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Company Number: 14241649

The Northern Powergrid Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025

The Northern Powergrid Foundation

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Trustees' report
For the year ended 31 December 2025

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with The Northern Powergrid Foundation's (the "Foundation" or the "charity") governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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.

Objectives and activities

The Foundation was established by Northern Powergrid in 2022 in response to the devastating effects of storm Arwen upon the communities it serves. However, the objectives of the Foundation are more ambitious than simply supporting energy resilience. The Trustees want to create enduring support across a broad range of charitable objects by helping those most affected by changes in the economy, environment and society because of the shifting energy landscape.

The objects of the Foundation are:

- the prevention and relief of poverty, and the relief of those in need due to financial hardship, ill-health, disability or other disadvantage including through the provision of advice and support for the optimisation of living conditions, particularly relating to the use of energy and resources among those in necessitous circumstances, including those in fuel-poor households, or who have suffered loss through weather-related or other environmental events;
- the maintenance, improvement or provision of public amenities for the public benefit in areas which are socially and economically deprived;
- the preservation, conservation, protection and improvement of the environment including through supporting sustainability and the prudent and efficient use of resources; and
- the advancement of education through the provision and support of educational support and training about all aspects of efficient and sustainable use of energy and resources.

One of the ways of getting the right support in place to create resilient and thriving communities is via access to funding. Since incorporation, this has been primarily achieved by making grants of up to £20,000 to fund local community projects, typically focused on energy resilience. But the Trustees envisage that fulfilling the Foundation's objectives will also be achieved by introducing a range of funding solutions, which offer local organisations the flexibility and support they need to overcome the energy challenges their communities face to provide enhanced public benefit.

The Foundation's grant making policy exists to ensure that the Foundation benefits the public and applies its funding fairly and consistently. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Foundation's grant making policy.

Achievement and performance

During the year, the Foundation completed two grant rounds focused predominantly on energy resilience. The first round was made in quarter two of 2025, which resulted in £0.24 million being awarded to fund 16 projects. Round two was made in quarter four of 2025, during which, the Trustees awarded £0.19 million to fund 12 projects.

Through the provision of grants, to date, the Foundation has supported communities by funding energy resilience solutions which, allows them to become more self-sufficient, particularly during extreme weather events. Funding projects for communities and community hubs also helps to protect residents and improve resilience in the face of a changing climate, whilst furthering the decarbonisation agenda. By funding alternate power projects, the Foundation has not only ensured the integrity of supply in many smaller and harder to reach communities, but also in many cases, has supported projects that procure resilience in a sustainable way.

Examples of the type of projects benefitting from funding includes the installation of solar panels and battery storage equipment at community hubs, including village halls and community centres, to enable communities to maintain supply during a power cut. Many of these beneficiaries have reported that their installations have been a positive way to encourage their local communities to adopt energy efficiency measures in their homes.

Northumberland YMCA were granted £19,864 in December 2025 to install solar panels and battery storage at their Ashington facility. Benefits reported included a reduction of their reliance on grid electricity, with the security of having a resilient supply in the event of emergencies, contributions to environmental sustainability and climate responsibility, and educational opportunities for the young people they work with.

During the year, the Foundation also commenced preparatory work for Local Power Potential, a pilot programme designed to support emerging community energy groups to develop their project pre-feasibility, by conducting needs assessments and matching each organisation to consultants who can support. The pilot will be delivered in partnership with Ashden Climate Solutions on behalf of the Energy Learning Network.

Operationally, in January 2025, the Head of Foundation, Foundation Operations Manager, and Foundation Administrator were appointed to facilitate the delivery of the Foundation's long-term strategy, and a grant management system was introduced. To align with the 360Giving Data Standard, all grants awarded were published on the Foundation's website.

Plans for the future

The Foundation's 2026 to 2028 strategy was published in February 2026, which focused on the achievement of its mission of 'helping communities turn energy challenges into opportunities', via three strategic priorities:

1. Enhancing Resilience: Building stronger, more resilient communities powered by sustainable energy solutions;
2. Creating Opportunities: Empowering communities to shape their own energy future and unlock new opportunities; and
3. Overcoming Barriers: Helping local charities thrive by easing energy pressures and keeping vital services open.

