KNUTSFORD TOGETHER

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Registered 2 December 2021

Charity Registration Number 1196898

Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2026

Trustees

Chairman	David Briggs CVO, MBE, KStJ	Appointed 9 September 2021
Treasurer	Rayna Jackson MA FCA	Appointed 1 March 2023
	Sarah Flannery B Soc Sc	Appointed 9 September 2021
	Dr Paddy Kearns	Appointed 9 September 2021
	Rosie Longden	Appointed 9 September 2021 Resigned 17 February 2025
	Piers McLeish	Appointed 1 June 2022 Resigned 26 February 2026

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Knutsford Together

Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 March 2026

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2026.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, and the 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) issued in October 2019.

Objectives and Activities

Knutsford Together was established in 2022 by former Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, David Briggs. Constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the charity exists to improve the wellbeing of people living within the WA16 postcode area.

The charity's mission is to support local people experiencing ill health, financial hardship, loneliness, or social isolation, and to work alongside them to achieve positive and sustainable change in their lives. Through personalised, one-to-one support, often delivered in clients' own homes, staff and volunteers seek to gain a full understanding of each individual's circumstances and needs.

Knutsford Together provides practical guidance and signposting to a wide range of statutory, community, and voluntary services, including healthcare, social care, welfare benefits, education support, and local authority services. The charity also works closely with other charities and voluntary organisations to ensure that residents are able to access the most appropriate support available.

Holistic, individualised support builds genuine rapport. Working with a client until their case is closed by mutual consent differs greatly from most other support services, where it is not unusual for a troubled individual to have to attempt to deal with multiple caseworkers. By acting as a bridge between statutory provision and community-based services, the charity helps individuals navigate what can often be a fragmented and complex support landscape. The Trustees believe this joined-up approach enables residents to access assistance and opportunities that they may otherwise have been unaware of or unable to reach independently.

The charity also seeks to identify gaps in local provision and, where appropriate, support the development of additional services to meet emerging community needs.

In carrying out these activities, the Trustees aim to reduce the social, psychological, and health impacts experienced by individuals facing difficult circumstances, while promoting improved wellbeing, independence, and community connection.

Achievements Performance and Impact

During the year, the charity supported more than 130 new clients seeking assistance with a wide range of issues, including mental health crises, bereavement, loneliness, mobility difficulties, stroke recovery, and support with welfare benefit applications. Since its establishment, Knutsford Together has had contact with approaching 500 individuals. Many clients continue to return to the charity for further support when new challenges arise, demonstrating the trusted relationships developed through the charity's work.

A recurring issue identified during the year has been the number of residents living alone without local family support, often experiencing significant social isolation and vulnerability.

The charity's weekly Talking Café has continued to grow in popularity and impact, with attendance regularly reaching 25 people per session. The Trustees believe that hosting

the Café within an established town-centre café environment contributes significantly to its success, providing an inclusive and welcoming setting that avoids stigma and encourages participation.

The Talking Café has become an integral part of the charity's work, offering opportunities for social interaction, peer support, and community engagement, while also enabling attendees to access tailored advice, guidance, and signposting from staff. Feedback from attendees, together with increasing referrals and continued attendance growth through word of mouth, indicates that the initiative is making a meaningful contribution to reducing loneliness and strengthening community connections. The Trustees are also encouraged by the many positive comments and unsolicited donations received from attendees and supporters throughout the year.

The charity's Befriending Service is now well established, with trained volunteers providing regular visits to residents experiencing loneliness and isolation, including individuals whose health or mobility issues prevent them from leaving their homes independently.

The weekly Wellbeing Walk, led by a member of our staff, goes from strength to strength. As many as 20 recovering stroke patients, dementia sufferers and their carers and wheelchair users walk talk and are able to be part of the community of Knutsford. This is often the only non-medical outing they have all week.

Knutsford Medical Partnership ("KMP") continues to be the charity's largest source of referrals. The strong working relationship between the charity and KMP's social prescribing team enables effective support for individuals whose needs extend beyond the capacity of statutory health services alone. The Trustees believe that this collaborative approach not only improves outcomes for clients but also helps reduce pressure on local health and hospital services. The partnership further ensures that where urgent medical concerns are identified, individuals can be supported to access appropriate healthcare interventions promptly.

The Trustees remain committed to providing person-centred support through direct human engagement and relationship-based working. Face-to-face contact, continuity of support, and the development of trusted relationships are central to the charity's ethos and approach. By investing time in understanding each individual's circumstances, the charity is able to provide tailored support that promotes confidence, independence, and improved wellbeing.

The Trustees believe that the charity's strength lies in its compassionate and responsive approach, placing the needs and best interests of clients at the centre of all its activities.

Our Financing

We remain acutely aware of the need for funding to support our activities and ambitions. The climate for grant funding remains extremely tough, but thanks to the continuing support from all our major donors we have sufficient funds and pledges to last us for the year ahead. We would like to express our heartful thanks to the very generous private organisations and donors detailed in note 7 to the accounts, and in particular Oliver Valves

Ltd who are our most stalwart supporter. For the coming year our fundraising activities will continue to target philanthropic donors and grant-giving bodies.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have read and had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Financial review
Review of the year

Knutsford Together was formed as an entity in December 2021, but did not start operating until March 2022. The attached financial statements cover the period ending on 31 March 2026.

The results for the year and Knutsford Together's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements

During the year we raised unrestricted income of £79,775 (2024-5 £99,551), and used the remaining £6,746 of restricted grant which had been awarded to us in 2023-4. Unlike previous years there were no local or national government grants available to us. We did not receive any restricted income in either 2025-6 or 2024-5.

We had expenditure of £75,823 (2024-5 £81,468), of which £6,746 (2023-4 £3,404) was restricted. The reduction in expenses was due to improvements in the sourcing of our IT facilities and a change in the National Insurance payments for small employers.

