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Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2026

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Reference and administrative details of the Company, its Trustees and advisers
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Trustees	Andrea Randall-Smith Angela Lowe Mary Carter Dr Nell Chang Dr Paula Radice
Company registered number	02409902
Charity registered number	802632
Registered office	Jackson Hall Portland Place Hastings TN34 1QN
Company secretary	Steven John Manwaring
Chief executive officer	Steven John Manwaring
Accountants	Kreston Reeves LLP Nile House Nile Street Brighton East Sussex BN1 1HW

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Hastings Voluntary Action

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Trustees' report
For the year ended 31 March 2026

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Company for the 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Public Benefit

The requirements for reporting public benefit in an annual report are that the report will contain;

i) a report of those activities undertaken by a charity to further its charitable activities for the public benefit, and
ii) a statement by the charity trustees that they have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The guidance sets out two key principles which need to be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit;

i) there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits, i.e. the "benefit" principle, and
ii) the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public, the "public" principle.

The trustees refer to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of, and in planning, activities. The trustees endorse these key principles of public benefit, and reflect them into aims and objectives of the activities they have set. HVA typically delivers on these objectives through delivering on the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA) standards. Our services are monitored and reviewed quarterly to ensure service delivery meets aims and objectives. A series of independent evaluation reports have been commissioned and published providing authoritative and external analysis of the impact and benefit of HVA services.

Through the activities detailed in this report, and in other literature and newspaper articles, on HVA's website and through social media, the trustees show that the activities undertaken by HVA to further its charitable activities are, and are duly reported as being, for the public benefit.

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Trustees' report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

In our role as the Local Infrastructure Organisation (LIO) for the “not for profit” sector in Hastings and St Leonards, Hastings Voluntary Action continued to fulfil its Charitable Purpose and strategic aims by providing a range of support services and interventions to support organisations, individuals and communities.

The charity’s objects (‘Objects’) are specifically restricted to the following:

1. To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community, primarily but not exclusively, in the Borough of Hastings, and in particular the advancement of education, the protection of health, the relief of poverty and to promote social inclusion and social cohesion.

2. To maintain a Council for Voluntary Service to support the voluntary and community sector, primarily but not exclusively, for the benefit of the people in Hastings.

3. To be an advocate for the voluntary and community sector ensuring that the voice of the sector is heard and that a greater understanding of its needs, challenges and contributions is gained by its strategic partners.

b. Volunteers

During the reporting period the Charity has employed an average of 21 staff across the year. Across HVAs projects and programmes a total of 38 volunteers are actively engaged. Where HVA are asked to undertake specific or short-term pieces of work capacity has been deployed in the form of freelance "associates” for designated projects.

c. Partnerships

HVA prides itself on working in partnership, and is in a strong position to bring different organisations together to work towards shared aims. HVA works closely with Rother Voluntary Action, 3VA and SCDA (the other VCSE infrastructure organisations in East Sussex) on various projects. Additionally, HVA has an organisational objective to attract inward investment to the Borough and will actively form consortia or partnership arrangements between local organisations to achieve this. With this in mind, the CEO of HVA and other staff attend local and county meetings to develop and extend partnership work. During the reporting period the CEO of HVA served on a number of partnership bodies including the Town Deal Board, the Hastings Local Strategic Partnership ESCC Partnership Plus, and the East Sussex VCSE Partnership.

To support the broadest possible partnership activity HVA facilitates the Hastings Community Network which brings together VCSE organisations. Quarterly sector-wide events are organised to do this in an open and inclusive way.

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Trustees' report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

Hastings Voluntary Action (HVA) provided individually tailored support to over 300 voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations in the year, covering a wide range of issues including setting up a group, funding, volunteer recruitment, charity law, HR matters, health & safety, risks, etc.

b. Key performance indicators

During the reporting period HVA satisfied our contractual Key Performance Indicators for our funders and delivered a range of activities to improve the position of the VCSE sector as described in the key review of activities below.

c. Review of activities

Our information service enabled local Charities, Community groups and Social Enterprises to receive up to date and timely information and promote their activities, through fortnightly e-bulletins, social media, and HVA's website.

A funding advice service provided advice and support to local group and supported inward investment to Hastings – one of the most deprived area in the South East of England – levering in over £1 million for local voluntary organisations. During the reporting period HVA undertook a review of its online activity and commissioned a new website to enable local organisations to access information, register for events and gain access to a range of support services.

HVA contributed to building the skills and knowledge of local VCS groups by running over 30 training sessions, courses and seminars – and almost all were free of charge to participants. We also enabled new members or individuals new to the area to orientate themselves via a series of briefings conducted by the CEO.

