Improving Ilkley

Charity no. 1193192

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Period ended 31st January 2026

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Accounts for the period ended 31st January 2026

Report of the Board of Trustees/Directors for the period ended 31 January 2026

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the charity's financial statements for period ending 31st January 2025.

Structure, governance and management

Improving Ilkley is a CIO registered with the Charities Commission on the 22nd January 2021.

Governing Document:
Charitable Incorporated Organisation
(Foundation Structure)
Whose Only Voting Members Are its Trustees

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity.

Our Trustees

Joanne Jarvis

Matthew Ward

Louise Hepworth Wood

Public Benefit

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the public, in the neighborhood of Ilkley in West Yorkshire, and the surrounding area (hereinafter called the area of benefit). To promote the effective use of resources for charitable purposes by charitable and non-charitable bodies for the benefit of the public in the area of benefit by co-ordinating, encouraging and facilitating co-operation and partnership between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies. For the purpose of this article: (a) third sector means charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises. (b) charities are organisations which are established for exclusively charitable purposes in accordance with the law of england and wales. (c) voluntary organisations and social enterprises are independent organisations, which are established for purposes that add value to the community as a whole or a significant section of the community, and which are not permitted by their constitution to make a profit for private distribution.

Vision

Activities in 25/26

The primary activities in this financial year have been the starting and managing of the work to deliver the new Ilkley Town fountain. The project completed funding last year and work began with a completion date of February 2025. The formal opening was on 30th April 2025.
Due to the success of phase 1 a feasibility study and plan for phase 2 is in development.

Our supporters and donors:

We would like to thank our principal benefactors for project 2:

- Ilkley Town Council
- BMDC
- Ilkley BID

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Report of the Board of Trustees/Directors for the period ended 31 January 2026

In preparing the 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; • Adhere to agreed procedures for managing conflicts of interest; • State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

Financial Review

The charity has, through the successful grant applications, individual donations and fundraising activities secured a positive financial outcome.

Principal Funding Sources

The main income streams for the charity comprised of grant applications. Other income was received from several sources including fundraising activities; donations from individuals, businesses and local community groups.

Reserves Policy
The Trustees' policy is that the Charity should have sufficient unrestricted reserves to enable it to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due without prejudicing the ability of the Charity to raise funding and commit expenditure to its objectives.

The Trustees carefully considered the financial obligations of the company and have determined a reserve policy that is aimed at protecting a minimum reserve whilst managing funds to ensure that they are appropriately used to support the Charities aims. These are reviewed on an annual basis.

Aside from retaining a prudent level of reserves each year, the charity's funds will be invested in activities to further the objects as set out in our Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Board is committed to reinvesting any surplus funds, will on an annual basis review the charity's investment priorities and agree relevant investments to meet identified needs and opportunities aligned to our objects.

Risk Policy

The trustees have a risk management strategy that comprises:

- An annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces;
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

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Administrative information:

Improving Ilkley – Registered Charity (CIO) 1193192

Administration Address:
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West Yorkshire
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Contact details

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Independent Examiner:

Jody Kendall ACA

J Kendall ACA Ltd

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Bankers:

Virgin Money

Matthew Ward

Signed: 07 October 2026 · 19:49 BST
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Matthew Ward - Trustee

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Date
07/10/206

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Independent Examiners Statement

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2026.

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts 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.

Basis of 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

·the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

·the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

·the accounts did 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

Signed



Date 12/10/26

Jody Kendall ACA
J Kendall ACA LTD
8 Craiglands Park, Ilkley LS29 8SX

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Year ended 31st January 2025

	YE 31st Jan 2026	YE 31st Jan 2025
	£	
Receipts		
Grants and Donations - Fountain	9,490	86,728
Charitable activities	-	800
Other	54	416
Total income	9,544	87,944
Payments		
Project costs - Flower Beds		(350)
Project costs - Fountain	(9,603)	(81,785)
Administrative expenses	(147)	(320)
Total expenditure	(9,749)	(82,455)
Net receipts/(payments)	(205)	5,489
Net movement in funds	(205)	5,489
Fund balances brought forward	7,782	2,293
Fund balances carried forward	7,577	7,782

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year ended 31st January 2025	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	31st Jan 2026 £	31st Jan 2025 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets				
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-
Short term investments	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	7,976	-	7,976	8,082
Total current assets	7,976	-	7,976	8,082
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors and accruals	(400)	-	(400)	(300)
Total current liabilities	(400)	-	(400)	(300)
Net current assets / (liabilities)	7,576	-	7,576	7,782
Total assets less current liabilities	7,576	-	7,576	7,782
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	
Net assets	7,576	-	7,576	7,782
Funds				
Unrestricted funds	7,576	-	7,576	7,782
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Endowment funds				
Total funds	7,576	-	7,576	7,782

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Matthew Ward

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Matthew Ward – Trustee

Date: 07/10/2026

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1 Accounting Policies

Charity status

The charity is a CIO and consequently does not have share capital.

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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

Staff costs

The charity has no employees and no Trustees received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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2 Independent Examination Fee

The fee for independent examination of the accounts was £100 (Prior year: £100).

3 Contracted costs

There were no contracted costs as at the year end, or prior year end.

4 Grants and donations

Donations were made via the charity JustGiving page which managed the fundraising process.

5 Volunteers

For the fountain project a 'Fountain Delivery Group' was established. This group has an open membership and members gave time and expertise without compensation. The group numbered 5 in addition to trustees. Meetings were held regularly and decisions made by vote, in the instance of a hung decision, the trustees had the casting vote. All volunteers have agreed to remain for phase2 of the development.

6 Funds

The Charity has no restricted funds in 2026 or in the prior year 2025.