To maximise the Foundation's impact, the Trustees have also been exploring partnerships with other funders, developing community energy resilience education programmes, and initiating a volunteering programme.

Financial review

As at 1 January 2025 the Foundation had total funds and net assets of £6.36 million.

The Trustees retained RBC Brewin Dolphin as the Foundation's investment advisor (first appointed in 2024). The Foundation's funds are invested in a low-risk investment portfolio, allocated to a number of gilt issues set to mature at intervals until 2031.

Two gilts were redeemed in 2025, with proceeds transferred to the cash fund: £0.27 million and £0.75 million in March and September respectively. Two payments with a combined total of £0.61 million were transferred from the cash fund into the Foundation bank account, in July and October, to facilitate the 2025 grant rounds, and the Local Power Potential pilot.

During the financial year, the Foundation awarded grants totalling £0.50 million to beneficiaries in support of 28 projects. However, given the timing of the grant round in quarter four, the payment of the £0.19 million of charitable funds did not take place until quarter one of 2026, with £0.19 million accrued accordingly.

During the year, the Foundation received donated services and support from Northern Powergrid, including access to office facilities and administrative assistance. These resources were provided free of charge to support the Foundation's operations. The Trustees recognise the benefit this provides, and thank Northern Powergrid for their contributions.

As at 31 December 2025, the Foundation had total funds and net assets of £5.88 million.

Reserves policy

The Foundation's funds remain in surplus, and the reserves are currently maintained in order to meet its objectives. A financial sustainability and fundraising strategy will be developed during 2026 to consider additional income streams.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The risk register is reviewed by the trustees on a quarterly basis and covers governance, financial, operational, compliance and external risks. Risks identified are prioritised on the basis of likelihood of occurrence and potential impact with mitigations agreed to manage the risks.

The main risks identified during 2025 included:

Customer Satisfaction

The Foundation has put in place a number of measures to ensure that grants are awarded to eligible recipients in furtherance of the charitable objects. In the event stakeholders do have concerns, these are managed by the Foundation's complaints process.

Trustees' terms of appointment

A board succession plan has been agreed with the Foundation's shareholder to avoid multiple Trustees terms ending concurrently.

Fraud

The trustees, with the support of Northern Powergrid have put in place a number of policies and processes to manage the risk of fraud from both the cyber security and operational perspective. This includes robust information technology systems and controls, stringent due diligence processes and clear financial reporting procedures.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Number:	1203185
Registered Company Number:	14241649 (England and Wales)
Registered Office:	Lloyds Court, 78 Grey Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 6AF

Trustees

The Trustees who served the Foundation during the period were as follows;

K Bradley	Independent Trustee (Interim Chair from 30 June 2026)
J Coe	Northern Powergrid Trustee
J Docherty	Chair of the Trustees (Resigned on 30 June 2026)
L Lowes	Northern Powergrid Trustee
D Wilkin	Independent Trustee

Company Secretary

J Riley

Our advisors

External Auditors	S&W Audit	17 Queens Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RN
Bankers	Lloyds Banking Group	102 Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6AG

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Foundation was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 18 July 2022 and was registered as a charity on 22 May 2023. The Foundation's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association ("Articles").

Principal activity

The Foundation is part of the Northern Powergrid Holdings Company and its subsidiaries group of companies (the "Northern Powergrid Group"), and its principal activity is to further its charitable objects (see 'objectives and activities' above), primarily on behalf of customers residing in the geographic areas covered by the electricity distribution licenses of Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) plc and Northern Powergrid (Northeast) plc (together "Northern Powergrid").

Public Benefit
From 1 April 2008, section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 requires all charities to meet the legal requirement that its aims are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Charity Commission states that there are two principles to be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit: firstly, there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits and secondly that the benefit must be to the public, or a section of the public.

The Trustees are satisfied that the aims and objectives of the Foundation, and the activities reported on above, meet these principles.

Appointment of trustees
There are currently four trustees of the Foundation, two of whom are independent trustees (including the interim Chair) and two who are non-independent trustees employed by Northern Powergrid.

