ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Trustees’ Annual Report and Independently Examined Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

Testlands CIO, registered charity number 1195023



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Welcome from the Trustees

The Trustees are pleased to present Testlands CIO's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

In 2025, Testlands worked at a scale it had never reached before, then deliberately prepared for what comes next. In the first three months of the year, we completed the two largest programmes in our history. The Inclusive Wellbeing Hubs supported 472 neurodivergent young people across Southampton and Portsmouth, and LEAD brought in- person energy advice to households across the city. In January, we opened Coxford Wellbeing Hub, giving young people and families in one of Southampton's most deprived areas a new place to meet, play and find support.



From the spring, our attention turned to the future. The Board approved Future in Balance, our ten-year strategy. We shaped it by listening to residents, partners, and professionals, and built it on our Intelligent Regeneration approach and five pillars of wellbeing: physical, mental, financial, environmental, and cultural. As we rolled out the strategy, our team developed Because We Care, the principle that now guides our culture and our decisions about what to build. In June, Southampton City Council appointed Testlands as long-term leaseholder of St Mary's Community and Leisure Centre, which will become our third community site. In September, we launched Alternative Provision at Green Lane and Coxford for young people who find mainstream education difficult. In the same month, commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, we began outreach with young people in Shirley. The year closed with a full refurbishment of the Green Lane gym, shaped by what members told us they wanted.

Growth brought real pressure. Delivering contracts far larger than any we had run before tested our cash flow and our ability to recruit enough staff, and close working with partners was essential to completing the programmes well. Those lessons now shape how we plan, and the new strategy commits us to strengthening our systems, finances and reserves as we grow.

The Board also changed during the year. Three new trustees joined, and the trustees who had overseen Testlands' early growth stood down once they were in place, strengthening independent oversight as we become a multi-site organisation.

Throughout all of this, the community hub at Green Lane opened its doors every day of the year, except Christmas Day. We thank our staff, volunteers, partners and funders, and above all, the children, young people and families who use our spaces and help shape what we do.



Samuel House
Trustee on behalf of the Board

Executive Summary

In 2025 Testlands completed its two largest programmes, opened a new hub, was chosen to run a third site and launched new support for young people outside mainstream education.

Inclusive Wellbeing Hubs

Completed in March. 472 neurodivergent young people were supported across 10 hubs in Southampton and Portsmouth, with every outcome target exceeded.

LEAD

Completed in March. Testlands led it and delivered it as SOEnergyWise, with 6,972 people receiving in-person advice across the project.

Coxford Wellbeing Hub

Opened in January with support from the Youth Investment Fund. Youth clubs, Saints Kicks and outdoor learning, with regular bookings from local community groups.

Million Hours

An estimated 176 additional hours of youth work and 528 attendances at Coxford.

Fusion

Our alternative provision at Green Lane supported 21 young people, with 16 moving successfully back into education.

Outreach in Shirley

64 hours of outreach commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, leading to two referrals to Alternative Provision.



The year in brief

St Mary's Community and Leisure Centre
Appointed long-term leaseholder in June, with the council's £2.5 million refurbishment continuing into 2026.

Green Lane Gym
After listening to members, we fully refurbished the gym in December, and it will reopen in January 2026.

Holiday clubs
Five venues and 168 days of provision, with around 3,840 child attendances across paid and HAF-funded places.

School PE and clubs
PE and extracurricular clubs in three partner schools, reaching around 840 pupils through PE, with around 2,000 hours of delivery.

Community events
Three major events at Testlands Hub drew more than 1,750 attendees across the End of Summer Festival, Halloween, and the Christmas Grotto.

Future in Balance
The Board approved our ten-year strategy in spring and introduced it to staff in the autumn, with a public launch in 2026.

Governance
A planned changeover brought three new trustees onto the Board.

During 2025, we provided over 80,000 wellbeing engagements (including repeat visits) through our community wellbeing hubs and programmes, helping children, young people, adults and families stay active, build confidence and connect with their communities.

We said, we did

In our 2024 report, we set out four commitments for the year ahead. This is how we delivered on them.

Co-design a long-term strategy with the community	Developed Future in Balance by listening to residents, partners and professionals. The Board approved it in spring 2025.
Continue developing our wellbeing hubs	Opened Coxford Wellbeing Hub in January and were chosen as long- term leaseholder of St Mary's in June.
Expand into more schools and education settings	Delivered PE and clubs in three partner schools and launched Alternative Provision with referrals from two secondary schools and two youth justice teams.
Secure multi-year funding and commissioning	We secured no multi-year agreements in 2025. This remains a priority under Future in Balance.



