,000	7,840	7,840
National lottery community fund	22,356	22,356	25,645	25,645
ESC lottery fund	14,094	14,094	–	–
Postcode community	35,000	35,000	–	–
Veterans foundation	31,625	31,625	17,846	17,846
The Macrobert trust	10,000	10,000	–	–
	173,781	173,781	135,134	135,134

5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	109,617	109,617	73,397	73,397

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising expenses	17,798	17,798	15,592	15,592
Support costs	271,668	271,668	225,202	225,202
	289,466	289,466	240,794	240,794

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2025 £**	Total fund 2024 £
Fundraising expenses	17,798	–	17,798	15,592
Administration expenses	–	271,668	271,668	225,202
	17,798	271,668	289,466	240,794

8. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,514	6,019

9. Independent examination fees

	Year to 31 Dec 25	Period from 1 Feb 24 to 31 Dec 24
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	1,560	1,560

10. Staff costs

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

	Year to 31 Dec 25	Period from 1 Feb 24 to 31 Dec 24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	181,104	143,033
Employer contributions to pension plans	5,482	4,820
Other employee benefits	505	495
	187,091	148,348

The average head count of employees during the year was 14 (2024: 14).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No trustees received remuneration during the financial year.

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £
Cost	
At 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025	32,100
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2025	14,044
Charge for the year	4,514
At 31 December 2025	18,558
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2025	13,542
At 31 December 2024	18,056

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	–	45
Accruals and deferred income	1,680	1,560
Social security and other taxes	59,511	20,462
Other creditors	250	–
	61,441	22,067

14. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £5,482 (2024: £4,820).

15. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	**At 31 December 2025**
	£	£	£	£
General funds	(3,232)	283,398	(289,466)	(9,300)

	At 1 February 2024	Income	Expenditure	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	29,031	208,531	(240,794)	(3,232)

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