The Articles require that the board of trustees comprises of a minimum of three and is constituted as follows:

- At least two trustees must be independent of the Founding Member (being Northern Powergrid Limited, a member of the Northern Powergrid Group); and
- At least one trustee must be a representative of the Founding Member.

Trustees are appointed by the Founding Member for a period determined at the time of appointment, however, no trustee shall serve in office for more than nine consecutive years provided that a trustee may be reappointed annually, thereafter, if there are exceptional circumstances, and the trustees unanimously resolve that they can be reappointed.

The Trustees were appointed to ensure that the Foundation's board was representative of the communities that it and Northern Powergrid serves. Accordingly, the Trustees come from a broad variety of backgrounds with a mix of expertise and act as champions in the community in helping to shape, develop and deliver the Foundation's business plan in pursuit of the charitable objectives.

Induction and training of Trustees
Upon appointment, each Trustee was provided with an induction pack including key constitution documents, Charity Commission guidance and contextual information about Northern Powergrid. In addition, all Trustees attended a training event held by external lawyers covering governance, trustee duties and decision making, risk management, safeguarding and the Charity Governance Code. The Trustees continue to undertake training when necessary, completing additional safeguarding training and participating in an externally facilitated refresher course in January 2026.

Management and administration
The Trustees retain ultimate responsibility for all decisions, including setting the Foundation's vision and strategy, safeguarding the charitable funds, making the final decision on all charitable donations and ensuring that all activity of the Foundation is for the purpose of fulfilling its charitable objects. In doing this, the Trustees ensure that they fulfill their duty to act at all times in the best interests of the Foundation whilst supporting the diverse communities that Northern Powergrid serves.

The Trustees govern the overall business of the Foundation and meet quarterly to discuss the Foundation's strategy, performance and consider its future direction. In addition, regular meetings are held to discuss any operational matters arising. The Trustees declare any interest they may have in relation to the work carried out by the Foundation.

Throughout 2025, the day-to-day operational management of the Foundation was led by the Head of Foundation and her team, who were employed by the Northern Powergrid Group on behalf of the Foundation, but who reported to the board of Trustees. Remuneration of Foundation employees is covered under a recharge arrangement with Northern Powergrid Group. Additional support and resources including governance, payroll, meeting facilities and the information technology solutions are provided by the Northern Powergrid Group.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Northern Powergrid Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the period. In preparing those 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

S&W Audit will continue in office in accordance with the provisions in Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006 and has indicated its willingness to do so.

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14/09/2026

Kate Bradley
Interim Chair

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN POWERGRID FOUNDATION
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of The Northern Powergrid Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2025, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed auditor under the companies Act 2006 and we report in accordance with this Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We obtained a general understanding of the company's legal and regulatory framework through enquiry of management concerning their understanding of relevant laws and regulations, the entity's policies and procedures regarding compliance, and how they identify, evaluate and account for litigation claims. We also drew on our existing understanding of the company's industry and regulation.

We understand that the company complies with the framework through:

- Engaging external legal professionals as required and making changes to internal procedures and controls as necessary.
- The directors' close involvement in the day-to-day running of the business, meaning that any litigation or claims would come to their attention directly.
- Monitoring of updates made by regulatory bodies.

In the context of the audit, we considered those laws and regulations which determine the form and content of the financial statements, which are central to the company's ability to conduct its business, and where there is a risk that failure to comply could result in material penalties. We identified the following laws and regulations as being of significance in the context of the company:

- The Companies Act 2006 and FRS 102 in respect of the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.
- The Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice in respect of the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

We performed the following specific procedures to gain evidence about compliance with the significant laws and regulations identified above:

- Making enquires of trustees and management as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- Obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;

The senior statutory partner led a discussion with senior members of the engagement team regarding the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. The areas identified in this discussion were:

- Manipulation of the financial statements via fraudulent bank transactions and management overriding controls.
- The risk that the valuation of the investment portfolio was inappropriate at the period end.
- The risk that gift in kind income had not been recognised, or was incomplete.

These areas were communicated to the other members of the engagement team not present at the discussion.

