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The Keepers' Annual Report and Accounts

1st January 2025 - 31st December 2025

Charity Incorporated Organisation No: 1192121

The Keepers - Wotton Area Community Hub

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Charity Information

TRUSTEES	Shaenna Loughnane (Chair) David Graham (Vice Chair) Gail Stephens Tuffee Laura Britton-Griffiths Katharine Hearn Catherine Braun Paul Rumley (resigned Jan 2026) David Lewis (appointed April 2025, resigned June 2026) Sally-Anne Barnes (Treasurer) (appointed January 2025) Dr Kim Sheil (appointed July 2025)
SENIOR MANAGEMENT	Chris Gordon - CEO Sara Musty - Volunteer Coordinator Simone Shephard - Outreach Manager (resigned May 2026)
REGISTERED OFFICE	The Keepers, Symn Lane, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL12 7BD
CHARITY NUMBER	1192121
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	MSK Solutions Ltd 2 Jasmine Close Redhill Surrey RH1 5LH
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank, 98 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 5JL

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Trustee Report

When planning the charity's activities the Trustees follow the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. This is the Trustees' report for the period 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025.

A word from our Chair



Shaenna Loughnane
Chair of Trustees

Looking back on 2025, I am struck by how far The Keepers has come during its first five years. What began as a response to local need has grown into a trusted network of hubs, outreach services, volunteers and professional partnerships supporting people across Wotton-under-Edge and the surrounding villages.

The figures in this report tell an important story. During 2025, our hubs welcomed 12,615 visits, supported by 150 active volunteers. We served 1,768 hot meals, distributed 2,573 community freezer meals - supporting 1,194 families - and hosted 543 visits from professional advisers. Behind every number is a person who found companionship, practical help, trusted advice or simply a welcoming place where they felt they belonged.

Listening remains at the heart of our work. Our annual We Hear You survey highlighted the pressures facing local people, including limited public transport, the cost-of-living crisis, affordable housing and social isolation. It also showed the difference The Keepers is making: 85% of respondents had found the support they needed, 91% knew where to ask for help, 92% had made friends and 99% enjoyed their time with us. Our volunteers also reported feeling confident, valued and strongly connected to our purpose.

During the year, we responded by expanding our volunteer transport service across more days and hubs and strengthening our outreach in the surrounding villages. We now operate or closely support four hub locations each week, alongside additional drop-ins at a school, nursery and sheltered housing schemes. Our work in Charfield has continued to flourish, and new partnerships have enabled specialist support relating to dementia, neurodivergence, and drug and alcohol recovery to be delivered within the community.

We also invested in our people. Appointing a new Duty Manager in Wotton has enabled other team members to spend more time working in our outlying communities, while our new Communications Coordinator is helping more people understand what is available and how they can become involved. Throughout this growth, our volunteers have remained the bedrock of The Keepers, generously giving their time, knowledge and care.

We know that the need for our work is not diminishing. Rural isolation, limited services and financial pressures continue to affect many local households. In 2026, we will expand our work in Charfield, strengthen food provision and continue taking support to people who might not otherwise reach us. We will also focus on diversifying our income so that our services remain sustainable.

To our staff, volunteers, donors, funders, partners, Trustees and everyone who has walked through our doors this year: thank you. The Keepers is shaped by the people who contribute to it and trust it. Together, we are creating more resilient, connected and supported communities - and I am very proud of what we continue to achieve.

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Our Purpose



The Keepers is a permanent resource supporting the needs of residents of Wotton and surrounding areas in Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire, helping them to be more connected to the services, groups and professionals that can provide support for health, wellbeing or financial hardship. The hub encourages community cohesion and is responding to needs of local residents.



The overall aim of The Keepers (as outlined in our Theory of Change) is resilient, connected and supported local communities. We focus on 4 key areas:

1. Reduce social isolation and loneliness
2. Provide relevant support for all caregivers
3. Meet people's basic needs
4. Help enable strong community connections

These are all underpinned by inclusion, accessibility, collaboration and signposting.



