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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report and the audited financial statements of the organisation for the year ended 31 March 2026 which have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are to develop the community wealth of East London and promote a diverse and inclusive society in which all are free to participate. These are achieved through several structured programmes and a range of activities supporting people of all ages, creeds, cultures, and abilities, principally within the London Borough of Newham.

The Newham Context

Deep rooted inequality continues to shape life for many people in Newham. Poverty, low pay and housing insecurity continue to be significant concerns, with children and families among those most affected. Whilst the borough has experienced growth through major regeneration and investment creating new jobs and development across the borough, the benefits of that progress are not yet being felt equally and many residents remain excluded from the opportunities being created. This tension between opportunity and inequality is an important part of the context in which Aston-Mansfield works.

Key statistics

- According to the 2025 Index of Multiple Deprivation, Newham is the seventh most deprived local authority in England on the average-rank measure. Some 39% of residents live in income-deprived households, the fourth-highest proportion nationally.[2]
- An estimated 45% of children in Newham live in poverty after housing costs, compared with 31% across London and 21% in England. Overall, 38% of residents live in poverty.[3]
- Newham has the highest rate of households in temporary accommodation in London, with 59 households per 1,000 in temporary accommodation at the end of 2025, compared with 21.1 per 1,000 across London.[4]
- 20.8% of jobs held by Newham residents are low paid, compared with 16.1% across London, while the borough's unemployment rate is around 8%.[3]
- Newham has a population of more than 364,000 and the second-youngest age profile of any London borough, with more than one-third of residents aged under 25.[1]
- 260 16–17-year-olds (2.7%) were recorded as not in education, employment or training (NEET)[6]. Youth unemployment (16-24 year olds) in Newham was also reported at 7%, compared with 6.4% in Inner London and 5.1% across England[7].
- Over 72% of residents are from Black, Asian and other ethnically diverse communities, and more than 100 languages are spoken across the borough.[1]
- Newham is experiencing economic growth, with the borough's Growth Plan reporting a 54% increase in jobs since 2015.[5]

These figures reflect the pressures experienced by many of the children, young people, families and communities Aston-Mansfield works alongside. During 2025–26, our work continued to respond to these challenges through practical and emotional support for families, opportunities for young people to build confidence, skills and leadership, initiatives that strengthen health and wellbeing, and support that enables communities and local organisations to become more connected, resilient and sustainable.

Across each programme area below, we highlight the key achievements, outcomes and learning from the year, alongside the voices and experiences of the children, young people, families and communities we work with. Combining data, case studies and feedback, we aim to show both the scale of our work and the difference it has made in responding to local needs and creating opportunities.

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VISION
We want to see more children, young people and families in Newham and East London leading happy healthy lives, realising their potential and unlocking their ambition.

MISSION
Using an integrated and community focused approach we will make long lasting change, offering opportunity, community and inspiration to children, families and young people in Newham and East London.

2025-2026: New Horizons

Following a period of significant organisational change 2025-26 created an opportunity to look ahead: to reflect on who we are as an organisation, where our greatest strengths lie, and how we can build on our experience and expertise to create greater impact across Newham and East London.

In July 2025, we welcomed Diane Betts as our new Chief Executive Officer, taking over from our Interim CEO Ntolyanna Mordochai. Diane brings extensive experience of charity sector leadership, organisational growth and transformation, and strategy. Her appointment came at an important point in Aston-Mansfield's development, bringing renewed focus to our future direction and the opportunities for the organisation to evolve and extend its impact.

Central to this has been the start of a comprehensive strategic review. 2024-25 saw the organisation complete the transition away from a buildings led model and towards people-centred service delivery. The review is considering how Aston-Mansfield can broaden and diversify its community development offer while remaining rooted in the communities, relationships and experience that have shaped the organisation over many years.

Our ambition is to develop a broader ecosystem of programmes and services that responds to changing community needs, opens up new opportunities for partnership and collaboration, and creates a more diverse and sustainable income base. This includes exploring how our existing expertise can be developed or extended to meet emerging priorities across charitable, statutory and private sector partners.

The review is grounded in four core areas of our current work:

1. **Children and Transitional Youth Work**
2. **Empowering Young People**
3. **Community Development and Capacity Building**
4. **Health and Wellbeing in the Community**

The process has been deliberately exploratory. We want our strategy to be informed by evidence, community insight, the experience of our staff and partners, and a realistic assessment of where Aston-Mansfield can add greatest value.

Our staff have demonstrated commitment, adaptability and a strong focus on the communities we serve and their energy and enthusiasm is helping to shape Aston-Mansfield's future, with colleagues across the organisation bringing their experience, ideas and insight to the strategic review.

To support this, cross organisational working groups brought together colleagues from across our teams, ensuring that the review benefits from expertise and perspectives from all areas of Aston-Mansfield. This created opportunities for staff throughout the organisation to contribute to our future direction, share learning from their work with communities and explore where our existing programmes could evolve. The groups continue to identify emerging needs, opportunities to develop or extend our work, and areas with potential for further scoping, testing and the development of pilot programmes.

As the review develops, emerging opportunities will be considered against community need, Aston-Mansfield's expertise and capacity, the wider landscape of existing provision, and their potential for sustainable funding and partnership. This will help us focus our resources where we are best placed to add value and achieve meaningful, lasting impact.

This approach gives us space to be ambitious while remaining reflective and evidence led. The work undertaken during 2025-26 provides the foundation for Aston-Mansfield's next phase of development: building on what we already do well while looking more widely at where our experience, relationships and resources can make the greatest difference.

Achievements and Performance

In 2025–26, Aston-Mansfield delivered services and support across a wide range of needs and communities:

- **248 individual children took part in play, learning and enrichment programmes which delivered over 338 sessions**
- **386 young people engaged in youth development, heritage and leadership work and youth consultation**
- **278 adults living with serious mental illness were supported through trauma-informed care**
- **30+ community organisations received infrastructure training and coaching**
- **More than £35,000 in funding was secured by local organisations following financial capability support through Fitter Finances.**
- **35+ community groups accessed our community centre to deliver vital services**

Our headline achievements:

- A growing community hub: Aston-Mansfield Community Centre continued to develop as a vibrant base for local activity, hosting more community groups and creating more opportunities for residents, organisations and partners to come together.

- Young people leading and shaping change: Young people continued to play a central role in designing, delivering and influencing our work. This was externally recognised through Aston-Mansfield achieving the London Youth Silver Quality Mark, providing independent validation of the quality and importance of our youth provision.

- Practical support for residents and communities: Through programmes including Community Connectors, we helped a greater number of residents access support, services, learning and opportunities that responded to immediate needs while helping people take positive next steps.

- Supporting grassroots organisations: We continued to provide practical support to local voluntary and community organisations through advice, training, one-to-one guidance and capacity development, helping organisations navigate challenges and access new opportunities.

- Broadening our partnerships: Alongside our established work with community organisations, the local authority and VCS partners, we expanded collaboration with employers and businesses, creating new routes for expertise, volunteering, social value and opportunities for local people.

- Developing our organisational strategy: We undertook significant work to shape the next phase of Aston-Mansfield's development, sharpening our strategic priorities and creating a clearer framework for future delivery, impact, sustainability and organisational development.

- Building the foundations for our next phase: Alongside frontline delivery, we progressed important work across impact and data, digital development, financial sustainability, governance and cross-organisational working, helping ensure Aston-Mansfield is equipped for the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Achievements By Area of Work

A) Children's Services: Achievements and Impact Summary (2025–26)

Little Manor Play Project
Little Manor provides affordable, reliable childcare alongside wider family support for children aged 5 - 12. Through breakfast and afterschool clubs, holiday provision and transitional youth activities, children have a safe and welcoming place to play, learn, build friendships and develop confidence, while parents and carers are able to work, study, train or seek employment.

Operating 50 weeks of the year, the project combines practical wraparound care with activities that support children's social, physical and creative development.

