



Community First
Yorkshire

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throughout
the document as we,
us, our or the
charity.

Trustees' report for the year ending 31 March 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and 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 published in October 2019.

Chief Executive's introduction

The 2023/2024 financial year was overshadowed by the tragic loss of our much-loved friend and colleague Lizzie Clapham who passed away suddenly in November 2023. Lizzie was one of life's truly good people, whose enthusiasm and zest for life inspired many others to do good things for their communities. Lizzie's short life impacted positively on everything she touched, and her memory lives on in her work as one of our development officers. The number of people and organisations who benefited from the Lizzie effect far outweighs the modest kind and smiley persona Lizzie inhabited. An inspirational force of nature, who left us far too soon, we would all benefit from 'being a bit more Lizzie' – thinking of how best we can add value to our local communities.

We formed a collaborative partnership with Better Connect to support the Community Anchor Development Programme, helped and advised a number of village halls and community buildings to access the Platinum Jubilee Fund through ACRE and initiated an innovative partnership with North Yorkshire Council to deliver the RHE Programme through ACRE.

Members of our senior team also sat on the Local Partnership Group and the Communities and Place Programme Board governance structures within the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

in North Yorkshire to influence distribution of these Levelling Up monies to the most appropriate local initiatives and communities.

We secured £1.8m funding for individual VCSEs in the 23/24 financial year, equating to £7.2m benefit to the county when using the social value multiplier of £4 social value for every £1 invested into the VCSE sector as specified in Professor Tony Chapman's [report](#) on the contribution of the VCSE sector to health and wellbeing.

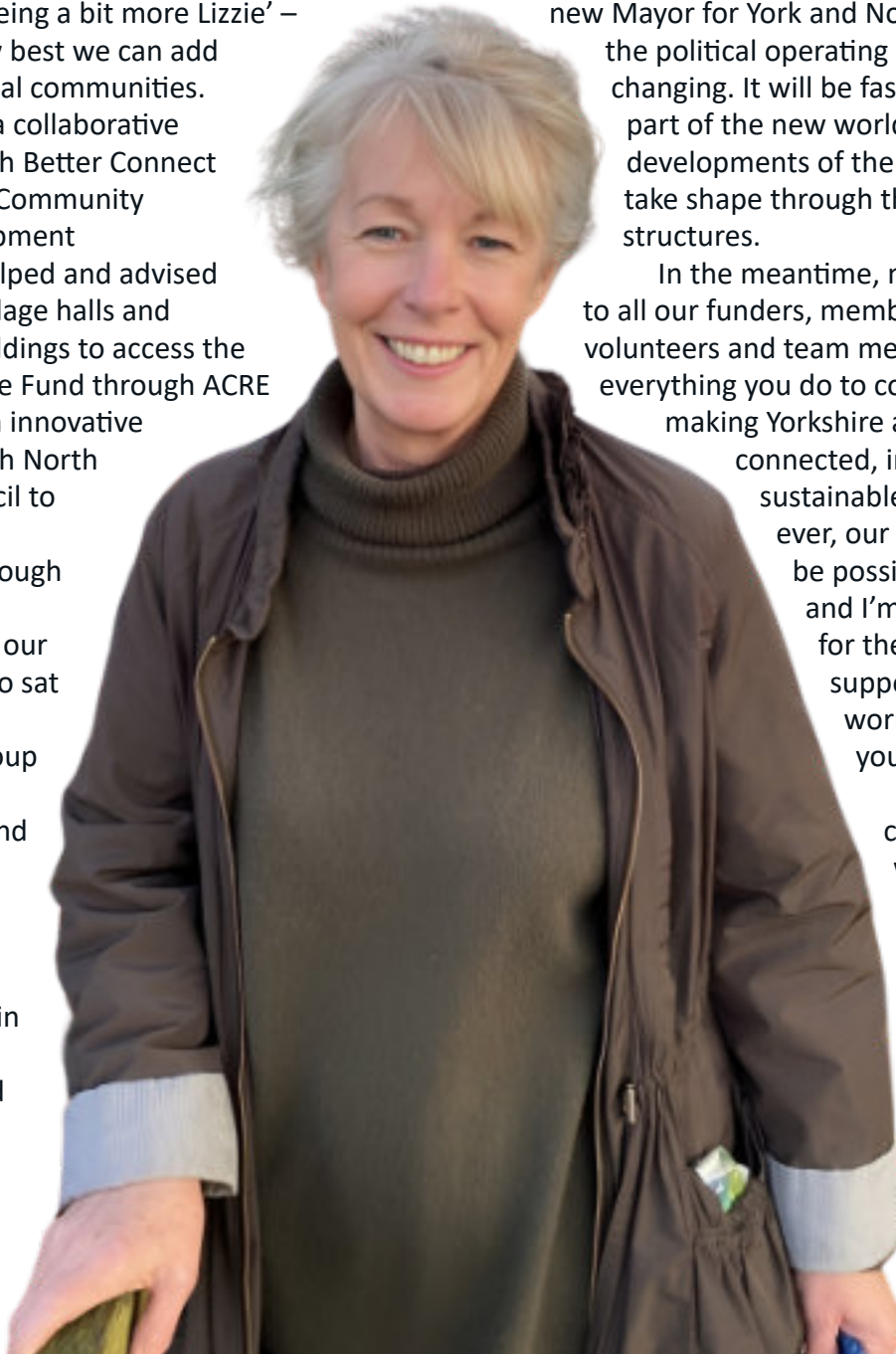
March 2024 saw the retirement of our long serving Head of Finance, Gill McIntosh whom we thank for her many years' service in both Rural Action Yorkshire and Community First Yorkshire.

With a new Labour government in place and a new Mayor for York and North Yorkshire, the political operating environment is changing. It will be fascinating to be part of the new world order as the developments of the last few years take shape through the evolving structures.

In the meantime, my huge thanks to all our funders, members, trustees, volunteers and team members for everything you do to contribute to making Yorkshire a thriving, connected, inclusive and sustainable community. As ever, our work would not be possible without you and I'm deeply grateful for the generous support and hard work of every one of you.

I look forward to continuing our work together in the next financial year.

Jane Colthup
Chief Executive



Our purposes and activities

Community First Yorkshire is an independent charitable organisation that has been working to help improve the quality of life for people living and working in the rural areas of North, South and West Yorkshire since 1937. We are an influential regional body that works with and for

voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises and rural communities, as well as engaging with relevant statutory organisations. We are one of 37 rural community councils and a member of the national body, Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

We exist to improve the lives of people living in Yorkshire through more thriving, connected, inclusive and sustainable communities. What does this mean?

- **Thriving** - Our local communities will feel vibrant, prosperous and multi-generational. People will actively want to be part of our communities.
- **Connected** - People in our communities will not feel isolated or disadvantaged by their location whether in terms of access to services, loneliness, broadband or mobile phone connectivity.
- **Inclusive** - Everyone in our communities will feel welcome, accepted and valued, regardless of age, gender, race or sexual orientation.
- **Sustainable** - There will be rewarding and worthwhile employment for our citizens whether at the beginning, middle or end of their careers. There will be affordable housing available to our citizens. We will work together towards carbon neutral communities.

We strive to embody our corporate values of:

- **Professionalism** – we have high standards, and we are solution-focused
- **Integrity** – we are open, honest, and ethical
- **Consideration for others** – we are mindful of the needs of others.

Our mission

We will achieve our vision by championing and connecting community and voluntary groups; by providing leadership and practical support and by encouraging volunteering and building greater collaboration.

We know that a strong and resilient community and voluntary sector enables a strong sense of social cohesion and place in all our local areas so our work is:

- Connecting and championing community and voluntary groups
- Providing leadership and practical support to community and voluntary groups through:
 - training and development
 - funding and governance advice
 - incubating social enterprises
 - being both a catalyst and a critical friend
- Encouraging volunteering and building collaboration.

Our key themes

The **themes** we focus on are:

- **Leadership** – building the capacity and capability of the sector with clear development opportunities, structures and succession planning so organisations are sustainable
- **Partnerships and collaboration** will be our preferred way of working
- **Capability and capacity building**
- **Volunteering**
- **Community development and practical support** so that people in our communities feel connected and included and our VCSE organisations have the governance, access to funding and rigour they need to promote community cohesion
- Ensuring that our rural communities have **equitable access to services** and are supported in their community.

Our core services across North, South and West Yorkshire

Our **core services** include:

- Support to village halls and community buildings committees to ensure these valuable community assets are well-managed and maintained for community benefit
- Support for community led engagement and evaluation, enabling groups to determine and achieve their own local vision
- Support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises to help them to deliver services and activities with their communities
- Support and advice for voluntary and community groups and social enterprises to help them build confidence, capacity and capability
- Delivery of strengths-based community development projects and large-scale partnership programmes in collaboration with others
- Advocacy and participation in strategic partnerships and building stakeholder relationships to strengthen the role of the VCSE sector in prevention, reducing health inequalities and building community cohesion.

