Company number: 01852824
(England & Wales)

Landscape Research Centre Limited
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ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31 December 2025

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Full name of the charity:	Landscape Research Centre Limited
Company registration number:	01852824 (England & Wales)
Registered charity number:	326710
Registered office of the charity:	The Old Bridge Barn Yedingham Malton North Yorkshire YO17 8SL

Trustees
The trustees of the charity and those in office during the year were as follows: -

S Boyle - Chair
Professor R Morris OBE
M Corbishley - Resigned
D Wakeley
Professor P Dixon
Ms F Elliott
N J Szkiler
C Musson MBE
S C Woodward
Ms G Falkingham
R Bewley
Ms Paula Ware
Dr. Ellen McAdam - Appointed Nov 2025

Directors
The directors of the company in office during the year were as follows: -

Professor D Powlesland
Miss C Haughton

Advisors*:*

Independent examiner*:*	J Pygas F.C.C.A. Townsend Harrison Limited Chartered Certified Accountants 13 Yorkersgate Malton North Yorkshire YO17 7AA
Bankers*:*	Barclays Bank Plc Ryedale Group of Branches 23 Yorkersgate Malton YO17 7GR

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Trustees' Report - *Continued*

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Landscape Research Centre Limited is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 27 June 1984. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

Appointment of trustees and directors

As set out in the Articles of Association the trustees are recruited on the basis of their knowledge of and interest in the objectives of the Landscape Research Centre Limited together with an ability to contribute towards the furtherance of those objectives. The appointment procedures are clearly set out in the Company's Articles of Association and in the Memorandum of Association governing the appointment and reappointment of trustees, all of which are carefully followed and adhered to.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law and the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and familiarised with past and current research and other work of the charity.

Organisation

The board of trustees, which can have up to 20 members, administers the charity. The board meets annually at the AGM. A director and treasurer are appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the director and treasurer have delegated authority, within terms approved by the trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment, research and dissemination related activity.

Related parties

Although the two directors receive no remuneration from the charity, they invoice the charity for their work and services from their separate businesses.

Risk management

The charity operates with a fully defined health and safety policy. This is reviewed on a project by project basis to ensure that any new risks are identified, and measures taken to either avoid the risk altogether or minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise. Financial risk is assessed through monthly accounting meetings, through the maintenance of tight budgetary controls and continuous review of the reserves policy and its annual review by the trustees.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission. This report illustrates how the charity delivers public benefit.

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Trustees' Report – *Continued*

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are:

- Education through research into the evolution of British rural landscape from the Palaeolithic period to the present day
- The provision of education and training in landscape research methodology
- The dissemination of the useful results of landscape research.

Activities

The LRC continued to work on a number of ongoing projects including:

Cook's Quarry post excavation and publication programme
The Cook's Quarry excavations conducted ahead of mineral extraction represent one of the most significant excavations in the North of England owing to the scale – covering a little under 20 Ha. – with evidence showing extensive activity from the late Palaeolithic c.13,000 to 12,000 years ago until the Early Anglo-Saxon period c.1500 years ago. After delays in funding were resolved work on this project has resumed in earnest and we look forward to seeing the report completed during 2026.

West Heslerton Excavations
An application was submitted to Historic England to secure funding to undertake the editing and publication of the excavation reports against a background of new information recovered from excavations conducted by the LRC at East Heslerton in 2022 which completely changes our understanding of the Early to Middle Saxon period. We are awaiting confirmation that an appropriate level of funding will be provided to bring this project to conclusion.

Archive Deposition
Discussions have been initiated with the Malton Museum and The Archaeological Data Service concerning the deposition of both the physical and digital archives from the LRC. Discussion continues.

Hovingham Landscape Research
Small scale volunteer-supported research excavations focussed upon the Roman landscape in particular and the re-discovery of a Roman Bathhouse discovered in 1742-5 continued with work in the 2025 season targeting a 47x30m structure of Basilican form discovered in 2023. We are awaiting radio-carbon dates that will help interpret what appears to be a highly exceptional structure, and the date of a burial excavated in 2024 which is still being analysed. This year's excavations, although very limited in scale, exposed details of the extraordinary end evidently isolated building. It had been highly decorated with mosaic floors, painted walls and ceilings, with a central aisle nearly 10m across and two storeys high, which had been roofed with stone roof-tiles with different reflexive properties. The structure had been extensively robbed when abandoned at a date that remains unknown. The fragments of decorative materials suggest that the structure was of a very high status.