We run our own activities, host and refer to professional services, partner with other groups and organisations to run activities and groups, and host peer-to-peer support groups.

It is important that everyone feels they can both get support from the hub, and that their input back into it is invaluable. We ask people to: "Come as you are. Bring what you can. Take what you need."

The Keepers is fabulous. Their door is always open to absolutely everyone. They support with everything right across the board...

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Our Why

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Wotton Area Community Hub

From our 2025 We Hear You survey the biggest challenges facing our visitors were:

- 61% Public Transport
- 49% Cost of Living Crisis
- 31% Social Isolation
- 49% Affordable Housing
- 21% Elderly Care

Main motivations for visiting the hub:

- 69% Place to meet
- 16% Emotional wellbeing support

"The Keepers is there for all that need it. It is an amazing place that supports you and helps guide you where you need to go. It helps so many who really don't know where else to turn for help..."

"My daughter loves playing with her friends. Keepers Kidz has helped her confidence improve so much and we are both made to feel very welcome."

"I have enjoyed watching Keepers grow and become a household name in our local community and surrounding areas. It is a centre point for Wotton..."

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Who we do this for

Geographical isolation is the defining disadvantage across our area.
Local Authority research highlights that rural households are particularly affected by limited public transport, high fuel and energy costs, barriers to employment and training opportunities, and the increasing cost of living. This is reflected in the 2025 Index of Multiple Deprivation, where several local communities rank among the most deprived nationally for access to housing and services. Essential amenities such as affordable supermarkets and health services are often 10–25 miles away and are difficult to reach without a car. As a rural community situated on the edge of two local authority areas, people can often feel overlooked and disconnected from support. Transport services are limited, local services have increasingly withdrawn to larger towns and cities, and residents frequently struggle to access the help they need.

The people who benefit from our work include older people, carers, disabled people, neurodivergent individuals, people living with long-term health conditions, those experiencing poor mental health, people facing financial hardship and residents who are socially isolated. Many of the people using our services live alone and are at increased risk of loneliness.






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Our Theory of Change

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1 Reduce social isolation and loneliness

- Fewer people are lonely
- Fewer people feel isolated
- There are more opportunities to meet like-minded people

2 Support for caregivers

- More family support is available, visible and accessible
- Help families feel less alone and unsupported

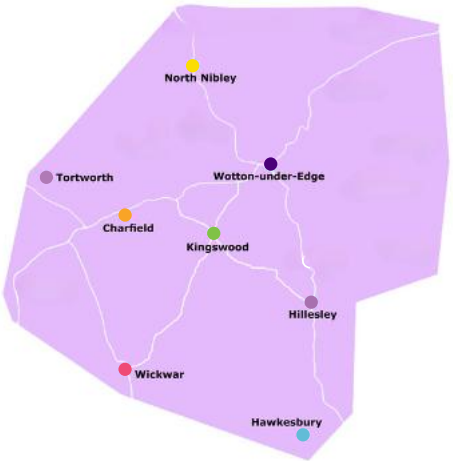
3 Meeting basic needs

- Everyone has access to food
- Everyone has access to basic finance and budgeting advice
- Opportunities are available for fitness advice

4 Community connection

- Hub becomes a resource and point of connection for local voluntary organisations and individuals

We exist to support those who live in Wotton-under-Edge and the surrounding areas.