BECAUSE WE CARE

Who we are

Testlands is a community-focused charity working to improve wellbeing in Southampton. We bring people together through community spaces, activities and support, with a particular focus on children, young people and families. Our approach, Intelligent Regeneration, starts by listening to communities and developing opportunities around local needs, relationships and assets.

Our main site, Testlands Hub on Green Lane, is in Millbrook, and our Coxford Wellbeing Hub sits in the neighbouring ward. Together with Redbridge, these wards form the city's most deprived neighbourhood area. Millbrook and Redbridge are in the city's top three wards for children in need and child protection plans, and all three wards are among the four with the highest levels of special educational needs.



47.3%

of residents in Coxford, Millbrook and RedbridgeliveinEngland'smost deprived fifth of neighbourhoods, against 24.3% citywide

39%

of residents responding to the 2025 communitysafetysurvey felt safe in their area after dark

FUTURE IN BALANCE, OUR STRATEGY FOR 2025 TO 2035

Our vision, mission and values

OUR VISION

To build a city where wellbeing opportunities are accessible for all.

OUR MISSION

To create and enhance spaces, services and opportunities that remove barriers to wellbeing, empowering communities in Southampton to thrive.

OUR VALUES

Lead with Purpose

We take initiative, plan for the future, and shape change rather than just reacting to it.

Empower Communities

We equip people with the tools and spaces to take ownership of their own wellbeing.

Work in Partnership

We collaborate with organisations, groups and individuals to strengthen impact and reach.

Invest in Growth

We continuously learn, improve and develop our people, services and spaces to create lasting change.

Prioritise What Matters

We focus our time and resources on actions that create the greatest impact.

Listen, Then Act

We seek to understand before making decisions, so our services reflect real community needs.

Innovate and Adapt

We embrace new ideas, challenge assumptions and evolve to meet changing needs.



Five pillars of wellbeing

Future in Balance describes three long-term objectives : expanding access to wellbeing, creating thriving community spaces, and collaborating to extend our impact.