During 2025–26, Little Manor delivered 338 breakfast, afterschool, holiday and transitional youth sessions with 125 children taking part in holiday activities

Inclusive provision
Our holiday programme provides structured activities, meals and support for children who may otherwise have limited access to affordable holiday opportunities. During the year, 45 children accessed places through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, while 30 children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) participated in holiday provision.

Our Transitional Youth offer supports older children to build confidence, responsibility and practical skills as they move beyond playscheme. 21 young people took part during 2025–26, including 10 with SEND, developing practical and social skills through activities such as budgeting, cooking, teamwork and helping to lead activities for younger children.

- "My son has enjoyed meeting new and old friends and it has been a perfect way for him to transition out of playscheme… Staff are really in tune with the children, and build their confidence in many ways. We are very lucky and grateful to have such a group that provides meaningful activity during the holidays." - Parent of Transitional Youth participant

Little Manor Supermarket
Our work extends beyond the child attending Little Manor. Staff build trusted relationships with parents and carers, offering support, identifying emerging needs and connecting families with other services where appropriate.

The Little Manor Supermarket continues to be an important part of our family centred approach. During 2025-26, 58 families, representing 219 family members accessed food support, helping households manage pressures on their budgets while providing access to fresh produce and other essentials.

This contact also creates opportunities for conversations about the wider challenges families may be experiencing. Increasingly, these include housing insecurity and unsuitable temporary accommodation. We are seeing more children living in hotels, B&Bs and other temporary housing, sometimes significant distances from their schools. Parents have described children struggling with disrupted sleep, limited cooking facilities, increased travel and storage costs, and accommodation that does not meet family members' additional needs.

Responding to increasing levels of need
Little Manor also supports children and families experiencing more complex circumstances. During the year, this included children subject to Child Protection and Child in Need plans, young carers, Looked After Children, children in households affected by domestic violence, and families with no recourse to public funds.

Staff maintain regular contact with parents and work alongside social workers and school safeguarding leads to help ensure children remain supported and safeguarding needs are understood.

- "The staff are consistently supportive, attentive, and genuinely committed to the children's wellbeing. The activities are engaging, well-structured, and clearly designed to support confidence, development, and a sense of stability… It provides meaningful support to families." - Parent of Little Manor Playscheme child

Impact Snapshot

- **59 children accessed Breakfast Club support**
- **64 children accessed After School Club provision**
- **125 children participated in holiday provision**
- **21 young people took part in Transitional Youth activities**
- **45 children accessed HAF funded provision**
- **30 children with SEND participated in holiday activities**
- **58 families totalling 219 family members received support through the Little Manor Supermarket**
- **338 sessions delivered across breakfast, after-school, holiday and transitional youth provision**

Looking Ahead

We are increasingly supporting families with a diverse range of complex needs, including a wider range of safeguarding concerns. In response, we want to develop more wraparound support for families, including dedicated capacity through a new Family Support Worker role to help connect our work with children and parents to wider services and ensure families can access the right support when they need it.

We also want to develop further provision for children and young people as they transition from our traditional afterschool club activities into support that better reflects their changing needs as they get prepare to progress to secondary school. Alongside this, we want to build a clearer picture of the difference our children and families work makes over time, with more consistent ways of capturing outcomes, progress and family feedback.

B) Youth Services

Aston-Mansfield's youth work provides young people in Newham with safe spaces, positive activities and opportunities to develop confidence, skills and leadership. During 2025–26, our work ranged from targeted youth provision and heritage projects to paid employment, governance opportunities and partnerships connecting young people with the world of work.

The quality of this work was recognised in August 2025 when Aston-Mansfield achieved the London Youth Silver Quality Mark, progressing from Bronze achieved in 2022. The award, which runs to 2028, recognises standards across areas including safeguarding, diversity and inclusion, outcomes for young people, partnerships, and leadership and management.

Positive activities and safe spaces

In March 2026, we completed our delivery through the Million Hours Fund, providing additional youth work and positive activities in areas experiencing higher levels of anti-social behaviour. Through the POP Propeller project, 45 young people took part in activities across targeted wards including Beckton, East Ham, Forest Gate South, Stratford and Stratford Olympic Park.

Young people also took part in wider activities including the Lambourne End residential and adventure programme, community events and the Mayor's Scavenger Hunt, creating opportunities to meet others, try new experiences and build confidence outside their usual environments.

We also supported 21 younger participants through our Trans Youth provision, providing an inclusive space for connection and participation.

New Voices for Old Stories

Our New Voices for Old Stories programme continued to introduce young people to local heritage in ways that felt relevant to their own lives. The programme particularly aims to engage young people who might not traditionally see heritage as something for them, giving them the opportunity to explore Aston-Mansfield's archives and reinterpret stories from more than 100 years of local history.

During 2025, 33 young people took part in heritage learning and creative activities, including five Learning Days, four Training Days, a residential and youth socials. Together they created five youth-led heritage projects, reaching approximately 350 people through events and digital content.

Projects included *The Tide of Sisterhood*, inspired by a 1927 Brownies seaside trip; *Mind & Motion*, drawing on the history of Aston-Mansfield's Boys' and Men's Club; and *Crime and the Community*, which used archive material as the starting point for young people to explore contemporary experiences of youth crime in Newham. Young people also organised a community event celebrating 35 years of the Aston-Mansfield Community Centre, bringing elements of its past to life for a new generation.

The programme achieved strong outcomes:

- **100% developed a greater understanding of heritage**
- **100% felt able to apply the skills they had learned in the future**
- **94% made new friends and developed trusted relationships**
- **94% increased their knowledge of creating digital content**
- **94% would recommend the programme to others**
- **88% would be interested in participating again**

Creating pathways into employment and leadership

An important part of our youth work is ensuring young people have opportunities not only to participate, but to lead, earn and gain meaningful experience.

During the year, 12 Young Facilitators undertook paid roles with Aston-Mansfield, completing 1,493 hours of paid work experience. Young Facilitators help shape and deliver our programmes while gaining practical experience in areas including facilitation, communication, project delivery, recruitment and working as part of a professional team. Paying young people for this work recognises the value of their contribution while giving them genuine employment experience to draw on as they progress into further education and work.

We also continued to invest in routes into the sector through the provision of apprenticeship opportunities. Our Apprentice Playworker joined the Children's and Family team and her role combined practical experience with formal learning, developing skills while supporting children through creative activities, enrichment and play.

- "The coursework links closely to what I do in my role... it has motivated me in developing my skills as a playworker." Rebecca Sackey, Apprentice Playworker

Youth leadership is also becoming embedded within Aston-Mansfield's governance. During the year we developed our Young Trustee Model and welcomed our first Young Trustee onto Aston-Mansfield's Board, creating a supported route for young people to contribute directly to organisational decision making.

Connecting young people with professional networks

We have also placed greater emphasis on working with businesses and corporate partners to broaden the experiences, knowledge and networks available to young people.

Through our partnership with TML Partners, Young Facilitators received LinkedIn and personal branding masterclasses and interviewer skills training, including preparing them to participate in the recruitment of future Young Facilitators.

To celebrate International Womens Month we connected with Capita to bring together young women together with women from a range of professional backgrounds for Give and Gain, creating space for conversations about identity, resilience, barriers, opportunity and leadership.

Partnerships like these help bridge the gap between potential and opportunity by giving young people access to professional expertise, role models and networks that may otherwise be difficult to reach. We will continue to build on this area of our work, creating more opportunities for young people to learn directly from employers and develop the confidence, experience and connections that support their future progression.

Youth Work: By the Numbers

- 151 young people directly supported across our recorded youth programmes and activities
- 235 young people contributed to our 2026 Youth Survey
- 386 young people engaged through direct provision and youth consultation
- 12 Young Facilitators provided with paid employment experience
- 1,493 hours of paid Young Facilitator work
- 33 young people participated in New Voices for Old Stories
- 5 youth-led heritage projects created
- 350 people reached through heritage events and digital content
- 45 young people supported through the Million Hours Fund
- 21 young people supported through Transitional Youth provision
- Young Trustee representation established on Aston-Mansfield's Board
- London Youth Silver Quality Mark achieved for 2025-2028

Looking Ahead
Young people continue to navigate a difficult transition into adulthood, with concerns around employment, education, confidence, social pressures and access to meaningful opportunities all shaping their experiences. The progress made through our Young Facilitators, Changemakers and wider youth engagement provides a strong platform from which to develop the next phase of our work.

