# Sir John Moore's School and Exhibition Foundation

**(Charity Registration Number 510484 )**

## Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements for the Year ended

## 31st March 2026

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# Trustees' Annual Report

**From:** 1st April 2025 **To:** 31st March 2026

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|---|---|
| **Charity's full name** | Sir John Moore's School and Exhibition Foundation |
| **Registered Charity number** | 510484 |

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

The provision of education and the maintenance and upkeep of the school buildings .

Exhibitions tenable at any secondary school and other educational establishments.

The main asset of the charity is a Grade 1 listed building endowed by Sir John Moore in 1697. Originally it was designed to accommodate a school and its fee-paying boarding pupils and resident schoolteachers

Following the closure of the Grammar school and the re-opening of the school in 1956 when the most recent trust deed was sealed, the area occupied by the school dropped to less than half of the total area of the building. Using the powers granted to them by the 1956 Scheme the Trustees use the parts of the building not required by the School as let premises to provide income and for purposes consistent with the educational purposes of the scheme and for fund raising.

### Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

To make creative, contemporary use of Sir John Moores gift and legacy, enriching the lives of people living in North West Leicestershire, South Derbyshire, North Warwickshire and East Staffordshire. Our Themes: Heritage & conservation - our goal to be an exemplar of innovative use of a heritage site Learning for All Community & Social Wellbeing Enterprise

The Trustees review the Charity's aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what has been achieved during the year, ensuring that the aims, objectives and activities remain focused on the charity's principal purpose. In carrying out these reviews and in all their duties,

The Board of Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

During the year, the Trustees of the Sir John Moore's School and Exhibition Foundation focused on preserving and promoting the historic Sir John Moore building and museum, strengthening governance, increasing public engagement, and developing a sustainable long-term future for the charity.

A major achievement was the completion of a programme of strategic research, planning and heritage assessment funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This included conservation, condition, flood resilience, business planning and shared-spaces studies, which have provided a clearer understanding of the building's needs and future opportunities. The findings have informed a long-term vision centred on increasing public benefit, improving visitor experience, safeguarding the heritage asset and ensuring financial sustainability.

The Foundation continued to work closely with specialist consultants, Historic England and other advisers to explore options for the future use and development of the site. Discussions also continued regarding the relationship between the Foundation and the school to ensure future investment supports both educational provision and heritage conservation.

#### Museum, Collections and Heritage

The Foundation continued to develop its museum service through new exhibitions, research projects and improved public access to collections. Exhibitions explored local history, former pupils, village heritage and significant individuals associated with the site. Additional display space enabled more of the Foundation's collections and research material to be made accessible to visitors.

Collections management was strengthened through an internal audit, review of accession records and preparation for future museum accreditation requirements. Historic collections and archives were relocated from areas affected by water ingress to improve their protection.

Volunteers made a significant contribution through research, cataloguing, exhibitions and visitor engagement. A notable discovery during the year was a previously unknown seventeenth-century letter relating to Sir John Moore, which has given further depth to our understanding of Sir John Moore and the site's history.

The Trustees also supported the development of digital interpretation through participation in the Bloomberg Connects programme and collaborative educational initiatives with other museums and schools.

**Community Engagement and Education**

Increasing public access and community engagement remained a key priority. The Foundation delivered a programme of open days, exhibitions, talks, tours and heritage events throughout the year.

Visitor numbers continued to grow, with more than 4,000 people attending museum open days and community events, compared with approximately 3,000 in the previous year. Audience research undertaken as part of the National Lottery Heritage Fund project provided valuable insight into visitor expectations and community interests, helping to inform future programming and improve accessibility.

The Foundation also secured funding for community history projects aimed at reducing social isolation and encouraging social interaction through shared learning experiences. Trustees continued to strengthen partnerships with schools, volunteers, museum networks and community groups to expand educational opportunities.

**Fundraising and Development**

The Foundation remained proactive in seeking external funding to support both current activities and future development. During the year, grants were secured for community engagement initiatives, environmental improvements and heritage interpretation projects, including the creation of a community herb garden. Applications were also submitted to a range of heritage and charitable funders to support conservation works, collections care, museum development and future building repairs. While not all applications were successful, valuable feedback was received and further applications are being developed in line with the Foundation's strategic priorities

**Property Management and Sustainability**

The Trustees continued to oversee the maintenance and improvement of the Foundation's historic buildings and wider site. Works undertaken during the year included flood resilience measures, building repairs, improvements to IT provision and ongoing condition monitoring. Addressing water ingress, damp and flood risk remained a significant priority. The Foundation also began exploring opportunities to improve environmental sustainability through carbon reduction measures, energy efficiency improvements and more sustainable estate management.

