The Forge Christian Ministries

Reports & Accounts

Financial Year Ending 31/12/2025

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Legal & Administrative Information

Charity Name:	The Forge Christian Ministries
Charity Number:	1208618
Charity Address:	49 Little Woodcote Lane Carshalton SM5 4BY
Trustees (2025 financial year):	Stephen Ledger Andrew Downs Jonathan Hubbard Paul Hedderly John Baldwin Anthony French Rev Philip Hornsey Neil Hardy
Key Management Personnel:	All members of the team are volunteers and form the steering group for the charity.
Name & Address of Primary Banker:	HSBC 54 Woodcote Road Wallington Surrey SM6 0NJ

Trustees' Report

Objects of the charity

The objects of the charity from its constitution are "To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statement of faith by providing pastoral, evangelical and ecumenical events and activities."

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The charity was started in June 2024 and is a continuation of events that had previously been run by "The Forge", an unincorporated organisation, since 2017. The main event run in September 2025, was The Forge men's event, which ran over a weekend in September. Approximately 200 men gathered to share food and activities together and to have the good news of Jesus shared on the Saturday evening at the site. In addition, before The Forge, the site was used for an event for young men and women (aged under 16-30) - The Fuse. This is a night of worshipping God and hearing God's word. The event used the same facilities as The Forge and was attended by approximately 100 young people. In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Plans for the future - For the forthcoming year, the charity plans to run The Forge and The Fuse events again, with the aim of increasing attendance by strengthening relationships with local churches in south London and Surrey.

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by a group of trustees, who are known as "The Forge Steering Group". The trustees are listed earlier in this document. The group is supported by several sub-teams, who have responsibility for various areas for the events (for example, activities, food, site preparation, technology, marketing, comms, admin/finance). The charity has no employees and is run completely by unpaid volunteers. New trustees are appointed by a resolution of the existing trustee body. All new trustees undergo an induction process which includes reviewing the governing document, understanding their fiduciary duties, and being familiarised with the charity's activities and financial controls. The Steering Group meets regularly to manage the charity's affairs.

Financial Review

For the first year of operation, the assets of "The Forge" (the unincorporated association) were transferred to the charity. This was £9,865. In the year, The Fuse was run at no cost to the organisers, as the event is run on the site of The Forge men's event and does not charge for attendance. The Forge 2025 (TF25) generated income of £12,504 (2024: £9,402) and cost of

£12,037 (2024: £9,186) to run. This is a net income of £467 (2024: £216), which has increased the funds held to £10,549 (2024: £10,081).

Key Risks & Uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks, including operational, financial and reputational risks. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have adopted a formal reserves policy. The charity's free reserves (unrestricted funds less fixed assets and designated funds) are held to ensure the charity can meet its ongoing operational costs and cover any unforeseen expenses, thereby providing financial stability. The trustees have set a target level of free reserves at £8,000, which is approximately the cost of running one annual Forge event. At the year-end, the charity held free reserves of £10,081. The trustees consider this level to be in line with their policy.

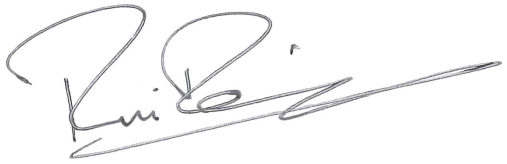
Responsibilities of Trustees under charity law

The trustees 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). Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. 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 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They 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 charity is exempt from the requirement to have an independent examination under the Charities Act 2011 as its gross income for the year was less than £25,000.

External scrutiny of the accounts

The charity's gross income for the year ended 31 Dec 2025 was £12,504. As this did not exceed £25,000, the trustees are not required under the Charities Act 2011 to obtain an audit or independent examination of these accounts. The charity's governing document and funding agreements do not require either, and the trustees have not elected to obtain one. These accounts have therefore not been audited or independently examined.

Signature 

These accounts were prepared with the assistance of Rui Domingues, FCCA.

Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name STEPHEN LEDGER

Signature 

Date 11-10-26

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Income				
Donations & Legacies	600	0	600	1,450
Charitable Activities	11,722	0	11,722	7,952
Other Income	182	0	182	0
Total income	12,504	0	12,504	9,402
Expenditure				
Charitable Activities	12,037	0	12,037	9,186
Total expenditure	12,037	0	12,037	9,186
Net Income / Expenditure (before transfers)	467	0	467	216
Fund Transfers In	63	0	63	0
Fund Transfers Out	63	0	63	0
Net Movement of Funds	467	0	467	216
Total Funds Brought Forward	10,081	0	10,081	9,865
Total Funds Carried Forward	10,549	0	10,549	10,081
Represented By				
The Forge (Unrestricted)	10,549	0	10,549	10,081
Battlefields trips (Designated)	0	0	0	0
The Fuse (Designated)	0	0	0	0

Balance Sheet

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Current Assets				
Debtors	0	0	0	1,350
Cash at bank and in hand	10,549	0	10,549	9,341
Total	10,549	0	10,549	10,691
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	0	0	0	610
Total	0	0	0	610
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	10,549	0	10,549	10,081
Represented By				
Unrestricted				
Unrestricted	10,549	0	10,549	10,081
Total Charity Funds	10,549	0	10,549	10,081

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name STEPHEN LONGER

Signature

Date 11-10-26

Statement of Cash Flows

	Total	Prior Year
Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Net Surplus (deficit)	467	216
Adjustments For:		
Fixed Asset Depreciation	0	0
Less Investment Gains	0	0
Accounts Receivable Decrease	0	0
Prepayments Decrease	1,350	489
Accounts Payable Increase	0	0
Deferred Income Increase	-610	512
Less Interest Received	0	0
Less Sale of Assets	0	0
Less Asset Revaluation	0	0
Loan Interest Paid	0	0
NET Cash Flow from Operating Activities	1,207	1,218
Cash Flow from Investing Activities		
Interest Received	0	0
Sales of Assets	0	0
Less Purchase of Assets	0	0
Return of Investments	0	0
Less Money Invested	0	0
NET Cash Flow from Investing Activities	0	0
Cash Flow from Financing Activities		
Loans Received	0	0
Less Loan Repayments	0	0
Less Loan Interest Paid	0	0
NET Cash Flow from Financing Activities	0	0
Increase (decrease) in Cash	1,207	1,218
Cash at start of period	9,341	8,123
Cash at end of period	10,549	9,341
Represented By:		
The Forge (Unrestricted)	10,549	9,341
Battlefields trips (Designated)	0	0
The Fuse (Designated)	0	0
TOTAL Represented By	10,549	9,341

Notes to the Accounts

Notes - Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out in the accounting policies below.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider The Forge Christian Ministries a going concern at the date for approving the accounts. There are no material uncertainties that the charity can continue as a going concern for the next year.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.• Income from charitable trading activities, such as event ticket sales, is accounted for when the charity has a right to consideration for its performance.• All voluntary income from members of the charity is recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.• Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.• Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.• Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.• Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity, is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees Annual Report.• Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Governance costs include costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements (when required), compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity. Governance costs are shown within 'Analysis of Expenditure' note.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Assets over the value of £1,000 are capitalised. Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the expected useful economic life of that asset, as follows:

- Freehold property - Not depreciated
- Musical and Technical Equipment - 5 years on straight line basis
- Office and computer equipment - 3 years on straight line basis
- Furniture, fixtures and fittings - 3 years on straight line basis

Pensions

The charity does not have any employees and therefore does not operate a pension scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period. In preparing financial statements certain judgements, estimates and assumptions have to be made that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the following to be significant:

- The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimates for useful economic life and residual value. These estimates are reassessed annually and, when necessary, adjusted to reflect current circumstances.
- The constructive obligation for grants payable is based on an assessment of the likely duration of the supported activity. This estimate is re-assessed annually, and the obligation is adjusted to reflect current expectations.

Concessionary Loans

The charity initially recognises and measures concessionary loans at the amount received or receivable. The carrying amount is adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest.