Charitable objects

Community First Yorkshire Limited's charitable aims as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community particularly in the geographical area of Yorkshire (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") in particular the advancement of education and health and the

relief of poverty and distress, the sustainability of rural life or in pursuing any other charitable purposes by promoting and organising co-operation in the achievement of the said purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the voluntary organisations, statutory authorities, and other organisations within the area of benefit.



**ACHIEVEMENTS
PERFORMANCE
AND PLANS
FOR THE
FUTURE**





Achievements and performance

We thank our many funders for their support in making our work possible. Defra's funding contribution to us as part of the ACRE network, enables us to champion and represent our rural communities. This, along with the considerable knowledge and support of our ACRE network colleagues, has amplified the impact we have been able to have.

In this reporting period covering 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, we delivered a wide range of activity including:

Marketing and communications

Over the past year, our Marcomms team have run 20 promotional campaigns to raise awareness of issues that are important to our communities including Village Halls Week, Volunteers Week and Small Charities Week, keeping people better informed about the things that matter to them.

Our 22 blogs have been read 2,000 times, helping update people on topics including networks, wellbeing, volunteering, leadership and mentoring, village halls and trusteeship.

We launched our Ordinary Extraordinary Leaders podcast series, aiming to offer support for existing, new and aspiring leaders across the VCSE sector. Designed to encourage people to become the leaders they know they can or want to be, these bitesize podcasts have been downloaded over 470+ times.

We've been active on social media, reaching communities and our partners; we have 4,723 followers on Twitter and 1,487 on Facebook. Over the year, 1,300 posts have been seen by 144K people. This helps to share important information with sector about funding, training, volunteer opportunities and resources whilst highlighting the vital work the

sector does.

Our websites have been accessed more than 145K times, sharing information about funding, training, resources and support for communities, organisations and groups.

During 2023/24 we have revamped our digital content including refreshing our Community Support North Yorkshire training graphics and creating more short videos to promote our services.

Projects

Our programme of projects continues to grow, building on previous successes and enhancing the breadth of our offer to local communities.

Our work with local communities has enhanced local provision, including in Rothwell using Asset Based Community Development methods, and the development of new and existing Men's Sheds in rural Bradford. We have also continued to engage with communities, enabling them to have their voice heard through our Age Friendly Network (our Voice and Representation project for those aged 50+ in North Yorkshire).

We have also continued to build upon our successful digital inclusion activities through the subsequent Village Halls as Digital Hubs project, the Digital Inclusion Network and the Digital Inclusion Shared Prosperity Fund research programme, in conjunction with North Yorkshire Council.

The projects have not only strengthened our roots with local communities, but also our relationships with key partners, such as North Yorkshire Council and Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership to deliver strong, connected projects for residents.



North Yorkshire and East Riding Community Led Housing Hub

The project was established as a joint venture with Humber and Wolds Rural Action, with Community First Yorkshire the lead organisation and accountable body, to support community led housing groups to develop their own schemes across North Yorkshire and the East Riding.

During 2023/24 the Hub continued to work to raise awareness of community-led housing and encouraging communities to think about building and owning their own affordable housing for the benefit of local residents, supporting 24 groups across both counties.

The Hub successfully secured Shared Prosperity Funding to conduct a feasibility study on how the project could become self-sustaining, looking at how other community led housing hubs are structured, and evaluating different income opportunities.

The Hub also developed a Housing Needs survey on behalf of Craven Community Land Trust, which allowed the Hub to evaluate this model as a potential income stream and support a local group to discover the housing need in the Craven area. The Housing Need Survey was delivered to over 3,000 households in local parishes, and allowed residents to have their say on what housing is required to enable their local area to thrive.

In 2024, North Yorkshire Council took provision for community led housing back in-house, and therefore no further funding was available to enable the Hub to move towards the potential income generating models outlined in the Shared Prosperity Fund study, so the project is no longer be hosted by Community First Yorkshire as of June 2024.

Rothwell Asset Based Community Development

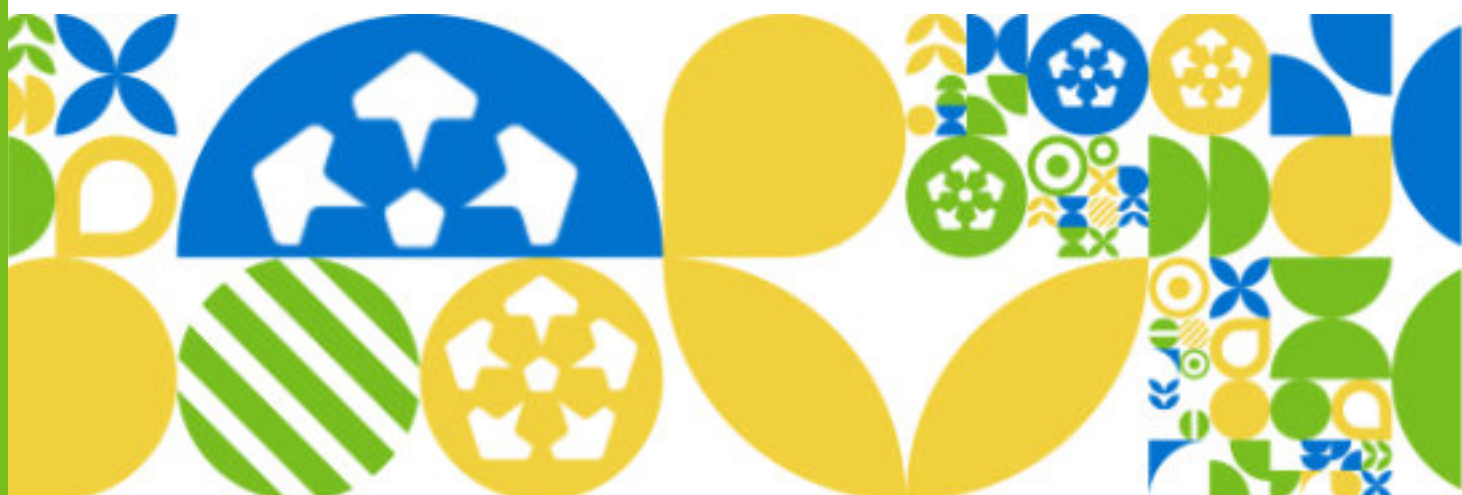
The aim of this project is to adopt ABCD approaches to build on the existing strengths of people in communities, offering support in a way which strengthens capacity and connects people locally around the things that matter to them.

Rothwell ABCD works through a Community Builder in Rothwell, Leeds. This project has continued to build on the previous year's activities, developing seven active Community Connectors in the area, as well as developing strong connections with Social Prescribers and Self-Reliant Group facilitators to strengthen the assets within Rothwell. Three blogs on ABCD work in the community have been published, and we have also supported new Community Builders further afield in North Yorkshire to supporting the Community Builders network.

Bradford Men's Sheds

We have continued to work in the rural Bradford area, through funding from Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council, to support the start-up and growth of new, self-sustaining Sheds and continue to support the development of existing Men's Sheds in the area. Our Men's Sheds Development Officer was able to support Sheds across Shipley, Keighley, Ilkley, Bingley, and Burley in Wharfedale during the project, as well as deliver new Sheds in Queensbury, Allerton and Wilsden. All three of the new Sheds have gone on to develop an established group of trustees and secure CIO status, with 23 members of the local community participating.

Specialist training has also been delivered for Men's Sheds Trustees for both new and existing Sheds, in conjunction with our Leadership Hub.



The project has also supported the Men's Sheds with grants, to enable them to develop their facilities and secure equipment to enhance their provision and offer to the local community. Sheds have also had the opportunity to share best practice and resources with each other, strengthening them as organisations.

Village Halls as Digital Hubs

This project, through funding from Humber and Wolds Rural Action and an under-spend from the previous Mobile Access North Yorkshire project, has supported eleven village halls to become Digital Hubs in North Yorkshire.

The project aimed to enhance existing initiatives by ensuring community venues have adequate internet and mobile connection, resources and facilities to enable local residents to use the halls to access online services, including Post Office, banking, job centre, health appointments and grocery shopping.

The hubs also provide a work space to enable people to have an alternative for homeworking in their local area and social opportunities through new events for the local community. Seven of the halls received assistance with connectivity, originally having had no existing broadband service, alongside four halls which were provided with booster equipment to enhance the coverage outside the hall.

The village halls were also supported to purchase resources, to help residents overcome barriers to digital access and give communities fair access to equipment, information, advice and services, and improve rural infrastructure.

The project linked in with existing and new digital initiatives, including the Digital Inclusion Network delivery programme funded by the Humber Coast and Vale ICS and managed by

Humber and Wolds Rural Action, and the new Digital Inclusion Shared Prosperity Fund project, which supports community groups and organisations at a wider level to enhance their digital inclusion.

Voice & Representation Network

The project continues to develop a sustainable network of representation of people aged 50+ in North Yorkshire, implementing a Steering Group with lived experience and Partnership Board representing local organisations and services.

The focus in 2023/24 has been to establish a sustainable network and raise awareness to attract more members. This has included renaming the network as the 'Age Friendly Network – A voice for North Yorkshire', as chosen by members, and a large rebranding and marketing campaign across North Yorkshire.

