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Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

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Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Neil Sewell Susan Maguire Chris Wood Rob Wakefield John Greenwood Terry Cane Andrew Munro Andrew Kirk Mark Merryweather
Senior Management Team	Olivia O'Brien
Charity Registration Number	1202997
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Independent Examiner	Eva Stevens, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Lena Russell (resigned 6 November 2025)
	Neil Sewell
	Susan Maguire
	Chris Wood
	Rob Wakefield
	John Greenwood
	Terry Cane
	Andrew Munro
	Andrew Kirk (appointed 21 August 2025)
	Mark Merryweather (appointed 21 August 2025)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO constitution adopted 09/05/2023.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Recruitment is by both advertisement and recommendation. Selection is conducted after completion of an application form and skills audit form, alongside informal discussion with the Charity Manager and/or Chair. Following this, guest attendance at a Board meeting is required, and after this, if the prospective trustee is willing to continue with their application, a decision to accept or decline the application will be made by the existing Board members in private. A consensus decision is preferred, but a majority vote could be used. Appointment is then subject to appropriate DBS at enhanced level for working with children, and completion of the Trustee Eligibility Declaration.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

To act as a resource for young people aged 0 to 25 years living in Harborough District and environs by providing advice and assistance, and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
b) advancing education;
c) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in Harborough District who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons
And;
The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Measuring Impact and Achieving Charitable Purposes

The organisation has systems in place to measure its impact. Each session is evaluated by staff, who record young people's feedback and observations of progress. These are collated each term to identify trends or developments toward project outcomes. This analysis, combined with structured youth voice input, informs future planning-helping shape activities to enhance progress or address weaker areas.

Advancing Young People’s Skills and Development

In line with the purpose of providing advice and assistance, and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of: A) Advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skill, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals, the charity supports young people to develop practical and emotional skills. These include motor skills, leadership, cooking, reasoning, emotional regulation, and coping strategies. As confidence and self-esteem improve, young people are better equipped for adulthood and capable of building stronger relationships, including within their families. Families benefit too, feeling supported and less isolated when their children can access free, local provision.

Trained youth workers are key to this support, offering safeguarding and signposting where necessary-such as referrals to Social Care, Early Help, or mental health resources. This wraparound support strengthens both the individual and their wider family network.

Advancing Education

The charity provides informal education that builds life, health, and vocational skills. Young people learn through activities such as cooking, creative tasks, leadership opportunities, and discussions around emotional resilience and mental health. These experiences help them manage school stress, build confidence, and understand how to achieve personal goals.

The Travelling Forward Project plays a vital role in supporting Gypsy and Traveller families, especially those whose children are not in formal education. The charity helps signpost these families to the Local Authority’s Multi-Agency Traveller Unit and directly supports their re-engagement with education. Additionally, the project’s facilitator has trained with the Prince’s Trust, enabling young people not in education, employment, or training to begin working toward recognised qualifications. These efforts collectively enhance learning, promote re-entry into formal education, and expand young people’s future academic and career opportunities.

Providing Recreation and Addressing Social Disadvantage

A significant portion of the charity's activities focus on recreation and play-vital for physical health, creativity, teamwork, and resilience. These leisure opportunities also foster independence and self-expression, particularly important in adolescence.

The charity targets children and young people living in rural or isolated areas who have limited access to services due to transport and social disadvantage. Young carers and members of the Traveller community often bear additional responsibilities, such as care giving or early entry into work. HCYC's provision offers them vital respite and peer connection in a supportive environment-time to relax, play, and be themselves.

Promoting Equality and Diversity

The Travelling Forward Project actively promotes understanding between communities. In Harborough District, the Traveller community faces regular discrimination. The project combats this through inclusive activities: school visits featuring cultural celebrations, the Traveller's Tea community event led by Traveller families, and Traveller-created content in Speak Out Magazine. During Traveller History Month, the charity also shares stories and history on social media and in local exhibitions.

These efforts challenge harmful stereotypes, celebrate culture, and foster greater understanding between Traveller and non-Traveller communities-benefiting individuals and society alike.