Our focus will be on creating clearer pathways for young people to build confidence, develop skills, raise aspirations and access positive opportunities. This will include broadening relationships with employers and other partners, increasing exposure to workplaces and different career pathways, and creating more spaces and activities where young people can connect, participate and develop. We also want to reach young people who may face additional barriers or need more tailored support, while continuing to embed youth voice within programme design and decision making.

C) Community Connectors: Achievements and Impact (2025–26)

Our Community Connectors team provides personalised support to people experiencing serious mental illness, working as part of the Community Integrated Mental Health Service (CIMHS), the team helps people navigate challenges that can have a significant impact on their mental health, independence and ability to engage with everyday life.

Support extends beyond mental health alone, recognising the close relationship between wellbeing and wider circumstances. Community Connectors helped people address housing and financial difficulties, access benefits and food support, connect with specialist services and take part in community, cultural, social and physical activities. Through this person centred approach, service users reported improved wellbeing, reduced loneliness, greater confidence, stronger social connections and improved access to community and specialist support.

Connecting People to Support

- 278 people supported
- 1,110 one-to-one sessions delivered
- 97 referrals made to trusted partners, including community groups and activity providers
- 28 new partnerships developed to increase the range of support available to service users

Stories of Support and Positive Change

IH was experiencing deteriorating mental health, severe financial pressures and difficulties managing appointments and everyday administration. Through regular home visits and intensive one-to-one support, his Community Connector helped him access benefits and food support, address debts and attend important appointments. His stress has reduced, he is better able to manage his finances and appointments, and he is beginning to plan for a future in which he hopes to work as an NHS peer support worker.

- "I don't know where I would be without you right now. If I lost you, like I lost [the support of] my peer support worker, I would really suffer."

Another service user came to us following domestic abuse, without secure accommodation, employment or access to public funds, and with limited knowledge of local services. Alongside support to explore housing and financial options, her Community Connector connected her with English classes, cooking activities and other local support. She is now engaging regularly with services and becoming more confident in navigating support independently.

- "The support I received was really helpful. I'm really excited about the cooking course you helped me enrol in….they've really helped my situation"

MA was experiencing depression alongside mounting financial pressures and language barriers, making it difficult to access help or meet basic needs. Working with an interpreter, his Community Connector helped him access food support, complete a successful PIP application, address personal and business debt, access healthcare and mental health support, and connect with local activities. As a result, his stress has reduced, his financial situation has begun to improve and he has been able to start reconnecting with life beyond the immediate pressures he was facing.

- "Your support has been invaluable. Your genuine compassion makes us feel heard, respected and well supported. It is reassuring to know that we can rely on you whenever we need guidance or help."

Looking Ahead
The year has highlighted the increasing complexity of the needs presented by people referred to the Community Connectors service, with mental health challenges often accompanied by wider social, financial and practical pressures. At the same time, funding constraints across the voluntary and community sector are affecting the capacity and eligibility criteria of some services, making strong referral relationships and up to date knowledge of local support increasingly important.

In the coming year, we will continue to develop our relationships across health, social care and community services, supporting closer multi-agency working for people with more complex needs. A particular focus will also be improving how we measure and demonstrate the impact of Community Connector support, including changes in wellbeing, engagement and outcomes linked to the wider social determinants of health. This will help us better understand the difference the service makes beyond individual referrals and ensure the model continues to respond to changing needs across Newham.

D) Fitter Finance: Investing in Health (2025–26)

Fitter Finances supports grassroots and developing organisations in Newham to become stronger, more sustainable and better equipped to serve their communities. This year we further developed our capacity building work through targeted organisational support, training and stronger collaboration across Newham's VCFS sector.

This Year, We Delivered:

- 32 organisations supported
- 76 one-to-one support sessions for local organisations
- 7 workshops covering business planning, financial reporting and compliance, trustee training, sustainability, monitoring and evaluation, starting a non-profit and fundraising
- 5 organisational leadership sessions, focused on strengthening planning, sustainability, governance, reporting and compliance
- £35,070 secured by local organisations following Fitter Finances support
- 8 workshops and events delivered including the Newham Community Health Fair

Building VCFS Capacity Across Newham
Alongside direct organisational support, we continued to strengthen connections and infrastructure across Newham's voluntary and community sector.

- Co-delivered the Newham Community Health Fair with One Newham and the London Borough of Newham, bringing together over 100 people and 22 stalls showcasing local organisations, projects and services
- Secured an interim VCFS support contract from the London Borough of Newham, enabling continued support to voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations across the borough
- Worked with One Newham to develop the Newham VCFS Dashboard and Directory, mapping more than 1,000 organisations and providing a stronger evidence base for understanding the scale, diversity and needs of the local sector

Building on this evidence base, we have also co-produced the NewHub Digital Hub, which will launch in summer 2026 as a practical capacity-building resource for Newham's VCFSE organisations.

Success Stories

Art in the Docks
Art in the Docks approached Aston-Mansfield for support to transition from a Community Interest Company to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, enabling it to strengthen its governance and access a wider range of funding opportunities. Following an initial rejection by the Charity Commission, we helped the organisation navigate the process, revise its charitable objects and respond to regulatory requirements. It successfully achieved CIO status and has since held its first governance meeting as a registered charity.

- "At a time when the process felt overwhelming, you helped to distil the key facts into the critical path that we needed to follow."

Uplift Ventures CIC
Uplift Ventures began working with us as an unregistered community group seeking to formalise its structure. We provided step-by-step support with CIC registration, governance and key documentation. The organisation successfully registered as a CIC, began delivering digital inclusion and employment support in Newham and went on to secure £19,750 from the National Lottery Community Fund.

- "The seed grant from Aston Mansfield Community Centre gave us the confidence and momentum to move from idea to action… it gave us the credibility to go on and apply for further funding."

Looking Ahead
The year reinforced the increasing pressures facing Newham's voluntary sector, with sustainability, fundraising, governance and impact measurement emerging as key priorities. Attendance at free training also remains a challenge despite offering sessions at different times and in both online and face to face formats.

A particular focus for the coming year will be improving governance within Newham's diverse faith sector. With more than **300 faith organisations** operating across the borough and widely varying levels of governance and transparency, we aim to develop faith specific resources, expand governance focused training and draw on external expertise to broaden the support available locally.

E) Aston Mansfield Community Centre (AMCC)

Our community centre is an important community anchor for Manor Park and the wider Newham community. More than simply providing space for hire, the AMCC brings people together, gives local organisations an affordable and welcoming base from which to work, and provides a trusted point of contact for residents seeking support, information or connection.

During 2025/26:

- 37 community groups and organisations used the centre, including 31 regular groups
- 1,178 unique individuals used the Centre during the year
- 1,114 community bookings took place across the year
- AMCC also hosted 42 one-off community bookings, alongside private and office use, enabling local people and organisations to access flexible space for meetings, events and other activities

Groups using AMCC delivered a wide range of activity, including education and adult learning, faith and cultural activities, sport and fitness, family support, disability support, wellbeing, bereavement support and opportunities that help reduce isolation. This breadth of provision means residents of different ages, backgrounds and needs can access opportunities close to home, while grassroots organisations have a consistent and accessible base from which to reach their communities.

An open door to support
The AMCC's impact extends beyond the activities taking place in at the centre. Frontline staff frequently act as a first point of contact for residents who need practical help navigating services.

In July 2025, an Afghan family newly arrived in the area came to the Centre with very limited English. Staff helped them register the children with schools and the family with a GP and dentist, access food and financial support, and connect the older children with a local cricket club. A year later, the children are settled in school, speaking English confidently, developing friendships and actively participating in community life.