This has included working with partners from health, North Yorkshire Council and community facilities such as libraries and advice services.

The Network now has 185 members who receive regular newsletters and news bulletins, encouraging engagement and response to appropriate consultations and events.

The Network also has a social media presence and actively participates in International Day of Older People events, local over 50s forums and other community events to engage with residents.





Digital Inclusion HWRA

The Digital Inclusion Network delivery programme, funded by the Humber Coast and Vale ICS and managed by Humber and Wolds Rural Action, facilitated the creation of a Humber and North Yorkshire Digital Inclusion Network, bringing digital inclusion representatives together from across the VCSE sector and beyond to support and empower people with a view to improved levels of care and healthier populations, supporting people and empowering citizens with a view to improved levels of care and healthier populations.

The Network has worked with the Local Authority and neighbouring Rural Community Council to share best practice for resident communication, advising and developing communications where appropriate and highlighted digital exclusion so that barriers to digital usage can be addressed including advocating for rural communities by liaising with BT on issues arising from the Digital Switchover. Additionally, the Digital Inclusion Network encouraged the recruitment and use of digital champions and hosted group training sessions for VCSE organisations on topics such as using the NHS app, staying safe online and the use of social media.

Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities

In conjunction with North Yorkshire Council, through Shared Prosperity Funding, a new project has been developed for the VCSE sector which looks at Digital Inclusion across North Yorkshire. This has included research to develop a Digital Hubs investment programme, co-designed with VCSE organisations across North Yorkshire, which will lead to the investment and


development of twenty digital hubs across North Yorkshire supported by volunteer digital champions. The project will also develop resources and a training model for the digital hubs, volunteer digital champions, and workforce support, procuring a learning and skills model including wider relevant Digital Inclusion champion learning and skills, e.g. Information Advice and Guidance, Mental Health First Aid, and Motivational Interviewing.

During 2023/24, we engaged with representatives from 63 organisations to discover their training and capital funding requirements, completing the design stage to shape how the grant scheme will be delivered and the training support package that will be made available for applicants.

Rural Housing Enabler

We have supported the Rural Housing Enablers based within North Yorkshire Council, through funding delivered by the Defra Rural Housing Enablers Programme. The project aims to deliver progress towards completion for existing schemes in the North Yorkshire 'baseline' pipeline and an increase in the overall size of the delivery 'pipeline' of rural housing schemes.

This project has enabled the extension of Rural Housing Enabler support in the Richmondshire district, alongside the development and delivery of a housing need model to help identify priority areas for affordable housing provision in North Yorkshire. The funding allowed us to deliver training on the use of secondary data sources to support Rural Exception Sites, which was delivered to Rural Housing Enablers, Community Led Housing and National Park Planning colleagues.





VCSE and partners survey 2024

In early 2024, we started work on our bi-annual VCSE and Partners survey, due to be issued in May. The scope of the survey is similar to our previous 2022 survey, and once again asks respondents to tell us what they think about our work to help us improve the way we support individuals, voluntary and community groups across North, South and West Yorkshire.

We want to hear how organisations rate our work concerning:

- Support – the way we support local voluntary organisations and community groups to fulfil their missions more effectively
- Development – the way we support the identification of needs in your local community and facilitate innovation and improvements in service provision to meet those needs
- Collaboration – the way we facilitate effective communication and collaboration among local voluntary organisations and community groups and between different sectors
- Influence – the way we support local voluntary organisations and community groups to influence policies, plans and practices that have an impact on organisations and beneficiaries
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VCSE Workforce

- Identifying workforce skills and competences
- Leadership and management
- Mentoring support from someone with relevant experience
- Recruiting and training support for apprentices
- Succession planning including developing young talent
- Support for workforce health and wellbeing.

Organisational

- Business models/organisational development advice
- Collaboration/partnership working
- Community engagement
- Climate change
- Defining, measuring and reporting on outcomes and impact
- Generating income through social enterprise trading
- Making more use of ICT software and digital technologies
- Understanding and making use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Performance monitoring and reporting
- Relationship building
- Support for co-producing services including engaging with people with lived experience
- Responding to climate change/reducing carbon footprint.

The results will be shared in Autumn 2024.





Community Support North Yorkshire

The fourth year of the commissioned Community Support North Yorkshire service has seen growth in key areas of the service providing vital support to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations across North Yorkshire. In particular, growth has come in more complex and involved casework, reflecting some of the challenges and opportunities in the sector at this time. Over this period delivery of support and meetings has moved to be a combination of in-person and virtual support, including many visits to organisations and in-person training and networks.

We have supported 500 organisations from across North Yorkshire, delivering 1,258 interventions through a mix of one-to-one information, advice and guidance sessions, training, leadership development and peer-to-peer network events. Income achieved in the last year by VCSE organisations with support from us was over £1.8 million, compared to £1.2 million in the previous financial year.

Over the past year, the Community Support North Yorkshire team delivered 28 network sessions to 423 attendees. The networks provide peer support and access to specialist advice in four areas: community buildings, volunteer coordinators, reuse and community finance. Subjects included the funding, inclusive volunteering, charity shop support and charity accounting. An in-person meeting for Village Halls Week was well attended with groups accessing support on funding, energy advice and age-friendly networking.

The most frequent enquiries for our bespoke support services were for funding advice and

income generation, leadership and governance, financial planning and information.


Over the year, 51 training sessions were delivered to a total of 444 attendees. Sessions offered encompassed:

- trustee training (including areas such as recruitment and succession planning and board and committee dynamics)
- volunteer management (including recruiting and welcoming volunteers and supporting and celebrating volunteers)
- and fundraising training.

We have also worked with external partners to deliver training on the use of social media and bid writing. Digital technology and AI are areas for expanding our training offer in 2024/25. Sessions have been well attended and positively evaluated.

The team also supported 234 new volunteer registrations and advertised 362 volunteering opportunities. Volunteering has been a focus for the year, sharing information about the national Vision for Volunteering strategy. This has been supported with the rewriting of the North Yorkshire Volunteering Principles. We've also supported Volunteers Week as a key promotional campaign for the VCSE community.

The service also provided a separate website full of information, advice and resources, a weekly e-newsletter, a monthly funding e-newsletter and targeted thematic information for groups as well as an online platform for organisations and volunteers to connect. New interactive services include a new open access funding portal, enabling organisations to set up their funding enquiries and receive alerts, newsletters and more support.





North Yorkshire VCSE Leadership Hub

This was set up in 2020 to create a sector led forum for sharing leadership experiences and to lead the development of the mentoring programme, focusing on supporting and nurturing the next generation of leaders. The Hub is facilitated by us, and over the year 29 mentees have been engaged in the programme, supported by 29 mentors. New mentors have come forward, and new and existing mentors generously give their time and expertise.

Mentors and mentees have been supported to develop their respective skills and abilities, providing opportunities for leaders to network, share resources, and consider the challenges and vision for leadership in North Yorkshire. A Theory of Change approach was used to further develop the Hub, including opportunities to refresh the Steering Group, encouraging an even wider range of leaders to contribute. Cohort five got underway towards the end of the year and planning for the sixth cohort was completed ahead of the new financial year with some mentees going on to work as mentors.

Listening to the voices of VCSE colleagues and advocating for the sector

In the autumn of 2023 plans for a leadership conference to take place in 2024/25 got underway. By the end of the financial year, speakers and facilitators for the 'Ordinary Extraordinary Leaders' Conference, to take place in May 2024, were well advanced. Leading into the conference, a series of podcasts were recorded and issued, covering a range of topics and personal insights.

We proactively seek out the voices of the

sector through our surveys and our facilitation of strategic multi-agency meetings for North Yorkshire VCSE Leaders, Children and Young People Providers and Partners and the North Yorkshire Equality and Inclusion Group. These groups share intelligence and identify the needs and challenges people are facing, to influence policy and investment, and the development of support services. They provide an opportunity for involvement of North Yorkshire Council and NHS, giving VCSE colleagues opportunities for direct input to shape their plans and developments. Topics discussed included:

- Sharing intelligence concerning the impact of the cost of living crisis
- North Yorkshire All Age Autism Strategy
- I-thrive Framework
- Children and young people mental health services and the rise in suicides
- Community engagement
- Domestic abuse in rural areas
- All Age Autism Strategy
- Growing up in North Yorkshire Research findings
- Rockwood Frailty Scale
- Making North Yorkshire more inclusive
- Community tensions and Prevent programme
- Safeguarding
- North Yorkshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2022/25
- Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Our People Strategy and Workforce Breakthrough programme
- York and North Yorkshire Devolution and Combined Authority plans.



We have continued to have a strong presence on strategic boards, representing the sector's value, its needs and challenges to cross-sector stakeholders. A key outcome from our work in these areas is increased understanding of the role and benefits VCSE organisations bring to improving the lives of people in North Yorkshire.

