NEW HORIZON SUNDERLAND

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2026

Charity Number 1201164

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For the year ended 31st March 2026

Trustees:

Feliciana Nzau	Chair
Lacina Diabate	Trustee
Juda Ibangu	Trustee
Delta Mbengo Mokoko	Trustee
Serge Kabamba	Trustee

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

These financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)'.

Trustees Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statement

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).
In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

-select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
-observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
-make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
-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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.
The trustee's report was approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf by:

Chair of the Committee

Signed .....
Date: 15/09/2026

1. TRUSTEE / CHAIR STATEMENT

Over the past three years, New Horizon Sunderland has continued to grow as a community-rooted organisation ***responding directly to the needs, aspirations and challenges experienced by residents across Sunderland***.

Our work has never been limited to a single programme or type of support. We have worked across advice and welfare, housing, immigration, education, digital inclusion, employment, enterprise, youth development, cultural heritage, health and wellbeing, family engagement, volunteering, advocacy and community development.

What makes this work particularly significant is the way these areas connect.

A person seeking employment may also need digital skills and help completing an online application. A newly arrived family may require housing support, immigration guidance and a connection to the wider community. A young person may need educational support alongside confidence-building, mentoring, sport, creativity and positive relationships.

New Horizon has therefore developed more than individual activities. We have built a **community support environment where people can access opportunities, practical assistance, learning and connection in one place.**

The evidence from our programme records demonstrates growing engagement with this work.

Recorded engagement increased from **600 in 2024 to 880 in 2025**, representing an increase of approximately **46.7%**. A further **1147 recorded engagements had already been captured in 2026 by 15 July 2026**.

Across these three reported periods, this represents **2,627 combined recorded participant and service-engagement entries** of constant service users.

The numbers, however, tell only part of the story.

Behind each recorded engagement is a person seeking support, learning a new skill, participating in an activity, connecting with others, accessing advice, developing confidence or taking another step towards greater independence and opportunity.

This report therefore brings together our delivery, community reach, financial position, partnerships, achievements, learning and evidence of impact over the reporting period.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

New Horizon Sunderland is a community-focused charitable organisation working to empower Black, Minority Ethnic and African communities while providing inclusive opportunities and practical support to children, young people, families, adults, older people, refugees, asylum seekers and other residents experiencing barriers to opportunity and participation.

Our three-year delivery has covered:

Community advice and welfare support
Housing support
Immigration information, guidance and referral
Refugee and asylum-seeker support
Benefits support
Children and young people's activities
Education and functional skills
Digital inclusion and IT skills
Employment and employability
Enterprise development

Cultural heritage and community cohesion
Health and wellbeing
Family and parent engagement
Older people's support
Volunteering
Community outreach
Social justice and advocacy
Community development initiatives

A growing level of community engagement
One of the clearest achievements demonstrated by our records is the growth in recorded community engagement.

2026 figure represents recorded entries from January to 15 July 2026 and is therefore a year-to-date figure rather than a full-year total.

The increase from 600 recorded engagements in 2024 to 880 in 2025 represents growth of approximately **46.7%**.

The 2026 records demonstrate that engagement has continued across a broad range of services, including technology and digital skills, employment and employability, education and skills, housing, immigration, health and wellbeing, cultural heritage, youth activities, older people's support and volunteering.
This breadth is important. New Horizon is not simply attracting people to one type of activity; the records demonstrate engagement across multiple areas of community need.

Our achievement extends beyond the headline figures. New Horizon provides support both online and in person, while reaching people through schools, community organisations, faith communities, religious gatherings, outreach activities, partnerships and a wide range of community programmes.

During the reporting period, New Horizon has continued to create opportunities for:

Learning – literacy, numeracy, digital skills, IT and practical skills.
Employment – CV development, job applications, employability skills, interview preparation and employment guidance.
Our services are delivered through a combination of online and face-to-face support, enabling New Horizon to reach people in different circumstances and settings. This includes direct advice and support, educational and skills-development activities, youth and family programmes, cultural activities, community events, outreach, school engagement and partnership-based activities.
Young people – sport, music, technology, creativity, mentoring, personal development, education and youth participation.
Families – interactive activities, wellbeing, learning, social connection and practical support.
Culture and identity – cultural heritage, music, dance, food, storytelling, celebration and intergenerational participation.
Practical support – housing, immigration, benefits, welfare, food and essential

support and referrals.
Wellbeing – health information, fitness, sport, mentoring, social connection and wellbeing activities.
Community leadership – volunteering, outreach, advocacy, cultural ambassador roles and opportunities for residents to contribute to their community.
The organisation's model is deliberately holistic: people are supported not only with immediate problems but also with skills, relationships, confidence and opportunities that can contribute to longer-term resilience.

3. OUR THREE-YEAR JOURNEY: 2023–2026

The last three years represent a period of development, learning and increasing community engagement for New Horizon Sunderland.
Rather than operating through isolated projects, New Horizon has progressively developed a wider community model connecting practical support with learning, skills, participation and opportunity.

2023–2024: Establishing and strengthening delivery

The early period focused on establishing and strengthening core services, developing relationships with partners and responding to immediate community needs.
The organisation delivered advice, welfare, housing, employment, integration, cultural and community activities while building systems for recording participation and outcomes.
Earlier programme monitoring recorded **202 registered clients**. Employment services recorded **138 participants against a target of 45**, while benefits advice recorded **92 against a target of 24**. Integration events reached **321 individuals against a target of 150**, and housing support recorded **64 cases against a target of 45**.
These results demonstrate that demand was already exceeding expectations in several areas.

2024–2025: Expansion of community engagement

Recorded engagement increased to **880 in 2025**, compared with **600 in 2024**.
This represents an increase of approximately **46.7%** and demonstrates a substantial expansion in recorded participation and service engagement.
During this period, New Horizon continued to strengthen its community offer across advice, employment, education, digital inclusion, cultural activities, youth and family engagement and wider community support.

2026: Continued momentum

The 2026 dataset provides evidence of continued engagement across multiple programme areas.

