



DERBY CHILDREN'S SEASIDE HOME

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 218063

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CHARITY PARTICULARS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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TRUSTEES	Mike Copestake (Chairman) Alan Grimadell Resigned-29/11/2024 John Lake Chris Walker Julie Whitby Pauline Rhule Resigned-26/06/2025 Lee Jepson Appointed 3/4/2025 Michelle Breffitt Appointed 3/4/2025 Clarence Robinson Appointed 3/4/2025 Simon Evans
PATRON:	Sir Henry Every Bt. DL. William Tucker CVO.DL Don Amott Hon D Univ
HOLIDAY CENTRE:	1 Scarborough Avenue Skegness PE25 2SZ
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CONTACT ADDRESS:	Paul Duffin **c/o LEAD IT Service** 4 Riverside Court Pride Park DERBY DE24 8JN
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BANKERS:	National Westminster Bank plc 58 St Peter's Street DERBY DE1 1XL

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CEO'S STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

INTRODUCTION

The accounts properly provide all the financial information required to be disclosed by law.

WELCOME

During 2025 our charity welcomed three new trustees – Ben Robinson, Michelle Breffitt and Lee Jepson.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTRODUCTION

2025 was a difficult but significant year for Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre. It was a year of rebuilding, during which we made difficult decisions to strengthen the charity and prepare for the return of our residential holidays.
I was appointed Chief Executive Officer in January 2025, taking responsibility for both the operational and strategic management of the charity. Working with trustees, the priority was to address the challenges facing DCHC and establish a more sustainable foundation for its future.

RESTRUCTURING AND DELIVERY

We took the difficult decision to pause our residential holiday programme, and no overnight holidays were provided during 2025. We recognise how much these holidays mean to children and families across Derby and Derbyshire. This pause allowed us to focus on restructuring, fundraising and preparing for their return.

During the year, we closed our office at 1 Melbourne Business Park and undertook a staffing restructure as part of a wider review of how the charity operated and used its resources.

Despite the pause in residential provision, we successfully launched our Grand Days Out programme, delivering five day trips during the summer. With the generous help of local sponsors and businesses, we were able to offer children and families enjoyable days out and valuable opportunities to make memories together.

FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Fundraising was central to our work throughout 2025. We were privileged to receive substantial local support, alongside wide media coverage secured with the help of our PR consultants, Penguin PR.

Our Come Back Appeal, supported by the Derby Evening Telegraph, helped raise awareness of the charity's circumstances and encouraged a generous response from the community. The appeal's success made an important contribution to our preparations for reopening.

LOOKING AHEAD

In November 2025, trustees agreed that sufficient progress had been made to announce the reopening of the Centre for holidays in 2026. This marked an encouraging milestone following a challenging year and reflected the collective efforts of our supporters, trustees, staff and volunteers.

My sincere thanks go to everyone who supported DCHC during 2025. Your generosity, commitment and belief in our purpose helped us move towards welcoming children back to Skegness and continuing our long tradition of providing seaside holidays for those who need them most.

Janine Holmes
Chief Executive Officer

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Objective
The objective of the Charity is to provide holidays for needy Derbyshire children.

Trustees
The Trustees of the Charity are listed on page 1 of the financial statements.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRSSE);
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on a 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 which 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Public Benefit
The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Policy on Reserves
The Trustees' policy is to hold available unrestricted funds at the year end towards the following year's estimated holiday and running costs together with a contingency buffer to meet unforeseen costs, as follows:

Holiday costs	Contingency Buffer	General Fund	Total
£220,000	£50,000	£4,010	£274,010

Independent Examiners
The independent examiner, Martin Gadsby, has indicated his willingness to continue in office and will be proposed for appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The Derby Children's Seaside Home, now known as Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre ("the Centre"), was constituted by trust deed in 1898 and is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales under charity number 218063. The Trustees are pleased to present their report on the activities of the Centre for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for the governance, strategic direction and financial oversight of the charity. Following the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer in January 2025, responsibility for day-to-day operational management and the implementation of the charity's strategy was delegated to the Chief Executive, working within the authority agreed by the Board.