Our influence has led to more joint design of services and helping to identify priorities for strategic planning and investment. Groups we are involved with include: Humber and North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire NHS Health and Social Care partnership structures concerning both place and VCSE collaboration; the Voluntary and Community Sector Emergency Partnership where we feed into national policies shaping community responses; North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board and Safeguarding Children's Partnership; the Prevent Strategic Board; York and North Yorkshire LEP Economic Planning meetings; Yorkshire Food Farming and Rural Network; Ripon Cathedral Rural Forum; Digital forums and climate change planning groups.

Village Halls Advice Service and Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund

We continued our 1-2-1 Village Hall advisory service supporting 126 cases across 89 village halls. Advice included help with community engagement, supporting legal structures, trustee support and training. In March 2024, we ran a celebration event for Village Halls Week 2024 at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall with 15 halls in attendance accessing funding, energy and general advice.

Our Community Buildings Network continues to grow. Over the year, the team delivered 28 network meetings with 317 participants, including quarterly meetings for community buildings, covering a range of topics from safeguarding to finance. We manage a linked Facebook group, facilitating peer support with 438 members.

During 23/24 we supported nine successful

Platinum Jubilee Village Hall fund applications, raising £137,816.00 for the halls for capital works.

City of York Council REPF Feasibility Study

In February 2024 we were awarded £4,000 to run a feasibility study on behalf of City of York Council. This was to scope out the funding needs of Outer York's rural village halls and community venues. This is from the Rural England Prosperity Fund and is for capital spend for projects to be completed by the end of March 2025.

A total of 33 halls were contacted, with visits made to 11. The final report and recommendations go to the Council in April 2024 with a decision about next steps.

Community Anchor Support Programme

In partnership with Better Connect, we were awarded a grant from UKSPF to start and manage the support programme for the North Yorkshire Community Anchor organisations. This included the recruitment of a Programme Manager, working 2.5 days a week, who started in February.

This project is closely linked to the Stronger Communities team and will involve developing a range of events, activities and resources to enable each organisation to make progress with their individual action plans and agreed criteria.

Health and Wellbeing

We continue to work collaboratively with partner organisations in aiming to improve the health and wellbeing of communities across North Yorkshire and rural communities across West and South Yorkshire.

In North Yorkshire, we are an active member of each of the four local community partnerships that exist under North Yorkshire Place as part of the Humber and North Yorkshire Health Care Partnership where we have established closer links between NHS, local authority and VCSE partners. We chair the community partnership in Craven, part of the Bradford District & Craven Health Care Partnership, which is one of the five places under the West Yorkshire Health Care



Partnership.

We feed into a range of health and wellbeing-related steering groups alongside VCSE, NHS and statutory service partners. We have led on the 'Inclusive Communities' priority of the North Yorkshire all-age autism strategy and remain a partner on the North Yorkshire social, emotional and mental health cross-sector steering group.

We have created a new Health Connector post in Craven, funded for 18 months through the West Yorkshire Health Care Partnership. This role seeks to catalyse the reach into communities through community anchor organisations to access health and wellbeing services. The impact of this role has already been felt, bringing support services closer to Craven communities as well as the resurrection of a VCSE network across the region.

We continue to advocate and champion the VCSE sector in North Yorkshire Place through the design and creation of health and wellbeing initiatives. We have supported with the shaping of health inequality projects across the region, such as a focus on improving access to services for those in Hambleton and Richmondshire, as well as improving access to exercise classes for those living with frailty in Vale and Selby.

Our work within the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme continues with our 'Support to Engage' project. Through an external facilitator, we are upskilling leaders in VCSE organisations across North Yorkshire to appropriately support people with lived experience of serious mental ill health, make a safe, meaningful and consistent contribution to systems change.

We know that leadership wellbeing in the sector remains a priority. To support with this, we delivered a series of half-day wellbeing sessions focused on the outdoors. Through a nature-based wellbeing coach, we engaged with 37 leaders who valued the time, space and resources to develop new strategies to

enhance their wellbeing and that of those they work alongside.

Rural Task Force

We continue to feed into the Rural Task Force through our work as part of Ripon Cathedral's Rural Forum and to highlight the needs of rural communities, particularly around access to health care and affordable housing.

Our involvement in strategic networks and groups enables us to continually make the case for our rural communities.

Rural News

Over the year, our 12 editions of Rural News have been received by more than 1,300 subscribers. We've shared over 100 articles about funding, rural policy changes, cost of living updates, networks and training, surveys and blogs to keep our subscribers informed about the rural issues that matter to them most.

Harrogate Borough Council Strategic Grant

Our work across the former Harrogate District continues with the support of the former Harrogate Borough Council's strategic grant funding.

We take an active role in the Harrogate Local Care Partnership, on how a potential £100k health inequality funding into the locality might be most effectively targeted in the area. Harrogate's VCSE sector colleagues have representation on the North Yorkshire VCSE Sector Health and Care Assembly. We provided infrastructure support, advice and guidance to Harrogate based VCSE sector organisations, including managing 70 cases from community groups in the Harrogate area advising on recruitment, converting to a community hub, village hall support and funding applications.

Colleagues from the area are represented on the VCSE Leaders Group, the Thriving Communities Partnership and the Chief Executive Officers' Peer Group, all of which meet quarterly.



Plans for the future

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. We intend to:



Continue to work with partners and lead activities to support and build capacity and capability within VCSE organisations to ensure community resilience, including through our work with Community Anchor Organisations.



Continue our work on developing volunteering to benefit both individuals as volunteers and the communities they serve, including through our work on both the Building Better Connections NHS Charities together, our Volunteering Network and our involvement in the Volunteering strand of the HNY HCP Workforce Plan.



Continue to monitor the changing economic environment on VCSE organisations and work with partners in the public and health sector to ensure key organisations remain sustainable.



Work with our partners in local government and health to ensure people in Yorkshire live healthier, happier, more fulfilling lives. This continues to be enhanced by our work developing the North Yorkshire VCSE Sector Health and Care Assembly.



Continue the Rural Housing Enabler programme to enhance the supply of rural exception sites across North Yorkshire so our rural communities have a better supply of homes appropriate to their requirements.



Focus on operational priorities including continuing to highlight the needs of our rural communities in relation to health and mental health provision and strategies; transport; education, training and employment.



Carry on working with The Rural Commission Task Force to ensure the actions in The Rural Commission Report are taken forward to improve the lives of people in our rural communities.



Continue to support and promote Social Action through a mix of blogs, think-pieces, the VINY platform and involvement in Social Action and Volunteering partner events.





Continue our asset-based community development projects such as Men's Sheds and Rothwell ABCD to enhance the cohesion and wellbeing in the communities they serve.



Grow our presence and influence in the environmental space to support and encourage organisations to move closer to carbon neutral.



Continue to build on our work on how communities can contribute to tackling climate change and VCSE organisations can become more sustainable.



Continue the project developing the Age Friendly Network (previously the Voice and Representation Network) for people over 50.



Continue to provide a responsive training and resource offer on our Learning and Development Hub including matching mentors for aspiring leaders through our Leadership Hub.



Continue to adapt and introduce new training and resource materials on areas of thematic importance including trusteeship, recruitment, funding, wellbeing and relationship dynamics.



Continue to strengthen our leadership development offer through young people focused programmes and bursary funded training options through our Leadership Hub.



Continue to promote diversity, equality and inclusion issues across North Yorkshire.



Work collaboratively with NHS partners, establishing closer links between PCNs and VCSE organisations.





FINANCIAL REVIEW



STRUCTURE
GOVERNANCE AND
MANAGEMENT

Financial review

The Company generated a net surplus for the year of £68,331 (2023: deficit £28,729) of which £95,448 was restricted (2023: deficit £20,796) and the unrestricted deficit was £27,117 (2023: deficit £7,933).

Reserves policy

The Reserves Policy of Community First Yorkshire Ltd was agreed by the Trustee Board as follows:

The Reserves are composed of restricted and unrestricted funds.

Restricted Reserves

Restricted Reserves or Restricted Income Funds relate to reserves held in accordance with any restrictions required by the original funder.

Unrestricted reserves

Unrestricted funds are made up of Designated Funds and General Funds.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd aims to achieve sufficient free reserves that will:

- Allow the smooth operation of our activities
- Cover any costs, including redundancy costs in the event of a managed closure of the organisation.

As a guide the Trustees have agreed that free reserves held by the charity should be a minimum of three month's core and non-prepaid project costs plus managed closure costs.

The General Fund is a revenue reserve and so is not a designated fund. It will be used to meet any year end shortfall of budgeted income against budgeted expenditure.

It will normally include any surplus of income over expenditure subject to a decision of the Trustee Board.

The General Fund stood at £130,835 at 31 March 2024 (2023: £97,991) which, per the policy, the trustees are confident will allow sufficient time to seek new funding sources. Free reserves at 31 March 2024 is £125,020 (2023: £92,176) after removing fixed assets and commitments.

As set out in note 20 to the accounts the trustees have set aside £296,749 as designated funds to maintain and finish the specific projects they relate to, for the organisations we support.

Investment Policy

We will ensure that our charity has sufficient liquidity to meet our financial commitments. We will invest in liquid assets, most of which are instant access to ensure we can access our money when we need it.

The finance sub-committee periodically review investments and rates being received to secure a good financial return. We only invest in UK authorised banks and building societies ensuring adequate diversification and appropriate levels of risk.