The focus on the excavation at Hovingham presented in a number of lectures and a small number of site visits led directly to two significant donations from a family trust and an individual donor which have contributed towards the ongoing research including specialist analysis and dating which will hugely enrich the story of this extraordinary discovery.

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Trustees' Report – *Continued*

Financial Review
The income and expenditure account show an overall surplus in the year of £28,553 (2024: Deficit of £10,466).

The charitable company has in the year recorded a surplus in restricted funding activity of £4,070. The restricted funds balance at 31 December 2025 now stands at £26,283 (31 December 2024: £22,213).

At 31 December 2025 the charity's net assets stand at £98,608 including tangible assets of £2,013. Free reserves at 31 December 2025 amount to £70,312 (31 December 2024: £46,943). Free reserves are those unrestricted funds that are not tied up in tangible assets, nor held in designated funds.

Principal Funding Sources
The principal funding source for the charity is currently by way of small survey projects performed by the charity.

Investment Policy
Funds that are in excess of immediate requirements are held on interest earning deposit, accessible without notice.

Reserves Policy
The trustees consider that (unrestricted) cash reserves are required for the following reasons: -

- To enable Landscape Research Centre Limited to maintain essential core functions in the provision of its objectives.
- To cover unavoidable cost overruns on activities planned to be funded from restricted reserves.

Cash reserves sufficient for the immediate future are already held and the trustees will endeavour to maintain them at an appropriate level.

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Trustees' Report – *Continued*

Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

Company law requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that year. In preparing those accounts the trustees are required to:-

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee

Members of the management committee, who are the directors, and the trustees, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

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Trustee: S Boyle

Dated: 11 May 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF
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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 7 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees and directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees and directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees and directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners' statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006: and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities, have not been met; or
   - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J Pygas F.C.C.A.

Townsend Harrison Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
13 Yorkersgate

11 May 2026 Malton YO17 7AA

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds	2025 Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	178	-	178	149
Charitable activities	3	6,500	8,800	15,300	5,488
Other trading activities:					
Excavation and survey income		48,578	-	48,578	24,289
Sundry income		125	-	125	379
Investments		1,073	-	1,073	1,117
Total income		56,454	8,800	65,254	31,421
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		27,841	-	27,841	37,268
Charitable activities		-	4,730	4,730	990
Other		4,131	-	4,131	3,630
Total expenditure	4	31,971	4,730	36,701	41,887
Net income for the year		24,483	4,070	28,553	(10,466)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward at beginning of year		47,842	22,213	70,055	80,522
Total funds carried forward at end of year		72,325	26,283	98,608	70,055

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2025

	Notes	£	£	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	8		2,013	899
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	9	794		-
Cash at bank and in hand		97,235		70,590
		98,029		70,590
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	1,434		1,434
NET CURRENT ASSETS			96,595	69,156
TOTAL NET ASSETS	11		98,608	70,055
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY				
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General funds			72,325	47,842
RESTRICTED FUNDS			26,283	22,213
TOTAL FUNDS	12		98,608	70,055

The trustees and directors confirm that for the year ended 31 December 2025:

- the company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees and directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, were approved by the trustees and directors on 11 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

…….
DIRECTOR: Miss C Haughton

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

a) The Charities Act 2011
b) The Companies Act 2006
c) The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: (FRS102)
d) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102) (effective January 2015)

Cashflow exemption

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cashflow statement on the grounds that the charitable company qualifies as a small charity.

Public Benefit

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Going concern basis

The trustees and directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations, gifts and legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions, which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Income from commercial activities is recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis.

The charity is not registered for VAT, thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.