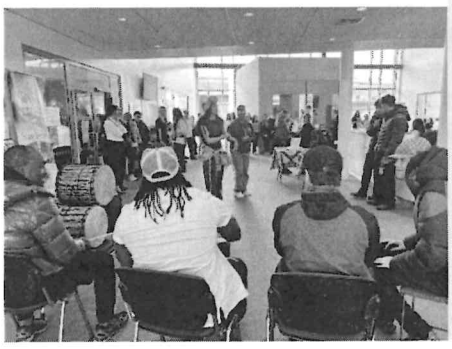
By **15 July 2026, 1147 entries had been recorded**.
These records include engagement with:
Technology and digital skills workshops
Employment support and employability training
Education and skills workshops
Housing support
Immigration support
Health and wellbeing
Sport and fitness
Mentoring and empowerment
Cultural heritage

Older people's support
Youth activities
Volunteering
The 2026 figure should be understood as a **year-to-date measure**, not a full-year comparison with 2024 or 2025.

4. COMMUNITY REACH & ENGAGEMENT
New Horizon's reach extends beyond formal one-to-one support.
The organisation has engaged with residents through community activities, schools, community settings, cultural programmes, family activities, outreach, events and other local networks.
This wider approach is important because people do not always approach an organisation through a formal service route. Community events and outreach can be the first point at which someone builds trust, discovers available support or becomes connected to further opportunities.

New Horizon has therefore used a combination of:
Direct support
Workshops
Community events
Cultural activities
Youth programmes
Family activities
Outreach
School engagement
Community networking
Religious/community gathering engagement
Volunteering
Partnerships and referrals

This has enabled the organisation to reach people through different routes rather than relying solely on traditional service delivery.







Our outreach extends across schools, community organisation, faith and religious settings, local networks and other community locations, allowing New Horizon to engage with people where they live, learn, worship and participate in community life.

5. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

5.1 Growing community engagement

The clearest quantitative achievement is the growth in recorded engagement:
600 → 880 → 1147 YTD. Our achievement extends beyond the headline figures. New Horizon delivers support through both physical and online channels, while also engaging with schools, community organisation, faith communities, religious gatherings and wider community networks through outreach, partnership activities and community programmes.

The rise from 600 to 880 represents approximately **46.7% growth** between 2024 and 2025.
With **1147** additional recorded engagements minus recorded people at the **outreach platforms**, schools, community organisations, religious gatherings and other outreach locations.

5.2 A genuinely broad community offer

New Horizon has developed an unusually broad range of support within a community setting.
People can engage with practical support while also accessing education, digital skills, employment, culture, youth development, wellbeing, volunteering and community participation.
This reduces the need for residents to navigate multiple organisations independently and creates opportunities for people to move between different forms of support according to their changing needs.

5.3 Digital inclusion as a pathway to opportunity

Digital skills have become an increasingly important part of New Horizon's delivery. Activities include practical IT, Microsoft tools, digital communication, online applications, CV support, social media, creative digital skills, cybersecurity and online safety, coding, animation, podcasting and other technology-based learning.
The 2026 records demonstrate particularly strong engagement with technology and digital skills activities.
Digital inclusion is therefore treated not simply as computer training, but as a pathway towards education, employment, independence and participation.

5.4 Youth development beyond recreation
Youth provision has incorporated education, sport, music, creativity, technology, personal development, mentoring and leadership.
The wider programme includes opportunities around football, rugby, basketball, swimming, cycling, kayaking, paddleboarding, skateboarding and fitness, alongside music, arts, drama, technology, coding, gaming, digital creativity, literacy, numeracy and youth participation.
The purpose is not simply to keep young people occupied.
It is to provide safe and positive environments where young people can build:

- Confidence
- Resilience
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Creativity
- Digital skills
- Leadership
- Educational engagement
- Social connection
- A stronger sense of identity and belonging

5.5 Cultural heritage and community cohesion
Cultural heritage has remained a significant part of New Horizon's community work.
Through music, dance, food, fashion, storytelling, cultural education, performances, workshops, exhibitions and community celebrations, the organisation creates opportunities for people to celebrate identity while strengthening relationships across the wider community.
This work contributes to:

- Pride in cultural identity
- Intergenerational learning
- Community connection
- Inclusion
- Participation
- Preservation of cultural knowledge
- Opportunities for local talent

5.6 Practical support when people need it most
New Horizon has also maintained a strong practical support role.
This includes housing support, immigration information and referral, benefits support, welfare assistance, food and essential support, signposting and connection to specialist services.
These interventions can be particularly important for people experiencing multiple pressures simultaneously.
The organisation's approach recognises that practical stability is often a prerequisite for successful participation in employment, education, wellbeing and community life.

6. THREE-YEAR PERFORMANCE SNAPSHOT

Headline reach
2,627 combined recorded participant/service-engagement entries

2024
600 recorded engagements

2025
880 recorded engagements

2026
1147 recorded engagements by 15 July 2026 with so many community engagement programs.

Growth
46.7% increase from 2024 to 2025

Earlier programme achievements

- **138** employment service participants against a target of 45
- **92** benefits advice cases against a target of 24
- **321** people reached through integration events against a target of 150
- **64** housing support cases against a target of 45
- **202** registered clients in the earlier monitoring period

These earlier programme figures relate to the specific monitoring period in which they were collected and should not be presented as three-year totals.

7. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE & STEWARDSHIP

New Horizon Sunderland's financial reporting demonstrates the importance of responsible stewardship alongside community delivery.

Financial Year	Income	Expenditure	Difference
2023/24	£143,800	£84,860	**+£58,940**
2024/25	£137,576	£158,690	**-£21,114**
2025/26	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

8. VALUE FOR MONEY

New Horizon Sunderland's value for money should not only be measured simply by the number recorded, but also by the breadth of support available through a community-based organisation. The single community relationship that has connect an individual or family to:
Advice → Digital Skills → Education → Employment → Wellbeing → Community Participation
This integrated model can reduce barriers, improve access and create opportunities for

people to receive appropriate support as their circumstances change.
The growth in recorded engagement from 600 in 2024 to 880 in 2025 and 1147 in 2026 provides quantitative evidence of increasing use of the organisation's programmes.
The breadth of the 2026 records further demonstrates that engagement is occurring across multiple areas rather than being concentrated within one programme.

9. GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY & EVIDENCE

New Horizon recognises that strong community delivery must be accompanied by strong accountability.
The organisation's reporting approach should continue to bring together:

- Registration records
- Attendance records
- Service records
- Training records
- Volunteer records
- Participant feedback
- Case studies
- Testimonials
- Referral outcomes
- Employment outcomes
- Education outcomes
- Housing outcomes
- Skills progression
- Photographic evidence
- Event records
- Partner evidence

The existing report correctly identifies the importance of combining **scale, activity, outcome and human story** when demonstrating impact.

10. CHALLENGES AND LEARNING

The organisation has operated within a context where community needs are often interconnected.
Residents may experience combinations of:

- Cost-of-living pressures
- Housing insecurity
- Employment barriers
- Digital exclusion
- Language barriers

- Social isolation
- Migration and settlement challenges
- Mental health pressures
- Educational disadvantage
- Discrimination
- Limited access to networks and opportunities

The breadth of New Horizon's programmes provides an important ability to respond to several of these challenges at the same time.
The organisation has also identified the need to continue improving its measurement of outcomes, particularly through stronger case studies, participant feedback and outcome tracking.

11. LOOKING AHEAD

The next stage of New Horizon's development is about building on what has already been established.
Priorities include:

1. Expanding youth development
2. Strengthening digital inclusion
3. Increasing employment pathways
4. Developing enterprise support
5. Strengthening financial literacy
6. Increasing family engagement
7. Expanding health and wellbeing activities
8. Supporting older people's participation
9. Developing volunteer leadership
10. Expanding cultural heritage programmes
11. Strengthening advocacy and youth participation
12. Improving outcome measurement
13. Developing stronger partnerships
14. Increasing the use of case studies and participant feedback

These priorities build directly on the delivery model developed during the reporting period.

12. STRATEGIC IMPACT SUMMARY

Across the reporting period, New Horizon's impact can be understood through six connected outcomes.

PEOPLE ARE MORE CONNECTED

Community activities, cultural programmes, volunteering and family engagement create opportunities for residents to build relationships and reduce isolation.

PEOPLE HAVE GREATER SKILLS

Education, digital training, employment support and enterprise activities develop practical capabilities.

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Youth activities, sport, music, technology, mentoring and leadership create positive developmental pathways.

PEOPLE CAN ACCESS SUPPORT MORE EASILY

Advice, guidance, referrals, housing support and immigration assistance help residents navigate complex systems.

COMMUNITIES ARE MORE RESILIENT

Practical support, wellbeing activities, food and essential assistance and community initiatives help individuals and families respond to hardship.

CULTURAL IDENTITY AND INCLUSION ARE STRENGTHENED

Heritage activities, cultural celebrations, volunteering and advocacy promote pride, belonging and participation.

13. CONCLUSION

This report demonstrates a charity that has continued to develop its reach, breadth and community relevance.

The strongest evidence is the growth in recorded engagement: from **600 in 2024 to 880 in 2025**, followed by **1147 further recorded engagements by 15 July 2026**.

Taken together, this represents **2,627 recorded participant and service-engagement entries** across the three reported periods.

But New Horizon's achievement cannot be reduced to a single number.

Across the reporting period, the organisation has provided a connected range of opportunities and support spanning practical assistance, housing, immigration, education, digital inclusion, employment, enterprise, youth development, culture, wellbeing, family engagement, volunteering and community participation.

The 2026 records demonstrate that this broad model remains active, with engagement recorded across technology, employment, education, housing, immigration, wellbeing, cultural heritage, youth, older people's support and volunteering.

New Horizon Sunderland has therefore grown not only in recorded engagement but in the breadth of ways through which residents can connect, learn, receive support, develop skills and participate.

This is the central achievement of the three-year period: building and sustaining a community platform where people can find support, opportunity, connection and a pathway forward.

APPENDIX A – THREE-YEAR REACH DATA

Reporting year	Recorded engagements	Evidence status
2024	**600**	Reported annual figure
2025	**880**	Reported annual figure
2026	**1147**	Dataset entries recorded through 15 July 2026
Combined	**2,627**	Recorded engagements unique individuals


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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31st March 2026

I report on the financial statements of for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are set out on pages 10 to 19.

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 if the requirements 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.

J. Maxwell

Julie Maxwell
11 Edith Street
Jarrow
Tyne and Wear

Dated: 15th
September 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	6	-	-	**-**	-
Other trading activities	7	9,610	149,631	**159,241**	137,576
Total income		9,610	149,631	**159,241**	137,576
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	8	5,393	169,417	**174,810**	158,691
Total expenditure		5,393	169,417	**174,810**	158,691
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		4,217	(19,786)	**(15,569)**	(21,115)
Net movement of funds		4,217	(19,786)	**(15,569)**	(21,115)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		118	37,707	**37,825**	58,938
Total funds carried forward		4,335	17,921	**22,256**	37,823

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 12 to 19 form an integral part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2026

	Notes	£	Total 2026 £	£	Total 2025 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	16		-		-
Total fixed assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	17	-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	23,958		38,185	
Total current assets		**23,958**		**38,185**	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	**(1,700)**		**(360)**	
Net current assets			**22,257**		**37,825**
Total assets less current liabilities			**22,257**		**37,825**
Total net assets or liabilities			**22,256**		**37,825**
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			4,335		118
Restricted income funds			17,921		37,707
Total funds			**22,256**		**37,825**

The notes on pages 17 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

and are signed on its behalf by:

Feliciana Nzau
Chair
Dated: 15/09/2026

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st 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.

The 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.

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

2.2 **Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. The Trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 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 government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' 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 **Volunteer help**

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.5 **Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.6 **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are 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 working with young Asian members 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. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 **Irrecoverable VAT**

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

4.5 **Creditors**

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 **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.