As a guide we aim to keep no more than the cost of two months payroll in our current account at any given time, as this account is not interest bearing.

Principal funding sources

- North Yorkshire Council
- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Ryedale District Council
- Hambleton District Council
- Scarborough Borough Council
- East Riding of York Council
- Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership
- Leeds City Council
- Bradford Metropolitan District Council
- Health Tree Foundation
- Two Ridings Community Foundation



Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity.

Organisation

The Trustee Board is elected annually by the membership of Community First Yorkshire Ltd and Trustees hold three year terms of office and retire in rotation. One third of Trustees retire each year and may seek re-election.

Trustees are appointed either by being co-opted by the existing trustee board or through open recruitment. Any Trustees co-opted then seek re-election at the next AGM.

The maximum number of Trustees is 12 and details of the Trustees who served during the year can be found on page 59. The Trustee Board meets at least quarterly.

Trustees receive an induction which includes meetings with the chair and senior managers. A comprehensive induction pack is provided and ongoing training and personal development

opportunities are offered to all Trustees.


Honorary officers

The organisation also has the following honorary officers:

- Chairman - David Sharp
- Vice-Chairman - Janet Thornton MBE

These officers ensure that the Trustee board operates efficiently and help to raise the profile of Community First Yorkshire Ltd.

Day-to-day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Officer and the Community First Yorkshire Senior Management Team which at 31 March 2024 consisted of the Head of Community Support and Partnerships, the Head of Health Collaboration, the Head of Finance.





Members' Liability

Every member has undertaken to contribute an amount, not exceeding £10, to the assets of the charity in the event of it being wound up, while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member for payment of the charity's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves.

Related Parties

All transactions with related parties are set out in [note 18](#) to the financial statements.

Risk Management

Community First Yorkshire Ltd has examined the principal areas of its operations and built a framework for assessing what major risks may arise in each of these areas. They include: governance, management, operational, financial, external and legal matters. Annual

reviews of the risk management process are carried out, and adjustments made as necessary. These are in line with the annual review of the strategic objectives, external factors, service delivery etc.

In the opinion of the Trustees, the resources and monitoring systems set in place should allow the risks identified to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Fundraising activities

The charity does not engage in public fundraising and does not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators. The charity therefore has no such amounts are presented in the financial statements for the year under review.

The charity has received no complaints in relation to fundraising activity for the year under review. Giving the nature of the funding of the charity, the trustees consider that it remains appropriate not to be voluntarily bound to be regulated by the Fundraising Regulator.



Statement of Trustee responsibilities

In relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees (who are also directors of Community First Yorkshire Ltd for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law applicable requires the charity 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 charity for that period.

In preparing those 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 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. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the

maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' annual report:

- There is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditors are unaware
- 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 auditors are aware of that information.

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 12 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Jane Colthup
Company Secretary


David Sharp
Chairman



INDEPENDENT
AUDITOR'S
REPORT



Independent auditor's report

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Community First Yorkshire Ltd the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, statement of cash flows 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 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its 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 for our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 Trustee's 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 charity'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 Trustee's with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' 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 directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' 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 directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements set out on page 29, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determines 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intends 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.



The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud and obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate

responses, and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- During our planning process we gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant of them, which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements, are those that relate to the reporting framework and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We gained an understanding of how the charity is complying with these frameworks by making enquiries of the Trustees, key management and if necessary, advisers responsible for legal and compliance matters. We observed key controls and made appropriate enquiries following our review of contracts, interim financial data, board minutes and reports provided to the Trustees;
- We independently assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud or error might occur by meeting with the Management Committee

and senior management with the skills and experience necessary to determine the risk factors which they believe expose the company to susceptibility to fraud and error. We also considered the impact of any business targets, the personal financial circumstances of management and staff to create a driver for fraud. We considered the culture and controls that the charity has established to address the risks identified and evaluated the effectiveness of processes and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, and how senior management monitors those processes and controls. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we designed then performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included, but were not restricted to, testing large and unusual items, journals, and transactions with high estimation uncertainty. These tests were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud and error; and





- Based on our audit plan and understanding of the risks that specifically affect the charity we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above. Our procedures involved substantive testing of transactions and walk-through testing of appropriate controls, with a focus on transactions in the books of prime entry that have characteristics that may indicate fraud or error. We looked for unusual patterns, large or unusual transactions, weaknesses in the payments system and new supplier transactions based on our understanding of the business; enquiries of trustees and management and the results from previous audit testing; and focused testing, on specific complex areas based on risk. In addition, we completed procedures to conclude on the other information and disclosures in report of the Management Committee and accounts with the requirements of the relevant accounting standards and UK legislation.

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 is available on the [Financial Reporting Council's website](#). 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.

Frances Howard (Senior Statutory Auditor)

18 December 2024





FINANCIAL **STATEMENT**

Financial statement

Statement of financial activities

Year ended 31 March 2024 - Incorporating the income & expenditure account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income					
Charitable activities	2	94,922	999,258	1,094,180	992,788
Other trading activities	3	44,524	8,700	53,224	12,895
Investment income	4	17,138	-	17,138	6,884
Total income		156,584	1,007,958	1,164,542	1,012,567
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	5-7	(183,700)	(912,511)	(1,096,211)	(1,041,296)
Total expenditure		(183,700)	(912,511)	(1,096,211)	(1,041,296)
Net					
Income/(expenditure) before transfers	8	(27,116)	95,447	68,331	(28,729)
Transfers between funds		(1)	1	-	-
Net income for the year		(27,117)	95,448	68,331	(28,729)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		454,701	531,333	986,034	1,014,763
Total funds carried forward		427,584	626,781	1,054,365	986,034

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 32 to 48 form part of these financial statements.



Statement of financial activities

Year ended 31 March 2024 - Incorporating the income & expenditure account

Prior year

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	2	148,464	844,324	992,788	1,135,733
Other trading activities	3	12,895	-	12,895	19,203
Investment income	4	6,884	-	6,884	2,557
Total income		168,243	844,324	1,012,567	1,157,493
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	5-7	(171,008)	(870,288)	(1,041,296)	(1,021,220)
Total expenditure		(171,008)	(870,288)	(1,041,296)	(1,021,220)
Net Income/(expenditure) before transfers					
	8	(2,765)	(25,964)	(28,729)	136,273
Transfers between funds		(5,168)	5,168	-	-
Net income for the year		(7,933)	(20,796)	(28,729)	136,273
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		462,634	552,129	1,014,763	878,490
Total funds carried forward		454,701	531,333	986,034	1,014,763

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	10		-		-
Investments	11		1		1
			1		1
Current Assets					
Debtors	12	215,308		46,352	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,024,199		1,058,199	
		1,239,507		1,104,551	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(179,832)		(113,207)	
Net current assets			1,159,675		991,344
Total assets less current liabilities			1,159,676		991,345
Provision for liabilities	15		(5,311)		(5,311)
Net assets			1,054,365		986,034
Funds					
Restricted income funds	18		626,781		531,333
Unrestricted income funds	19		427,584		454,701
Total charity funds			1,054,365		986,034

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the board on **XXX** 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

David Sharp, Chairman
Company number: 01839458




Cash flow statement

As at 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities	(51,138)	(60,664)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest Income	17,138	6,884
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	17,138	6,884
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(34,000)	(53,780)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,058,199	1,111,979
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,024,199	1,058,199

Reconciliation of net movement of funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds	68,331	(28,729)
Add back depreciation charge	-	333
Deduct interest income show in investing activities	(17,138)	(6,884)
(Increase) Decrease in debtors	(168,956)	4,962
(Decrease) Increase in creditors	66,625	(30,346)
Net cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities	(51,138)	(60,664)

The notes on pages 32 to 48 form part of these financial statements.





FINANCIAL
NOTES



Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee and is registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered office is as stated on the Report of the Board of Trustees.

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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (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.

The trustees have considered future funding sources and consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. The unrestricted reserves have been maintained at a level to allow time to seek new funding sources as projects conclude whilst meeting ongoing obligations. As set out in note 20 as part of prudent governance a designated fund has been set aside to cover managed closure costs in the event that that ever became necessary.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

Income

All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Where a funder specifies that income must be used in future accounting periods or where income is received for future events it is carried forward as deferred income.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated to the appropriate heading in the accounts. Project costs represents grants paid to other organisations together with the core and support cost expenditure of the charity. Support costs represent 80% (2023 - 80%) of administration expenses which have not been directly recharged to other organisations.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the note 20 to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions imposed by grant funders.

Fixed Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Items costing over £1,000 are capitalised.



Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows: Equipment - 25% straight line.

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Consolidation

The company has a dormant subsidiary with total net assets of £1. This subsidiary is not material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view and therefore has been excluded from consolidation in accordance with section 405 of the Companies Act 2006.

As this subsidiary can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Companies Act 2006 the company has not produced consolidated accounts as it has taken advantage of the exemption in section 402 of the Companies Act 2006 which applies to companies whose only subsidiaries can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Act. The financial statements therefore give information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Basic financial assets

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid at the year end.