We have continued to provide low cost community accountancy services, with Independent Examinations for over 40 local voluntary organisations. Our payroll bureau provided calculated pay for a further 25 local employers.

We enabled over 80 people to commence volunteering for local organisations and celebrated the achievements of the Borough's volunteers by highlighting their work and achievements and offering a series of volunteering awards to those who have offered outstanding service. Our quarterly Volunteer Coordinators' Conversations brought together and supported other volunteer involving organisations for peer learning, enabling the sharing and promotion of good practice.

HVA's role extends to enabling the VCSE sector to represent itself in an effective and accountable way. Our facilitation of Hastings Community Network has combined the organisation of events conference and "open mic" opportunities with supporting the HCN Executive to represent the sector on key strategic bodies such as the Town Board which has taken on responsibility for the administration of £20m regeneration funding. HVA supported the maintenance of a Consultation Calander and supported the sectors response to consultations on health, regeneration, Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation. HVA was also an active member of the East Sussex VCSE Alliance and supported a research project to evaluate the "State of the Sector" which was published in November 2025. Detailed work is being undertaken to implement the recommendations of that research.

In addition to our generic infrastructure work, Hastings Voluntary Action have also delivered a portfolio of projects designed to support local individuals and communities – particularly those who are vulnerable or face multiple challenges accessing public services. Our work in this area has included:

- The Links Project provides a weekly drop-in session in Hastings for people seeking asylum, refugees and migrants. The project typically supports around 80 clients each week and is run with the help of more than 15 volunteers.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

- The project offers access to a wide range of support and advice services while also providing an important social hub where people can build relationships, reduce isolation and develop a sense of belonging. We also continue to support Ukrainians living in East Sussex through the ongoing Homes for Ukraine scheme.

- International migration continues to be a highly prominent political and social issue, and the resulting public debate has had a significant impact on the wellbeing of many of the project's core service users. In response, we have worked hard to secure the project's long-term sustainability by maintaining funding and developing strong partnerships with a wide range of stakeholders and local organisations. These partnerships ensure that clients can access coordinated, high-quality support tailored to their needs.

- The Links Project also continues to deliver a weekly outreach service in Eastbourne in partnership with Sanctuary Café, funded through East Sussex County Council (ESCC), extending access to support for people who may otherwise face barriers to attending services in Hastings.

- In conjunction with the National Academy for Social Prescribing our work relating to Older People continued to support Hastings becoming an Age Friendly Community under the World Health Organisation framework. Further work was undertaken as part of the wider work in East Sussex tackling Loneliness

- HVA also worked in partnership with Age UK East Sussex and Care for the Carers to manage and develop the Isabel Blackman Centre which has delivered services and activities to over 2,400 people within the reporting period. We commenced the process of transferring the asset have secured its long term future when it was at risk of closure.

- HVAs award winning Men’s Health programme (Mr Hastings and St Leonards) used a range of techniques including film, podcasts, music and theatre to develop a “Men’s movement” to increase awareness of and access to local services and resources to reduce health inequalities and extend support. The project was successful in advancing an application for Hastings to be one of only 25 places in the UK to be part of the 2025 Baton of Hope Tour - the largest suicide prevention initiative in the UK. We honoured a pledge given at the Baton of Hope event to develop a permanent place for reflection and a remembrance of that achievement and, in conjunction with Hastings Borough Council have obtained funding and land to develop a Community of Hope Garden in Alexandra Park. HVA project team continue to work alongside the Mr Hastings and St Leonards and the 46 Baton Bearers to build on the connections and community conversations around suicide awareness, exploring new ways of engaging in sensitive and meaningful discussions around grief and loss. The threads from all this work contributed to a successful evaluation of the men’s Health programme. The evaluation and theory of change model stressed the importance of the relational approach used that focused on a strength based and community assets model and new funding has been secured for an expansion of the mens work into the Rother area.

- Our partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support continues to deliver a programme of asset based community development to increase access to support services locally. 20 Cancer Champions have conversations and signpost to support, from screening and prevention, to managing treatment and emotional support post diagnosis. The Hastings and Rother Cancer Support Network is chaired by HVA and brings together organisations to share good practice, facilitate joint working and improve cancer pathways, and several champions are now running their own cancer conversations sessions, in local supermarkets, church groups and care homes. An ongoing programme of training workshops and peer support sessions, designed by the champions, is under way, with a strong thread of creativity running through. Hastings is one of five deep dive sites that is being evaluated externally. As of March 2026 we had attended 112 and organised 54 events, with over 450 people supported directly through this work.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

- Our work in Broomgrove has continued with our Community Development Worker successfully engaging and assisting residents at the weekly Social Supermarket. The Broomgrove Network was developed as a way of supporting and co-ordinating the participation of partners. A joint project “First Tuesday” was delivered and evaluated to facilitate access to services and support in the most effective way. Cook and Eat Lunch with HARC was introduced following collaboration with residents and continues to be well attended. Practice developed at Broomgrove was used to inform delivery weekly of a weekly lunch club at Downs Farm in Spring 2026.