5 **Assets**

5.1 **Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity**

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Fixtures fittings and equipment	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
6 **Donations and legacies**				
Donations		-	-	
	-	-	-	-
7 **Charitable activities**				
	-	-	-	
Reaching Communities		46,013	**46,013**	42,711
Heritage Lottery			-	64,615
The Global Fund / Pheonix Way		51,000	**51,000**	
Children in Need		28,419	**28,419**	9,021
Sports England			-	11,080
Comic Relief			-	2,500
Awards For All		20,000	**20,000**	
Sunderland DP			-	3,000
Shared Sunderland			-	4,649
Groundwork		2,000	**2,000**	
Centre for Civil Service		2,199	**2,199**	
Other Income	9,610		**9,610**	
			-	
	9,610	149,631	**159,241**	137,576

Income was £159,241 (2025: £137,578) of which £9,610 was unrestricted or designated (2025: £3,000) and £149,631 was restricted (2025: £134,578)

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
Salary costs inc. pension and employers NI		80,026	**80,026**	40,760
Support Staff		9,780	**9,780**	20,507
Project Delivery Costs/Consultation		47,034	**47,034**	45,283
Evaluation		3,657	**3,657**	3,550
Office Costs		10,727	**10,727**	7,730
Business Development Plan		1,687	**1,687**	16,918
Staff Training		4,636	**4,636**	4,501
Activities		7,340	**7,340**	7,126
Marketing / Capacity	4,693		**4,693**	3,080
Volunteer Costs		2,580	**2,580**	-
Travel Costs		1,950	**1,950**	
Depreciation			-	8,574
Governance costs				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	400		**400**	360
Other governance costs	300	-	**300**	302
	5,393	169,417	**174,810**	158,691

Expenditure on charitable activities was £174,810 (2025: £158,692) of which £5,393 was unrestricted or designated (2025: £2,884) and £169,417 was restricted (2025: £155,808

9 **Fees for examination of the accounts**

	2026 £	2025 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	**400**	360
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner		
	400	360

10 **Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel**

	2026 £	2025 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	**70,900**	37,694
Employer's National Insurance costs	**8,383**	2,482
Employer's pension costs	**743**	584
	80,026	40,760

Number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards.

	2026 Number	2025 Number
Band £70,000 to £80,000	**0.0**	0.0

10 **Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel** continued

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees and the Executive Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £xxxxx (2024: £73,437).

11 **Staff numbers** The average monthly head count was 3 staff (2025: 3 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

The parts of the charity in which the employee's work:	**2026 Number**	2025 Number
Charitable activities	**3.0**	**3.0**
	3.0	3.0

12 **Transactions with trustees**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

The following detail the expenses incurred by the trustees.

2026 £	2025 £
-	-
-	-

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

13 **Defined contribution pension scheme**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £743 (2025: £584). There was £0 outstanding as at 31st March 2026 (2025: £571)

14 **Corporation Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

15 **Capital commitments**

As at 31st March 2026, the charity had no capital commitments (2025 -£nil)

16 **Tangible fixed assets**

	Motor Vehicles	**Total**
		-
	-	-
Cost		-
Balance brought forward		
Additions		
Disposals		

Balance carried forward	-	-
Depreciation		
Basis	SL	
Rate	25%	
Balance brought forward		
Depreciation charge for year		-
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-
Net book value		
Brought forward	-	-
Carried forward	-	-

17 **Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accrued income		
	-	-

18 **Cash at bank and in hand**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	**23,958**	38,185
	23,958	38,185

19 **Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade creditors		
Taxation and social security	**1,109**	
Pension	**191**	
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	**400**	360
	1,700	360

20 **Events after the end of the reporting period**

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

21 **Analysis of charitable funds**

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
General unrestricted fund	118	9,610	(5,393)	-	**4,335**
Totals	118	9,610	(5,393)	-	**4,335**

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund	The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Reaching Communities	3,339	46,013	(43,014)	-	**6,338**
Phoenix Way Fund	186	51,000	(44,356)	-	**6,830**
Heritage Lottery	24,301		(24,301)	-	**-**
Children in Need	6,231	28,419	(29,916)	-	**4,734**
Sports England	2,900		(2,900)	-	**-**
Comic Relief/Ground Work	750	2,000	(2,750)	-	**-**
Awards for All	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	**-**
Centre for Civil Services		2,199	(2,199)		
				-	**-**
				-	**-**
				-	**-**
				-	**-**
	-	-	-	-	**-**
Totals	37,707	149,631	(169,436)	-	**17,902**

Purpose of major restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Reaching Commuities	Core costs for the further development of New Horizons

21 **Analysis of charitable funds** continued

Purpose of major restricted funds continued

Phoenix Way Fund	Core costs to continue to work with local communities
Heritage Lottery	Core Costs to continue work

22 **Analysis of net assets between funds 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	**-**
Investments	-	-	**-**
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(1,700)	-	**(1,700)**
Long term assets/(liabilities)	-	-	**-**
	4,337	17,921	**22,257**

1 **Guarantee**

There have been no guarantees given by the charity at 31st March 2026

2 **Debt**

There is no debt outstanding which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an excess charge on any of the assets of the charity at 31st March 2026

3 **Governing document**

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation registered on 28th November 2022 as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011.

NEW HORIZON SUNDERLAND Charity Number 1201164

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before taxation		(15,569)	(21,115)
Add back:			
Depreciation			
Investment income		-	-
Interest expense		-	-
Increase in inventory		-	-
Increase in trade receivables		-	-
Increase in trade payables		1,340	360
Cash generated from operations		**(14,229)**	**(20,755)**
Less:			
Interest paid		-	-
Tax paid		-	-
Net cash from operating activities		**(14,229)**	**(20,755)**
Cash flow from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Interest received		-	-
Dividends received		-	-
Net cash used in investing activities		**-**	**-**
Cash flow from financing activities			
Proceeds from the issue of share capital		-	-
Proceeds from long term borrowing		-	-
Dividends paid		-	-
Net cash used in financing activities		**-**	**-**
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		**(14,227)**	38,185
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year		**38,185**	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		**23,958**	**38,185**

NEW HORIZON SUNDERLAND

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2026

Charity Number 1201164

NEW HORIZON SUNDERLAND

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NEW HORIZON SUNDERLAND

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st March 2026

Trustees:

Feliciana Nzau	Chair
Lacina Diabate	Trustee
Juda Ibangu	Trustee
Delta Mbengo Mokoko	Trustee
Serge Kabamba	Trustee

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

These financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)'.