Insurance arrangements were reviewed to ensure appropriate protection for the charity's assets while achieving better value for money.

**Governance and Financial Management**

The Trustees continued to strengthen governance and organisational resilience. A substantial programme of policy review and development resulted in updated arrangements covering areas including data protection, risk management, financial controls, volunteering and communications. Financial management was enhanced through improved management reporting and specialist charity finance support. Trustees closely monitored financial performance and continued to explore opportunities to increase income to support the buildings preservation whilst maintaining the Foundation's charitable objectives.

Work also continued towards conversion to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with ongoing engagement with advisers and the Charity Commission. Trustee recruitment and succession planning remained important priorities, with efforts focused on broadening expertise in heritage, property management, fundraising, governance and business planning.

**Looking Forward**

The Trustees enter the coming year with a clearer strategic direction informed by extensive research, consultation and planning. Priorities include securing funding for urgent conservation works, improving flood resilience, strengthening governance arrangements, increasing public participation and progressing plans for the long-term sustainability of the site. The Trustees remain committed to preserving the exceptional heritage significance of the Sir John Moore Foundation while ensuring it continues to provide educational, cultural and community benefit for current and future generations.

## Financial review

**Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period**

Income is higher than the previous year and expenditure is lower, resulting in a slight surplus as opposed to a defecit in the previous year.

**Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held**

The trustees reserves policy is to build up sufficient reserves for the following:
- One year administration/disaster recovery
- Emergency repairs
- Future projects

When there are sufficient funds, they are held in reserve accounts.

**Amount of reserves held**

£9,726

**Reasons for holding zero reserves**

Not applicable

**Funds materially in deficit**

N/A

**Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern**
There are no concerns about the charity continuing as a going concern.

**Risk Management**

The trustees continually review the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks

**Future Plans**
The trustees plan to continue the advances in financial performance, thus becoming more financially stable. It is the long-term ambition of the trustees to generate a surplus, which can be used to add to the educational experience of the children of Sir John Moore School.

## Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, royal charter)** | The Foundation's governing document has been modified over the years, the current trust document was sealed on 19 December 1956 and amended 19 September 2020 and 19 September 2023. |

**How the charity is constituted**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees** | The representative trustees are appointed for a term of 3 years. The co-optative trustees are appointed by resolution of the trustees for a term of 5 years. |

The trustees determine the general policy of the Foundation. The Foundation owns the grounds and building that house the Sir John Moore Church of England School (aided) Primary School ("the School"). The School is the principal beneficiary of the Foundation. The organisation and running of the School is the responsibility of the governors of the School.

The Board of Trustees consists of Trustees:
1 ex-officio being the Rector of Appleby St Michael and All Angels
3 representative and
6 co-optative trustees
The representative trustees are appointed as follows:
2 by Leicestershire County Council
1 by Appleby Parish Council.

The trustees have used the powers granted to unincorporated charities under s.280 of the Charities Act 2011 to amend the administrative provisions to confirm the validity of meetings held remotely, to declare that any trustee filling a vacancy would hold office for the entire term of office rather than the unexpired term of the retiree and, as meeting are sometimes held remotely, not to require a new trustee to sign the minute book on taking office.

## Reference and administration details

| | |
|---|---|
| **Charity's full name** | Sir John Moore's School and Exhibition Foundation |
| **Charity's principal address** | 101 Top Street<br>Appleby Magna<br>Derbyshire<br>**DE12 7AH** |

**Names of the trustees who manage the charity**

| Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Shields | | | |
| Kevin Jones | | | |
| David Gray | | | |
| Tim Mattos | | | |
| Phil Sterne | | | |
| Richard Tett | | | |
| Marcos Hart | | Appointed October 2025 | |
| Claire Whitehurst | | Resigned January 2026 | |
| Andrew Moore | | Resigned January 2026 | |

**Names and addresses of advisers**

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|---|---|---|
| **Independent Examiner** | Karen Wood ACMA | Outsource Accounting Services and IE'S<br>2 Galligap Lane<br>Osbaldwick, York<br>YO10 3NR |
| **Bankers** | National Westminster Bank | Burton-on-Trent |