Basic financial liabilities

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.

Redundancy costs

Redundancy costs are recognised as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.



2. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Contract income	21,024	-	21,024	71,295
Grants receivable	73,898	999,258	1,073,156	921,493
	<u>94,922</u>	<u>999,258</u>	<u>1,094,180</u>	<u>992,788</u>

The restricted income split can be seen in note 19.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Contract income	71,295	-	71,295
Grants receivable	77,169	844,324	921,493
	<u>148,464</u>	<u>844,324</u>	<u>992,788</u>

3. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted & Total Funds 2023 £
Charges to other organisations	33,573	-	33,573	800
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	6,057	-	6,057	4,758
Courses and conference income	29	8,700	8,729	(3)
Advertising income	4,865	-	4,865	7,340
	<u>44,524</u>	<u>8,700</u>	<u>53,224</u>	<u>12,895</u>

4. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted & Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>17,138</u>	<u>17,138</u>	<u>6,884</u>

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Project costs	104,923	912,511	1,017,434	1,003,996
Support costs	78,777	-	78,777	37,300
	<u>183,700</u>	<u>912,511</u>	<u>1,096,211</u>	<u>1,041,296</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Project costs	133,708	870,288	1,003,996
Support costs	37,300	-	37,300
	<u>171,008</u>	<u>870,288</u>	<u>1,041,296</u>

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities Undertaken Directly £	Grant Funding Activities £	Support Costs £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Project costs	<u>912,299</u>	<u>105,135</u>	<u>78,777</u>	<u>1,096,211</u>	<u>1,041,296</u>

	Activities Undertaken Directly £	Grant Funding Activities £	Support Costs £	Total Funds 2023 £
Project costs	<u>915,503</u>	<u>88,493</u>	<u>37,300</u>	<u>1,041,296</u>

7. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted & Total Funds 2023 £
Auditors remuneration (note 8)	3,800	3,800	2,200
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. Net income / (Expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff pension contributions	26,664	24,476
Depreciation	-	333
Auditors' remuneration:		
- audit of the financial statements	2,700	2,200
- accounts preparation	1,100	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	705,911	652,824
Social security costs	55,649	46,945
Other pension costs	26,664	24,476
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>788,224</u>	<u>724,245</u>

Particulars of employees:

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

	2024 No	2023 No
Administrative Staff:		
Full time equivalents	21	20
Total number of employees	30	29
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2023 - Nil).

Aggregate expenses of £215 (2023 - £301) were paid to a total of 4 (2023 - 4) Trustees during the year.

The key management personnel of the company comprise the Trustees, the Chief Officer, the Head of Finance and Administration, the Head of Community and Volunteer Support the Network and Collaboration Officer, the Head of Projects and the Head of Health Collaboration. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £221,166 (2023: £223,815).

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	95,587
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>95,587</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	95,587
Charge for the year	-
On disposals	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>95,587</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>

11. Investments

	Group Undertakings £
Cost & Net book value	
At 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>1</u>

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital (being 1 £1 ordinary share) of Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, company number 06591809.

The reported financial information in respect of the above company is as follows:

	2024 & 2023 £
Aggregate Capital and Reserves	
Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited (dormant)	<u>1</u>

12. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	28,584	33,163
Other debtors	-	206
Prepayments and accrued income	186,724	12,983
	<u>215,308</u>	<u>46,352</u>

13. Funds held on behalf of others

The charity holds funds on behalf of RSCP and SY PSA4.

During the year the charity received no income (2023: £nil) and paid no expenses (2023: £nil) on behalf of either party.

The total balance held at the year end was £2,835 (2023: £2,835).

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	20,036	18,390
Taxation and social security costs	15,859	16,392
Accruals	27,827	58,383
Deferred income (note 15)	116,110	20,042
	<u>179,832</u>	<u>113,207</u>

15. Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Opening deferred income	20,042	44,237
Released in the year	(20,042)	(27,674)
Deferred in the year	116,110	3,479
	<u>116,110</u>	<u>20,042</u>



16. Provision for liabilities

	2024 £	2023 £
At 31 March 2023	5,311	5,311
Charged in the year	-	-
Released in the year	-	-
At 31 March 2024	5,311	5,311

The above provision is for office redecoration in accordance with the terms of the lease.

17. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 March 2024 the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Land and buildings	
	2024 £	2023 £
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 1 year	5,814	5,814



18. Related party transaction

During the year the charitable company undertook the following transactions with companies and organisations with whom they have common Trustees or Directors, at normal market value:

Trustee of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
Adrian Willis	Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs	Contract Income	£1,172 (2023: £1,340)
David Jeffels	North Yorkshire County Council	Grant Income	£551,405 (2023: £507,550)
		Contract Income	£nil (2023: £415)
		Purchases	£105 (2023: £493)
David Jeffels	Scarborough Borough Council	Grant Income	£nil (2023: £27,500)
		Contract Income	£nil (2023: £15)
		Purchases	£nil (2023: £110)
Janet Thomson	Action with Communities in Rural England	Grant Income	£69,720 (2023: £70,720)
		Contract Income	£3,300 (2023: £150)
		York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership	Purchases
		Grant Income	£nil (2023: £3,323)
Senior Manager of Charitable Company	Company/Organisation	Nature of Transaction	Amount of Transaction
David Sharp	North Yorkshire Youth	Contract Income	£135 (2023: £35)
	Community Works	Contract Income	£180 (2023: £nil)
David Watson	North Yorkshire Sport	Contract Income	£1,044 (2023: £707)
		Grant Payment	£22,000 (2023: £11,000)

At 31 March 2024 amounts totalling £nil (2023: £52) from North Yorkshire Sport and £nil (2023: £101) from Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.

19. Restricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
NYCC Innovation Fund	984	-	-	-	984
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	(5,311)	-	(311)
NYCC – Warm Homes					
Healthy People Fund	1,594	-	-	-	1,594
VAL	2,167	-	-	-	2,167
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	1,751	-	-	-	1,751
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	12,223	-	-	-	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks	4,434	-	-	-	4,434
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	123	-	-	-	123
2 Ridings Community Foundation	4,186	-	-	-	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Networks	2,732	-	-	-	2,732
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	207,135	486,936	(498,446)	-	195,625
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	19,918	-	-	-	19,918
Power to Change	985	-	-	-	985
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	13,127	-	-	-	13,127
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG - HPOC	13,933	-	-	-	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	16,626	25,000	(18,442)	-	23,184
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens’ Sheds	10,950	32,322	(32,553)	-	10,719
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	36,388	39,853	(39,833)	-	36,408
RDC, HDC, SBC, ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub	68,100	29,691	(72,158)	-	25,633
Carried forward	417,356	618,802	(666,743)	-	369,415

19. Restricted income funds (cont.)

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
Brought forward	417,356	618,802	(666,743)	-	369,415
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	10,061	9,322	(9,502)	-	9,881
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	14,154	9,260	(9,246)	-	14,168
NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	15,902	20,700	(14,566)	-	22,036
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	(1)	-	-	1	-
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	1,380	1,380	(1,380)	-	1,380
Voice of Older People Forum	21,782	27,000	(29,778)	-	19,004
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	2,331	-	-	-	2,331
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	25,718	99,948	(41,275)	-	84,391
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	8,017	13,017	(11,623)	-	9,411
TRCF – Population Health	4,794	4,794	(4,794)	-	4,794
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	9,839	1,204	(1,204)	-	9,839
Digital Inclusion HWRA	-	10,684	(23,110)	-	(12,426)
Craven VCSE Voice Community Anchor ORG	-	4,196	(4,321)	-	(125)
SPF	-	34,980	(27,945)	-	7,035
Craven Health Connector	-	2,863	(10,730)	-	(7,867)
Vaccinations HNY	-	46,600	(30,476)	-	16,124
Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities	-	7,046	(4,656)	-	2,390
Rural Housing Enabler	-	21,162	(21,162)	-	-
Health Inequalities NY	-	75,000	-	-	75,000
	<u>531,333</u>	<u>1,007,958</u>	<u>(912,511)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>626,781</u>

Restricted income funds (prior year)

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	(6,507)	1,507	-
Ryedale District Council	-	-	(56)	56	-
NYCC Innovation Fund	984	-	-	-	984
NYCC – Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	1,594	-	-	-	1,594
VAL	2,167	-	-	-	2,167
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	1,751	-	-	-	1,751
2 Ridings Community Foundation	4,186	-	-	-	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Networks	2,732	-	-	-	2,732
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	123	-	-	-	123
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	191,780	477,054	(466,410)	4,711	207,135
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	19,918	-	-	-	19,918
Power to Change	985	-	-	-	985
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	12,223	-	-	-	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks	4,434	-	-	-	4,434
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG - HPOC	13,933	-	-	-	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	14,429	25,000	(22,803)	-	16,626
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens' Sheds	10,578	34,241	(33,869)	-	10,950
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	11,201	(11,150)	(51)	-	-
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	63,836	-	(27,448)	-	36,388
Carried forward	356,854	530,145	(557,144)	6,274	336,129

Restricted income funds (prior year) (Cont.)