Trustees Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statement

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).
In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

-select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
-observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
-make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
-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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.
The trustee's report was approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf by:

Chair of the Committee

Signed .....
Date: 15/09/2026

1. TRUSTEE / CHAIR STATEMENT

Over the past three years, New Horizon Sunderland has continued to grow as a community-rooted organisation ***responding directly to the needs, aspirations and challenges experienced by residents across Sunderland***.

Our work has never been limited to a single programme or type of support. We have worked across advice and welfare, housing, immigration, education, digital inclusion, employment, enterprise, youth development, cultural heritage, health and wellbeing, family engagement, volunteering, advocacy and community development.

What makes this work particularly significant is the way these areas connect.

A person seeking employment may also need digital skills and help completing an online application. A newly arrived family may require housing support, immigration guidance and a connection to the wider community. A young person may need educational support alongside confidence-building, mentoring, sport, creativity and positive relationships.

New Horizon has therefore developed more than individual activities. We have built a **community support environment where people can access opportunities, practical assistance, learning and connection in one place.**

The evidence from our programme records demonstrates growing engagement with this work.

Recorded engagement increased from **600 in 2024 to 880 in 2025**, representing an increase of approximately **46.7%**. A further **1147 recorded engagements had already been captured in 2026 by 15 July 2026**.

Across these three reported periods, this represents **2,627 combined recorded participant and service-engagement entries** of constant service users.

The numbers, however, tell only part of the story.

Behind each recorded engagement is a person seeking support, learning a new skill, participating in an activity, connecting with others, accessing advice, developing confidence or taking another step towards greater independence and opportunity.

This report therefore brings together our delivery, community reach, financial position, partnerships, achievements, learning and evidence of impact over the reporting period.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

New Horizon Sunderland is a community-focused charitable organisation working to empower Black, Minority Ethnic and African communities while providing inclusive opportunities and practical support to children, young people, families, adults, older people, refugees, asylum seekers and other residents experiencing barriers to opportunity and participation.

Our three-year delivery has covered:

Community advice and welfare support
Housing support
Immigration information, guidance and referral
Refugee and asylum-seeker support
Benefits support
Children and young people's activities
Education and functional skills
Digital inclusion and IT skills
Employment and employability
Enterprise development

Cultural heritage and community cohesion
Health and wellbeing
Family and parent engagement
Older people's support
Volunteering
Community outreach
Social justice and advocacy
Community development initiatives

A growing level of community engagement
One of the clearest achievements demonstrated by our records is the growth in recorded community engagement.

2026 figure represents recorded entries from January to 15 July 2026 and is therefore a year-to-date figure rather than a full-year total.

The increase from 600 recorded engagements in 2024 to 880 in 2025 represents growth of approximately **46.7%**.

The 2026 records demonstrate that engagement has continued across a broad range of services, including technology and digital skills, employment and employability, education and skills, housing, immigration, health and wellbeing, cultural heritage, youth activities, older people's support and volunteering.
This breadth is important. New Horizon is not simply attracting people to one type of activity; the records demonstrate engagement across multiple areas of community need.

Our achievement extends beyond the headline figures. New Horizon provides support both online and in person, while reaching people through schools, community organisations, faith communities, religious gatherings, outreach activities, partnerships and a wide range of community programmes.

During the reporting period, New Horizon has continued to create opportunities for:

Learning – literacy, numeracy, digital skills, IT and practical skills.
Employment – CV development, job applications, employability skills, interview preparation and employment guidance.
Our services are delivered through a combination of online and face-to-face support, enabling New Horizon to reach people in different circumstances and settings. This includes direct advice and support, educational and skills-development activities, youth and family programmes, cultural activities, community events, outreach, school engagement and partnership-based activities.
Young people – sport, music, technology, creativity, mentoring, personal development, education and youth participation.
Families – interactive activities, wellbeing, learning, social connection and practical support.
Culture and identity – cultural heritage, music, dance, food, storytelling, celebration and intergenerational participation.
Practical support – housing, immigration, benefits, welfare, food and essential

support and referrals.
Wellbeing – health information, fitness, sport, mentoring, social connection and wellbeing activities.
Community leadership – volunteering, outreach, advocacy, cultural ambassador roles and opportunities for residents to contribute to their community.
The organisation's model is deliberately holistic: people are supported not only with immediate problems but also with skills, relationships, confidence and opportunities that can contribute to longer-term resilience.

3. OUR THREE-YEAR JOURNEY: 2023–2026

The last three years represent a period of development, learning and increasing community engagement for New Horizon Sunderland.
Rather than operating through isolated projects, New Horizon has progressively developed a wider community model connecting practical support with learning, skills, participation and opportunity.

2023–2024: Establishing and strengthening delivery

The early period focused on establishing and strengthening core services, developing relationships with partners and responding to immediate community needs.
The organisation delivered advice, welfare, housing, employment, integration, cultural and community activities while building systems for recording participation and outcomes.
Earlier programme monitoring recorded **202 registered clients**. Employment services recorded **138 participants against a target of 45**, while benefits advice recorded **92 against a target of 24**. Integration events reached **321 individuals against a target of 150**, and housing support recorded **64 cases against a target of 45**.
These results demonstrate that demand was already exceeding expectations in several areas.

2024–2025: Expansion of community engagement

Recorded engagement increased to **880 in 2025**, compared with **600 in 2024**.
This represents an increase of approximately **46.7%** and demonstrates a substantial expansion in recorded participation and service engagement.
During this period, New Horizon continued to strengthen its community offer across advice, employment, education, digital inclusion, cultural activities, youth and family engagement and wider community support.

2026: Continued momentum

The 2026 dataset provides evidence of continued engagement across multiple programme areas.