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing 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 judgments 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Declaration**

**The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature**

**Full Name** JOHN MARTIN CRANE
**Position** VOLUNTARY CLERK
**Date** 14/07/2026

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sir John Moore's School & Exhibition Foundation**

I report on the accounts of: **Sir John Moore's School and Exhibition Foundation**
for the period ended: **31st March 2026** which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2 the accounts do not accord with those records
3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**Karen Wood (ACMA)**

15/07/2026

**Date:**

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Osbaldwick
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## Sir John Moore's School and Exhibition Foundation

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### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended: 31 March 2026

| | Note | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total 2026 | Total 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income and endowments from:** | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations and legacies | 3.1 | 25,170 | - | 25,170 | 28,154 |
| Charitable activities | 3.2 | 8,726 | 48,528 | 57,254 | 48,538 |
| Other trading income | 3.3 | 8,857 | | 8,857 | 14,225 |
| Investment income | 3.4 | 53,332 | - | 53,332 | 52,425 |
| **Total income** | **3** | **96,085** | **48,528** | **144,613** | **143,342** |
| **Expenditure on:** | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 4.1 | 7,979 | - | 7,979 | 4,606 |
| Charitable activities | 4.2 | 51,719 | 57,307 | 109,026 | 118,359 |
| Investment management costs | 4.3 | 26,921 | | 26,921 | 25,628 |
| **Total expenditure** | **4** | **86,620** | **57,307** | **143,927** | **148,593** |
| **Net income/(expenditure)** | | **9,465** | **(8,779)** | **686** | **(5,251)** |
| **Gross transfers between funds** | | - | - | - | - |
| **Gains on investments** | | 2,567 | | 2,567 | |
| **Net movement in funds** | | **12,032** | **(8,779)** | **3,253** | **(5,251)** |
| **Total funds brought forward** | | (2,306 ) | 8,779 | 6,473 | 11,724 |
| **Total funds carried forward** | | **9,726** | **-** | **9,726** | **6,473** |

## Sir John Moore's School and Exhibition Foundation

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**Balance Sheet as at: 31st March 2026**

| | Note | 2026 £ | 2025 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed assets** | | | |
| Investment assets | 7 | 4,229 | 1,662 |
| **Total fixed assets** | | | |
| **Current assets** | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 8 | 12,169 | 18,565 |
| Debtors & prepayments | 9 | 1,902 | 6,009 |
| **Total current assets** | | 14,071 | 24,574 |
| **Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year** | | | |
| Creditors and accruals | 10 | (8,574) | (19,763) |
| **Net current assets** | | 5,497 | 4,811 |
| **Total assets less current liabilities** | | 9,726 | 6,473 |
| **Funds of the Charity** | 12 | | |
| Unrestricted Funds (General) | | 9,726 | (2,306 ) |
| Restricted Funds | | - | 8,779 |
| **Total Funds Carried Forward** | 12 | 9,726 | 6,473 |

The report and financial statements were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on:

14/07/2026

**Date**

**Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees**

14/07/2026

**Date**

## Sir John Moore's School and Exhibition Foundation

## Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended: 31st March 2026

| | Total 2026 £ | Total 2025 £ |
|---|---|---|
| **Cash flows from operating activities** | | |
| **Net income/(expenditure) for the year** | 3,253 | (5,251 ) |
| **Add:** Depreciation for the year | 0 | - |
| | 3,253 | (5,251 ) |
| **Working capital changes** | | |
| (Increase)/decrease in debtors | 4,107 | 2,519 |
| Increase/(decrease) in creditors | (11,189 ) | (69 ) |
| **Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities** | **(3,829 )** | **(2,801 )** |
| **Cash flows used in investing activities** | | |
| Gain on investment | **(2,567 )** | 0 |
| Purchase of fixed assets | 0 | 0 |
| | **(2,567 )** | **0** |
| **Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year** | (6,396 ) | (2,801 ) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2025 | 18,565 | 21,366 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2026** | **12,169** | **18,565** |

## Notes to the accounts for the period ended: 31st March 2026

### 1 Basis of preparation

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

#### 1.2 Change of basis of accounting
There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

#### 1.3 Change to previous accounts
During the year it was idendified that certain income and expenditure items had been incorrectly analysed within the Statement of Financial Activities in the year ended 31st March 2025. As a result, income and costs have been reclassified between catagory headings to ensure a more accurate presentation of resouces received and expended in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102)
The adjustment does not affect total income or expenditure or the net movemebt in funds for the prior year.