1

Physical

Activity and movement

2

Mental

Confidence,belonging and positive emotional health

3

Financial

Economic security and life stability

4

Environmental

Sustainable behaviours and places to thrive

5

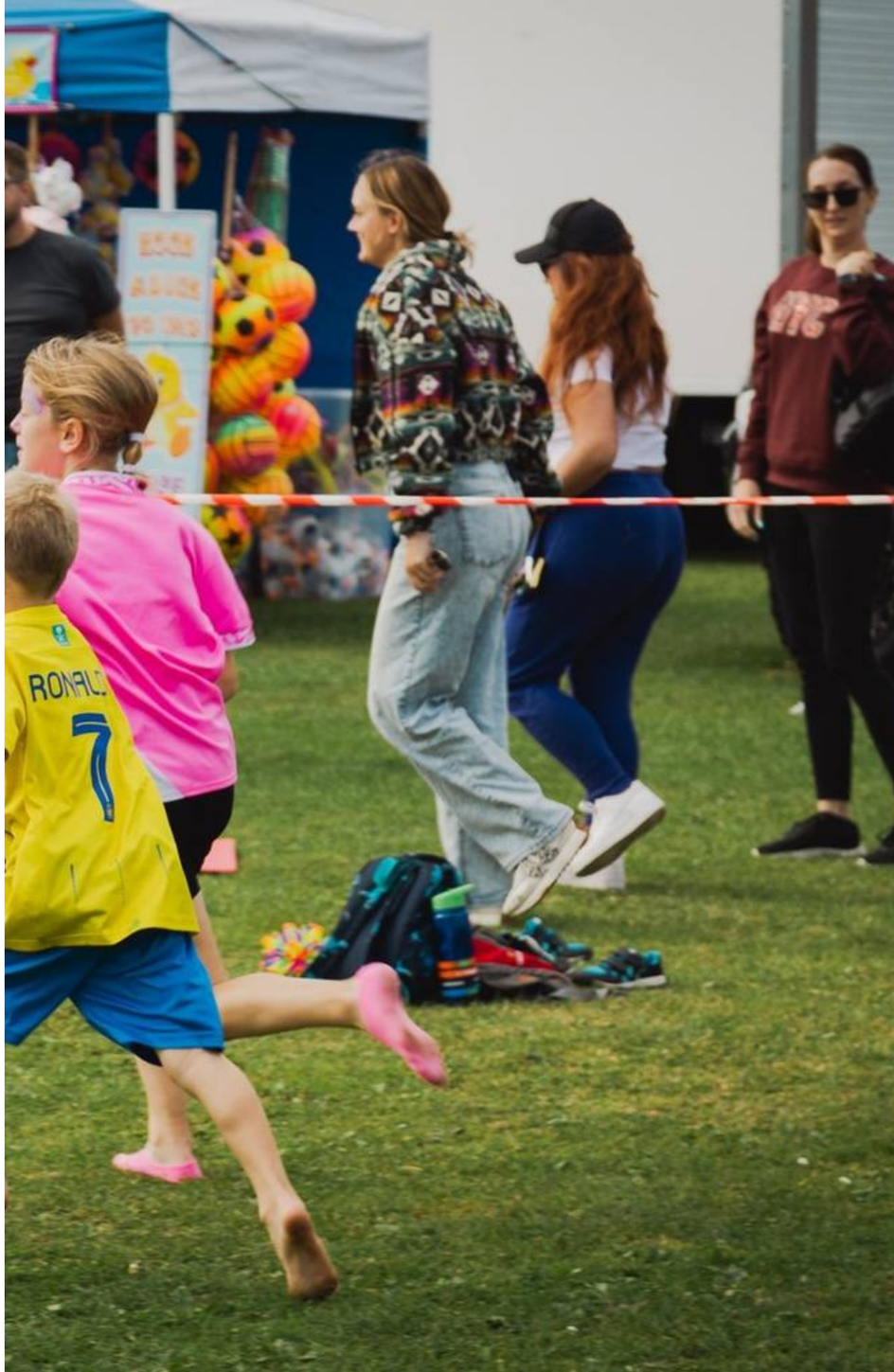
Cultural

Expression, creativity and celebrating identity

Our objects and public benefit

Our object, set out in our constitution, is to benefit the residents of Southampton and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions, by bringing together residents, local authorities and voluntary and other organisations to advance education and to provide facilities for recreation and leisure in the interests of social welfare, with the aim of improving residents' lives.

The trustees have followed the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We work in some of Southampton's most deprived neighbourhoods, and we keep cost from being a barrier to wellbeing. In 2025, this meant free wellbeing memberships, subsidised access to our wellbeing facilities and services, including youth clubs, and targeted holiday club provision, with free HAF-funded places for eligible children.



ENGAGEMENT & IMPACT

LEAD: warmer homes, one conversation at a time

From April 2023 to March 2025, Testlands led LEAD (SOEnergyWise), one of 36 national demonstrator projects funded by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero to test new ways of giving people face-to-face energy advice. Our own staff, trained to NEA Level 3, served as team leader and energy advisers, bringing practical help to community drop-ins and local services.

Demand went far beyond anyone's expectations. By the time LEAD closed, the project had given in-person advice to 6,972 people: 170% of its 4,090 target, with about 997 of them in the final three months. It identified 530 people in vulnerable circumstances and ran 137 outreach sessions and drop-ins, against a target of 90. Follow-up surveys found that some households halved their energy bills after installing a heat pump.

Not everything was easy. Grant schemes were hard to access, and many households couldn’t afford improvements themselves. That learning now informs how we approach financial and environmental wellbeing.

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530
people in vulnerable circumstances identified

137
outreach sessions and drop- ins against a target of 90



OPENED JANUARY 2025

Coxford Wellbeing Hub

Coxford Wellbeing Hub opened in January 2025, funded by the Youth Investment Fund, a government programme for areas with high youth need and too little provision.

In its first year, the hub had youth clubs, Saints Kicks football and outdoor learning, and became a regular base for the wider community. From March, local community groups booked the hub regularly, and it now welcomes hundreds of visitors a week. Alongside the hub's youth provision and partnership work, the area saw reduced anti-social behaviour.





OUR ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

Fusion

Fusion is our successful alternative provision, run from Green Lane. During 2025, it supported 21 young people who find mainstream education difficult, giving them a consistent setting and trusted adults to work with.