This same approach is visible in many everyday interactions. An isolated 83 year old resident who came to AMCC simply looking for company was welcomed in her own language and connected to weekly English and computer classes where she could meet others. Staff have also supported people experiencing homelessness with sleeping bags and hygiene packs, helped asylum seekers access healthcare and hardship support, coordinated food distributions and connected residents to specialist services across Newham.

These examples illustrate an important part of AMCC's role: people may initially come through the doors looking for room hire, an activity, some information or simply someone to talk to, but the relationships built at the Centre can connect them to much wider networks of support and community life.

Looking Ahead

Demand for accessible and affordable community space remains high, but many of the groups using the Centre are also operating in a difficult funding environment. We want to explore more flexible and sustainable ways of helping local organisations continue to access the space.

We will also be looking at how the building itself can better support the people who use and work in it, with a focus on creating a more welcoming, comfortable and well-maintained spaces. We also want to improve the Centre's environmental sustainability, reduce its impact over time and ensure it continues to serve the community well into the future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The statement of financial activities shows a net expenditure for the year of £80,281 (2025: £69,124). Income decreased by 24% in the year to £1,335,349. Total expenditure also decreased by 23% to £1,415,630 compared with prior year: £1,828,010.

Other than bank deposits the charity does not hold financial investments.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees review on a quarterly basis the charity's development and operational plans, future funding needs and its overall resilience and financial stability in light of its ability to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future (usually a period up to 3 years).

The Trustees have determined, in light of greater financial certainty following completion of property transaction, to change from a "zero reserves" policy to a policy aimed at building unrestricted reserves to a level of three to six months' running costs to manage timing of grant receipts, short term variations in funding availability and the (remote) risk of contraction or ceasing activities.

Restricted reserves which would not be available for general operational requirements relate to the charity's Endowment Funds (see Note 14) and Restricted Funds (Note 15). The monthly running costs total approximately £125,950, our target is to build an unrestricted reserve of up to three to six months running costs available in instant access accounts, namely £377,850 as Unrestricted Reserves.

As discussed in the Trustees' Report, Aston Mansfield Charitable Trust ("AMCT")' a sister charity (see Note 18 to the Accounts) has provided the charity with an annual grant to support its work on strategic development, marketing and communications, fundraising and financial management. We continue to rely on and actively pursue grants, contracts, and earned income to fund the day-to-day delivery of our charitable programmes. The presence of a supportive base, provided by AMCT, allows us to plan ahead with confidence, but fundraising remains absolutely essential to the delivery and scaling of our work.

The charity's reserve position as at 31 March 2026 is disclosed in Note 17 to the Accounts. At 31 March 2026 the charity held total funds of £1,451,077 (2025 - £1,531,358) of which £1,339,330 (2025 - £1,366,389) represents the Endowment Fund, Restricted Fund £96,723 (2025 - £99,668) and Unrestricted Fund £14,974 (2025 - £65,301).

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The past year has given Aston-Mansfield greater clarity about the organisation we want to become and the role we want to play across Newham and East London. Following a period of organisational change, our focus is now firmly on turning that clarity into action; developing our services in response to community need, building a more sustainable organisation and creating the systems, relationships and leadership needed to support our ambitions.

The appointment of a new permanent CEO has enabled the organisation to begin the next phase of its strategic development, building on existing strengths whilst positioning Aston-Mansfield for future growth and impact.

During 2025/26, Trustees, senior leaders and staff worked together to develop Aston-Mansfield's Strategic Development Framework. This marks an important shift towards a more deliberate and joined up approach to our development, bringing together organisational priorities, programme development, financial planning and impact within one shared direction.

The Framework provides the foundation for exploring how our existing work can evolve, where gaps or emerging needs create opportunities for new provision, and where Aston-Mansfield can make the greatest difference.

This approach is intentionally evidence-led. New opportunities will be considered not simply in terms of growth, but against community need, public benefit, impact, organisational capacity and financial sustainability. Learning from this work will help shape Aston-Mansfield's longer term strategy.

Delivering our ambitions requires continued investment in the organisation behind our programmes. Over the coming year, we will build on the changes already made to leadership, financial oversight and cross team working, with greater emphasis on shared responsibility, collaboration, staff development and clearer organisational accountability.

A key part of this will be improving how we gather and interpret data and, understand and communicate our impact combining improved data systems and impact measures, and clearer quantitative evidence through case studies, lived experience and community stories.

Our external relationships will be equally important. We want to build deeper and more purposeful relationships with voluntary and community organisations, statutory partners, businesses and funders; pursue more collaborative and consortium opportunities; and increase Aston-Mansfield's visibility as a trusted community organisation with deep local roots and a broad offer. Corporate partnerships, professional expertise, volunteering, employment pathways and joint funding opportunities will all form part of this work.

Financial sustainability runs through all of these plans. We will continue to review delivery models, broaden our income base and develop a clearer understanding of where resources can have the greatest public benefit. The aim is not growth for its own sake, but an organisation that can invest confidently in its communities while remaining resilient over the long term.

Our governance is evolving alongside the organisation. As Aston-Mansfield's priorities have become clearer, we have also looked carefully at the skills and experience that will be needed around the Board table to support the next stage of development.

During the year, we created a number of new Trustee roles in areas directly connected to our future ambitions. In 2026/27, we will welcome new Trustees to the Board, including two Digital Innovation and Data Trustees and two Partnership and Fundraising Trustees. These appointments will bring additional expertise in areas that will be increasingly important as we develop our digital capability, diversify income, build new relationships and explore new opportunities for collaboration.

Further development of Board capacity will continue, alongside succession planning and consideration of future skills needs. Our aim is to ensure that Trustees are able to provide effective oversight and challenge while also contributing their experience, networks and expertise to the organisation's development.

The coming year is therefore about more than delivering a set of individual priorities. It is about putting in place the foundations for Aston-Mansfield's next phase: clearer choices about where we focus, better evidence of the difference we make, greater collaboration within and beyond the organisation, and the leadership and infrastructure to turn opportunity into lasting benefit for the communities we serve.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Aston-Mansfield is a registered charity (number 220085) and a company limited by guarantee (number 48350). The charity is governed by its Articles of Association. These are reviewed periodically in the light of current legislation in practice and was adopted by the members on 14 April 2010.

We have between 7 and 15 trustees at any one time, two of whom are appointed by Aston-Mansfield Charitable Trust. We aim to have a Board whose skills and diversity mix fit with Aston-Mansfield's strategic direction, core activities and regulatory requirements. Trustees are appointed through an open recruitment process, which includes an interview with the Chair, and at least one other Trustee, followed by confirmation by the Board.

There is an induction process for new trustees which includes an induction pack, introductory sessions with the Chief Executive Officer and management team, and project visits. New trustees are supported by more experienced trustees through a 'buddying' system.

The trustees meet at least six times a year. Trustees are updated on significant regulatory and sector developments, and participate in training on core issues, for example safeguarding.

The day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer who consults regularly with the Chairman and reports to the trustees at each of their meetings.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees continue to operate a robust risk management strategy, which includes:

- An annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the charity, considering strategic priorities, critical dependencies, and key performance indicators.
- The establishment and review of policies, systems, and procedures to mitigate risks across all areas of operation.
- Strategic and operational planning aligned to an annual budget, with regular monitoring of delivery and performance.
- The implementation of appropriate controls and contingency measures to manage the potential impact of risks should they arise.

With the successful sale of Durning Hall, the charity has resolved several significant risks previously identified — including those relating to redevelopment delays and reputational issues.

The current major risks identified by the trustees include:

- Long-term financial sustainability, particularly in the context of a volatile economic environment. We are actively working to reduce our reliance on funding from our sister charity, Aston-Mansfield Charitable Trust (AMCT), to ensure greater financial independence and resilience.
- Maximising income and utilisation of the Aston-Mansfield Community Centre, including the delivery of expected returns from the development of the GP/Primary Care Centre.
- Operational risks, such as a major fire, flood, or other building-related incident.
- Capacity and resilience of the management team and staff, given the ongoing pressures of service delivery and organisational change.
- Governance risks, including maintaining a Board with the appropriate skills, experience, and diversity to guide the organisation effectively.