### 2 Accounting policies

#### Income and endowments

**Recognition of income**
These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:
- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- receipt of the resources is probable; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Incoming resources with related expenditure**
Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

**Grants and donations**
Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has evidence of entitlement to the resources and receipt is probable.

**Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**Investment income**
This is included in the accounts when receivable.

#### Expenditure and Liabilities

#### Expenditure

**Raising funds**
Cost of raising funds comprise those costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

**Charitable activities**
Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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

**Assets**
**Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity**
The principal asset of the Foundation is the Grade 1 listed building, which is over 300 years old. As the retention of the building is the main object of the charity, and the building has historic importance it can be considered an historic asset in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

The original value of the asset and the cumulative cost of improvements to 31 March 2000 is not available. The trustees consider that the costs involved in carrying out a professional valuation to be considerable compared to the limited additional benefit derived by the users of the accounts.

Other tangible assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500 They are valued at cost or if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt, less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates to write off the cost of the asset at just over a 3 year period (30% straight line basis) with the asset being written off at the end of this period. If the asset is deemed to have a shorter life expectancy than 10 years then it will be reduced accordingly adhering to the straight line depreciation method.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2026

### 3 Income and endowments

| | 2026 | | | 2025 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total 2026 | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total 2025 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **3.1 Donations and legacies** | | | | | | |
| Donations & fundraising | 25,170 | - | 25,170 | 28,154 | - | 28,154 |
| | **25,170** | **-** | **25,170** | **28,154** | **-** | **28,154** |
| **3.2 Charitable activities** | | | | | | |
| Grants | | 48,528 | **48,528** | | 45,771 | **45,771** |
| Contributions to maintenance | 6,000 | - | **6,000** | 2,767 | - | 2,767 |
| Heritage income | 2,726 | | **2,726** | | | |
| | **8,726** | **48,528** | **57,254** | **2,767** | **45,771** | **48,538** |
| **3.3 Other trading income** | | | | | | |
| Events | 100 | | 100 | | | |
| Car Show | 1,892 | | 1,892 | | | |
| Weddings | 6,232 | | 6,232 | | | |
| Private hire | **350** | | 350 | | | |
| Bar | **283** | | 283 | | | |
| Fundraising events | - | - | - | 14,225 | - | 14,225 |
| | **8,857** | **-** | **8,857** | **14,225** | **-** | **14,225** |
| **3.4 Investment income** | | | | | | |
| Lettings & recharges | 53,263 | - | 53,263 | 52,099 | - | 52,099 |
| Bank interest | 69 | - | 69 | 326 | - | 326 |
| | **53,332** | **-** | **53,332** | **52,425** | **-** | **52,425** |
| **Total income** | **96,085** | **48,528** | **144,613** | **97,571** | **45,771** | **143,342** |

## 4 Expenditure

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2026 £ | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total 2025 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **4.1 Raising funds** | | | | | | |
| Fundraising events & advertising | 54 | | 54 | 371 | | **371** |
| Proportion of support costs | 7,925 | | 7,925 | 4,235 | - | **4,235** |
| | **7,979** | - | **7,979** | 4,606 | - | **4,606** |
| **4.2 Charitable activities** | | | | | | |
| Heritage expenses | 1,815 | - | 1,815 | 975 | - | 975 |
| Museum manager salary & costs | 15,091 | 7,974 | 23,065 | 9,629 | | 9,629 |
| Shared school maintenance | 8,193 | - | 8,193 | 11,125 | - | 11,125 |
| Grant project/Capital works | - | 39,489 | 39,489 | | 52,861 | 52,861 |
| Legal and professional fees | (1,865 ) | | (1,865 ) | 2,526 | - | 2,526 |
| Sundry expenses | 144 | | 144 | | | |
| Proportion of support costs | 28,341 | 9,844 | 38,185 | 41,243 | | 41,243 |
| | 51,719 | 57,307 | 109,026 | 65,498 | 52,861 | 118,359 |
| **4.3 Investment management costs** | | | | | | |
| Rental expenses | 984 | - | 984 | 720 | - | **720** |
| Proportion of support costs | 25,937 | | 25,937 | 24,908 | - | **24,908** |
| | **26,921** | - | **26,921** | 25,628 | - | **25,628** |
| **Total expenditure** | **86,620** | **57,307** | **143,927** | **95,732** | **52,861** | **148,593** |

## 5 Expenses & fees

No trustees received a remuneration for services rendered during the year nor were reimbursed for any out of pocket expenses incurred.