The procedures we carried out to gain evidence in the above areas included:

- Performed a cashbook review on the bank statements
- Agreed the movements within the investment portfolio reports in the year and compared the movements against bank transactions.
- Held a discussion with management on potential gifts in kind and inspected corresponding documents to quantify the value.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Craig Henderson 15/09/2026
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Craig Henderson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of S&W Audit
Statutory Auditors & Chartered Accountants
17 Queens Lane
Newcastle upon Tyne
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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations	**2**	3,059	-	3,059	60,134
Other Income		26,451	-	26,451	-
Investment income	**3**	134,764	-	134,764	71,636
Total income		164,274	-	164,274	131,770
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	**4**	3,059	-	3,059	-
Charitable activities	**5**	822,186	-	822,186	592,896
Total expenditure		825,245	-	825,245	592,896
Net gain on investments		178,449	-	178,449	5,444
Net expenditure		(482,522)	-	(482,522)	(455,682)
Transfers	**12**	-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		(482,522)	-	(482,522)	(455,682)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		6,364,830	-	6,364,830	6,820,512
Total funds carried forward		5,882,308	-	5,882,308	6,364,830

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Non-current assets			
Fixed asset investments	**10**	6,000,406	6,323,533
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		356,155	361,055
		356,155	361,055
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**11**	(483,255)	(319,759)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(118,099)	41,297
Total assets less total liabilities		5,882,308	6,364,830
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		5,882,308	6,364,830
	12	5,882,308	6,364,830

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14/09/2026 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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Kate Bradley
Interim Chair

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Northern Powergrid Foundation

Statement of Cash Flows
As at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by operating activities		(632,239)	(218,403)
Cash flows from investment activities			
Investment income		134,764	71,636
Purchase of investments		(1,105,602)	(6,550,000)
Proceeds from disposal of investments		1,607,178	231,911
Net cash flow from investing activities		636,340	(6,246,453)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(4,900)	(6,464,857)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		361,055	6,825,912
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		356,155	361,055

Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025	2024
Net expenditure for the period	(482,522)	(455,682)
Adjustments for:		
Increase in creditors	163,496	314,359
Investment Income	(134,764)	(71,636)
Valuation gain on investments	(178,449)	(5,444)
Net cash used in operating activities	(632,239)	(218,403)

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by the FRS 102. The financial statements 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) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated. The foundation was incorporated on 18 July 2022.

1.2 Going concern

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The charity holds significant cash and investment balances, and the majority of its expenditure is discretionary rather than committed. At the year end the charity had net current liabilities, however it will be able to meet these obligations by utilising to liquid funds within its investment portfolio. The trustees have approved the Foundation's budgets and forecasts for 2026, have considered the resources available in 2025 and conclude that the Foundation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least 12 months from the signing of the financial statements.

1.3 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the cost against the expenditure which was incurred.

1.6 Support cost allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

1.7 Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

1.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with instant access from the date of opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.9 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.10 Financial instruments

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

2. Donations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gifts in kind	3,059	60,134
	3,059	60,134

3. Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment income	134,764	71,636
	134,764	71,636

4. Raising Funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift in Kind	3,059	-
	3,059	-

5. Expenditure

	Direct costs	Support costs	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Charitable activities			
Grants payable	429,168	-	429,169
Charitable services rendered	75,201	-	75,201
Wages and salaries (payable via recharge)	163,800	-	163,800
Other expenditure	121,915	-	121,915
Support costs	-	35,161	35,161
	790,084	35,161	825,245

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities			
Payment of grants	486,632	-	486,632
Wages and salaries	58,348	-	58,348
Sundry expenses	35,841	-	35,841
Support costs	-	12,075	12,075
	580,821	12,075	592,896

6. Support costs

	2025	2024
		£
Governance costs		
- Audit fee	6,000	5,700
- Investment manager fees	29,161	6,375
	35,161	12,075

7 Grants Payable

An analysis of grants made to organisations is provided below.