Referrals came from schools across the Southampton City Council and Hampshire County Council areas, as well as from young people working with the Youth Justice Service. Schools and local authorities funded the provision.

Southampton secondary suspension rate, 2023/24

29.08%

England 22.61%

Secondary persistent absence

29.2%

England 25.6%

21

Young people supported by Fusion

16 of 21

Moved successfully back into mainstream education

All 21

Improved their attendance

COMMISSIONED BY THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Outreach in Shirley

In spring 2025, police used dispersal orders in Shirley after reports of anti-social behaviour involving young people rose. From September, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner commissioned Testlands, through Children's Services, to deliver outreach in Shirley alongside joint police and security patrols. We delivered 64 hours of outreach, working directly with young people at risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour. This work led directly to two referrals into Alternative Provision at Green Lane.

64

hoursofoutreach in Shirley

2

referrals into Alternative Provision at Green Lane



Million Hours

Million Hours funding supported youth clubs and Saints Kicks sessions at Coxford Wellbeing Hub through 2025, including weekly football and twilight outdoor learning. Based on the session timetable, this added an estimated 176 hours of youth work and 528 attendances across the year.

176
estimated additional hours of youth work

528
attendances across the year



Investing in the Green Lane gym

In 2025, after listening to members, we decided to completely refurbish the Green Lane gym, adding new equipment and upgrading the building's infrastructure. We completed the refurbishment in December 2025, and the new gym opened in January 2026.

Membership fell to 75 in the old gym during the year. We hope to increase membership significantly when the refurbished gym reopens.

Member feedback shaped our plans. Priorities included replacing ageing equipment, expanding strength-training opportunities, and maintaining an affordable, welcoming community gym. These informed our investment in Technogym equipment and improvements to the training space, alongside our commitment to accessible membership prices and support for people with different levels of confidence and experience.





Holiday clubs

Holiday clubs ran at five Southampton venues: Oasis, Bevois Town Primary, St Denys Primary, Tanners Brook Primary and Oakwood Primary. Paid places were available year-round, alongside HAF-funded places during eligible holidays. Across 168 days of provision, the clubs recorded around 3,840 child attendances.

A parent’s experience

One parent described their child’s regular attendance at the Oasis and Oakwood holiday clubs. Familiar school friends helped the child settle in with confidence. The parent valued the affordable fees, the choice of short or long days, and the range of activities, including sport, arts and crafts, film time, and dance, and described welcoming staff, new friendships, and a child coming home happy and keen to talk about the day.

Growing our work in schools

In 2025, we increased the number of wellbeing weeks we delivered in our partner schools, alongside regular PE and extracurricular clubs in three partner schools. We also increased attendance at, and provision of, our after-school clubs. Lunchtime clubs typically drew around 60 children per session, and after-school clubs around 20.

Staff saw children grow more confident and take part more in physical activity, with positive behaviour and leadership developing alongside their learning about wellbeing.

840
pupils reached through PE

2,000
hours of delivery across the school year





Community events

Testlands Hub hosted three major community events in 2025, bringing families together and strengthening relationships around the hub.

1,000+
people at the Halloween community event

400+
at the End of Summer Festival

350+
children at the Christmas Grotto

Wellbeing Champions

A programme completed, a model taken forward

Our Wellbeing Champions programme, funded through the SNG #iwill Fund, ended in March 2025. In 2024, our young leaders delivered 1,568 hours of youth-led wellbeing activity.

In 2025, we built on what they taught us, and in November, we applied to the National Lottery #iwill Fund to grow it into a citywide Youth Research and Action Network, training young people as researchers, decision-makers and leaders in their own communities.

1,568

hours of youth-led wellbeing activity in 2024



Green Lane

Busy through a year of change

Green Lane opened its doors every day of the year except Christmas, welcoming over 50,000 visits, compared with 48,000+ in 2024. Gym membership reduced steadily through the year, and we hope to rebuild it when the refurbished gym opens in January 2026.



Feedback from Green Lane users

Public reviews describe Green Lane as a friendly, welcoming place for exercise, group activities and family celebrations, highlighting regular gym and badminton use, helpful staff, flexible room bookings and enjoyable parties.