The Chief Executive reports regularly to the Chair and to the Board at its meetings, with direct access to Trustees between meetings when advice or decisions are required. The Finance Officer supports financial administration and reporting and undertakes this role on an honorary basis.

A staffing restructure took place during 2025 alongside the temporary pause in residential holiday provision. The charity's management arrangements were reviewed to support its changing operational needs and preparations for the return of holidays in 2026.

The Centre is located in Skegness and is managed by the Centre Manager reporting directly to the CEO.

The Officers for the year are listed below:

Chief Executive Officer	Janine Stillwell
Finance Officer	Paul Duffin
Centre Manager	Arlene Byerley
Senior Activity Leader	Helen Williams(to 30/4/2025)

Since 1891, the Centre has been committed to providing seaside holidays for children from Derby and Derbyshire who, through no fault of their own, might otherwise miss out. These holidays offer opportunities for enjoyment, friendship and new experiences, while also providing valuable respite for parents and carers. Although the challenges facing children and families have changed over time, the Trustees remain firmly committed to the charity's founding purpose.

During 2025, the charity paused its residential holiday programme to focus on restructuring, fundraising and preparations for a sustainable return to delivery. While no residential holidays took place, we successfully launched our Grand Days Out programme, providing five summer day trips with the generous support of local sponsors and businesses. These trips enabled children and families to enjoy time together away from their everyday circumstances.

The Trustees record their sincere appreciation of the charity's partners, individual donors and volunteers, whose generosity and commitment supported DCHC throughout this challenging year. Their response to the Come Back Appeal helped the charity make progress towards reopening the Centre for residential holidays in 2026.

Our thanks also extend to the businesses, associations, organisations, clubs and members of the public who donated, organised fundraising events or contributed their time, services and expertise during 2025. Their continued support will be essential as we welcome children back to the Centre and work to secure the charity's future.

The Board of Trustees extends its sincere thanks to the charity's staff, honorary officers and volunteers for their dedication and commitment throughout 2025. During a challenging year of change, their contributions supported the charity's restructuring, fundraising, delivery of the Grand Days Out programme and preparations for the return of residential holidays in 2026. The Trustees recognise and appreciate their efforts, both individually and collectively.

Surplus funds are held in short-term deposits to earn interest while remaining accessible to meet the charity's operational requirements.

Approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Income from:					
Donations and other grants	2	299,082	42,000	341,082	223,713
Investments		1,399	-	1,399	2,274
Total income		£300,481	£ 42,000	£342,481	£225,987
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	2	119,813	-	119,813	255,372
Other	2	64,387	-	64,387	90,868
Total expenditure		£184,200	-	£184,200	£346,240
Net (loss)/ income and movement in fund		116,281	42,000	158,281	(120,253)
Total funds brought forward		157,729	245,775	403,504	523,757
Total funds carried forward		£274,010	£287,775	£561,785	£403,504

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
FIXED ASSETS	3		242,844		245,277
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	4	7,704		8,784	
Cash at bank and in hand		315,318		156,148	
		324,522		164,932	
CURRENT LIABILITES					
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	5	4,081		6,705	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			320,441		158,227
NET ASSETS			£561,785		£403,504
FUNDS					
Restricted funds	6		287,775		245,775
Unrestricted funds	6		274,010		157,729
			£561,785		£403,504

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Preparation of financial statements

General information and basis of preparation
Derby Children's Seaside Home is an unincorporated charity in England. The address of the registered office is given on page 1 and the nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are shown on page 4.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by 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) effective 1 January 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The charity does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. 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.

Fund Accounting
Funds are classified according to the manner in which they are allowed to be spent.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Trustee in furtherance of the Charity's objectives. Included in unrestricted funds are designated funds (see Note 6) which are funds ear-marked by the Trustees for particular purposes. The designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the Trustees from using their discretion to reapply the fund.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the terms on which the money was received.