Achievements and performance

Harborough District Children and Young People's Charity is delighted to complete its 14th year of service delivery. Trustees, Staff and Volunteers have worked hard to provide high quality youth provision for the children and young people of Harborough District.

The Charity has seen some changes to its Trustee Board during 2025-26. Both Chris Wood and Rob Wakefield stepped down to Ordinary Trustees from Chair of Trustees and Treasurer (respectively) in November 2025. The charity thanks them for the many years that they dedicated to their specific roles. Terry Cane stepped into the Chair of Trustees role, bringing his wealth of experience in youth work to the position, and Andrew Kirk joined the charity to apply his accountancy skills to the role of Treasurer. Furthermore, the charity recognised the need for a Vice-Chair, with Mark Merryweather joining the charity and fulfilling this role. Neil Sewell remains as Secretary and Safeguarding Lead. The charity welcomes its new Trustees and thanks all for carrying out the tasks for these additional roles. Susan Maguire, John Greenwood and Andrew Munro complete a further year as Ordinary Trustees and the charity thanks them for the commitment and the broad range of skills, experience and expertise they bring to the role. Finally, the charity was sad seeing Lena Russell stepping away from the Board in November, but thanks her for her years of commitment and the support she gave towards Human Resources during this time.

This year sees Olivia O'Brien moving into her 6th year as Charity Manager, overseeing the Trustee developments, operations, governance, and financials, supported for another year by the very dependable Charity Administrator, Helen Burrows. We thank them for their commitment to the charity and ongoing hard work.

The five projects going into the year, namely the Travelling Forward Project, the Chill Out Project, the Speak Out Magazine Project, the Young Carers Project and the Mentoring Project have continued to run throughout the year. In 2025-26, the Charity supported approximately 361 individual children and young people over 486 sessions across these projects, with an estimated number of purposeful contacts that staff have made with children and young people being 2,476 occasions. In addition to this, it is estimated that there have been 4,650 readers of the Speak Out Magazine and 13,238 Speak Out Website views.

As stated above, all sessions of each project are evaluated against the participant's improvements in mental and emotional resilience; skills and knowledge for life, health and vocation; relationships with peers and adults; and pride in self-identity, culture and community.

Here is a summary of the projects over the last year:

Speak Out Magazine Project

The Speak Out Project engaged a core group of 8 young people aged between 11-18 years in the creation and publication of a youth-led, youth views magazine on a termly basis, which is printed and distributed for local young people. The website affords space for more articles and art, information for young people on local events and a wellbeing section to connect young people with available services. Furthermore, the website has been able to showcase the 93 entries from the young people in the community that responded to the writing and art briefs that the core group designed and publicised. Supported and trained by Speak Out Coordinator, Caroline Villamartin, two further young people have learned how to create web pages and upload content directly to site.

Leader, Dee Odedra has continued to work hard enabling the Speak Out Team to access new opportunities. She has been joined this year by Assistant, Una Bentley who quickly became an integral part of the team. Assistant, Heather Hughes left the team to pursue her next opportunity and we wish her luck with where this takes her. The highlights of the year have been the teams collaboration with Harborough District Youth Council to promote, gather and judge design entries for their logo, their visit from Home-Start South Leicestershire's Development Coordinator to learn more about volunteering and civic roles, and two members of the team co-chairing HCYC's Annual General Meeting.

We praise Caroline, Dee, Heather and Una for the high quality of provision that they deliver and the young people for creating magazines that are such a good read!

Travelling Forward Project

The Travelling Forward Project supports children and young people from local Gypsy and Traveller Communities and their families.

This year saw the continuation of the Good Times Sessions (provision for 5-16 year olds using our mobile project vehicle, youth workers and sports coaches) at Greenacres (Market Harborough), Justin Park (just outside Market Harborough in West Northants) and Mere Farm (Ullersthorpe), and the Women and Girls Group for 11+ ladies and young women outreach sessions on Mere Farm, which was then extended to Greenacres from July 2026.