> **“Fantastic place, play badminton every week. Love it”**
> Badminton user

> **“Booking was easy and they were really flexible when I had to change the date.”**
> Party organiser

> **“Really did make me feel proud to be part of the community”**
> Halloween event attendee







CASE STUDY 1

Alternative Provision

Alternative Provision gives young people who find mainstream education difficult a consistent setting and a trusted adult. Young people referred to the provision said they felt safe, were listened to and were learning to manage their emotions. They also described learning about leadership, respect and trust through the 7 Habits programme.

A partner school also gave positive feedback on pupils' interactions and their day-to-day outlook.

Participant story

A young person joined us after struggling to attend school regularly and engage with learning. We focused first on building trust, creating a predictable routine and finding practical activities that encouraged them to take part.

Over a 12-week placement, staff combined physical activity, practical learning and individual support. Small, achievable goals helped them experience success, and regular contact with the referring school kept our approach consistent.

As relationships grew, they became more willing to join in, work alongside others and try unfamiliar tasks. By the end of the placement they were attending their agreed sessions more consistently and beginning a supported return to learning at school.



CASE STUDY 2

Inclusive Wellbeing Hubs

The largest programme in our history

Between April 2024 and March 2025, we led something Southampton and Portsmouth hadn't had before: short breaks built around neurodivergent young people aged 11 to 25, many of whom had never qualified for traditional support. Funded by the Department for Education's Short Breaks Innovation Fund, we brought together 17 local providers across 10 hubs, offering music, sport, gymnastics, animal care, creative media, gaming and forest school.

472 young people took part. That was fewer than the 600 we aimed for, but the programme beat every one of its outcome targets, each of which was set at 50%:

96%
saidtheir emotional wellbeing hadimproved

73%
improved their school attendance

68%
ofthoseat riskofexclusion hadfewer exclusions

87%
of parents and carers saw better relationships at home



“These are my people.”

88% of parents and carers told us their child was happier more often. Young people who had been anxious, isolated or out of school made friends, travelled on their own, performed for the first time and took the lead. One young person summed it up: **“These are my people.”**

Every provider was trained in inclusion and safeguarding, and we ran 12 workshops for parents and carers, two more than planned. When the funding ended, we handed the model to both councils with a kitemark and toolkit, so it can shape how short breaks are commissioned in future. The approach continued at Green Lane and Coxford through the rest of 2025.

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of parents and carers said their child was happier more often

12

Workshops for parents and carers, two more than planned



FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

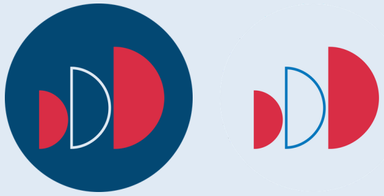
How we funded our work in 2025, how we are governed, and the risks we manage.

Financial Review

Income fell from £1,693,941.86 in 2024 to £797,982.92 in 2025 following the planned end of the Inclusive Wellbeing Hubs and LEAD programmes in March. Expenditure was £1,047,640.17, resulting in a deficit of £249,657.25, met from accumulated unrestricted funds. Total funds at 31 December 2025 were £290,485.35. Strengthening financial resilience and rebuilding reserves remain priorities under Future in Balance.

Measure	2024	2025
Total income	£1,693,941.86	**£797,982.92**
Total expenditure	£1,373,759.71	**£1,047,640.17**
Net income/(expenditure)	£320,182.15	**(£249,657.25)**
Funds carried forward	£540,142.60	**£290,485.35**

Principal funding sources
Charitable activities: £751,666.88.
Government and other charity grants: £46,316.04.



Reserves, going concern and independent examination

Reserves

Our policy is to hold free reserves equal to six months of operating costs, protecting services if income is delayed or a contract ends. At 31 December 2025, unrestricted funds were £290,485.35. After deducting tangible fixed assets of £48,647.14, free reserves were £241,838.21, with no designated funds disclosed. Rebuilding reserves towards our six-month target remains a priority under Future in Balance.

Going concern

In approving the accounts on 29 October 2026, the trustees considered financial projections and current economic conditions. They reasonably expected the charity had adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. The final accounts are therefore prepared on a going concern basis.

Independent examination

Antoinette Le Peuple of Sort Your Accounts Hampshire Ltd. has independently examined the accounts. Our in-house finance team handles day-to-day bookkeeping.

Structure, governance and management

Testlands is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered charity 1195023), governed by its Board of Trustees under a Foundation model constitution last amended on 23 March 2021. The trustees are the CIO's only members.