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
Brought forward	356,854	530,145	(557,144)	6,274	336,129
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	6,220	13,300	(6,393)	-	13,127
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	640	-	(640)	-	-
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	28,179	260	(28,439)	-	-
RDC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
HDC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
SBC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
ERYC– Community Led Housing Hub	-	27,500	(10,475)	-	17,025
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	91,416	-	(75,514)	-	15,902
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	10,240	17,000	(13,086)	-	14,154
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	1,251	-	(1,252)	-	(1)
YNYLEP – Community Building Climate Assessment Project	-	3,323	(3,323)	-	-
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	20,107	-	(18,746)	19	1,380
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	5,605	-	(1,868)	-	3,737
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	16,817	-	(5,605)	-	11,212
NYCC Voice of Older People Forum	-	27,000	(22,658)	-	4,342
Carried forward	539,829	721,928	(789,907)	6,293	478,143

Restricted income funds (prior year) (Cont.)

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
Brought forward	539,829	721,928	(789,907)	6,293	478,143
Craven Communities Together – Voice of Older People Forum	-	3,737	(1,246)	-	2,491
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	4,800	-	(4,800)	-	-
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	2,500	-	(169)	-	2,331
HWRA – Micro Providers	-	1,561	(180)	(1,381)	-
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	5,000	-	(5,256)	256	-
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections	-	66,632	(40,914)	-	25,718
Supportive Volunteering TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	-	25,000	(16,983)	-	8,017
TRCF – Population Health	-	5,050	(256)	-	4,794
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	-	15,000	(5,161)	-	9,839
Woodsmith Foundation – Support for VCSE Leadership	-	5,416	(5,416)	-	-
	<u>552,129</u>	<u>844,324</u>	<u>(870,288)</u>	<u>5,168</u>	<u>531,333</u>

The most significant funds above were for:

NYC and NHS North Yorkshire – Community Capacity Building. This grant is for the provision of support to VCSE organisations across North Yorkshire and for representing and championing the sector within North Yorkshire. It is sometimes referred to as the infrastructure grant. Being the holder of this grant means that we sit on several other groups or networks, for example the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership’s VCSE Collaborative and the North Yorkshire Place

Board. The work of the capacity building grant holder includes providing training, running peer support and strategic networks. Developing leaders within the sector and supporting organisations to manage and recruit volunteers.

RDC, HDC, SBC, ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub. This grant is for the running of a Community Led Housing Hub - set up to provide a central resource of information and support for people looking to develop housing in their local area for local people. It applies to both urban and rural areas.

NHS North Yorkshire – Transforming Community Mental Health. The purpose of this grant is to ensure that people with lived experience of serious mental illness are appropriately supported to make a safe, meaningful and consistent contribution to system change. The grant provides coaching support to individuals and system-wide support to local organisations and institutions who require help to navigate the complexities of involving people with lived experience in their work.

Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD. This grant is to use an asset-based community development way of supporting people to feel better connected and to help communities to thrive. Our development officer is working in Rothwell to build connections and engage local community groups to create spaces that are welcoming and to develop a vision and a plan for what the community can do.

Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Men’s Sheds. This grant is to develop sustainable Men’s Sheds in different areas of Bradford. The sheds provide a place for men to come together over a common activity that will bring improvements to well-being and mental health through a reduction in social isolation and loneliness. The original grant period was extended and several successful sheds have been developed. The development officer works with a committee of volunteers in each shed so that, once the grant funding ceases, the shed is in a strong position to continue running.

HCV VCSE Leadership – This grant is for the wider development of the VCSE sector in North Yorkshire to improve cross-sector collaboration as part of the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and is linked to our ownership of the community capacity building grant. It also provides for our ongoing participation as the North Yorkshire place lead in the ICP.

Age Friendly Network – This grant, with additional funding to be received from other health partners, is to establish a Forum to capture the diverse voice of people aged 50+. This will be done through taking a strengths-based approach and will help in shaping the

developments, decisions and services that matter most to this cohort. The work is being done as part of the World Health Organisation’s Age Friendly Communities Framework and will look to work collaboratively with local initiatives and partnerships. Funding has been received from NHS Vale of York CCG, NYCCG, NYC, and Craven Communities Together. This forum has been renamed at the behest of its members to The Age Friendly Network.

NHS Charities Together Building Better Connections – This grant examined changes in volunteering behaviours since the end of the pandemic. The focus was on supportive volunteering where volunteering effort is focused on the support and wellbeing of others. The project looked at barriers to volunteering and tried to address these and encourage more people back into volunteering, or to volunteer for the first time. The project has been delivered in partnership by Community First Yorkshire, Hambleton Community Action and Carer’s Plus.

TRCF – Population Health. This grant is for taking part in the Population Health Management programme in North Yorkshire to deepen understanding of the data held within the VCSE sector across Humber & North Yorkshire ICP.

Community Anchor Org SPF – We won our partnership application with Better Connect to the North Yorkshire Shared Prosperity Fund grant to support the development of newly formed Community Anchor Organisations (CAOs) to enable them to build capacity, increase community connection and advocate for local issues.

The Rural Housing Enabler Fund – This ACRE administered fund from Defra builds vital capacity to the rural housing enabler network in North Yorkshire with the intention of stimulating and providing more rural housing provision in the area.

We thank all our funders for the support we have received. Transfers have been made in line with budgeted expenditure to clear planned deficits on restricted funds projects. Negative funds arise when future income is expected.

20. Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
General Funds	97,991	156,584	(175,856)	52,116	130,835
Designated Funds:					
Digital transformation	27,389	-	(7,844)	-	19,545
VCS sector quantifying	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Provision of free employment advice	2,321	-	-	-	2,321
Future funding	162,000	-	-	(27,117)	134,883
Managed closure	160,000	-	-	(25,000)	135,000
Total Designated Funds	356,710	-	-	(52,117)	296,749
Total Unrestricted Funds	454,701	156,584	(183,700)	(1)	427,584

The above designated funds are for pieces of work which the trustees have identified will be of ongoing benefit both to the company and to the organisations it supports, and they have thus approved the investment in them from reserves.

	Balance at 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
General Funds	127,874	168,243	(147,203)	(50,923)	97,991
Designated Funds:					
Digital transformation	27,389	-	-	-	27,389
Health agenda engagement	24,307	-	(8,113)	(16,194)	-
VCS sector quantifying	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Provision of free employment advice	3,046	-	(725)	-	2,321
Future funding	115,018	-	(14,967)	61,949	162,000
Managed closure	160,000	-	-	(25,000)	135,000
Total Designated Funds	334,760	-	(23,805)	45,755	356,710
Total Unrestricted Funds	462,634	168,243	(171,008)	(5,168)	454,701

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	626,781	626,781
Unrestricted Income Funds	1	427,583	427,584
Total Funds	1	1,054,364	1,054,365

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	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	531,333	531,333
Unrestricted Income Funds	1	454,700	454,701
Total Funds	1	986,033	986,034

22. Contingencies

The charity created a rent deposit deed dated 18 January 2010 for securing £1,000 due or to become due by the company.





MANAGEMENT INFORMATION



The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements which are the subject of the independent auditor's report on pages 22 to 24.

Grants received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
DEFRA	69,720	-	69,720	69,720
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	476,285	476,285	477,054
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	-	-	-	13,300
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	-	30,492	30,492	34,241
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	-	-	(11,150)
Community Led Housing Hub	-	29,690	29,690	110,260
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	8,400	8,400	20,900
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	-	-	17,000
NHS NY CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	19,000	19,000	-
Voice of Older People Forum	-	54,000	54,000	30,737
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	-	33,316	33,316	66,632
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	-	5,000	5,000	25,000
TRCF – Population Health	-	-	-	5,050
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	-	-	-	15,000
Digital Inclusion HWRA	-	29,840	29,840	-
Craven VCSE Voice	-	6,000	6,000	-
Community Anchor ORG SPF	-	64,437	64,437	-
Craven Health Connector	-	31,960	31,960	-
Vaccinations HNY	-	46,600	46,600	-
Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities	-	10,684	10,684	-
Rural Housing Enabler	-	27,120	27,120	-
Health Inequalities NY	-	18,750	18,750	-
YNYLEP – Community Building Climate Assessment Project	-	-	-	3,323
NYCC Kickstarter Funding	-	-	-	4,266
HWRA – Micro Providers	-	-	-	1,561
Woodsmith Foundation – Support for VCSE Leadership	-	-	-	5,416
Unrestricted Grants	705	-	705	-
Designated Mental Health Fund	1,200	-	1,200	-
Release of Accrued Provision	2,273	9,705	11,978	3,183
	73,898	931,279	1,005,177	764,648