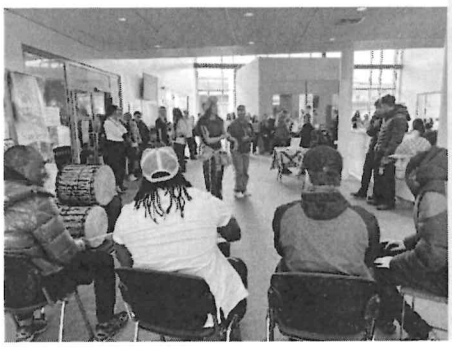
By **15 July 2026, 1147 entries had been recorded**.
These records include engagement with:
Technology and digital skills workshops
Employment support and employability training
Education and skills workshops
Housing support
Immigration support
Health and wellbeing
Sport and fitness
Mentoring and empowerment
Cultural heritage

Older people's support
Youth activities
Volunteering
The 2026 figure should be understood as a **year-to-date measure**, not a full-year comparison with 2024 or 2025.

4. COMMUNITY REACH & ENGAGEMENT
New Horizon's reach extends beyond formal one-to-one support.
The organisation has engaged with residents through community activities, schools, community settings, cultural programmes, family activities, outreach, events and other local networks.
This wider approach is important because people do not always approach an organisation through a formal service route. Community events and outreach can be the first point at which someone builds trust, discovers available support or becomes connected to further opportunities.

New Horizon has therefore used a combination of:
Direct support
Workshops
Community events
Cultural activities
Youth programmes
Family activities
Outreach
School engagement
Community networking
Religious/community gathering engagement
Volunteering
Partnerships and referrals

This has enabled the organisation to reach people through different routes rather than relying solely on traditional service delivery.







Our outreach extends across schools, community organisation, faith and religious settings, local networks and other community locations, allowing New Horizon to engage with people where they live, learn, worship and participate in community life.

5. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

5.1 Growing community engagement

The clearest quantitative achievement is the growth in recorded engagement:
600 → 880 → 1147 YTD. Our achievement extends beyond the headline figures. New Horizon delivers support through both physical and online channels, while also engaging with schools, community organisation, faith communities, religious gatherings and wider community networks through outreach, partnership activities and community programmes.

The rise from 600 to 880 represents approximately **46.7% growth** between 2024 and 2025.
With **1147** additional recorded engagements minus recorded people at the **outreach platforms**, schools, community organisations, religious gatherings and other outreach locations.

5.2 A genuinely broad community offer

New Horizon has developed an unusually broad range of support within a community setting.
People can engage with practical support while also accessing education, digital skills, employment, culture, youth development, wellbeing, volunteering and community participation.
This reduces the need for residents to navigate multiple organisations independently and creates opportunities for people to move between different forms of support according to their changing needs.

5.3 Digital inclusion as a pathway to opportunity

Digital skills have become an increasingly important part of New Horizon's delivery. Activities include practical IT, Microsoft tools, digital communication, online applications, CV support, social media, creative digital skills, cybersecurity and online safety, coding, animation, podcasting and other technology-based learning.
The 2026 records demonstrate particularly strong engagement with technology and digital skills activities.
Digital inclusion is therefore treated not simply as computer training, but as a pathway towards education, employment, independence and participation.

5.4 Youth development beyond recreation
Youth provision has incorporated education, sport, music, creativity, technology, personal development, mentoring and leadership.
The wider programme includes opportunities around football, rugby, basketball, swimming, cycling, kayaking, paddleboarding, skateboarding and fitness, alongside music, arts, drama, technology, coding, gaming, digital creativity, literacy, numeracy and youth participation.
The purpose is not simply to keep young people occupied.
It is to provide safe and positive environments where young people can build:

- Confidence
- Resilience
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Creativity
- Digital skills
- Leadership
- Educational engagement
- Social connection
- A stronger sense of identity and belonging

5.5 Cultural heritage and community cohesion
Cultural heritage has remained a significant part of New Horizon's community work.
Through music, dance, food, fashion, storytelling, cultural education, performances, workshops, exhibitions and community celebrations, the organisation creates opportunities for people to celebrate identity while strengthening relationships across the wider community.
This work contributes to:

- Pride in cultural identity
- Intergenerational learning
- Community connection
- Inclusion
- Participation
- Preservation of cultural knowledge
- Opportunities for local talent

5.6 Practical support when people need it most
New Horizon has also maintained a strong practical support role.
This includes housing support, immigration information and referral, benefits support, welfare assistance, food and essential support, signposting and connection to specialist services.
These interventions can be particularly important for people experiencing multiple pressures simultaneously.
The organisation's approach recognises that practical stability is often a prerequisite for successful participation in employment, education, wellbeing and community life.

6. THREE-YEAR PERFORMANCE SNAPSHOT

Headline reach
2,627 combined recorded participant/service-engagement entries

2024
600 recorded engagements

2025
880 recorded engagements

2026
1147 recorded engagements by 15 July 2026 with so many community engagement programs.

Growth
46.7% increase from 2024 to 2025

Earlier programme achievements

- **138** employment service participants against a target of 45
- **92** benefits advice cases against a target of 24
- **321** people reached through integration events against a target of 150
- **64** housing support cases against a target of 45
- **202** registered clients in the earlier monitoring period

These earlier programme figures relate to the specific monitoring period in which they were collected and should not be presented as three-year totals.

7. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE & STEWARDSHIP

New Horizon Sunderland's financial reporting demonstrates the importance of responsible stewardship alongside community delivery.

Financial Year	Income	Expenditure	Difference
2023/24	£143,800	£84,860	**+£58,940**
2024/25	£137,576	£158,690	**-£21,114**
2025/26	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

8. VALUE FOR MONEY

New Horizon Sunderland's value for money should not only be measured simply by the number recorded, but also by the breadth of support available through a community-based organisation. The single community relationship that has connect an individual or family to:
Advice → Digital Skills → Education → Employment → Wellbeing → Community Participation
This integrated model can reduce barriers, improve access and create opportunities for

people to receive appropriate support as their circumstances change.
The growth in recorded engagement from 600 in 2024 to 880 in 2025 and 1147 in 2026 provides quantitative evidence of increasing use of the organisation's programmes.
The breadth of the 2026 records further demonstrates that engagement is occurring across multiple areas rather than being concentrated within one programme.

9. GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY & EVIDENCE

New Horizon recognises that strong community delivery must be accompanied by strong accountability.
The organisation's reporting approach should continue to bring together:

- Registration records
- Attendance records
- Service records
- Training records
- Volunteer records
- Participant feedback
- Case studies
- Testimonials
- Referral outcomes
- Employment outcomes
- Education outcomes
- Housing outcomes
- Skills progression
- Photographic evidence
- Event records
- Partner evidence

The existing report correctly identifies the importance of combining **scale, activity, outcome and human story** when demonstrating impact.

10. CHALLENGES AND LEARNING

The organisation has operated within a context where community needs are often interconnected.
Residents may experience combinations of:

- Cost-of-living pressures
- Housing insecurity
- Employment barriers
- Digital exclusion
- Language barriers

- Social isolation
- Migration and settlement challenges
- Mental health pressures
- Educational disadvantage
- Discrimination
- Limited access to networks and opportunities

The breadth of New Horizon's programmes provides an important ability to respond to several of these challenges at the same time.
The organisation has also identified the need to continue improving its measurement of outcomes, particularly through stronger case studies, participant feedback and outcome tracking.

11. LOOKING AHEAD

The next stage of New Horizon's development is about building on what has already been established.
Priorities include:

1. Expanding youth development
2. Strengthening digital inclusion
3. Increasing employment pathways
4. Developing enterprise support
5. Strengthening financial literacy
6. Increasing family engagement
7. Expanding health and wellbeing activities
8. Supporting older people's participation
9. Developing volunteer leadership
10. Expanding cultural heritage programmes
11. Strengthening advocacy and youth participation
12. Improving outcome measurement
13. Developing stronger partnerships
14. Increasing the use of case studies and participant feedback

These priorities build directly on the delivery model developed during the reporting period.

12. STRATEGIC IMPACT SUMMARY

Across the reporting period, New Horizon's impact can be understood through six connected outcomes.

PEOPLE ARE MORE CONNECTED

Community activities, cultural programmes, volunteering and family engagement create opportunities for residents to build relationships and reduce isolation.

PEOPLE HAVE GREATER SKILLS

Education, digital training, employment support and enterprise activities develop practical capabilities.

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Youth activities, sport, music, technology, mentoring and leadership create positive developmental pathways.

PEOPLE CAN ACCESS SUPPORT MORE EASILY

Advice, guidance, referrals, housing support and immigration assistance help residents navigate complex systems.

COMMUNITIES ARE MORE RESILIENT

Practical support, wellbeing activities, food and essential assistance and community initiatives help individuals and families respond to hardship.

CULTURAL IDENTITY AND INCLUSION ARE STRENGTHENED

Heritage activities, cultural celebrations, volunteering and advocacy promote pride, belonging and participation.

13. CONCLUSION

This report demonstrates a charity that has continued to develop its reach, breadth and community relevance.

The strongest evidence is the growth in recorded engagement: from **600 in 2024 to 880 in 2025**, followed by **1147 further recorded engagements by 15 July 2026**.

Taken together, this represents **2,627 recorded participant and service-engagement entries** across the three reported periods.

But New Horizon's achievement cannot be reduced to a single number.

Across the reporting period, the organisation has provided a connected range of opportunities and support spanning practical assistance, housing, immigration, education, digital inclusion, employment, enterprise, youth development, culture, wellbeing, family engagement, volunteering and community participation.

The 2026 records demonstrate that this broad model remains active, with engagement recorded across technology, employment, education, housing, immigration, wellbeing, cultural heritage, youth, older people's support and volunteering.

New Horizon Sunderland has therefore grown not only in recorded engagement but in the breadth of ways through which residents can connect, learn, receive support, develop skills and participate.

This is the central achievement of the three-year period: building and sustaining a community platform where people can find support, opportunity, connection and a pathway forward.

APPENDIX A – THREE-YEAR REACH DATA

Reporting year	Recorded engagements	Evidence status
2024	**600**	Reported annual figure
2025	**880**	Reported annual figure
2026	**1147**	Dataset entries recorded through 15 July 2026
Combined	**2,627**	Recorded engagements unique individuals


New Horizon

NEW HORIZON SUNDERLAND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31st March 2026

I report on the financial statements of for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are set out on pages 10 to 19.

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 if the requirements 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.

J. Maxwell

Julie Maxwell
11 Edith Street
Jarrow
Tyne and Wear

Dated: 15th
September 2026

NEW HORIZON SUNDERLAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	6	-	-	**-**	-
Other trading activities	7	9,610	149,631	**159,241**	137,576
Total income		9,610	149,631	**159,241**	137,576
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	8	5,393	169,417	**174,810**	158,691
Total expenditure		5,393	169,417	**174,810**	158,691
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		4,217	(19,786)	**(15,569)**	(21,115)
Net movement of funds		4,217	(19,786)	**(15,569)**	(21,115)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		118	37,707	**37,825**	58,938
Total funds carried forward		4,335	17,921	**22,256**	37,823

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 12 to 19 form an integral part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2026

	Notes	£	Total 2026 £	£	Total 2025 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	16		-		-
Total fixed assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	17	-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	23,958		38,185	
Total current assets		**23,958**		**38,185**	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	**(1,700)**		**(360)**	
Net current assets			**22,257**		**37,825**
Total assets less current liabilities			**22,257**		**37,825**
Total net assets or liabilities			**22,256**		**37,825**
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			4,335		118
Restricted income funds			17,921		37,707
Total funds			**22,256**		**37,825**

The notes on pages 17 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

and are signed on its behalf by:

Feliciana Nzau
Chair
Dated: 15/09/2026

NEW HORIZON SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st 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.

The 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.

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

2.2 **Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. The Trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 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 government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' 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 **Volunteer help**

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.5 **Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.6 **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are 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 working with young Asian members 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. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 **Irrecoverable VAT**

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

4.5 **Creditors**

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 **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.

