Rosie’s Corner Annual Report 2025

Action against child poverty, across West Northumberland.

Our Mission

At Rosie’s Corner, our mission is simple yet vital: to help alleviate child poverty by providing free clothing and essential items to families experiencing hardship. We believe every child deserves dignity, comfort, and the chance to thrive—regardless of their background or circumstances.

Our Work in 2025

2025 saw a number of positive changes and developments for Rosie’s Corner. We continued to support families in need while developing our organisation, strengthening our partnerships and expanding our reach.

- Supported 355 babies and children throughout 2025.
- Christmas Angel Appeal: Partnered with The Salvation Army to provide Christmas support to 120 babies and children.
- Winter Coat Appeal: Partnered with Newcastle Football Academy, who worked with Hexham Middle School to collect winter coats for families in need.
- School Uniform Support: We were able to use additional space at a nearby warm hub during school holidays, allowing us to provide school uniforms to families.
- Website Development: We developed a new version of the Rosie’s Corner website to improve how families and supporters access information about our work.
- Community Engagement: We met with local councillors to discuss the needs of families and the work of Rosie’s Corner.
- Trustees and Volunteers: We welcomed 2 new trustees to our board and 5 new volunteers. All volunteers are now safeguarding trained and DBS checked.

Our Impact

Babies and Children Helped: 355

Throughout 2025, Rosie’s Corner remained committed to helping families experiencing hardship by providing clothing, school uniforms and essential items. Our Christmas Angel Appeal, winter coat partnership and additional school-holiday uniform provision helped us respond to practical needs throughout the year.

Funding and Grants

We are extremely grateful to the organisations and community groups who provided financial support during 2025. This funding enabled Rosie's Corner to continue and develop its services.

- Arnold Clark – £500
- Save the Children – £1,000
- Karbon Homes – £720.98
- Freemasons – £2,000
- Young Farmers Association – £200

Safeguarding and Governance

During 2025, Rosie's Corner continued to strengthen its safeguarding and governance arrangements. We welcomed 2 new trustees to the board, and all volunteers are now safeguarding trained and DBS checked. We also welcomed 5 new volunteers to help support the charity's work.

Advocacy and Policy Work

Our founder, Rosie Gilchrist, continued to represent Rosie's Corner in a campaign to end child poverty by calling for the two-child policy to be scrapped. This reflects Rosie's Corner's wider commitment to raising awareness of the pressures faced by families experiencing child poverty.

Challenges

As Rosie's Corner continues to grow, one of our biggest challenges is ensuring that our resources, volunteer capacity and premises can keep pace with the increasing demand for our services. As a small charity, much of our work continues to rely on volunteers and charitable funding. We are therefore looking to recruit additional volunteers, secure larger premises and strengthen our trustee board, including finding a new Chair, to help us develop sustainably and reach more families in need.

Looking Ahead

Rosie's Corner is continuing to expand its work and is looking for larger premises to allow us to support more families and develop our services. We are also looking to appoint a new Chair to strengthen the charity's leadership as we move forward.

Our commitment remains the same: to help families in need and ensure that children across West Northumberland can access essential clothing and support with dignity.

Thank You

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported Rosie’s Corner throughout 2025. To our volunteers, trustees, donors, grant funders, community partners and everyone who has supported our work, thank you for helping us continue to make a difference to families across West Northumberland.

		Total
Income		
Donations		7,168.14
Sale of donated items		200.00
Grants		1,220.00
Other		5.95
		-
Total		8,594.09
Cash	-	70.98
Total Receipts		8,523.11
Expenditure		
Amazon		113.08
Adapt - Rent		3,368.75
Adapt - Electricity		738.92
Argos		-
Aldi		-
B&Q		-
DBS		129.00
Ebay		-
Phone		56.80
Website		244.80
Ryman - Office Eqpt		-
Waitrose		-
Printing		-
B&M		-
Access - Insurance		377.17
Training		134.00
Pop Up		-
Salary		11,184.00
Pension - NEST		883.35
GoDaddy		-
ICO		47.00
Transport		-
Outside Storage		1,877.16
		-
Exp		19,154.03
Cash Exp		-
Total Exp		19,154.03
Net Income (Expenditure)		(10,630.92)
Current Account		16,125.98
Cash		63.80