The team have needed to be flexible in their approach to delivery of the project throughout the year due to a variety of reasons on both Greenacres and Mere Farm, but thanks to the strong links between the project and the primary schools of Foxton and Claybrooke, services for the children and young people have continued and been valued by all. The project also delivered a celebratory session on St Joseph's Primary School for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month in June 2026, which is a positive new relationship with the school. Delivery on Justin Park remained consistent through the year and has been well attended by both the children and their family members.

Highlights of the year were the peer integration sessions at primary schools attended by the children of Good Times, accompanying the NHS Health Bus onto Greenacres and Justin Park, and the bus was once again turned in a grotto and Santa gave presents to all the children on all three sites whilst their families had Christmas refreshments outside. Thank you to Wates for the many wrapped selection boxes for all the young people in the charity.

Unfortunately, our Crazy Times session on Greenacres for Secondary School aged young people came to an end in February 2026 due to a lack of further funding. The young people were upset that it could not continue but have remained supported by the project through the Women and Girl's Group.

We thank Avril Da Silva (Travelling Forward Coordinator) and her team, Jenny Rochelle, Caroline Villamartin, Una Bentley, Annie Villamartin, Tony Foye, Emma Pickering, Georgie Dove and Sally Thomas-Frederick for their work and enthusiasm towards the project.

Overall, through delivering over the three sites, the Travelling Forward Project was able to support approximately 224 different children, young people, and women and girls; with 1,175 direct, purposeful contacts.

The Chill Out Project

The project continued to deliver a range of play and youth work activity sessions across the district, primarily through youth clubs with support from Parish Councils or community groups. It completed a further year delivering sessions in South Kilworth, Great Easton and Kibworth, and the summer term for Fleckney (paused after this due to the refurbishment of the hall) providing opportunities for young people to positively develop through engaging in games, discussions, crafts, quizzes, challenges and more. We thank South Kilworth Parish Council, Fleckney Parish Council, Great Easton Parish Council, Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council, Kibworth and Fleckney Rotary Club, and The Well in Kibworth for supporting us and the young people in their areas.

Highlights from the project are the contributions that they are making to the Speak Out Magazine by entering briefs, writing content and providing pictures of their activities, providing their views and ideas to help train staff, recruit and make the provision better, creating small acts of kindness in their communities, and raising money for a fellow charity that supports their group.

Cross, Assistants Chris Slaughter, Lisa Harrison, and Georgie Dove. We said goodbye and thank you to our volunteer Roisin. We appreciate you all.

Approximately 83 different young people attended Chill Out Clubs over 114 sessions, with an estimated 908 purposeful contacts having been made with children and young people.

The Young Carers Project

The Young Carers Project delivered their third year of group with the continued support of Voluntary Action South Leicestershire's volunteer drivers who provide transport to the young people who need it. Coordinated by Avril Da Silva, the group offers space for young people who have additional caring responsibilities to have fun and respite alongside peers with similar experiences in aid of helping to support their mental health and resilience.

Alongside the fortnightly groups, the young carers also enjoyed a trip to enjoy the rides at Wickstead Park, a Lazer Quest trip and enjoyed a Christmas meal with presents. The presents were provided by Leicester charity, Toys on the Table, so thank you to them for their positive impact too.

We thank Avril for her hard work in coordinating and running the group and the support that Assistants Una Bentley, Annie Villamartin, Sally Thomas-Frederick and Volunteer, Eileen Robinson for all the compassion and support they provide to the young people in the group.

Approximately 14 different young people attended the Young Carers Project over 20 sessions, with an estimated 126 purposeful contacts having been made with children and young people.

Mentoring Project

The Mentoring Project offers additional 1:1 support to children and young people in the District who need it. Kay Hillier, Mentoring Coordinator has continued to offer this support and develop the project. Kay has complete 1:1 work with 27 over a total of 89 sessions. She has also continued her relationship with Kibworth Mead Academy and supported students in year 6 from Meadowdale Primary School transitioning to Secondary School.

We thank Kay for her flexible approach to navigating the complexities of reaching young people in need, and for delivering this highly regarded service.

All these projects would not have been possible without the successful fundraising efforts of Lizzie Keenan. We thank her for her persistence and creativity in this task. We thank all our funders and stakeholders that have enabled us to offer these opportunities to young people. We also thank our outside providers that support the work that we do, namely, Julie Flett, Si Sports, Voluntary Action South Leicestershire, Community Accounting Plus and Charlotte Sandford of CLS Accountancy Services.

