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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2025

FOR

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. Objectives and activities

To further or benefit the residents of Laindon & Langdon Hills and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

b. Public benefit statement

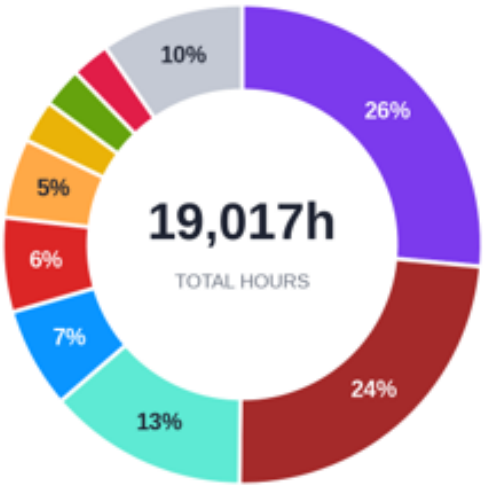
The CIO has provided sporting, social and structured activity to a wide cross-section of the community. The Activity centre has provided classes and recreational pastimes to the over 50's while other groups have catered for children's, young adults, teenagers and adults.

BOOKINGS · 1 DEC 2024 – 30 NOV 2025

The year at a glance

Room and court bookings across the centre, by month

TOTAL BOOKINGS	TOTAL HOURS	CATEGORIES	AVG OCCUPANCY	MONTHS COVERED
9,218	19,017h	18	35.5%	12



SHARE OF TOTAL BOOKED HOURS

- Badminton **26.5%**
- Dancing **23.7%**
- Other **13.5%**
- Football **6.8%**
- Churches **6.4%**
- Children's Party **5.4%**
- Martial Arts **2.9%**
- Majorettes **2.7%**
- Zumba **2.6%**
- 9 smaller categories **9.5%**

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This year has seen us add a new Dance Studio section to the building with a combination of free help, hard work and contractors that basically did work for cost. We consider ourselves lucky to have had the privilege to work with some very talented professionals this year.

The new section will be used during the day by different community groups and evenings by the dance school.

A lot has been spent on maintenance this year and the cost of energy - which continues to be volatile - unfortunately in an upward direction.

A new till system has been written and implemented allowing us to work smarter and easily swap between payment processing companies. Currently we have the ability to switch between SumUp and SquareUp but others could be added if needed. A better card rate of 1% (from 1.75% + 20p) has been negotiated so save us money.

The website and entire internal systems have been rewritten to allow for online booking of rooms and payments. Invoices can now be paid for online in a "portal" and with "Pay Now" buttons on all outgoing emails.

We have been working with a food catering company called GrubsUp to give people the opportunity to buy hot food at the premise without any risk or outlay to us.

We have continued to engage using social media and use membership data to tailor our services to be more inclusive and accommodating.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

This year we have provided community events including Christmas and Summer Fetes, invested money into improving the centre and seen the usage of our gym continue to steadily increase.

We are currently looking at opening a Youth Centre to give young adults the opportunity to meet, learn new skills and have a place where they can come together. Talks with local councillors are hopefully taking this forward to fruition in the next few months.

New classes this year include Kid's Karate, Ju Jitsu and Pepper Steppers - a reflection of what the community are currently interested in and asking for.

Groups that have seen a decline or closed have been replaced with new vibrant groups in line with our community objectives to deliver valid and useful services to the local community.

Hall hire continues to be a strong revenue stream demonstrating a strong need for space that people can hire for events like birthdays, weddings and other family or religious occasions. Prices have remained the same as last year as we see them as a good balance between being competitive and affordable.

Across the year the centre took 9,218 bookings totalling 19,017 booked hours over 18 activity categories.

Badminton (26.5%) and dancing (23.7%) remain our largest activities, with football, church groups and children's parties each contributing over 1,000 hours.