Administration expenses

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	161,892	132,347
Associate costs	900	-
EAS internal charge	4,964	-
Rent	11,066	10,957
Site Charge	816	562
Heat and Light	2,655	2,716
Cleaning	1,752	3,334
Council tax	389	1,152
Telephone	4,475	4,240
Postage, printing and stationery	(317)	(628)
Insurance	8,667	8,707
Motor and travel	1,271	1,174
Office expenses	21,398	17,628
Public relations	(133)	-
Affiliation fees	7,271	6,369
Staff training and conferences	3,005	3,171
Staff appointment expenses	-	399
Legal and Consultancy Fees	61	2,161
Bank charges	556	477
Sundry expenses	7,077	4,431
Depreciation - office equipment	-	333
Audit fees	3,800	2,200
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	241,565	201,730
Charges to special projects and other organisations (cost recovery)	(143,094)	(155,108)
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	98,471	46,622
Allocated:		
Core project work	19,694	9,322
Support costs	78,777	37,300
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	98,471	46,622
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Direct Project Costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
DEFRA/Core Project Work	91,069	-	91,069	129,442
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,311	5,311	6,507
Ryedale DC	-	-	-	56
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	498,446	498,446	466,410
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	-	-	-	6,393
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	-	-	-	51
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	18,442	18,442	22,803
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	-	32,553	32,553	33,869
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	39,833	39,833	27,448
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership, Groundworks, RDC, HDC, SBC, ERYC – Community Led Housing Hub	-	72,158	72,158	70,979
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	9,502	9,502	13,339
Many 5G	975	-	975	-
NYCCG – Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	9,246	9,246	13,086
NYCCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	14,566	14,566	75,514
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	-	-	-	1,252
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	-	1,380	1,380	18,746
Voice of Older People Forum	-	29,778	29,778	31,377
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	-	-	-	4,800
Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	-	-	169
Health Tree Foundation – Building Connections Supportive Volunteering	-	41,275	41,275	40,914
TRCF – NY VCSE Assemblies	-	11,623	11,623	16,983
Designated Mental Health Fund	3,019	-	3,019	-
TRCF – Population Health	-	4,794	4,794	256
NHS HNY ICB – Village Halls as Digital Hubs	-	1,204	1,204	5,161
Platinum Jubilee Fund VH	2,882	-	2,882	-
VONNE Thriving Communities	6,978	-	6,978	-
Total carried forward	104,923	790,111	895,034	985,555

Direct Project Costs (Cont.)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Total brought forward	104,923	790,111	895,034	985,555
Digital Inclusion HWRA	-	23,110	23,110	-
Craven VCSE Voice	-	4,321	4,321	-
Community Anchor ORG SPF	-	27,945	27,945	-
Craven Health Connector	-	10,730	10,730	-
Vaccinations HNY	-	30,476	30,476	-
Digital Inclusion Stronger Communities	-	4,656	4,656	-
Rural Housing Enabler	-	21,162	21,162	-
HWRA – Micro Providers	-	-	-	180
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	-	-	-	5,256
Woodsmith Foundation – Support for VCSE Leadership	-	-	-	5,416
NYCC Kickstarter Funding	-	-	-	4,266
YNYLEP – Community Buildings Climate Assessment Project	-	-	-	3,323
	104,923	912,511	1,017,434	1,003,996
Support Costs	78,777	-	78,777	37,300
	183,700	912,511	1,096,211	1,041,296



SUBSCRIBERS



COUNCILS

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

STATEMENT



Subscribers

Town and Parish Councils

Allerton Mauleverer with Hopperton Parish Meeting
Barlby & Osgodby Town Council
Beal Parish Council
Dishforth Parish Council
Draughton Parish Council
Finningley Parish Council

Hepstonstall Parish Council
Hovingham & Scackleton Parish Council
Ingleby Greenhow Parish Council
Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council
Stutton Parish Council
Thrybergh Parish Council
Topcliffe Parish Council

Rural Community Buildings

Aislaby & Middleton Village Hall
Ampleforth Village Hall
Appleton le Street & Amotherby Parish Hall
Arkendale Community Hall
Atkinson & Clarke Educational Foundation
Barrowby Village Hall
Barwick Memorial Hall
Blaxton Village Hall
Bolton-cum-Redmire Village Hall
Bradley Village Hall
Bramham Village Hall
Brawby Village Hall
Brompton by Sawdon Village Hall
Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall and Playing Fields
Christ Church Community Centre
Clapham cum Newby Village Hall
Coore Memorial Hall
Copt Hewick Village Hall

Dacre & Hartwith Village Hall
Danby Village Hall
Easingwold Community Library
East Harlsley Village Hall
East Keswick Village Hall
Ebbertson Village Hall
Embsay with Eastby Village Institute
Ganton Village Hall
Gilling West Village Hall
Glusburn Community and Arts Centre
Goathland Village Hall Trust
Gristhorpe & Lebbertson Village Hall
Gunnerside Village Hall
Hambleton Village Hall
Hampsthwaite Village Hall
Harthill & Woodhall Parish Hall
Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall
Hawes Market House
Haxby Memorial Hall





Rural Community Buildings

Hellifield Institute
Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust
Hovingham Village Hall
Hunton & Arrathorne Village Hall
Hutton le Hole Village Hall
Kirk Deighton Village Hall CIO
Kirk Hammerton Village Hall
Laughton Village Hall
Lawson Hut Badsworth
Long Marston Recreational
Ground and Village Hall
Long Preston Village Hall
Low Bentham Public Hall & Victoria Institute
Malham Village Hall
Mashamshire Community Office
Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall
Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Association
Morton on Swale Village Hall
Muker Public Hall and Literary Institute
Muston Village Hall
Newholm cum Dunsley Village Hall
Oswaldkirk Village Hall
Oulston Village Hall
Pannal Village Hall
Pateley Bridge & Beverley Memorial Hall
Rainton with Newby Village Hall
Ravensworth Village Hall
Robert Craven Memorial Hall
Ruswarp Village Hall
Sand Hutton & Claxton Village Hall
Sawdon Village Hall
Seamer & Irton Memorial Hall
Settle Community Library
Settle Victoria Hall
Sinnington Village Hall
Sleights Village Hall
Snainton Village Hall and Playing Field
Snape Village Institute
Sproxton Village Hall
St Wilfrid's Community Centre
Staxton Village Hall
Sutton Under Whitestonecliffe Village Hall
Tadcaster Swimming Pool
Thornton le Dale Village Hall
Thorner Victory Hall
Upperthong Village Hall
Walton Village Hall
Weaverthorpe Village Hall
Wetherby town hall
Whixley Village Hall
Whorlton Village Hall





Organisations

Advocacy Alliance
Alexandra Community Sports & Leisure
Better Connect Limited
Carers Plus
Carers Resource (Harrogate/Craven/Airedale)
Dial a Ride Scarborough & District
Door 84 Youth and Community Centre
Easingwold Town Band
Embsay & Eastby Good Neighbours
Garden Village Community Association
Nidderdale Museum Society
North Yorkshire Sport
North Yorkshire Youth Ltd
Older Citizens Advocacy York
Ohana
ORB Community Arts
ORB Community Enterprise
Parents of Special Children

Pioneer Projects (Celebratory Arts) Ltd
Richmondshire Leisure Trust
Ryedale & District Mencap
Ryedale Special Families
Scarborough Disablement Action Group
Scarborough Social Action (Rainbow Centre)
Selby Community Trust
Sessay Community Trust
Tadcaster Volunteer Cars & Services Association
The Island
Ugthorpe Village Community Fund
Veterans Woodcraft CIC
Visits Unlimited
YMCA Scarborough
Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust
Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs

Individuals

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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout the report:

ABCD – Asset Based Community Development
ACRE – Action with Communities in Rural England
CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group
CIO – Charitable Incorporated Organisation
CLH – Community Led Housing
CLHH – Community Led Homes Hub
DEFRA - Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
ERYC – East Riding of Yorkshire Council
HCV – Humber, Coast and Vale
HCP – Health and Care Partnership
HEY – Hull and East Yorkshire
HNY – Humber and North Yorkshire
HNY HCP – Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership
HPOC – Harnessing the Power of Communities
HWRA – Humber and Wolds Rural Action
ICS – Integrated Care System
IVAR – Institute for Voluntary Action Research
NAVCA – National Association for Voluntary and Community Action
NHS – National Health Service
NHS HNY ICB – NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
NLCF – National Lottery Community Fund
NY – North Yorkshire
NYC – North Yorkshire Council
NY & ER – North Yorkshire & East Riding
PCN – NHS Primary Care Network
REPF – Rural England Prosperity Fund
RHE – Rural Housing Enabler
SOFA – Statement of Financial Activities
TRCF – Two Ridings Community Foundation
UKSPF – UK Shared Prosperity Fund
VAL – Voluntary Action Leeds
VCS – Voluntary and Community Sector
VCSE – Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector
VINY – Volunteering in North Yorkshire
YNYER – York, North Yorkshire and East Riding
YNYLEP – York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership

¹ Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership is the antecedent the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership. This latter organisation includes Harrogate when previously Harrogate fell within the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership.

² North Yorkshire Council is the unitary authority comprised of the previous seven district councils: Scarborough, Hambleton, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Harrogate, Selby and Craven along with North Yorkshire County Council.

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Mike Feist

David Jeffels

David Sharp

Janet Thornton MBE

David Watson

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THE COMPANY SECRETARY

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