However, unfortunately after a difficult year for fundraising overall and the answer for repeat funding declined mid-March, the futures of the Chill Out Clubs, Speak Out Project, Mentoring and Young Carers Project are unknown going into 2026/27.

Financial review

The charity finished the reporting period with a deficit of £(31,004), with total income of £226,154 against expenditure of £(257,158). As a result, total funds reduced from £170,667 to £139,663 during the year. Cash balances remained healthy at £146,696, providing the charity with sufficient liquidity to meet its ongoing commitments.

The reduction in reserves reflects a challenging funding environment and the charity's decision to continue delivering services where possible despite increasing financial pressures. Following the recent decision by a key funder not to provide repeat funding, the charity will enter the 2026/27 financial year without confirmed funding for a number of core sessions. The Trustees have therefore developed an emergency financial plan which, if required, may involve reducing service provision and making redundancies to protect the charity's remaining reserves and ensure its longer-term viability.

The Trustees will continue to pursue new funding opportunities while closely monitoring the charity's financial position. Although reserves remain at a level that provides some resilience, careful financial management will be essential over the coming year as the charity responds to ongoing funding uncertainty and seeks to maintain services where resources allow.

Policy on reserves

The charity does not currently have an explicit policy on reserves, however, decisions by the Trustee Board are made with consideration of the need to develop a reserve budget in order to mitigate financial risks. The aim is to achieve a reserve budget of 6 months running costs.

Major risks and management of those risks

The charity currently has reserves to insure it against any contingent liabilities including redundancy payments, risks including staff sickness pay and cover, and exceptional vehicle maintenance costs. Due to the recent request for repeat funding being declined, the charity will be entering 2026/27 without main funders for a number of its sessions. When initiating the emergency plan, it is likely that some sessions will need to be closed and redundancies made in order to protect reserves and the continuation of the charity overall.

Financial systems and processes ensure we monitor budgets carefully and our fundraising, strategic and annual plan ensures we have a proactive approach to meeting budgetary needs.

Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ...24.09.26.. and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Terry Cane
Trustee

Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

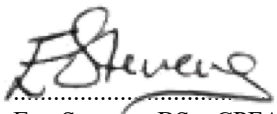
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Eva Stevens, BSc, CPFA, employee of Community Accounting Plus
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Date: 28/09/2026.....

Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	38,407	-	38,407	32,667
Charitable activities	3	13,402	173,032	186,434	226,866
Investment income	4	1,313	-	1,313	-
Total Income		53,122	173,032	226,154	259,533
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	(5,242)	(251,916)	(257,158)	(243,745)
Total Expenditure		(5,242)	(251,916)	(257,158)	(243,745)
Net income/(expenditure)		47,880	(78,884)	(31,004)	15,788
Gross transfers between funds		(60,511)	60,511	-	-
Net movement in funds		(12,631)	(18,373)	(31,004)	15,788
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		122,071	48,596	170,667	154,879
Total funds carried forward	16	109,440	30,223	139,663	170,667

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 16.

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	32,667	-	32,667
Charitable activities	3	18,457	208,409	226,866
Total Income		51,124	208,409	259,533
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	(11,216)	(232,529)	(243,745)
Total Expenditure		(11,216)	(232,529)	(243,745)
Net income/(expenditure)		39,908	(24,120)	15,788
Gross transfers between funds		(42,685)	42,685	-
Net movement in funds		(2,777)	18,565	15,788
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		124,848	30,031	154,879
Total funds carried forward	16	122,071	48,596	170,667

Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity

(Registration number: 1202997)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	7,258	9,548
Cash at bank and in hand		146,696	166,709
		153,954	176,257
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(13,587)	(5,583)
Total assets less current liabilities		140,367	170,674
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(704)	(7)
Net assets		139,663	170,667
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	16	30,223	48,596
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		109,440	122,071
Total funds	16	139,663	170,667

The financial statements on pages 12 to 24 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ...24.09.26.... and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Andrew Kirk
Trustee

Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Harborough District Children & Young People's Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregates similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Vehicle	Straight line over 9 years

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds and resources set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	907	907	-
Donations from community groups	-	-	26,267
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	37,500	37,500	6,400
	38,407	38,407	32,667

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Grants & donations	-	-	173,032	173,032	208,409
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	4,345
Fees	13,282	120	-	13,402	14,112
	13,282	120	173,032	186,434	226,866

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,313	1,313	-

5 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
The Well Kibworth	-	2,000	2,000
Rotary Club of Kibworth & Fleckney	-	1,000	1,000
The Hearth Foundation	1,000	-	1,000
Edith Murphy Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,000	-	20,000
The Alchemy Foundation	1,000	-	1,000
J Reginald Corah Foundation	1,000	-	1,000
Souter Charitable Trust	2,000	-	2,000
Maud Elkington Charitable Trust	1,500	-	1,500
The Mary Robertson Trust	2,000	-	2,000
Florence Turner Trust	1,000	-	1,000
Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation	3,000	5,000	8,000
The National Lottery Community Foundation	-	87,558	87,558
BBC Children in Need	-	44,974	44,974
Govenment of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme (ESP)	-	12,000	12,000
Irish Youth Foundation (UK) Limited	-	2,000	2,000
Northamptonshire Community Foundation	-	5,000	5,000
Market Harborough and The Bowdens Charity	-	5,000	5,000
Sir Andrew Martin Trust	-	2,000	2,000
The Ireland Funds Great Britain- 2026 Community Impact Fund	-	5,000	5,000
Kibworth Harcourt Parish Council	-	1,500	1,500
General donations	907	-	907
	38,407	173,032	211,439

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Legal & professional fees	1,665	13,623	15,288	14,429
Activities, Equipment & materials	-	12,402	12,402	19,021
General Office & administration expense	200	944	1,144	2,651
Bank Charges	3	20	23	116
Facilities & Desk hire	439	3,594	4,033	4,592
Insurance	49	405	454	453
Staff expenses	530	4,269	4,799	5,335
Vehicle costs	32	4,128	4,160	4,695
Volunteer expenses	6	50	56	-
Venue Hire	-	1,070	1,070	950
Communications	72	228	300	425
Recruitment	-	-	-	136
Wages, NIC & Pensions	9,055	200,437	209,492	186,738
YCG Staffing costs	-	2,448	2,448	2,722
Payroll service	177	1,312	1,489	1,482
Bus usage recharges	(6,986)	6,986	-	-
	5,242	251,916	257,158	243,745

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	192,299	166,315
Social security costs	6,888	10,851
Pension costs	10,305	9,572
	209,492	186,738

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2026 No	2025 No
Average number of employees during the year	18	17

13 (2025 - 12) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £10,305 (2025 - £9,572).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £47,786 (2025 - £44,645).

8 Independent examiner's fees

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Independent examination	815	765
Other financial services	126	1,624
	941	2,389

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from corporation taxation.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles NBV opening transfer £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2025	9,000	9,000
At 31 March 2026	9,000	9,000
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2025	9,000	9,000
At 31 March 2026	9,000	9,000
Net book value		
At 31 March 2026	-	-
At 31 March 2025	-	-

11 Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade debtors	5,737	8,461
Prepayments	1,521	1,087
	7,258	9,548

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Other taxation and social security	3,405	1,941
Other creditors	10,182	3,642
	13,587	5,583

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Accruals	704	7

14 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

15 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	122,071	39,840	(5,242)	(47,229)	109,440
Designated					
Clubs Fees	-	13,282	-	(13,282)	-
Total unrestricted funds	122,071	53,122	(5,242)	(60,511)	109,440
Restricted funds					
Travelling Forward Good Times	3,241	42,000	(53,911)	12,373	3,703
Travelling Forward Good Times Justin Park	-	10,000	(23,512)	19,637	6,125
Travelling Forward Mere Group Farm W&GG	2,596	12,000	(16,100)	4,591	3,087
Travelling Forward Crazy Times	8,775	5,000	(18,451)	4,676	-
Speak Out Project	854	32,111	(42,283)	9,318	-
Mentoring	7,662	39,339	(29,954)	(17,047)	-
Chill Out Project	3,451	20,607	(46,726)	22,668	-
Young Carers	6,451	7,000	(20,645)	13,082	5,888
Bus Reserve	15,566	-	-	(8,787)	6,779
Blue Sky Project	-	4,975	(334)	-	4,641
Total restricted funds	48,596	173,032	(251,916)	60,511	30,223
Total funds	170,667	226,154	(257,158)	-	139,663

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

General fund - to fund general running costs.