BOOKINGS · 1 DEC 2024 – 30 NOV 2025

Category breakdown

Hours and bookings by event category

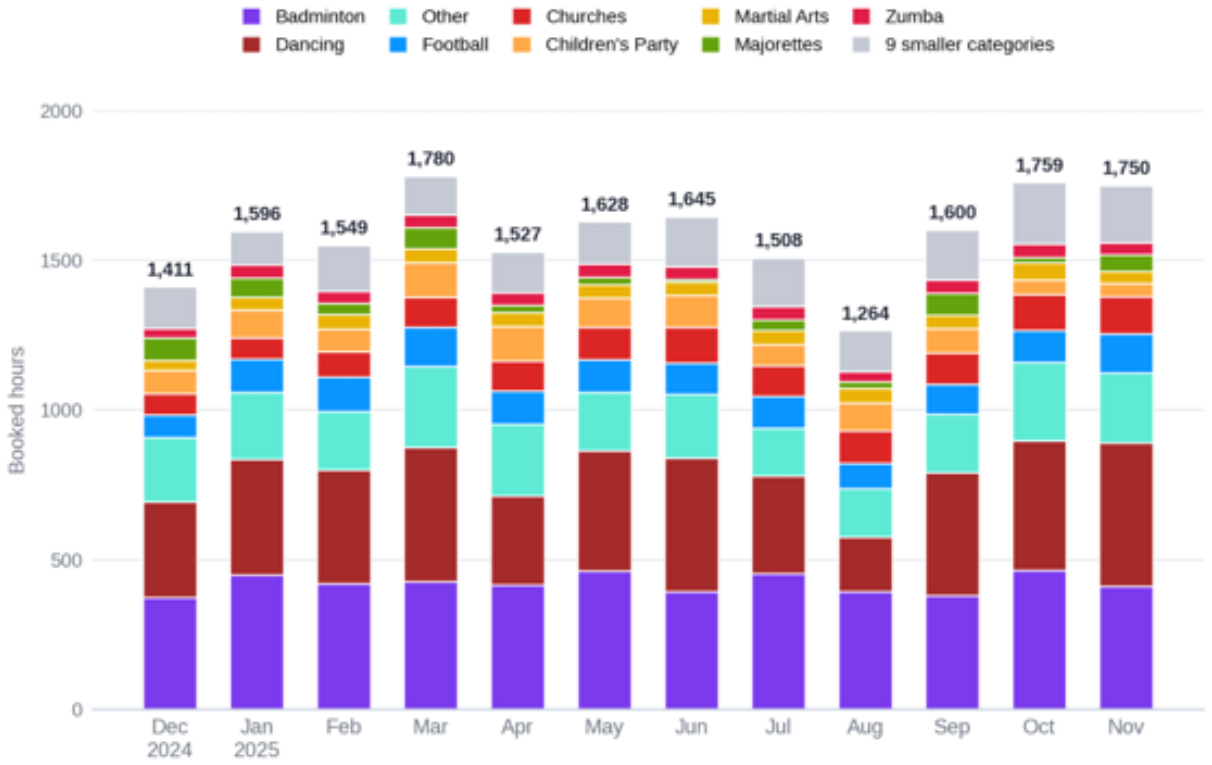
CATEGORY	BOOKINGS	HOURS	SHARE
Badminton	3,841	5,033h	26.5%
Dancing	1,276	4,509h	23.7%
Other	999	2,567h	13.5%
Football	933	1,289h	6.8%
Churches	358	1,211h	6.4%
Children's Party	271	1,018h	5.4%
Martial Arts	327	546h	2.9%
Majorettes	139	514h	2.7%
Zumba	342	493h	2.6%
Function	90	423h	2.2%
Youth Organisations	151	314h	1.7%
Aerobics / Exercise	151	286h	1.5%
Table Tennis	170	278h	1.5%
Bands / Fixtures	60	240h	1.3%
Slimming Clubs	54	113h	0.6%
Pre-School	32	96h	0.5%
Archery	21	84h	0.4%
Basketball	3	3h	0.0%
Total	**9,218**	**19,017h**	

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BOOKINGS · 1 DEC 2024 – 30 NOV 2025

Hours booked by month

Stacked booked hours per category across the year



March was the busiest month (1,780 hours) and August the quietest (1,264 hours), with bookings recovering strongly into the autumn.

Room occupancy

% of available hours booked (15h open per day) · AC = Activity Centre rooms, counted full to 16:30

ROOM	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	OVERALL
Court 1 (Far End)	45%	50%	54%	52%	52%	50%	49%	43%	40%	47%	51%	49%	48.4%
Court 2 (Middle)	45%	51%	53%	52%	50%	54%	51%	46%	42%	48%	52%	52%	49.7%
Court 3 (Near End)	50%	60%	64%	61%	64%	60%	58%	57%	52%	56%	64%	60%	58.7%
Function Room	43%	45%	54%	54%	51%	47%	55%	48%	48%	52%	53%	56%	50.4%
Dance Studio	27%	33%	35%	39%	34%	37%	42%	34%	29%	41%	41%	40%	36.0%
Dining Room AC	65%	73%	72%	73%	69%	68%	73%	70%	57%	71%	73%	74%	69.8%
Room 1 AC	59%	59%	62%	64%	59%	60%	61%	58%	53%	63%	67%	67%	60.9%
Room 2 AC	66%	69%	70%	71%	65%	66%	68%	66%	59%	68%	71%	71%	67.4%
Meeting Room	8%	8%	4%	5%	5%	6%	7%	6%	5%	6%	8%	6%	6.2%
Members Lounge	12%	12%	12%	16%	13%	14%	11%	16%	18%	13%	15%	22%	14.5%
Rose Studio	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	0.0%
Studio 14	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	0.0%
Wallace Studio	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	0.0%

Occupancy = booked hours ÷ available hours (open hours per day × days in period). Cancelled bookings, and "unavailable" / activity-centre blocks, are excluded. Rose Studio, Studio 14 and Wallace Studio recorded no bookings in the period.