Trustees and the 2025 changeover

During 2025, the Board completed a planned changeover. Founding trustee Luke Newman stood down on 1 January 2025 and was replaced the same day by Samuel House. Founding trustees Joe Crook and Mark Bigwood stood down on 30 May 2025 and were replaced that day by Simon John Gale and Sara Merriman. The changeover strengthened the Board's independence as Testlands grows. The Board met regularly through the year. Trustees considered meeting arrangements, access to papers, roles and independent oversight. In reviewing plans for new sites, they questioned whether capacity and funding would be sufficient if several bids succeeded. Strategy development and the gym investment were also brought to the Board.

Current trustees

Samuel House

Simon John Gale

Sara Merriman

Recruitment, appointment and induction

Trustees are appointed by resolution at a properly convened Board meeting for a three-year term, chosen for the skills, knowledge, and experience the Board needs. New trustees receive the constitution and the latest annual report and accounts when they are appointed.

Delegation

The Board sets strategy, approves budgets and oversees performance and risk. It delegates day-to-day management to the Chief Executive and the Senior Leadership Team, within the budget and policies the Board approves.

Trustee benefits and related parties

No trustee received any remuneration, benefits or reimbursed expenses during the year. There were no related party transactions.



Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Testlands CIO
Legal form	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation model)
Registered charity number	1195023
Principal address	Testlands Hub, Green Lane, Southampton SO16 9FQ
Trustees	Samuel House, Simon John Gale and Sara Merriman
Chief Executive	Luke Newman
Independent examiner	Antoinette Le Peuple, Sort Your Accounts Hampshire Ltd, 87 The Hundred, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 8BZ
Bankers	NatWest

Principal risks and our response

Risk	Response
Funding and cash flow during growth	Diversified income
Workforce capacity	Training, supervision and close working with partners
Safeguarding and operational safety	Training and supervision
Data protection	Data agreements and a breach register
Obligations of new sites	Professional legal advice on new leases

At the time of approval, the risks the Board continues to watch most closely are cash flow, the obligations of taking on St Mary's, and replacing the income from the large programmes that ended in 2025.

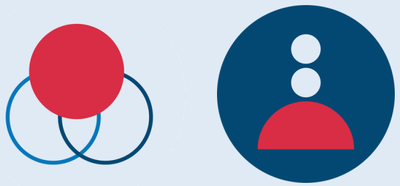
Safeguarding, inclusion and fundraising

Safeguarding and inclusion

Safeguarding and inclusion underpin our approach to community wellbeing. Our approach centres on clear reporting procedures, staff and volunteer training, and safer recruitment, including DBS checks where relevant. Our safeguarding lead supports staff in recognising and responding to concerns, and trustees provide oversight and accountability. We make participation accessible through activity adjustments, clear communication with families, and support suited to individual needs.

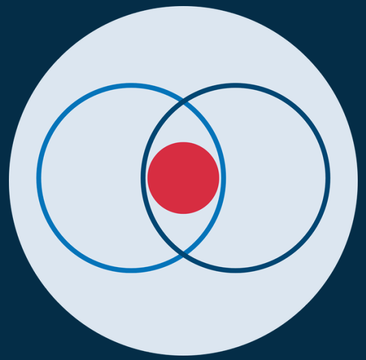
Fundraising

We raise funds through grants, commissioned services, community events and public donations. We aim to be clear about how we use funds, respect supporters' choices, and treat everyone fairly. We manage fundraising internally and do not use third-party fundraisers. We aim to follow the principles of the Code of Fundraising Practice, including openness, honesty and respect for people who may be vulnerable. We received no fundraising complaints in 2025.



COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIPS

A third site, city-wide partnerships and the funders who made 2025 possible.



OUR THIRD COMMUNITY SITE

St Mary’s Community and Leisure Centre

St Mary’s Community and Leisure Centre is a Grade II listed building serving one of Southampton's most deprived neighbourhoods. After several years of uncertainty about its future, Southampton City Council sought a charity or community organisation to run it on a long-term, low-cost lease. In June 2025, the council’s Cabinet approved Testlands’ appointment as the centre’s long-term leaseholder.

The centre closed at the end of March 2025 so that the council could carry out a £2.5 million programme of essential repairs. The works began in the autumn and continued into 2026. We plan to introduce new work on mental health, social inclusion and life skills. St Mary’s will be Testlands’ third community site and our first beyond the west of the city.