Our Ultimate Goal

To create resilient, connected and supported **local communities**

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Our Purpose and Values

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Come as you are

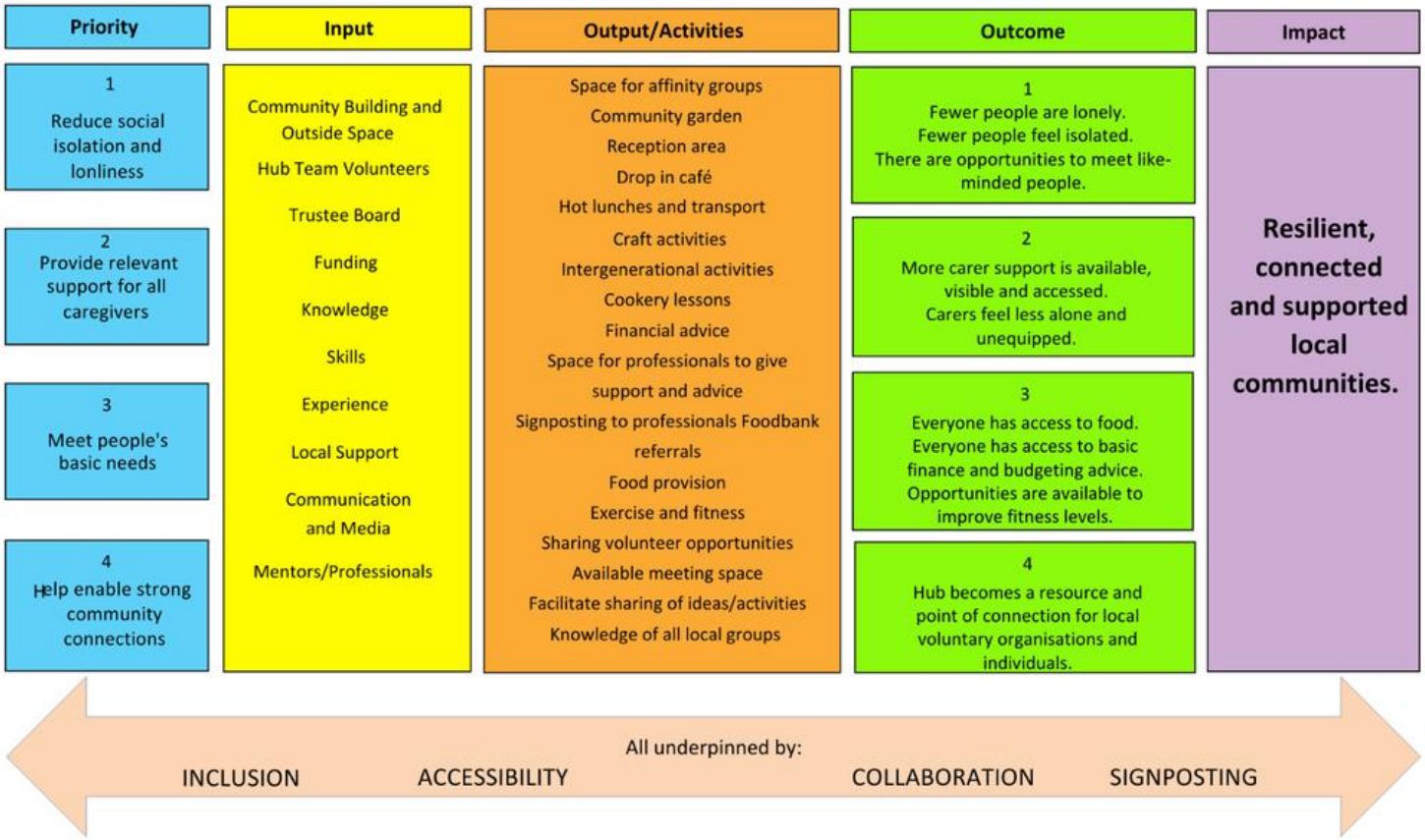
The Keepers is a non-judgemental, welcoming space that is inclusive and accessible to all, where it is OK for you to just be yourself.

Bring what you can

As a community-led hub, we value everyone's contribution and diverse ideas.

Take what you need

The Keepers helps to provide for the needs of our communities through creating connections, signposting and our own support.



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Our snapshot:

12,615

people visited our hubs (January-December 2025)

150

active volunteers

2,573

freezer meals have been given out from our community freezer.