Designated funds:
UK Youth - Thriving Minds - to fund activities to support young people's mental health.
Clubs fees - to be used for additional activities not covered by the restricted funds.

Restricted funds:
Travelling Forward - to fund supportive and developmental activities for children and young people from local Gypsy and Traveller communities.
Travelling Forward (Good times) - to fund supportive and developmental activities for children and young people from local Gypsy and Traveller communities.
Travelling Forward Justin Park - to fund supportive and developmental activities for children and young people from local Gypsy and Traveller communities.
Travelling Forward Mere Group Farm W&GG- Women and girls group - to fund supportive and developmental activities for children and young people from local Gypsy and Traveller communities.
Travelling Forward Crazy times - to fund supportive and developmental activities for children and young people.
Young Carers - to fund additional support and activities to young people who have taken on the role of a carer in their family.
Speak Out - to fund a young people's group and costs to create the youth-led youth views magazine, "Speak Out".
Chill Out Project - to fund supportive and developmental activities for isolated and/or vulnerable children and young people using our mobile project vehicle and other community venues.
Mentoring - One to One additional support for young people accessing our groups.
Bus reserve - to fund future costs relating to the bus.
Blue Sky Project - Four events using the Chill Out Bus to deliver emotional wellbeing support to children aged 8-13 living in rural parts of Harborough District.

The transfers between the General fund to various restricted funds are to cover the management and support costs.

The transfer from the Club Fees designated fund to the Chill Out Project is related to match funding fees for the Chill Out Project clubs which was primarily funded by the National Lottery as part of the Youth Connect Project.

The transfer from the Bus Reserve to the Chill Out Project and the Good Times & Crazy Times Projects is to cover the use of the bus as part of these projects.

The transfer from the Mentoring fund is to cover the expenses of other projects which were part of the National Lottery Youth Connect Project.

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	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	105,731	20,512	(11,216)	7,044	122,071
Designated					
UK Youth-Thriving Minds	-	16,500	-	(16,500)	-
Clubs Fees	19,117	14,112	-	(33,229)	-
	19,117	30,612	-	(49,729)	-
Total unrestricted funds	124,848	51,124	(11,216)	(42,685)	122,071
Restricted					
Travelling Forward Tudor Trust	3,746	15,000	(161)	(18,585)	-
Travelling Forward Good Times	1,440	39,000	(34,933)	(2,266)	3,241
Travelling Forward Good Times Justin Park	3,359	14,900	(17,975)	(284)	-
Travelling Forward Mere Group Farm W&GG	3,170	13,000	(16,588)	3,014	2,596
Travelling Forward Crazy Times	-	20,000	(14,488)	3,263	8,775
Speak Out Project	1,904	37,889	(38,939)	-	854
Mentoring	-	38,093	(32,060)	1,629	7,662
Chill Out Project	3,089	14,182	(49,052)	35,232	3,451
Young Carers	9,273	16,345	(19,167)	-	6,451
Bus Reserve	4,050	-	(9,166)	20,682	15,566
Total restricted funds	30,031	208,409	(232,529)	42,685	48,596
Total funds	154,879	259,533	(243,745)	-	170,667

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		2026
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	123,731	30,223	153,954
Current liabilities	(13,587)	-	(13,587)
Creditors over 1 year	(704)	-	(704)
Total net assets	109,440	30,223	139,663

	Unrestricted		2025
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	127,661	48,596	176,257
Current liabilities	(5,583)	-	(5,583)
Creditors over 1 year	(7)	-	(7)
Total net assets	122,071	48,596	170,667