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

- Costs generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- Charitable activities include expenditure associated with archaeological work and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

	Rate	Method
Surveying equipment	50%	Straight line
Computers	50%	Straight line

Funds structure

The charitable company has a number of restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a grant or donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

All other funds are unrestricted income funds. The funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 12.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025 Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
Sundry donations	178	-	178	149
	178	-	178	149

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM ACTIVITIES TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS

	2025 Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
Gants received to progress activities	6,500	-	6,500	5,488
Sales of capital equipment (Research fund)	-	8,800	8,800	-
	6,500	8,800	15,300	5,488

4. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Raising funds	Charitable activities	Other Expenses	2025 Total	2024 Total
Costs directly allocated to activities					
Project costs	23,266	4,730	-	27,996	32,271
Accountancy	-	-	1,434	1,434	1,548
Support costs allocated to activities					
Administration costs	2,483	-	2,697	5,180	6,584
Depreciation	2,092	-	-	2,092	1,485
	27,841	4,730	4,131	36,701	41,887

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging: -

	2025 Total	2024 Total
Depreciation	2,092	1,485
Directors' emoluments	Nil	Nil
Independent examiner's fees including preparation of accounts	2,092	1,548

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6. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2025	2024
Staff costs were as follows: -		
Salaries and wages	-	-
Social security costs	-	-
	-	-

No employee received emoluments of more than £50,000. The only employees during the year were the 2 directors (2024: 2 directors) who received no salaries from the charitable company.

7. TAXATION

The charitable company is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable activities.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery etc.
	£
COST	
At 1 January 2025	103,709
Additions	3,206
Disposal	(44,688)
At 31 December 2025	62,226
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2025	102,810
Eliminated on disposal	(44,688)
Charge for year	2,092
At 31 December 2025	60,213
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2025	2,013
At 31 December 2024	899

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9. DEBTORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-
Other debtors	794	-
	794	-

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	1,434	1,434
	1,434	1,434

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Tangible fixed assets	2,013	-	-	2,013
Current assets	71,746	-	26,283	98,029
Current liabilities	(1,434)	-	-	(1,434)
Net assets at 31 Dec 2025	72,325	-	26,283	98,608

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12. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfer to/From	At 31 December 2025
Restricted funds					
Research projects	1,520	8,800	4,730	-	5,590
Boltby Scar project	2,623	-	-	-	2,623
Roulston Scar project	2,924	-	-	-	2,924
Albanwise Solar project	15,146	-	-	-	15,146
Total restricted funds	22,213	8,800	4,730	-	26,283
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	47,842	56,454	31,971	-	72,325
Total unrestricted fund	47,842	56,454	31,971	-	72,325
Total funds	70,055	65,254	36,701	-	98,608

Purpose of restricted funds

Research projects — This relates to grants from English Heritage which will be paid periodically to the charity. The grant stipulates that the charity must keep to the programme of the project design and must satisfactorily complete each stage before the next element of the grant is paid to the charity.

Boltby Scar project — This project is funded through a grant from the North York Moors National Park for the purpose of undertaking an excavation of the Hill Fort at Boltby Scar near Sutton Bank and to provide a report on the findings from the excavation.

Roulston Scar project — This project is funded by the North York Moors National Park for work at Roulston Scar.

Albanwise Solar project — This project relates to geophysical survey covering 70Ha, gathering processing and integrating the results and then reviewing and interpreting these with airborne and drone-based crop-mark survey data and lidar. This should generate around £200 per hectare, and the total income to the Trust is likely around £43,000. Some of the income will be used to build a new trolley, and some computer equipment is due to be replaced. Neo Environmental Ltd (acting on behalf of Albanwise).

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13. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

The following amounts were paid to the directors of the charity for specialist work performed by them during the year: -

D Powlesland	£9,150	(2024: £6,925)
C Haughton	£13,913	(2024: £14,633)

The above transactions were made on normal commercial terms.

D Powlesland was reimbursed with Nil (2024: Nil) for travel and subsistence business expense claims.

No expenses were made or reimbursed to the charitable company's trustees (2024: None).

No trustee or other person related to the charitable company had any interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charitable company other than those noted above (2024: None).

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31 December 2025

			2024
	£	£	£
Income		55,078	29,777
Other income			
Sundry receipts	178		149
Bank interest	1,073		1,117
Insurance claim	-		379
Gift Aid	125		-
		1,377	1,645
TOTAL INCOME		56,454	31,421
less: Expenses			
Survey and excavation fees	27,996		32,271
Accountancy	1,434		1,548
Administrative charges	5,180		6,583
Depreciation	2,092		1,486
		36,701	41,887
Profit/Loss on sales of fixed assets			
Add: Profit on sale of capital equipment		8,800	-
NET (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		28,553	(10,466)