### 5.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

| | 2026 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts | 950 | 1,548 |

## 6 Staff costs and emoluments

### 6.1 Staff costs

| | 2026 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Gross salaries | 48,600 | 53,958 |
| Employers National Insurance | - | - |
| Pension contributions | 1,084 | - |
| | 49,684 | 53,958 |

### 6.2 Average number of full time equivalent employees by department

| | 2026 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| Charitable activities | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Investment management | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Total | 2.0 | 2.00 |

No employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000 (2025:Nil)

## 7 Fixed assets

### 7.1 Heritage asset

| | |
|---|---|
| Valuation at 1 April 2025 | Not valued |
| Additions | - |
| Disposals | - |
| Valuation at 1 April 2026 | Not valued |

The charity owns a heritage asset which is a Grade 1 listed building and the main object of the charity.

The trustees consider that due to the nature and age of the asset, reliable cost information is unavailable and the cost of obtaining professional valuation would outweigh the benefit to users of the accounts. Accordingly, no value has been included in the balance sheet.

### 7.1 Investments

| | £ |
|---|---|
| Cost or valuation | |
| At 1 April 2025 | 1,662 |
| Gain in investment value | 2,567 |
| At 31 March 2026 | 4,229 |

The opening investment balance reflected a historical carrying value. During the year, the trustees obtained independent evidence of the investment valie from CCLA. As the difference was not considered material, the adjustment has been recognised in the current year's Statement of Financial Activity rather than as a prior year adjustment,

## 8 Cash at bank and in hand

| | £ | £ |
|---|---|---|
| Natwest current bank account | 8,652 | 7,833 |
| Natwest savings bank account | 3,517 | 10,588 |
| Petty cash | - | 102 |
| Carter Allen | - | 42 |
| | **12,169** | **18,565** |

## 9 Debtors and prepayments

| | | 2026 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Debtors and prepayments** | | £ | £ |
| Prepayments and accrued income | | 1,902 | 6,009 |
| | **Total** | **1,902** | **6,009** |

## 10 Creditors and accruals

| | | 2026 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Amounts falling due within one year** | | £ | £ |
| Pension creditor | | 124 | 292 |
| Accruals | | 8,450 | 19,471 |
| | **Total** | **8,574** | **19,763** |

## 11 Movement of funds

### 11.1 Movement of major funds

| 2026<br>Fund name | Balance b/fwd | Incoming resources | Outgoing resources | Gain on investment | Balance c/fwd |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds (General)** | | | | | |
| General unrestricted funds | **(2,306)** | **96,085** | **86,620** | **2,567** | **9,726** |
| **Restricted funds** | | | | | |
| National Lottery Heritage | 1,944 | 42,421 | 44,365 | - | - |
| Mercia Park | 2,585 | | 2,585 | - | - |
| Family History Group | 478 | 750 | 1,228 | - | - |
| Storm Herk | 517 | - | 517 | - | - |
| NWLDC Community Grant | 3,255 | | 3,255 | - | - |
| Flood resilience grant | - | 4,197 | 4,197 | - | - |
| Barchester grant | - | 1,160 | 1,160 | - | - |
| **Total Restricted Funds** | **8,779** | **48,528** | **57,307** | **-** | **-** |
| **Total Funds** | **6,473** | **144,613** | **143,927** | **2,567** | **9,726** |

| 2025<br>Fund name | Balance b/fwd | Incoming resources | Outgoing resources | Transfers | Balance c/fwd |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds (General)** | | | | | |
| General unrestricted funds | - 4,145 | 97,571 | 95,732 | - | (2,306) |
| **Restricted funds** | | | | | |
| National Lottery Heritage | - | 42,421 | 40,477 | - | 1,944 |
| Bells Heritage Board | - | - | - | | - |
| Mercia Park | 5,000 | | 2,415 | | 2,585 |
| Royal Society | 1,000 | | 1,000 | | - |
| Family History Group | 4,754 | | 4,276 | | 478 |
| Leicester CMF | 615 | | 615 | | - |
| Storm Henk | 2,500 | | 1,983 | | 517 |
| LCC New Narratives | 2,000 | | 2,000 | | - |
| NWLDC Community Grant | | 3,350 | 95 | | 3,255 |
| **Total Restricted Funds** | 15,869 | 45,771 | 52,861 | - | 8,779 |
| **Total Funds** | 11,724 | 143,342 | 148,593 | - | 6,473 |

### 11.2 Details of Funds Held

**Unrestricted Funds (General)**
The General fund is unrestricted and available for the general purposes of the Organisation.