Working across the city

We worked with local authorities, higher education, sport and physical activity bodies, voluntary sector networks, schools and other education partners. These partnerships supported delivery, helped address workforce capacity and connected local people with opportunities and support.

Testlands also contributed to the city's strategic work through the Young Southampton Board, the Child Friendly Board, the Children and Young People's Strategic Board, the SEND Partnership Board, the Early Intervention and Prevention Board, the Sport England place-based partnership, the Oasis Hub Council, and the Millbrook Action Group.

We also took part in city networks including the Southampton Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership, the Physical Activity Alliance, the Participation Steering Group, the SEND VCSE forum, Healthwatch Southampton, the Southampton VCSE Alliance, Southampton Forward, the Upskill Network, Community Playlink, Leading Movement and the Safer and Prosperous Localities and City Centre sub-group.



Our partners in 2025

Funders and programmes

- Department for Education
- Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
- Youth Investment Fund
- Million Hours Fund
- HAF
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Public bodies

- Southampton City Council
- Portsmouth City Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Sport England

Boards and city networks

- Young Southampton
- Child Friendly Board
- CYP Strategic Board
- SEND Partnership Board
- Early Intervention and Prevention Board
- Sport England place-based partnership
- Oasis Hub Council
- Millbrook Action Group
- Southampton Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership
- Physical Activity Alliance
- Participation Steering Group
- SEND VCSE forum
- Healthwatch Southampton
- Southampton VCSE Alliance
- Southampton Forward
- Upskill Network
- Pathways to Health
- SEND Partnership
- Safer and Prosperous Localities



Plans for the future

Futurein Balance,our strategy for 2025to2035, was developed during 2025 by listening to residents, partners and professionals. The Board approved it in spring 2025. We introduced it to our staff team in the autumn, and it launches publicly in 2026, when delivery against its goals begins.

Our priorities are to:

- open and run new community sites, starting with St Mary's
- deepen our place-based work in the neighbourhoods we serve
- grow youth leadership
- strengthen our systems and finances, and rebuild our reserves to six months of operating costs.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

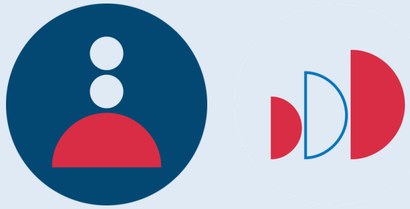
The trustees must prepare the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs, its income, and how it applied resources for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees must keep proper accounting records that, with reasonable accuracy, disclose the charity's financial position at any time and enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and therefore for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.



Acknowledgements

We thank our staff and volunteers for their time and care, our partners and funders for their support, and the children, young people, families and residents who take part in our activities and help shape our work. Their contributions remain central to Testlands' role in Southampton.

We particularly acknowledge Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council, Hampshire County Council, the Department for Education, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, and the National Lottery. We also thank SNG and the #iwill Fund for supporting our Wellbeing Champions programme, which concluded in March 2025.

Our thanks extend to the schools, community organisations, delivery partners, individual donors and volunteers who gave their time, skills and care.



Approval of the report

Approved by the trustees on 30th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Samuel House
Trustee

Signature

Date 30th October 2026

Testlands

Charity Registration Number : 1195023

TESTLANDS CIO

A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)
INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2025

TESTLANDS CIO

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TESTLANDS CIO

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Trustees	Simon John Gale Sam House Sara Merriman
Charity Number	1195023
Registered Office	Testlands Hub Green Lane SOUTHAMPTON SO16 9FQ

TESTLANDS CIO

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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

Trustee's report and financial statements

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Sam House

Sara Merriman

Simon John Gale

Trustee's responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Sam House
Trustee

Date : **29 October 2026**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	46,316.04	46,316.04	110,994.68
Charitable activities	4	751,666.88	751,666.88	1,582,947.18
Total		**797,982.92**	**797,982.92**	**1,693,941.86**
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	92,897.37	92,897.37	226,391.81
Charitable activities	6	855,608.68	855,608.68	1,038,767.84
Other	8	99,134.12	99,134.12	108,600.06
Total		**1,047,640.17**	**1,047,640.17**	**1,373,759.71**
Net income/(expenditure)		**(249,657.25)**	**(249,657.25)**	**320,182.15**
Net movement in funds		**(249,657.25)**	**(249,657.25)**	**320,182.15**
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		540,142.60	540,142.60	219,960.45
Total funds carried forward		**290,485.35**	**290,485.35**	**540,142.60**