5 **Assets**

5.1 **Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity**

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Fixtures fittings and equipment	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

New Horizon Sunderland

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

Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
6 **Donations and legacies**				
Donations		-	-	
	-	-	-	-
7 **Charitable activities**				
	-	-	-	
Reaching Communities		46,013	**46,013**	42,711
Heritage Lottery			-	64,615
The Global Fund / Pheonix Way		51,000	**51,000**	
Children in Need		28,419	**28,419**	9,021
Sports England			-	11,080
Comic Relief			-	2,500
Awards For All		20,000	**20,000**	
Sunderland DP			-	3,000
Shared Sunderland			-	4,649
Groundwork		2,000	**2,000**	
Centre for Civil Service		2,199	**2,199**	
Other Income	9,610		**9,610**	
			-	
	9,610	149,631	**159,241**	137,576

Income was £159,241 (2025: £137,578) of which £9,610 was unrestricted or designated (2025: £3,000) and £149,631 was restricted (2025: £134,578)

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
Salary costs inc. pension and employers NI		80,026	**80,026**	40,760
Support Staff		9,780	**9,780**	20,507
Project Delivery Costs/Consultation		47,034	**47,034**	45,283
Evaluation		3,657	**3,657**	3,550
Office Costs		10,727	**10,727**	7,730
Business Development Plan		1,687	**1,687**	16,918
Staff Training		4,636	**4,636**	4,501
Activities		7,340	**7,340**	7,126
Marketing / Capacity	4,693		**4,693**	3,080
Volunteer Costs		2,580	**2,580**	-
Travel Costs		1,950	**1,950**	
Depreciation			-	8,574
Governance costs				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	400		**400**	360
Other governance costs	300	-	**300**	302
	5,393	169,417	**174,810**	158,691

Expenditure on charitable activities was £174,810 (2025: £158,692) of which £5,393 was unrestricted or designated (2025: £2,884) and £169,417 was restricted (2025: £155,808

9 **Fees for examination of the accounts**

	2026 £	2025 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	**400**	360
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner		
	400	360

10 **Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel**

	2026 £	2025 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	**70,900**	37,694
Employer's National Insurance costs	**8,383**	2,482
Employer's pension costs	**743**	584
	80,026	40,760

Number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards.

	2026 Number	2025 Number
Band £70,000 to £80,000	**0.0**	0.0

10 **Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel** continued

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees and the Executive Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £xxxxx (2024: £73,437).

11 **Staff numbers** The average monthly head count was 3 staff (2025: 3 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

The parts of the charity in which the employee's work:	**2026 Number**	2025 Number
Charitable activities	**3.0**	**3.0**
	3.0	3.0

12 **Transactions with trustees**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

The following detail the expenses incurred by the trustees.

2026 £	2025 £
-	-
-	-

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

13 **Defined contribution pension scheme**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £743 (2025: £584). There was £0 outstanding as at 31st March 2026 (2025: £571)

14 **Corporation Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

15 **Capital commitments**

As at 31st March 2026, the charity had no capital commitments (2025 -£nil)

16 **Tangible fixed assets**

	Motor Vehicles	**Total**
		-
	-	-
Cost		-
Balance brought forward		
Additions		
Disposals		

Balance carried forward	-	-
Depreciation		
Basis	SL	
Rate	25%	
Balance brought forward		
Depreciation charge for year		-
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-
Net book value		
Brought forward	-	-
Carried forward	-	-

17 **Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accrued income		
	-	-

18 **Cash at bank and in hand**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	**23,958**	38,185
	23,958	38,185

19 **Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade creditors		
Taxation and social security	**1,109**	
Pension	**191**	
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	**400**	360
	1,700	360

20 **Events after the end of the reporting period**

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

21 **Analysis of charitable funds**

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
General unrestricted fund	118	9,610	(5,393)	-	**4,335**
Totals	118	9,610	(5,393)	-	**4,335**

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund	The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Reaching Communities	3,339	46,013	(43,014)	-	**6,338**
Phoenix Way Fund	186	51,000	(44,356)	-	**6,830**
Heritage Lottery	24,301		(24,301)	-	**-**
Children in Need	6,231	28,419	(29,916)	-	**4,734**
Sports England	2,900		(2,900)	-	**-**
Comic Relief/Ground Work	750	2,000	(2,750)	-	**-**
Awards for All	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	**-**
Centre for Civil Services		2,199	(2,199)		
				-	**-**
				-	**-**
				-	**-**
				-	**-**
	-	-	-	-	**-**
Totals	37,707	149,631	(169,436)	-	**17,902**

Purpose of major restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Reaching Commuities	Core costs for the further development of New Horizons

21 **Analysis of charitable funds** continued

Purpose of major restricted funds continued

Phoenix Way Fund	Core costs to continue to work with local communities
Heritage Lottery	Core Costs to continue work

22 **Analysis of net assets between funds 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	**-**
Investments	-	-	**-**
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(1,700)	-	**(1,700)**
Long term assets/(liabilities)	-	-	**-**
	4,337	17,921	**22,257**

1 **Guarantee**

There have been no guarantees given by the charity at 31st March 2026

2 **Debt**

There is no debt outstanding which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an excess charge on any of the assets of the charity at 31st March 2026

3 **Governing document**

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation registered on 28th November 2022 as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before taxation		(15,569)	(21,115)
Add back:			
Depreciation			
Investment income		-	-
Interest expense		-	-
Increase in inventory		-	-
Increase in trade receivables		-	-
Increase in trade payables		1,340	360
Cash generated from operations		**(14,229)**	**(20,755)**
Less:			
Interest paid		-	-
Tax paid		-	-
Net cash from operating activities		**(14,229)**	**(20,755)**
Cash flow from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Interest received		-	-
Dividends received		-	-
Net cash used in investing activities		**-**	**-**
Cash flow from financing activities			
Proceeds from the issue of share capital		-	-
Proceeds from long term borrowing		-	-
Dividends paid		-	-
Net cash used in financing activities		**-**	**-**
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		**(14,227)**	38,185
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year		**38,185**	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		**23,958**	**38,185**