1,194

visitors have been fed with freezer meals.

1,768

hot meals have been served from our kitchen.

543

visits have been made by professional advisers.

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Key Achievements

The Keepers
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Understanding the needs of the community

Yet again we conducted our annual We Hear You Survey which collects views from visitors, volunteers and visiting professionals. In 2025 we put a real focus on seeking out the views of our volunteers as they are the bedrock of our organisation. We started to have specific role-based half days with volunteers where we could understand in much greater detail any concerns they had or ideas to improve our service levels.

Meeting the needs of the community

We expanded our volunteer transport service across more days and hubs. We initiated drop-in advisory services through third party experts to help with dementia and neurodivergence. We also teamed up with VIA to provide a location for them to deliver their drug and alcohol rehabilitation programmes.

Outreach

Our work in Charfield continued to flourish and led to increased funding support which will see further expansion in 2026. We now consistently operate out of 4 hub locations every week with additional drop-ins at a local school, nursery and sheltered housing schemes.

People

As part of our need to expand our Outreach presence in the wider community we hired a Duty Manager two days a week at our central hub in Wotton. This meant that staff that were otherwise helping with Duty Manager tasks could go and visit some of our outlying villages more often. We also hired a Communications Manager to help professionalise the way we interact with our communities and ensure more people know about our services.

Financial Stability

We have continued to try and widen our income sources through promoting regular donations by individuals and businesses and cultivating stronger relationships with local statutory funding bodies. 2025 saw another increase in income with a related ability to deliver more services and better outcomes for the community.

Planning Ahead

We need to continue to diversify income streams as the overall grant funding landscape becomes more competitive. We will place a stronger emphasis on Community fundraising as we also continue to expand our delivery of services at a local level in outlying villages.

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We Hear You Survey 2025
In response to: Since visiting The Keepers...

- 85% I have found the support that I needed
- 91% I know where to go to ask for help
- 92% I have made friends here
- 99% I enjoy my time at The Keepers

We Hear You Survey 2025
In response to: Since volunteering at The Keepers...

- 97% I have a good understanding of The Keepers' values and how they support the local community
- 97% I feel confident in completing my tasks while volunteering
- 97% I feel valued as a volunteer
- 97% I enjoy my role at The Keepers



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Looking ahead to 2026

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Understanding the needs of the community

We will conduct our third 3-yearly wider community survey. This will be door-dropped to 7,000 households in our catchment area and will not only seek the views of people that we already know but those people who currently do not interact with The Keepers. Hopefully this will give us a good insight into our level of awareness and also point to any gaps in our service provision.

Meeting the needs of the community

We will look to further expand food provision across our hubs - we know this to be one of the primary ways we can encourage people to come into our spaces. From that we hope to be able to signpost to expert help and advice on matters such as housing, health and financial/legal advice. We also know that promoting food-based events is a highly successful way of promoting inclusion and intra-community bonds.

Outreach

2026 will see a real focus on growing our Charfield Hub. The village has seen dramatic population growth in recent years and it is in danger of becoming simply a commuter settlement for Bristol. We hope to expand our work alongside the likes of South Gloucestershire Council to help foster a more connected sense of community.

People

We plan to be able to continue funding the Duty Manager role in Kingswood and extend this provision to Charfield. We know how important it is to have a consistent and dedicated member of staff present to field queries from our visitors.

Financial Stability

We will look to expand the amount of income we can generate from community-based fundraising events as well as approaching Town and Parish Councils for financial support.

Planning Ahead

We know that it is key to continually seek out new interactions. This is so that we can increase our level of donor support, provide a healthy volunteer base and bring on board new expertise at Trustee level (if and when needed). Most importantly though, more interactions means the chance to support more people - our aim will be to get out into the community as much as possible.

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Financial Review

We started the year with total reserves brought forward from the previous year of £167,023. At the end of the year our total reserves increased by £10,019 to £177,042 of which £44,726 were restricted and £132,316 were unrestricted.