AC rooms (Dining Room, Room 1, Room 2) count as fully occupied to 16:30 (7.5h/day), covering the Activity Centre's daytime use. That time is occupied, not booked, so it is not included in the hours figures.

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b. Summary of the main achievements during the period

We continue to build on strong basis of governance and have a good team on board with our trustees and committee based oversight.

This year has seen an investment in internal systems to ensure we make our services as accessible as possible to the community.

The ability to book online has been particularly beneficial to customers that work unsociable hours and have trouble making bookings during the day.

Compliance is now managed on a single system to ensure we are meeting our commitments with regard to health and safety, governance and statutory obligations.

We continue to strive in providing the much required services the local community need to prosper and thrive.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The CIO has bought into place a reserves policy to ensure there are sufficient funds for emergency situations eg. Covid 2, a downturn in the economy or other such unforeseen circumstances.

Policy currently dictates that a reserve sufficient to support 3 months trading with zero income be accumulated and maintained in order to meet unforeseen events.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO adopted 2 October 2021.

Trustees are voted in at a committee meeting and agree to serve and adopt all policies.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these 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 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1196020

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MA Aitkins
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Carol Taylor

C Taylor - Trustee

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Laindon Community Centre CIO ('the charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or

2.the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3.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.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities	2		
Community centre		329,322	298,302
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	3		
Community centre		297,125	265,413
NET INCOME		32,197	32,889
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		72,166	39,277
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		104,363	72,166

CONTINUING OPERATIONS
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET
30 NOVEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	41,078	26,600
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	76,405	52,277
Cash at bank and in hand		11,194	14,881
		87,599	67,158
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(24,314)	(21,592)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		63,285	45,566
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		104,363	72,166
NET ASSETS		104,363	72,166

The notes form part of these financial statements

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FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds		104,363	72,166
TOTAL FUNDS		104,363	72,166

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 September 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

CM Manning - Trustee

MA Aitkins - Trustee

C Taylor - Trustee

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	-	25% on reducing balance

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of 12 months from the approval of the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2025 £	2024 £
Memberships and rent	Community centre	329,322	298,302

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £
Community centre	297,125

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 November 2025 nor for the year ended 30 November 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 November 2025 nor for the year ended 30 November 2024.

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5. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	153,747	137,078
Social security costs	6,628	7,148
Other pension costs	4,286	3,550
	164,661	147,776

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Employees	7	6

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £2,675 (2024 - £2,598).

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property	Fixtures and fittings	Totals
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1 December 2024	-	52,106	52,106
Additions	17,746	4,513	22,259
At 30 November 2025	17,746	56,619	74,365
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 December 2024	-	25,506	25,506
Charge for year	-	7,781	7,781
At 30 November 2025	-	33,287	33,287
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 November 2025	17,746	23,332	41,078
At 30 November 2024	-	26,600	26,600

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8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	72,728	48,127
Prepayments and accrued income	3,677	4,150
	76,405	52,277

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	5,160
Taxation and social security	2,483	2,483
Other creditors	21,831	13,949
	24,314	21,592

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.12.24	Net movement in funds	At 30.11.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,166	32,197	104,363
TOTAL FUNDS	72,166	32,197	104,363

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	329,322	(297,125)	32,197
TOTAL FUNDS	329,322	(297,125)	32,197

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.12.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.11.24 £
Unrestricted fund	39,277	32,889	72,166
TOTAL FUNDS	39,277	32,889	72,166

Comparative net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted fund	298,302	(265,413)	32,889
TOTAL FUNDS	298,302	(265,413)	32,889

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.12.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.11.25 £
Unrestricted fund	39,277	65,086	104,363
TOTAL FUNDS	39,277	65,086	104,363

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	627,624	(562,538)	65,086
TOTAL FUNDS	627,624	(562,538)	65,086

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 November 2025.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Charitable activities		
Memberships and rent	329,322	298,302
Total incoming resources	329,322	298,302
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	153,747	137,078
Social security	6,628	7,148
Pensions	4,286	3,550
Hire of plant and machinery	22,124	22,035
Rent and rates	14,035	10,136
Insurance	9,751	7,300
Light and heat	37,809	33,280
Advertising	32	-
Sundries	1,663	1,038
Repairs and maintenance	15,128	11,072
Entertaining	16,871	17,526
Subscriptions	205	194
Accountancy fees	2,676	2,598
Cleaning	3,634	3,592
Training costs	300	-
Computer costs	118	-
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	7,781	8,866
Other interest payable	337	-
	297,125	265,413
Total resources expended	297,125	265,413
Net income	32,197	32,889