The Board considers safeguarding, information governance and health and safety to be among the charity's principal operational risks. Trustees receive regular reports and assurance regarding compliance, training and risk mitigation measures.

During the year, safeguarding procedures, safer recruitment practices, staff training requirements and information governance arrangements were reviewed and strengthened where necessary. Through these arrangements, the Trustees seek to ensure the welfare of beneficiaries, staff and volunteers, the security of personal information and the safe delivery of all charitable activities.

In addition, the global context presents emerging risks. With multiple active conflicts around the world and growing geopolitical instability, many of our beneficiaries, particularly those from refugee, migrant, and diaspora communities, may be directly or indirectly affected. These global tensions also contribute to broader financial and market volatility, which may impact the funding landscape and costs.

The Trustees are closely monitoring these developments and continue to take action to mitigate risk wherever possible, including investing in staff wellbeing, strengthening internal systems, and pursuing new income generation opportunities. There is an active risk register which is held by the CEO and reviewed by the Board on an annual basis.

On this basis, the Trustees are satisfied that all material risks are being actively managed, and that Aston-Mansfield remains in a stable position with adequate resources to continue its work in the foreseeable future.

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

The directors consider that the Board of Directors, who are the charity's trustees, and the Chief Executive Officer comprise the key management personnel of the charity, in charge of directing and controlling, running, and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely, and no trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 13 and note 19 of the accounts.

The pay of the Chief Executive is reviewed by the trustees annually, and a Remuneration Committee, whose role includes setting the remuneration of the Chief Executive, was established in July 2018. Any increase is based on benchmarking against pay levels in other comparator charities, and performance against agreed objectives.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of The Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity.

The charity's charitable purpose is detailed in its objects, which are to develop, for the public benefit, the community wealth of East London and promote a diverse and inclusive society in which all are free to participate.

Delivery of public benefit is achieved through direct provision of services through the charity's work with children, young people, and families and through the use of its community buildings. The charity is actively engaged in working in partnership with other voluntary sector organisations, and the local authority to ensure an enhanced quality of life to members of the community.

FUNDRAISING PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE

Aston-Mansfield's fundraising is largely focused on raising funds from Trusts. The main source of income raised from the public has been trading activity through the charity shop which closed in November 2025. Hence, the charity is not signed up to any voluntary fundraising regulation. Aston-Mansfield staff and volunteers undertake all fundraising activity, and there have been no complaints received by Aston-Mansfield about its fundraising activities (2025: No complaints).

SISTER CHARITY

Aston-Mansfield has a sister charity, Aston-Mansfield Charitable Trust (AMCT) to which Aston-Mansfield is connected. The two charities have similar objects, which encompass supporting and developing disadvantaged communities in East London.

Aston-Mansfield achieves its impact through the direct provision of services to children and young people and families, and through renting space in the community buildings to other groups and organisations in the not for profit sector. Additionally, it provides resources, expertise and training to other groups and organisations in the not for profit sector, thus enabling those organisations to deliver their services to their clients and communities.

The two charities are separate organisations, each with their own Charity Commission registration numbers, governance arrangements and financial management processes and procedures. The Aston-Mansfield Board currently has 10 Trustees, 4 of whom are Trustees of AMCT. The AMCT Board currently has 7 Trustees, 3 of whom are not a Trustee of Aston-Mansfield. We believe this balance of shared knowledge and independence is beneficial for both organisations. Board meetings are held and minuted separately. It should be noted that Aston-Mansfield prepares and reports in separate Accounts with its own reserves and a clear Reserves Policy.

As Aston-Mansfield's work meets AMCT's funding criteria, the charity applies to AMCT for a grant on an annual basis. The size of the grant awarded depends on several factors including the level of disposable income available to AMCT, the performance of Aston-Mansfield in the previous year and its needs in respect of its work on strategic development, marketing and communications, fundraising, financial management and volunteer development. AMCT has supported AM's additional operational costs incurred through COVID and while the property portfolio was rationalised. Aston-Mansfield reports regularly on its performance to AMCT. AMCT also awards grants to other charities, through an open application process, based on defined priorities and funding criteria.

The charity remains grateful to AMCT for its generosity in this matter, but recognises this arrangement is dependent on several factors, not least the current economic climate and property markets, and current support is no guarantee of future support. The Trustees recognise this support is agreed on an annual basis and can never be guaranteed. Aston-Mansfield is therefore continually seeking new sources of voluntary income to guarantee the future of its services. Aston-Mansfield acts as the managing agent for AMCT's properties, and this enables Aston-Mansfield to spend more of its voluntary income on direct work with its beneficiary groups.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Aston Mansfield for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 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 UK Accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time of the financial position of the charitable company and 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 we are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is 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 auditor is aware of that information.

In preparing the Trustees Report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption available to small companies and have not prepared a strategic report.

Approved by the Board on 29th September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

A Whiteford

Amanda Whiteford
Chair

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Aston-Mansfield for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 March 2026 and of the charitable company's net movement in funds, including the 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 charity 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' Report. 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 (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the 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 Trustees' Report (which incorporates 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 by the charitable company; or
- the charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' 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 trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 17, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they 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
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:

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to regulatory requirements charities and companies in England and Wales, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, income tax and payroll tax.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to revenue and management bias in accounting estimate and application of controls around authorisation of expenditure and payments. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries postings by unusual users or with unusual descriptions; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their accounting estimates.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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.



Jane Askew
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of HaysMac LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Date: 12/10/2026

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ASTON-MANSFIELD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Endowment Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Income						
Income from donations and legacies						
Donations		-	-	10	**10**	**25**
Income from charitable activities						
Grants	3	-	411,362	628,686	**1,040,048**	**1,309,182**
Project income		-	-	1,732	**1,732**	**570**
Rents and facility hire	4	-	-	260,460	**260,460**	**400,312**
Income from other trading activities						
Shop sales		-	-	-	**-**	**26,420**
Other income	5	-	-	33,099	**33,099**	**22,377**
Total income		**-**	**411,362**	**923,987**	**1,335,349**	**1,758,886**
Expenditure						
Expenditure on raising funds						
Fundraising		-	-	(70,595)	**(70,595)**	**(66,294)**
Shop operating costs		-	-	-	**-**	**(74,791)**
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Lifelong learning		-	(124,125)	(300,596)	**(424,721)**	**(414,866)**
Healthy living		-	(171,227)	(40,907)	**(212,134)**	**(172,881)**
Community development		-	(118,955)	(49,637)	**(168,592)**	**(80,572)**
Community buildings		(27,009)	-	(512,579)	**(539,588)**	**(1,018,606)**
Total expenditure	6	**(27,009)**	**(414,307)**	**(974,314)**	**(1,415,630)**	**(1,828,010)**
Net income/(expenditure)		**(27,009)**	**(2,945)**	**(50,327)**	**(80,281)**	**(69,124)**
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	**-**	**-**
Net movement in funds		**(27,009)**	**(2,945)**	**(50,327)**	**(80,281)**	**(69,124)**
Fund balances as at 1 April 2025		1,366,389	99,668	65,301	**1,531,358**	**1,600,482**
FUND BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2026		**£1,339,380**	**£96,723**	**£14,974**	**1,451,077**	**£1,531,358**

There were no recognised gains and losses other than those stated above.

No separate Summary Income and Expenditure Account has been produced as this statement incorporates all Income and Expenditure. Net income for the purposes of Companies Act 2006 excludes income and expenditure in respect of endowment funds.

Excluding movements on endowment funds, net deficit for the year was £53,272 (2025: net deficit £42,115).

A full comparative Statement of Financial Activities is included at note 22.