There was a surplus for the year of £10,678, (2024-5 £18,083) which was added to reserves. We also have received funds in advance totalling £5,333 to fund part of our 2026-7 activities.

Reserves policy

We have a policy of maintaining reserves sufficient to cover four months running expenses.

Plans for future years

We are close to establishing Knutsford Parkrun. Not only will this provide exercise and friendship for those who participate in the run, but it will enable residents who are not runners to participate as volunteers and marshals at the events, giving them a sense of purpose and belonging to Knutsford and improve their mental health. It will also help to promote our services to many more local people and promote understanding of and increased support for the work we do.

We would also like to find an accessible venue where we could have a permanent presence to act as a drop-in centre for the public. We hope that the now approved plan for a purpose built Knutsford Medical Centre might provide such a space.

Structure, Governance and Management

Knutsford Together is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which is governed by a constitution. Its objects are for the public benefit the protection and preservation of good health and wellbeing and the relief of persons who are in need by reason of age, ill-health,

bereavement or unemployment or other social disadvantage in such ways and by such charitable means as the Trustees may from time to time decide. The Trustees have agreed that its work will be carried out for the benefit of residents of the WA16 postal area.

New Trustees are appointed by resolution of the existing Trustees. They are selected having regards to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role. They are required to have training in safeguarding.

Approved by the Trustees on 27 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by David Briggs, Chairman



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
For the year ended 31 March 2026

I report on the financial statements of Knutsford Together CIO for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.
Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 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 on 8 June 2026 by Peter David Willgoose A.C.I.B.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	**Total 2025 £**
Income from					
Restricted Grants	5		6,746	**6,746**	**3,404**
Unrestricted Grants	6	700		**700**	**10,000**
Donations	7	74,134		**74,134**	**81,843**
HMRC Giftaid		2,934		**2,934**	**2,862**
Bank Interest		1,987		**1,987**	**1,442**
Total income		79,755	6,746	**86,501**	**99,551**
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities Operation of the charity	8	69,077	6,746	**75,823**	**81,468**
Net income/(deficit)		10,678	-	**10,672**	**18,083**
Funds brought forward		66.791	-	**66,791**	**48,708**
Funds carried forward		77,469	-	**77,469**	**66,791**

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

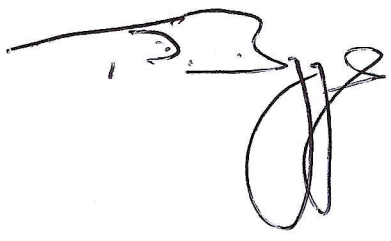
The notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 March 2026

	Notes	£	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Current assets				
Debtors	11	37		
Cash at bank	12	84,342		
Total current assets			**84,379**	80,800
Liabilities				
Deferred Grants		2,000		
Deferred Donations		3,333		
Accruals	13	1,577		
Amounts falling due within one year			**(6,910)**	(14,009)
Net current assets			**77,469**	**66,791**
Total net assets			**77,469**	**66,791**
Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted income funds			**77469**	60,045
Restricted income funds			**-**	6,746
Total funds			**77,469**	**66,791**

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 27 May 2026 and are signed on its behalf by David Briggs, Chairman.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2026

1 Accounting Policies

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

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

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 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Knutsford Together CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total funds at the year end of £77,469 of which £77,469 is unrestricted. It has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 to 18 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

3.3 Grants and donations

Income from grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is

deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

3.4 Interest receivable
Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity.

3.5 Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Restricted funds are grants and donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition
Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities
Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

4.3 Governance and support costs
Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.
Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT
Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Provisions for liabilities
A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Analysis of income

5 Income from restricted grants

	2026 £	2025 £
Knutsford Town Council		1,500
Cheshire East Council	6,746	1,904
Total	6,746	3,404

6 Income from unrestricted grants

	2026	2025
	£	£
Knutsford Lions	200	
Co-op Local Community Fund	500	
Oglesby Charitable Trust		10,000
Total	700	10,000

7 Donations

	2026	2025
	£	£
Oliver Valves Ltd	40,000	40,000
PasTest Charity	10,000	10,000
Anonymous	20,000	30,000
Other	4,134	1,843
	74,134	81,843

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

8 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total 2026**	**Total 2025**
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs				
Staff salaries	59,940	6,209	**66,149**	**67,315**
Pension and social security costs	1,235	128	**1,363**	**3,342**
Talking café	2,998		**2,998**	**2,470**
Client meeting costs	775		**775**	**-**
Training	-		**-**	**400**
Website and IT	1,704		**1,704**	**5,596**
Support costs				
Telephone	147		**147**	**416**
Accountancy	642		**642**	**527**
Advertising and publicity	562		**562**	**158**
Bank charges	25		**25**	**64**
Insurance	507		**507**	**494**
Volunteer Expenses	-	409	**409**	**204**
Recruitment	117		**117**	
Other	425		**425**	**482**
Governance costs				
Legal	-			**-**
	69,077	6,746	**75,823**	**81,468**

9 Analysis of staff costs and numbers

	2026	2025
Number of full time employees	2	2
Salaries	£66,149	£67,315
Social security cost	-	£1,697
Pension cost - defined contribution scheme	£1,363	£1,645
	£67,512	£70,657

10 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity.
No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.
There have been no related party transactions in the year.

11 Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Bank interest receivable		235
HMRC giftaid receivable	37	
Total	37	235

12 Cash at bank

This comprises cash at bank and short term cash investments with less than 96 days maturity date.

13 Liabilities falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Donations received in advance	5,333	5,333
Cheshire East 2024-25 Flourish grant received in advance	-	6,746
Accruals	1,577	1,930
Total	6,910	14,009