The vast majority of the restricted funds are for our Outreach work (£11,052) and for staff salaries (£27,486).

For this year, the main sources of income were Stroud District Council, South Gloucestershire Council, The National Lottery, other Trusts and Grant Funders and individual donors.

Compared to last financial year our total income rose by £23,275 and expenditure rose by £63,200.

All services (including the café, lunch and community freezer) are offered on a "Pay As You Feel" basis.

More detailed figures are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is set to ensure that our work is protected from the risk of disruption at short notice due to a lack of funds, whilst at the same time ensuring that we do not retain income for longer than required. The Trustees have determined that the Charity needs free reserves for the following purposes:

- To manage the risk of unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funds
- To protect against unforeseen income fluctuations
- To provide income for the effective running of the organisation and manage fluctuations in expenditure levels and unforeseen operational costs
- To protect against unforeseen expenditure
- To ensure the charity has enough income to cover wind-down costs - including 3 months operational costs and statutory redundancy payments for staff

Based on the above, the trustees have allocated to designated funds, from unrestricted funds, £65,541 (2024: £56,107) for potential closure costs, should the charity ever cease. If free undesignated unrestricted reserves exceed £85,000, we will plan to utilise these funds to further our charitable aims.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

We became registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 16th October 2020.

Governance

The Trustees meet on a mostly bi-monthly basis to approve the strategy, and review the finances, policy and governance of the charity. Day-to-day implementation and management is delegated to Gail Stephens Tuffee (Operations Trustee), Shaenna Loughnane, (Chair of Trustees), and the CEO. During the year the Trustees reviewed and updated new Trustee Board governance rules to strengthen and clarify operations.

The Trustees who served during the year are listed on page 3. New Trustees are appointed as necessary by a resolution of the majority of existing Trustees. New Trustees are recruited following a skills audit and period of open recruitment. They are then inducted both formally and informally. This includes meetings with the Chair of Trustees and other Trustees in advance of their first Trustees' meeting. They are also supplied with information from the Charity Commission concerning best practice and advice for new Trustees.

There are two conflicts of interest:

1.Shaenna Loughnane and Gail Stephens Tuffee are sisters. This is managed by Gail Stephens Tuffee not having access to the bank account and by key decisions being taken by a majority of Trustees.

2.Shaenna Loughnane is also the Landlord. This is managed by Shaenna Loughnane being absent from any discussions regarding the building, rent payments, etc.

Management responsibilities

Overall day-to-day management responsibilities were undertaken by Chris Gordon, Simone Shephard (Outreach Manager, resigned May 2026) and Sara Musty (Volunteer Coordinator). They were supported by Gail Stephens Tuffee (Operations Trustee), and Shaenna Loughnane (Chair of Trustees), both on a voluntary basis.

There are a number of volunteer receptionists who manage the reception area and café on a day-to-day basis.

The staff renumeration is reviewed annually and benchmarked against pay levels in other charities of a similar size. Where possible, remuneration levels are set at an average of the range paid for similar roles.

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Major Risks

The trustees actively manage a risk register which is reviewed at the monthly meetings. Mitigating steps are reviewed and taken. Major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, are:

- People – maintaining the current staff team, and finding the right number of experienced volunteers whilst maintaining commitment to the values of the charity.

- Governance – safeguarding risks as all volunteers and staff come into regular contact with children and adults at risk.

- Financial – over-reliance on grants. An increase in rent and utility bills.

- Operational – a rented, rather than owned building. Reputational risk if other groups use the facilities.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Charity 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 financial activities 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 of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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 and the provisions of the Constitution. 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.