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. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes operating the holiday home and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the above category
- Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the category for which the expense arose

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Income
All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the company which is the amount the company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Fixed assets
Fixed assets are included at cost. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less residual values of all fixed assets over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rates: -

Equipment	-	20% per annum - reducing balance
Minibus	-	20% per annum- straight line
Freehold property	-	not depreciated

No depreciation has been applied to the freehold property on the basis that the residual value is of such magnitude that any depreciation charge would not be significant.

Tax
The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK tax purposes.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Retirement benefits
Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

Government Grants
Government grants are recognised at the fair values of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grant will be received. A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable.

2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT ON FUNDS

GENERAL FUND	**2025**	**2024**
INCOME		
Donations and other grants	341,082	223,713
Investments	1,399	2,274
	342,481	225,987

2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

EXPENDITURE	**2025**	**2024**
Charitable activities		
Staff costs	59,063	180,378
Property costs	52,971	38,715
Holiday costs	6,877	21,740
Vehicle costs	902	14,539
	119,813	255,372
Other		
Consultancy and marketing	18,927	15,382
Salary and NIC	45,285	52,181
Motor expenses	476	718
Sundry	(301)	22,587
	64,387	90,868
	£184,200	£346,240

RESTRICTED FUND	**2025**	**2024**
INCOME		
Donations and other grants	42,000	-
	£42,000	£ -

All expenditure occurring in 2025 was related to unrestricted funds, as was the case for all expenditure in 2024.

3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land And Property	Minibus	Equipment	TOTAL
Cost				
As at 1 January 2025	242,844	59,412	11,931	314,187
Disposals	-	(59,412)	-	(59,412)
As at 31 December 2025	£242,844	£ -	£11,931	£254,775
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2025	-	56,979	11,931	68,910
Eliminated on disposal	-	(56,979)	-	(56,979)
As at 31 December 2025	-	£56,979	£11,931	£11,931
Net Book Value				
As at 31 December 2025	£242,844	£ -	£ -	£242,844
As at 31 December 2024	£242,844	£2,433	£ -	£245,277

The net book value of freehold land and buildings at 31 December 2025 represents fixed assets used for direct charitable purposes.

4 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
Trade debtors	1500	-
Prepayments	6,204	8,784
	7,704	8,784

5 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
Accruals and deferred income	1,790	3,438
Taxation and social security	1,296	2,400
Other creditors	995	867
	£4,081	£6,705

6 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance as at 01.01.25	Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between funds	Balance as at 31.12.25
Unrestricted funds	157,729	300,481	(184,200)	-	274,010
Restricted funds	245,775	42,000	-	-	287,775
Total funds	£403,504	£342,481	£ (184,200)	-	£561,785

	Balance as at 01.01.24	Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between funds	Balance as at 31.12.24
Unrestricted funds	277,982	225,987	(346,240)	-	157,729
Restricted funds	245,775	-	-	-	245,775
Total funds	£523,757	£225,987	£ (346,240)	-	£403,504

The restricted fund relates to the freehold property.

7 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The Chairman has received an honorarium in the year to a value of £1,250 (2024 : £8,333).

Expenses have been paid only to reimburse Trustees for costs incurred on behalf of the Charity.

8 STAFF COSTS

	2025	**2024**
Wages and salaries	99,338	216,488
Social security costs	2,802	11,815
	£102,140	£228,303

There were no employees whose emoluments as defined for taxation purposes amounted to over £60,000

8 STAFF COSTS (continued)

The average number of employees, analysed by function was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Charitable activities	2	9
Management and administration of the charity	1	3

9 NET INCOMING RESOURCES/RESOURCES EXPENDED

This is stated after charging:

Profit on disposal of fixed assets £11,057.

10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General	Restricted	2025	2024
Tangible fixed assets	(2,931)	245,775	242,288	245,277
Current assets	281,022	42,000	323,022	164,932
Current liabilities	(4,081)	-	(4,081)	(6,705)
	274,010	287,775	561,785	403,504

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DERBY CHILDREN'S SEASIDE HOME

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 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 confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 applicable 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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