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	48,647.14	3,014.61
Total fixed assets		**48,647.14**	**3,014.61**
Current assets			
Debtors	10	228,584.88	594,324.96
Cash at bank and in hand	11	83,919.96	495.65
Total current assets		**312,504.84**	**594,820.61**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	70,666.63	57,642.54
Net current assets		241,838.21	537,178.07
Total net assets		**290,485.35**	**540,192.68**
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	13	290,485.35	540,142.60
Restricted funds	13	-	-
Endowment funds	13	-	-
Total funds		**290,485.35**	**540,142.60**

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 29 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Sam House
Trustee

Date : **29 October 2026**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. General Information

Charity for Testlands CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The registered office is Testlands Hub, Green Lane, SOUTHAMPTON, SO16 9FQ.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

2.2 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts 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)” (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest penny.

2.3 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
General grants provided by Government/other charities	46,316.04	46,316.04	110,994.68
Total	**46,316.04**	**46,316.04**	**110,994.68**

4. Income from Charitable Activities

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Sale of service	751,666.88	751,666.88	1,582,947.18
Total	**751,666.88**	**751,666.88**	**1,582,947.18**

5. Expenditure on Raising Funds

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	53,171.28	53,171.28	60,952.89
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	39,726.09	39,726.09	165,438.92
Total	**92,897.37**	**92,897.37**	**226,391.81**
Support Costs	-	-	-
	92,897.37	**92,897.37**	**226,391.81**

6. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Interest payable	-	-	6,000.00
Bank charges	8,507.36	8,507.36	4,556.73
Charity running cost	54,808.59	54,808.59	112,072.22
Printing and stationery	11,807.70	11,807.70	5,200.29
Wages and salaries	746,011.61	746,011.61	888,015.60
Total	**821,135.26**	**821,135.26**	**1,015,844.84**
Support Costs	34,473.42	34,473.42	22,923.00
	855,608.68	**855,608.68**	**1,038,767.84**

7. Support Costs

	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
Analysis	£	£
Support Costs		
Governance Costs		
Accountants fees	34,473.42	22,923.00
	34,473.42	**22,923.00**

8. Other Expenditure

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Depreciation Charge for the Year - Plant & Machinery	5,538.78	5,538.78	68.20
Depreciation Charge for the Year - Motor Vehicles	3,729.00	3,729.00	-
Depreciation Charge for the Year - Fixtures & Fittings	7,781.58	7,781.58	663.00
Depreciation Charge for the Year - Computer Equipment	2,437.55	2,437.55	654.90
Other Expenditure	79,647.21	79,647.21	107,213.96
Total	**99,134.12**	**99,134.12**	**108,600.06**

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment
	£	£	£	£	£
9.1 Cost or valuation					
At 01 January 2025	-	-	11,300.00	-	-
Additions	-	27,693.90	-	23,580.54	7,386.52
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	**-**	**27,693.90**	**11,300.00**	**23,580.54**	**7,386.52**
9.2 Depreciation and impairments					
At 01 January 2025	792.72	379.29	-	-	654.90
Charge for the year	-	5,538.78	3,729.00	7,781.58	2,437.55
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	**792.72**	**5,918.07**	**3,729.00**	**7,781.58**	**3,092.45**
9.3 Net book value					
At 01 January 2025	(792.72)	(379.29)	11,300.00	-	(654.90)
At 31 December 2025	**(792.72)**	**21,775.83**	**7,571.00**	**15,798.96**	**4,294.07**

10. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

Analysis of Debtors	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£
Prepayments & accrued income	68,313.24	351,463.99
Trade debtors	160,271.64	242,860.97
Total	**228,584.88**	**594,324.96**

11. Cash at bank and in hand

Analysis	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£
Cash in hand	83,919.96	495.65
Total	**83,919.96**	**495.65**

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

Analysis of Creditors	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	29,851.60	34,903.47
Taxation and social security	40,815.03	22,739.07
Total	**70,666.63**	**57,642.54**

13. Charity funds

13.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
Total	**540,142.60**	**797,982.92**	**1,047,640.17**	**290,485.35**

13.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
Total	**219,960.45**	**1,693,941.86**	**1,373,759.71**	**540,142.60**