The notes on pages 24 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

ASTON-MANSFIELD **Company Number: 48350**

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9		1,546,873		1,563,838
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	70,388		55,165	
Cash at bank and in hand		66,003		101,958	
		136,391		157,123	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	(232,187)		(189,603)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			(95,796)		(32,480)
NET ASSETS			£1,451,077		£1,531,358
Funds:					
Endowment Fund	14		1,339,380		1,366,389
Restricted Fund	15		96,723		99,668
Unrestricted Fund	16		14,974		65,301
TOTAL NET ASSETS AT 31 MARCH 2026	17		£1,451,077		£1,531,358

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by Board of the Trustees on 29th September 2026 and were signed below On its behalf by:

A Whiteford

Amanda Whiteford
Chair

T Munjayi

Tendai Munjayi
Treasurer

The notes on pages 24 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

ASTON-MANSFIELD

CASHFLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
CASH USED/GENERATED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	12	(23,482)	(3,162)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	9	(12,473)	-
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		(35,955)	(3,162)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
Cash balances at 1 April 2025		101,958	105,120
CASH BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2026		**£66,003**	**£101,958**

The notes on pages 24 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Accounting Basis

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) (second edition, effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Aston-Mansfield 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 note(s). These financial statements have been drawn up in the historical accounting basis.

The financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of The Lady Trower Trust (Registered Charity number 303172) under a charity commission scheme dated 1994 (Note 14).

The accounts are prepared in pounds sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The review of our financial position, reserves levels and future plans gives Trustees confidence the charity remains a going concern for the foreseeable future.

In reaching this conclusion, the trustees have reviewed cash flow forecasts covering a period of more than one year from the date of approval of these accounts.

Critical accounting judgements and estimates

In preparing these financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the charities accounting policies and the reported assets, liabilities, income and expenditure and the disclosures made in the financial statements. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. No significant estimates, judgements or assumptions have been applied in the preparation of these financial statements.

Income recognition

Income from rents and facility hire are accounted for when receivable. Grants are accounted for when the charity becomes entitled to the funding and donations are accounted for when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Direct costs, including directly attributable salaries, are allocated on an actual basis to the relevant areas of programme activity. Overheads and other salaries are allocated between expense headings on the basis of time spent.

Support costs which include central office administration are allocated across the categories of cost of raising funds', charitable activities and governance costs. The basis of allocation is set out in note 6 c). Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements relating to the general running of the charity, including costs of strategic planning for the longer term development of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost in the statement of financial activity.

Fixed Assets
Buildings are depreciated at a rate of 2% per annum.

Other assets are depreciated, in equal annual instalments, over their economic lives at the following rates:

Computer equipment	25%
Furniture and other equipment	15%
Motor vehicles	25%
AMCC Adventure Playground	10%

Assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Financial instruments
The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments, including trade and other debtors and creditors are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Stocks
Stocks are valued at the lower of cost, on a first-in-first-out basis, and net realisable value.

Operating leases
Rentals payable are charged on a time basis over the term of the lease.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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.

Foreign currency translation
The charities functional and presentation currency is pound sterling. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Employee benefits

- Short term benefits
  Short term benefits are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.
- Employee termination benefits
  Termination benefits are accounted for on an accrual basis and in line with FRS 102.
- Pension scheme
  Aston-Mansfield operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of its employees. The assets of the scheme are held independently from those of Aston-Mansfield in an independently administered fund. The pensions costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable during the year.

Fund accounting
Funds held by the charity are:

- **Unrestricted funds**

These are general funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

- **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**
  - **Restricted funds**

    These are funds subject to specific trusts generally declared by the donor or funds raised for a specific purpose.

  - **Endowment funds**

    These are permanent funds and must be held indefinitely consisting of two sites of land and property. They are not expendable. However, one of the endowed assets may be changed, for instance the proceeds arising from the sale of the property might be invested in other suitable forms of endowed investment or in the other endowed property. These funds arise from the amalgamation of The Lady Trower Trust with those of the charity in 1994.

Taxation

The charity's activities are exempt from income tax and corporation tax. The charity is registered for Value Added Tax. Certain of the charity's activities are exempt or non-business activities for Value Added Tax purposes and consequently the charity is unable to reclaim all the Value Added Tax it incurs on its purchases. Expenditure in these financial statements is therefore shown inclusive of Value Added Tax suffered.

LEGAL STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of a winding up is limited to £0.50.

3. INCOME FROM GRANTS	2026	2025
	£	£
Grant income classified within income from charitable activities		
Aston Mansfield Charitable Trust	643,705	1,041,158
Local government	38,770	-
Other statutory bodies	138,363	84,472
Corporate bodies	217,410	181,752
Trusts and Livery companies	1,800	1,800
	£1,040,048	£1,309,182

Income attributable to fundraising efforts is £378,963 (2025: £267,584).

4. RENTS AND FACILITY HIRE	2026	2025
	£	£
Property rental income	244,353	362,310
Wayleave income	16,107	37,982
Facility hire	-	20
	£260,460	£400,312

5. OTHER INCOME

	2026 £	2025 £
Cost recoveries	20,253	19,920
Sundries	12,846	2,457
	£33,099	£22,377

6. EXPENDITURE

	Staff Costs £	Support Costs £	Other direct Costs £	Total 2026 £
a) Analysis of total expenditure				
Cost of raising funds				
Fundraising	52,062	18,533	-	70,595
	52,062	18,533	-	70,595
Charitable activities				
Unrestricted funds				
Lifelong learning	186,479	82,459	31,658	300,596
Healthy Living	22,524	18,367	16	40,907
Community development	37,481	12,156	-	49,637
Community buildings	254,537	258,042	-	512,579
	501,021	371,024	31,674	903,719
Restricted funds				
Lifelong learning	92,296	16,244	15,585	124,125
Healthy Living	155,282	5,476	10,469	171,227
Community development	101,483	4,144	13,328	118,955
	349,061	25,864	39,382	414,307
Endowment Funds				
Community buildings	-	27,009	-	27,009
Total expenditure 2026	902,144	442,430	71,056	1,415,630

6. EXPENDITURE (continued)	Direct Costs	Central Services	Total 2026
b) Analysis of staff costs	£	£	£
Cost of raising funds			
Fundraising	52,062	-	52,062
Charitable activities			
Unrestricted funds			
Lifelong learning	71,014	115,465	186,479
Healthy living	6,936	15,588	22,524
Community development	7,691	29,790	37,481
Community buildings	124,090	130,447	254,537
Central services	291,290	(291,290)	-
Restricted funds			
Lifelong learning	92,296	-	92,296
Healthy living	155,282	-	155,282
Community development	101,483	-	101,483
Total staff costs 2026	£902,144	£-	£902,144

c) Analysis of support costs	Admin Costs	Property Costs	Finance Costs	Depreciation	Governance	Central Services	Total 2026
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of raising funds							
Fundraising	16,722	-	1,811	-	-	-	18,533
Shop operating costs							
Charitable activities							
Unrestricted funds							
Lifelong learning	12,721	-	7,492	-	30,919	31,327	82,459
Healthy living	2,263	-	962	-	-	15,142	18,367
Community development	325	-	1,268	-	-	10,563	12,156
Community buildings	9,983	171,021	24,635	-	6,150	46,253	258,042
Central services	13,990	-	10,446	2,429	76,420	(103,285)	-
Restricted funds							
Lifelong learning	7,231	-	1,578	-	7,435	-	16,244
Healthy living	5,028	-	400	-	48	-	5,476
Community development	3,174	970	-	-	-	-	4,144
Community buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Endowment fund							
Community buildings	-	-	-	27,009	-	-	27,009
Total support costs 2026	£71,437	£171,991	£48,592	£29,438	£120,972	£-	£442,430

Central services staff costs and support costs are allocated to each of the programmes dependent on the volume of activity.