	2025 £	2024 £
Askwith Village Hall Ltd	-	19,200
Byrness Village Hal	-	20,000
Castleton Village Hall	-	20,000
Chatton Village Hall Trust	-	20,000
Dalton Village Hall	-	15,000
Defibs in Memory of Dr Alan J Sykes	-	5,076
Eldon Community Partnership	-	20,000
Etherley Parish Council	-	6,595
Great Lumley Parish Council	-	20,000
Helperby Village Hall CIO	-	20,000
Highfield Park/Woodland Gardens Community Association	-	10,930
Holy Island Village Hall	-	10,008
Kibblesworth Village Millenium Centre	-	20,000
Kilburn Village Institute	-	13,051
Kirkby Malzeard Mechanics Institute Village Hall	-	20,000
Long Marston Village Hall & Recreation Ground CIO	-	6,958

Mirfield Community Trust	-	20,000
Mitford Village Hall Trust	-	20,000
Northern View (Berwick) Ltd	-	20,000
Sessay Community Trust	-	20,000
Skipsea Village Hall	-	11,500
Sutton Upon Derwent Village Hall	-	18,223
Swillington Village Council	-	17,987
The Netherton & District War Memorial Institute	-	20,000
Walker Memorial Hall Aldbrough St John Village Hall	-	12,400
West Auckland Memorial Community Association	-	19,887
Wetwang Village Hall	-	19,254
Wingates Village Institute	-	12,987
Aldbrough Village Hall	15,568	-
Allendale Sports Club	20,000	-
Authorpe Village Hall	12,700	-
Blackhall Mill Community Association	16,000	-
Branxton Village Hall	11,000	-
Cemetery Road Baptist Church	14,876	-
Colt Enterprise (Calderdale) Limited	20,000	-
Cottingham Village Trust	20,000	-
Craghead Community Association	8,931	-
Denby Dale Men's Shed	19,999	-
Eggborough Methodist Church	18,984	-
Hazelrigg & District War Memorial Community Centre	14,700	-
Kilham Village Hall	14,456	-
Lockington Village Hall Committee	20,000	-
Lonsdale Community Centre	20,000	-
Lowes Barn Community Project	20,000	-
Northumberland YMCA	19,864	-
Notton Village Hall Fund	19,736	-
Oughtibridge War Memorial Sports Club	14,214	-
Prudhoe Parochial Church Council	15,000	-
Redcar Baptist Church	20,000	-
Skeffling Parish Council	15,628	-
Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall	18,740	-
Tyneside Vineyard CIO	12,000	-
Welwick Parish Hall	15,991	
	418,369	459,056
Grants under £5,001	10,799	27,576
	429,168	486,632

8. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging

	2025	2024
		£
Audit fee	6,000	5,700

9. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses

No staff are employed directly by the foundation, with Northern Powergrid (Northeast) plc paying all employees and then recharging their salaries to the Foundation, including those of key management.

None of the directors of the Trustee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Foundation during the year.

Total trustee expenses amounted to £nil.

10. Fixed asset investments

	Total
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 01 January 2025	6,323,533
Additions	1,105,602
Disposals	(1,712,781)
Realised investment income	134,764
Investment Manager Fees	(29,161)
Valuation gains/losses	178,449
	6,000,406
Historical cost	5,819,981

Listed equity investments that are traded on a quoted market are held at fair value determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the balance sheet date.

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
Accruals	294,945	5,700
Accrued grants	188,310	314,059
	483,255	319,759

12. Analysis of funds

Year ended 31 December 2025

	As at 1 Jan 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment gains/losses £	Transfers £	As at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	6,364,830	164,274	(825,245)	178,449	-	5,882,308

Year ended 31 December 2024

	As at 1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment gains/losses £	Transfers £	As at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	6,820,512	131,770	(592,896)	5,444	-	6,364,830

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Year ended 31 December 2025	**Unrestricted Funds £**
Fixed asset investments	6,000,406
Current assets	356,155
Current liabilities	(483,255)
	5,882,308

Year ended 31 December 2024	**Unrestricted Funds £**
Fixed asset investments	6,323,533
Current assets	361,055
Current liabilities	(319,759)
	6,364,830

14. Related party transactions

Northern Powergrid (Northeast) plc made a £nil (2024- £6,954,880) donation during the period. Certain of the charity's costs were incurred by Northern Powergrid (Northeast) plc and then recharged back to the charity on an arms length basis.

Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) plc made a £nil (2024 - £615,200) donation during the period.