Notes - Analysis of Income & Expenditure

Analysis of Income

Current Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Donations & Legacies			
Donations	600	0	600
	600	**0**	**600**
Charitable Activities			
Event Income	11,722	0	11,722
	11,722	**0**	**11,722**
Other Income			
Other Income	182	0	182
	182	**0**	**182**
Total income	12,504	0	12,504

Prior Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Donations & Legacies			
Donations	1,450	0	1,450
	1,450	**0**	**1,450**
Charitable Activities			
Event Income	7,952	0	7,952
	7,952	**0**	**7,952**
Total income	9,402	0	9,402

Analysis of Expenditure

Current Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Charitable Activities			
Admin	1,476	0	1,476
Bank Charges	44	0	44
Event Costs	10,517	0	10,517
	12,037	**0**	**12,037**
Total expenditure	12,037	0	12,037

Prior Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Charitable Activities			
Admin	1,198	0	1,198
Bank Charges	58	0	58
Event Costs	7,930	0	7,930
	9,186	**0**	**9,186**
Total expenditure	9,186	0	9,186

Notes - Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

Current Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Current Assets	10,549	0	10,549
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0	0
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	10,549	0	10,549

Prior Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Current Assets	10,691	0	10,691
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	610	0	610
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0	0
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	10,081	0	10,081

Notes - Other

Volunteers

The charity benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money. Please refer to the trustees' report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

Independent Examination Fees

In accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, the charity is exempt from the requirement to have an independent examination of its financial statements due to its gross income in the current and prior year being below the statutory threshold of £25,000.

Staff Costs

There are no employees in the charity, therefore there is nothing to report in this section.

Key Management Personnel

There are no employees at the charity, so there are no key personnel to list and disclose here.

Trustee Remuneration

During the year 0 trustees received remuneration, as all the trustees are unremunerated.

Trustee Expenses

During the year the all the trustees submitted expenses for the running of the events, as that's how the events are funded. Therefore the total funded was the total expenditure of £10,536. All expenses were incurred for the day-to-day running of the charity's activities.

Trustee Donations

There are no donations from trustees in the year.

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Total
Cost	
Prior to 1st January 2025	0
Additions in financial year	0
Total as at 31st December 2025	0
Depreciation	
Prior to 1st January 2025	0
Additions in financial year	0
Total as at 31st December 2025	0
Net Book Value	
As at 31st December 2025	0
As at 31st December 2024	0

Debtors

Accounts Receivable

Description	Amount	Prior Year
Gift Aid	0	0
Trade Debtors	0	0
Total	0	0

Prepayments

Description	Amount	Prior Year
Prepayments	0	1,350
Total	0	1,350

Creditors

Accounts Payable

Description	Amount	Prior Year
Accruals	0	0
Finance Lease Liabilities	0	0
Tax & Social Security	0	0
Trade Creditors	0	0
Total	0	0

Deferred Income

	Amount	Prior Year
Balance at start of period	610	98
Amount Released to Income	0	610
Amount Deferred in Year	-610	-98
Balance at end of period	0	610

Analysis of Charitable Funds

Current Year

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
The Forge (Unrestricted)	10,081	12,504	11,974	-63	10,549
Total	10,081	12,504	11,974	-63	10,549
Designated					
Battlefields trips (Designated)	0	0	0	0	0
The Fuse (Designated)	0	0	63	63	0
Total	0	0	63	63	0
Unrestricted Total	10,081	12,504	12,037	0	10,549
Restricted Total	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10,081	12,504	12,037	0	10,549

Prior Year

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
The Forge (Unrestricted)	9,865	9,402	9,186	0	10,081
Total	9,865	9,402	9,186	0	10,081
Designated					
Battlefields trips (Designated)	0	0	0	0	0
The Fuse (Designated)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted Total	9,865	9,402	9,186	0	10,081
Restricted Total	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9,865	9,402	9,186	0	10,081

Fund Transfers

Description	From	To	Amount
Cover minor costs of The Fuse	The Forge	The Fuse	63

Fund Descriptions

Name	Description
The Forge	The Forge - 24-hours men's outreach event
Battlefields trips	Men's outreach trips to visit the battlefields of Europe
The Fuse	The Fuse - Young persons' praise and worship night

Transactions to Related Parties

There were no transactions to related parties.

Prior Period Adjustment

There were no prior year adjustments.