6. EXPENDITURE (continued)	2026	2025
	£	£
d) Analysis of governance costs		
Legal, consultancy and professional fees	93,791	128,532
Audit fees	22,500	23,575
Health and safety	4,647	5,876
Companies House	34	34
	£120,972	£158,017

	Staff Costs	Support Costs	Other direct Costs	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
e) Analysis of total expenditure – prior year				
Cost of raising funds				
Fundraising	50,671	15,623	-	66,294
Shop operating costs	60,767	14,024	-	74,791
	111,438	29,647	-	141,085
Charitable activities				
Unrestricted funds				
Lifelong learning	160,209	91,085	38,932	290,226
Healthy living	68,194	14,706	154	83,054
Community development	23,260	11,376	48	34,684
Community buildings	503,904	487,693	-	991,597
	755,567	604,860	39,134	1,399,561
Restricted funds				
Lifelong learning	99,291	7,958	17,391	124,640
Healthy living	80,846	5,215	3,766	89,827
Community development	20,057	3,120	22,711	45,888
	200,194	16,293	43,868	260,355
Endowment Funds				
Community buildings	-	27,009	-	27,009
Total expenditure 2025	£1,067,199	£677,809	£83,002	£1,828,010

6. EXPENDITURE (continued)	Direct Costs	Head Office	Total 2025
f) Analysis of staff costs – prior year	**£**	**£**	**£**
Cost of raising funds			
Fundraising	50,671	-	50,671
Shop operating costs	60,767	-	60,767
Charitable activities			
Unrestricted funds			
Lifelong learning	111,816	48,393	160,209
Healthy living	40,708	27,486	68,194
Community development	8,224	15,036	23,260
Community buildings	373,459	130,445	503,904
Central services	221,360	(221,360)	-
Restricted funds			
Lifelong learning	99,291	-	99,291
Healthy living	80,846	-	80,846
Community development	20,057	-	20,057
Total staff costs 2025	£1,067,199	-	£1,067,199
Total staff costs 2024	£976,419	£-	£976,419

g) Analysis of support costs - prior year	Admin Costs	Property Costs	Travel Costs	Finance Costs	Depreciation	Governance	Head Office	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of raising funds								
Fundraising	14,240	-	-	1,383	-	-	-	15,623
Shop operating costs	2,299	10,340	-	800	-	585	-	14,024
Charitable activities								
Unrestricted funds								
Lifelong learning	11,324	-	-	7,181	-	48,831	23,749	91,085
Healthy living	438	-	-	779	-	-	13,489	14,706
Community development	2,960	-	-	1,038	-	-	7,378	11,376
Community buildings	21,855	322,545	3,440	56,983	-	18,855	64,015	487,693
Central services	14,693	150	-	11,245	805	81,738	(108,631)	-
Restricted funds								
Lifelong learning	-	-	-	-	-	7,958	-	7,958
Healthy living	4,487	678	-	-	-	50	-	5,215
Community development	3,120	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,120
Community buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Endowment fund								
Community buildings	-	-	-	-	27,009	-	-	27,009
Total support costs 2025	£75,416	£333,713	£3,440	£79,409	£27,814	£158,017	£-	£677,809

7. NET INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Net income is stated after charging:		
Insurance- professional advice and trustee indemnity cover	1,921	1,840
Depreciation	29,438	27,814
Audit fees	22,500	23,575

8. STAFF EMPLOYMENT

	2026	2025
	£	£
Salaries and wages	735,298	864,494
Social security costs	74,399	70,181
Pension costs	38,020	63,453
Other staff costs	36,007	24,722
Compensation/Redundancy payments	18,420	44,349
Total Staff Costs	£902,144	£1,067,199

No employee received remuneration for the year in the band £60,000 to £70,000 (2025 – 0).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was made up as follows:

	2026		2025	
	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time
Community work	18	6	20	7
Central Administration	2	3	-	5
Fundraising	-	2	-	2
	20	11	20	14

Full time equivalents	2026	2025
The number of full time equivalent posts is	23.51	31.01

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £60,908 (2025: £79,668).

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings £	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2025	2,155,448	28,245	34,473	2,218,166
Additions	-	12,473	-	12,473
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2026	2,155,448	40,718	34,473	2,230,639
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2025	593,486	26,371	34,471	654,328
Charge for year	27,009	2,429	-	29,438
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2026	620,495	28,800	34,471	683,766
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2026	£1,534,953	£11,918	£2	£1,546,873
At 31 March 2025	£1,561,962	£1,874	£2	£1,563,838

All assets are used for charitable purposes.

10. DEBTORS

	2026 £	2025 £
Rent Receivable	31,820	46,847
Grant Receivable	32,647	-
Other debtors and prepayments	5,921	8,318
	£70,388	£55,165

11. CREDITORS: due within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Aston Mansfield Charitable Trust	25,083	16,672
Deferred income	103,464	71,756
Taxation and social security	18,255	11,449
VAT payable	384	847
Other creditors and accruals	85,001	88,879
	£232,187	£189,603

12. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2026 £	2025 £
Net movement in funds	(80,281)	(69,124)
Depreciation and amortisation	29,438	27,814
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	42,584	26,510
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(15,223)	11,638
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operations	(£23,482)	(£3,162)

13. DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

No director has received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses (2025: Nil).

14. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Movement in funds: Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Burges Road East Ham E6	180,000	-	-	-	180,000
Lambourne End	1,186,389	-	(27,009)	-	1,159,380
	£1,366,389	-	(£27,009)	-	£1,339,380

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Movement in funds: Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Burges Road East Ham E6	180,000	-	-	-	180,000
Lambourne End	1,213,398	-	(27,009)	-	1,186,389
	£1,393,398		(£27,009)	-	£1,366,389

Endowment funds represent Land and buildings net off inter-fund borrowing.

Expenditure reflects depreciation of buildings at Lambourne End.

CHARITY COMMISSION SCHEME

Under a scheme approved by the Charity Commissioners in 1994, the Golden Jubilee Trust merged with Aston-Mansfield and Aston-Mansfield also became the corporate trustee of the Lady Trower Trust, which is the proprietor of the land at Lambourne End and Burges Road, East Ham. Their accounts are merged with those of this charity with effect from 1 October 1993.

15. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Movement in funds: Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Lambourne End – Lake	2,979	-	-	-	2,979
City Bridge Trust	27,246	68,321	(95,567)	-	-
Legacy Income	12,150	-	(1,750)	-	10,400
Compass - ADHD Support	1,500	-	(1,500)	-	-
LB Newham VCFSE Community	-	23,390	(23,390)	-	-
Jack Petchey	1,800	1,800	(3,600)	-	-
Community Connectors	29,451	140,668	(145,184)	-	24,935
Community Connectors-NHS Narrative Therapy	2,802	-	(2,802)	-	-
Community Connectors-NHS BAME Men's Project	1,740	-	(1,740)	-	-
Heritage	-	122,795	(86,090)	-	36,705
Reaching Community		54,388	(32,684)	-	21,704
National Lottery-Awards for All	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-
	£99,668	£411,362	(£414,307)	-	£96,723

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Lambourne End – Lake	2,979	-	-	-	2,979
East End Community Foundation	1,500	-	(1,500)	-	-
City Bridge Trust	19,296	64,268	(56,318)	-	27,246
Legacy Income	13,775	-	(1,625)	-	12,150
Compass - ADHD Support	16,672	-	(15,172)	-	1,500
LB Newham	4,749	-	(4,749)	-	-
Partners for Health	2,737	-	(2,737)	-	-
Jack Petchey	1,200	1,800	(1,200)	-	1,800
Community Connectors	24,989	117,484	(113,022)	-	29,451
Community Connectors-NHS Narrative Therapy	2,802	-	-	-	2,802
Community Connectors-NHS BAME Men's Project	1,740	-	-	-	1,740
Million Hours Fund	-	64,032	(64,032)	-	-
National Lottery-Awards for All	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
	£92,439	£267,584	(£260,355)	-	£99,668

A full description of each fund is shown at note 20.

15. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

Lambourne End Lake
In 2007 the Environment Agency provided a grant towards the capital cost of providing a lake at Lambourne End. These funds would be utilised once the planning permission is granted and construction work commences on the lake.

City Bridge Trust
Fitter Finances is a four-year program from August 2023 - July 2027, funded by The City Bridge Foundation delivered by Aston-Mansfield.