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Independent examiner

The independent examiner, MSK Solution Ltd, have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a proposal for their re-appointment will be made at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the Trustees:

Signature: Signed by: Shaenna Loughnane 131AAF53DD2142E... Date: 10/5/2026

Shaenna Loughnane, Chair of Trustees

Signature: Signed by: Chris Gordon 413B83395BBD4E7... Date: 10/1/2026

Chris Gordon, CEO

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Keepers - Wotton Area Community Hub

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Keepers - Wotton Area Community Hub (the Charity) for the period ended 31 December 2025.

As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

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:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signature: DocuSigned by: DB131918A168493...

Date: 10/5/2026

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The Keepers - Wotton Area Community Hub Statement of financial activities for the period ended 31 December 2025

Income	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	54,758	180,868	235,626	205,741
Other trading activities	4	7,196	-	7,196	4,912
Other Income	4	6,143	-	6,143	15,037
Total income		68,097	180,868	248,965	225,690
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
Costs of raising voluntary income	5	1,501	134	1,635	2,642
Charitable activities	6	12,828	224,483	237,311	173,104
Total expenditure		14,329	224,617	238,946	175,746
Net (expenditure)/income		53,768	(43,749)	10,019	49,944
Gross transfers between funds		(2,443)	2,443	-	-
Net movements in funds		51,325	(41,306)	10,019	49,944
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	12	80,991	86,032	167,023	117,079
Total funds carried forward	12	132,316	44,726	177,042	167,023

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities. The charity has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above. The notes on pages 21 to 27 form an integral part of these financial statements

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The Keepers - Wotton Area Community Hub
Balance Sheet
As at December 31st 2025

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Current assets					
Debtors	9	633		1,030	
Cash at bank and in hand	10	193,297		174,427	
		193,930		175,457	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(16,888)		(8,434)	
Net current assets			177,042		167,023
Net assets			177,042		167,023
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	13		44,726		86,032
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds		66,775		24,884	
Designated Funds		65,541		56,107	
	13		132,316		
Total charity funds			177,042		167,023

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:
Shaenna Loughnane
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Shaenna Loughnane
Chair of Trustees

Date: 10/5/2026

Signed by:
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Sally-Anne Barnes
Treasurer to the Trustees

Date: 10/2/2026

The notes on pages 21 to 27 form an integral part of these financial statements

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The Keepers - Wotton Area Community Hub
Notes to the Accounts
January 1st to December 31st 2025

1 **General information** The Keepers - Wotton Area Community Hub is a charity, established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 16th October 2020. The address of the registered office is provided in the Charity information Section on page 3. Details of the charity's operations are provided in the Report of the Trustees.

2 **Accounting policies** The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The accounts include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Report, all of which are continuing.

Fund accounting policy Unrestricted income funds have been allocated between General Funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity and Designated Funds which have been reserved to cover potential costs if the charity were to ever cease.
Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose. Further details of each fund are disclosed in notes 12 and 13.

Income Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Gifts and services in kind are included at their estimated open market valuation.
Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received.

Volunteer help The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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2 Accounting policies (continued) Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of raising funds are the costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets greater than £5,000 and not financed by a grant, are capitalised and depreciated over 3 years on a straight line basis.

Capital Grants

Fixed Assets financed by Capital Grants are expensed directly to the Income and Expenditure Account.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees.

Going Concern

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.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Individuals	37,212	600	37,812	33,915
Corporate	8,777	375	9,152	2,800
Groups	3,111	-	3,111	4,986
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	5,158	-	5,158	810
	54,258	975	55,233	42,511
Grants				
Creative Sustainability		200	200	-
GL11 UK Shared Prosperity Fund		12,000	12,000	-
Gloucestershire Community Foundation		2,250	2,250	
J&M Britton Charitable Trust		820	820	-
Julia Rausing Trust		4,000	4,000	4,314
Kingswood Parish Council		1,000	1,000	-
National Garden Scheme		1,545	1,545	-
National Health Service		10,624	10,624	-
National Lottery		80,000	80,000	98,000
Nisbets			-	300
NRS (Magnox)		1,328	1,328	-
South Glos. Council		38,676	38,676	-
Stroud District Council		20,000	20,000	50,118
Thriving Communities		7,450	7,450	7,473
Wesleyan Community Fund			-	2,525
Wotton Town Council	500	-	500	500
	500	179,893	180,393	163,230
Total Donations and Grants	54,758	180,868	235,626	205,741