**Restricted Funds**
The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund, which are:

**National Lottery Heritage**
The first stage of the Renovate, Refresh, Reimagine project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund focused on developing a comprehensive understanding of both the building and its long-term potential. A series of specialist surveys and professional reports were commissioned to provide the evidence needed to inform future plans, ensuring that proposed works are sustainable, sensitive to the building's heritage, and responsive to the needs of the community. These included a flood mitigation report, condition survey, structural engineer's report, conservation report, business and shared spaces feasibility report, and a drainage survey. Together, these assessments identified priorities, opportunities, and risks, creating a robust evidence base to guide the next phase of the project and support a well-informed, deliverable programme of restoration and improvement.

**Mercia Park**
Funding from the Mercia Park Grant supported improvements to the site's driveway and surrounding outdoor spaces, enhancing access, safety, and the overall appearance of the site along with improving the site's usability throughout the year. These improvements have strengthened the site's accessibility and resilience, providing a safer and more attractive external space that supports the building's ongoing use and its role as a valued community asset.

**Family History Group**
Funding from Arts Council England to establish an in-person family history group to support and guide each other to research their family tree and connection with the local village. Present their findings to their own families and as an exhibition at the Museum. Continue as a local history group supporting people in a rural location

**Storm Henk**
Funding from the Storm Henk Grant supported the site's recovery following the severe flooding caused by Storm Henk, which significantly affected the east wing cellar. The grant enabled essential recovery works to address the immediate impacts of the flooding and restore affected areas of the building. In addition, the funding supported measures to strengthen the site's resilience to future flooding events.

### NWLDC Community Grant

Funding from the NWLDC Community Grant supported the creation of a community herb garden within the courtyard, providing an engaging and welcoming space for visitors, volunteers, and site users. The project encouraged participation in gardening activities while creating a safe environment where children could explore, learn about, and experience a variety of herbs and plants. The planting scheme was inspired by the site's 1697 heritage, focusing on native herbs and traditional plants that would have been commonly grown and used during that period. As well as enhancing the appearance and atmosphere of the courtyard, the garden has strengthened the site's interpretation of its history and created new opportunities for learning, wellbeing, and community engagement.

Funding from the NWLDC Community Grant supported the creation of a community herb garden within the courtyard

### Flood resilience grant

Funding from the Flood Resilience Grant supported practical improvements to strengthen the site's resilience to future flooding events. All items were pre-approved through the grant scheme and included the purchase of dehumidifiers, additional sump pumps, reusable flood barriers to direct water towards designated drainage channels, and racking systems to keep equipment safely above floor level in vulnerable areas. These measures have improved the site's preparedness for future flood events and reduced the time needed to recover following flooding. While they do not prevent internal flooding entirely, they form an important part of the site's longer-term resilience strategy, protecting equipment, minimising disruption, and supporting the continued use of the historic building while longer-term flood mitigation solutions are developed.

### Barchester grant

Funding from the Barchester Fund supported initiatives to tackle social isolation by strengthening the site's local history café and expanding its programme of guest speakers. The grant enabled the group to offer a wider range of engaging talks, attracting new participants while encouraging existing members to continue attending and connecting with others. The project increased opportunities for social interaction, learning, and community engagement, helping to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for people of all ages. By broadening the appeal of the history café, the funding has contributed to the group's long-term sustainability and ensured that more people can benefit from shared local heritage and social connections.

## 12 Net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Balances at 31st March 2026** | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | 4,229 | - | 4,229 |
| Current assets | 14,071 | - | 14,071 |
| Current liabilities | (8,574 ) | - | (8,574) |
| | **9,726** | **-** | **9,726** |

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Balances at 31st March 2024** | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | 1,662 | - | 1,662 |
| Current assets | 15,795 | 8,779 | 24,574 |
| Current liabilities | (19,763 ) | - | (19,763) |
| | **(2,306 )** | **8,779** | **6,473** |

## 13 Related parties

The charity had no related party transactions during the year.