The grant goes towards two part-time workers delivering Aston Mansfield's Fitter Finance programme addressing the financial capability of voluntary and community sector organisations in Newham.
The program aims to enhance the financial stability and sustainability of grassroots organisations dedicated to promoting health and well-being an innovative initiative that strives to uplift and strengthen small charities, community groups and non-profits in London, particularly emphasising those working tirelessly to enhance health and well-being. The project aims to offer valuable support and resources to promote long-term sustainability

Legacy
An amount of £19k was received with a request for it to be contributed towards a farm project. This income has been restricted to Aston-Mansfield's activities and expenditures at Lambourne End and other Healthy eating/living initiatives.

Compass-ADHD Support
The programme is funded by Compass Wellbeing CIC. The Thrive Project is a 12-month programme for Black and Asian women living in Newham awaiting or have received ADHD diagnosis and treatment via the NHS. The programme provides peer support, three months of one-to-one and one month of group coaching as well as six monthly events and talks to enable the women to understand, accept and thrive whilst living with ADHD.

LB Newham VCFSE Community
This is a Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) infrastructure support contract that commissions One Newham and Aston-Mansfield to strengthen, connect, represent, and develop Newham's voluntary, community, and faith sector and enterprises through capacity building, networking, fundraising support, engagement activities, and strategic sector leadership. The programme is expected to run from January 2026 to January 2028.

Jack Petchey
We participate in the Achievement Awards with Jack Petchey and receive £1,800 per calendar year to spend on what young people want through voting. In previous years, we have spent the Achievement Awards on social activities, dinners, equipment, and training.

Community Connectors
The Community Connectors programme is funded through a partnership between Community Links, Aston Mansfield, Mind in Tower Hamlets and Newham, and the NHS East London Foundation Trust (ELFT). The programme is planned from June 2022 to June 2027.

Aston-Mansfield Community Connectors work with service users referred into the program most have a serious mental illness. We continue to develop strong relationships with multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs) who work with primary care networks or PCNs (clusters of GP practices) across Newham. These MDTs are organised into two Community Integrated Mental Health Services (CIMHS) teams, linked to PCNs within Newham. Community Connectors help to identify themes and emerging need, develop further support pathways for service users, and be an important link between local experts and local assets.

15. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

Community Connectors work with ELFT as part of the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme. The ethos of the programme is recovery-focused, exploring needs through complexity (rather than diagnosis), a focus on a person's strengths and assets, and the wider determinants of health and wellbeing. We continue to promote this work with an emphasis on ensuring strong awareness/publicity of the value that the role and programme bring to the Mental Health Transformation programme and the people it serves.

Community Connectors - NHS: Narrative Therapy

The Narrative Therapy Creative Writing Project is a wellbeing project aimed at Black women to utilising narrative therapy and creative writing to document their experience and build resilience. The project allows the women to bond over their writing and lived experiences. The four-week project allows the women to creatively write and reshape their personal narratives. The women receive training and materials to facilitate their writing.

Community Connectors - NHS BAME Men's Project

The project is aimed at adult males in Newham currently receiving support from the community connectors programme. This is a peer support project enabling the men to come together over several weeks to participate in group discussions and art projects.

Heritage

Heritage New Voices for Old Stories is a youth-led heritage programme inspired by the Aston-Mansfield archives. The programme will engage young people, particularly those from minoritised communities, in exploring, preserving and sharing local heritage through creative and innovative projects. The programme runs from January 2025 to December 2026.

Participants will work with archival materials, including photographs and community records, helping to digitise and preserve the collection for future generations. Through training, archive visits and hands-on project delivery, young people will develop valuable skills in research, digital storytelling, archiving, communication and project management.

The programme aims to make the Aston-Mansfield archive more accessible to the wider public, transforming it from a little-known collection into a living resource that celebrates local history, culture and community experiences. By creating new ways of interpreting and sharing heritage, participants will help bring hidden stories to life and engage new audiences.

The programme will also strengthen community connections, improve wellbeing and inspire greater interest in heritage and heritage-related careers. Environmental sustainability will be embedded throughout, with a focus on digital and low-carbon approaches that create a lasting legacy while minimising environmental impact.

Overall, New Voices for Old Stories will preserve important heritage, empower young people with new skills and opportunities, and foster a stronger sense of pride, belonging and connection within the community.

National lottery Reaching Communities Breaking Boundaries Collective

Breaking Boundaries Collective is a four-year (2026-2029) community development and youth empowerment programme in Newham and East London. The project aims to bring communities together, improve opportunities for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, and strengthen community wellbeing, trust, and resilience.

The programme uses an integrated, community-focused approach that creates opportunities for children, young people, families, and residents to connect, participate, and lead positive change within their communities.

16. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2025	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2026
		Income	Expenditure	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	65,301	923,987	(974,314)	-	14,974
	£65,301	£923,987	(£974,314)	-	£14,974

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	114,645	1,491,302	(1,540,646)	-	65,301
	£114,645	£1,491,302	(£1,540,646)	-	£65,301

17. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Current year

	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Total 2026
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	1,534,953	-	11,920	1,546,873
Current Assets	-	96,723	39,668	136,391
Current Liabilities	-	-	(232,187)	(232,187)
Inter-fund borrowing	(195,573)	-	195,573	-
Net Funds	£1,339,380	£96,723	£14,974	1,451,077

Previous year

	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	1,561,963	-	1,875	1,563,838
Current Assets	-	99,668	57,455	157,123
Current Liabilities	-	-	(189,603)	(189,603)
Inter-fund borrowing	(195,574)	-	195,574	-
Net Funds	£1,366,389	£99,668	£65,301	£1,531,358

Inter-fund borrowings represent unrestricted assets used to fund assets within the endowment fund.

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year IT support services were delivered by Deltacom Managed Services for £4,000 (2025: £Nil). The spouse of the Chief Executive Officer is a director in this company. Other than this, there were no related party transactions with Trustees or other individuals during the year (2025-Nil).

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Aston-Mansfield Charitable Trust, a charitable company limited by guarantee, although under the control of a different trustee board, is a connected charity with similar objects and having a common administration.

During the year the company received grants of £643,705 (2025- £1,041,158) from Aston-Mansfield Charitable Trust and provided services costing £17,669 (2025 - £17,238) to that charity. At the year-end Aston-Mansfield Charitable Trust was owed £25,083 by Aston Mansfield (2025 - £16,672) as disclosed in notes 10 and 11.

The company is a member of Lambourne End Limited, a charitable company limited by guarantee. During the year the company did not provide any services to the charity (2025 - £ Nil) and no amount was owed to or due from Aston-Mansfield (2025 - £Nil).

19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Lambourne End Limited
Aston-Mansfield is a member of Lambourne End Limited and in the event of winding-up it has undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £25,000.

20. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025)

	Notes	Endowment Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Total £
Income					
Income from donations and legacies					
Donations		-	-	25	**25**
Income from charitable activities					
Grants	3	-	267,584	1,041,598	**1,309,182**
Project income		-	-	570	**570**
Rents and facility hire	4	-	-	400,312	**400,312**
Income from other trading activities					
Shop sales		-	-	26,420	**26,420**
Other income	5	-	-	22,377	**22,377**
Total income		**-**	**267,584**	**1,491,302**	**1,758,886**
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds					
Fundraising		-	-	(66,294)	**(66,294)**
Shop operating costs		-	-	(74,791)	**(74,791)**
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Lifelong learning		-	(124,640)	(290,226)	**(414,866)**
Healthy living		-	(89,827)	(83,054)	**(172,881)**
Community development		-	(45,888)	(34,684)	**(80,572)**
Community buildings		(27,009)	-	(991,597)	**(1,018,606)**
Total expenditure	6	**(27,009)**	**(260,355)**	**(1,540,646)**	**(1,828,010)**
Net income/(expenditure)		(27,009)	7,229	(49,344)	**(69,124)**
Transfers between funds		**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Net movement in funds		**(27,009)**	**7,229**	**(49,344)**	**(69,124)**
Fund balances as at 1 April 2024		1,393,398	92,439	114,645	**1,600,482**
FUND BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2025		**£1,366,389**	**£99,668**	**£65,301**	**£1,531,358**