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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Severn Lottery	1,320	-	1,320	1,366
Room Hire	2,501	-	2,501	2,049
Bank Deposit Interest	3,000	-	3,000	1,322
Misc. Income	375	-	375	175
	7,196	-	7,196	4,912

Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising income	6,143	-	6,143	14,736
Management fee	-	-	-	301
	6,143	-	6,143	15,037

5 Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies				
Publicity and fundraising costs	852	134	986	1,662
Platform Collection Fees	649	-	649	980
	1,501	134	1,635	2,642

6 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grant funded activities	1,431	47,502	48,933	17,653
Non-grant funded activities	694	-	694	1,815
Support costs -see note 7 below	10,703	176,981	187,684	153,636
	12,828	224,483	237,311	173,104

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7 Support costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	-	152,948	152,948	119,055
Office expenses	3,359	17,391	20,750	21,027
Rent	-	6,600	6,600	6,600
Support - Staff	850	42	892	435
Support - other	729		729	864
Bank Charges	-		-	-
Accountancy	5,342		5,342	5,305
Independent examiner's remuneration	423		423	350
	10,703	176,981	187,684	153,636

8 Employees' remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year. Details of other related party transactions are set out in note 14. The costs of the remaining staff were as follows:

	Total 2025	Total 2024
Wages and salaries	143,838	118,568
Social security	3,854	1,878
Pension costs	5,256	3,091
	152,948	123,537

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the period. The total amount paid to key management personnel was £42,372. The average full time equivalent number of staff employed by the charity during the year analysed by function was:

	No.	No.
Average full time equivalent number of staff employed	4.70	4.37
The average number of staff employed (Headcount)	8	7

As at the end of December 2025, there were circa 150 volunteers on our books (December 2024:150)

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9 Debtors

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	-	893
Sundry Debtors	633	137
Accrued Income	-	-
	633	1,030

10 Cash at Bank and in hand

	Total 2025	Total 2024
Bank Accounts	193,284	174,414
Petty Cash	13	13
	193,297	174,427

11 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
Trade Creditors	-	-
Taxation and social security	2,833	5,080
Sundry Creditors	1,368	266
Accruals and Deferred Income	12,687	3,088
	16,888	8,434

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12 Analysis of funds

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Salaries	113,394	(136,666)		27,486	50,758
Food	8,475	(7,397)		4,056	2,978
Garden	5,225	(3,720)		1,505	-
Building improvements	-	(31,258)	112	-	31,146
Kitchen Equipment	3,000	(3,581)	581	-	-
Utilities, rent, heat, light etc.	19,150	(20,060)	910	-	-
Befriending		(1,490)	840	-	650
Christmas	4,000	(3,873)		627	500
Outreach	27,624	(16,572)		11,052	-
Total Restricted Funds	180,868	(224,617)	2,443	44,726	86,032
				-	
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	68,097	(14,329)	(11,877)	66,775	24,884
Designated Funds	-	-	9,434	65,541	56,107
Total Unrestricted Funds	68,097	(14,329)	(2,443)	132,316	80,991
Total Funds	**248,965**	**(238,946)**	**-**	**177,042**	**167,023**

Designated funds are those funds reserved to cover statutory redundancy payments and three months of running costs, should the charity ever cease

13 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	149,204	44,726	193,930	175,457
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(16,888)	-	(16,888)	(8,434)
Net assets	132,316	44,726	177,042	167,023

14 Related Party transactions

The charity operates from a property owned by Shaenna Loughnane (the Chair) and her husband and during the year rent of £6,000 (2024: £6,000) and utilities of £5,168 (2024: £5,150) was paid.

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