- We have continued to develop the Holistic Health project, funded by a private donor, which provides safe and engaging spaces for young people to access complementary therapies and build their own resilience and strategies to secure and maintain positive Mental Health.

- Following an investment of £200,000 we commenced a programme of work to secure protect and enhance green spaces in the Borough.

- HVA continued to provide affordable high-quality accommodation to 6 other not-for-profit organisations including those working with children, people with learning disabilities, and people with mental health issues.

- HVA also managed meeting spaces In Jackson Hall and in Central Hall in Hastings town centre. A bursary scheme was operated for newly formed groups to access meeting space free of charge during the early stages before they obtained finance or funding. A programme of micro-grants were made available to facilitate the quick and smooth commencement of small community projects to enhance local neighbourhoods or provide support.

Wherever possible HVA use opportunities to have our work independently evaluated and during the course of the year 2 reports were published to record the work undertaken and promote learning from it.

HVA are proud of the work we have completed but also believe that a programme of continuous improvement and development is central to our work to grow as an organisation and challenge ourselves to deliver quality services to our members. To this end we successfully completed the Local Infrastructure Quality Mark process to have our services independently audited and evaluated and became only the second organisation in the country to successfully complete that rigorous process.

Following a 360 degree review of our 2025-2029 Strategic Plan to prepare for our future work. We also worked to continue as a responsive, supportive employer and during the year received national recognition as a Carer Friendly Employer

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Trustees' report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Financial review

a. Financial review

The statement of Financial Activities shows a net deficit of £94,643 (2025 - a net surplus of £50,253) at the year end.

Total reserves at 31 March 2026 were £299,840 (2025 - £393,166) of which £239,256 (2025 - £283,402) were Restricted Funds. The general fund reserves stand at £60,584 (2025 - £109,764).

The general fund balance is held as a contingency in the event of the core funding being withdrawn and is held to cover the likely costs arising from this. The principal funding of the charity continues to be by way of grants received from various statutory bodies, as detailed elsewhere in this report.

Trustees were pleased to note that considerable progress has been made during the reporting period to reduce the deficit at Central Hall (which Trustees recognise as a key resource for our members and the wider community). The deficit is down to a modest sum of £603 but further marketing and promotion is being undertaken which is resulting in more bookings.

b. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

c. Reserves policy

Hastings Voluntary Action has a Reserves Policy which addresses issues relating to its obligations to the upkeep of its assets, supporting existing projects for fixed periods until funding is secured, meeting the cost of redundancy of staff should the occasion arise and a general reserve for the cover of management and administrative costs in unforeseen circumstances or in the event of a winding up of the organisation.

The statement of financial activities reflects the level of reserves as at 31 March 2026.

Shortly after the year end the charity received a substantial unrestricted grant. The trustees have considered the effect of this funding when assessing the charity's future financial position and going concern status.

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Trustees' report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Hastings Voluntary Action is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity founded on 1 August 1989, and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association agreed on 16 November 2018.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Hastings Voluntary Action is a member organisation and its Trustees are elected from a vote of all registered member organisations in attendance at its Annual General Meeting. HVA is proud to be a "user-led" organisation in that over 50% (in fact all) of its trustees are elected from its beneficiary group. The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the terms of the trust deed. The trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act as a trustee, either to fill a vacancy or to act as an additional trustee, provided that the appointment does not cause the number of trustees to exceed the maximum number. Generally, only people who are representatives of member organisations of Hastings Voluntary Action are eligible to become trustees, but the board of Trustees may at any time co-opt other persons, whether or not representing a member organisation, provided that such co-opted members shall never comprise more than one-third of the board of Trustees. None of the charity's trustees receive any remuneration. To ensure transparency the Charity advertises the opportunity for member organisations to nominate trustees and briefing sessions are held to provide information about the role.

c. Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees meets on a quarterly basis. Agendas are approved by the Chair of the Board and paper and reports are issued to trustees prior to the meeting where possible. Decisions made by the trustees provide strategic direction, with some authority delegated to the CEO and other staff members. An Officers group consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer also meet to consider any matters arising from board meetings. Task and finish groups are also delegated certain tasks relating to HR. All Trustees and staff attend a strategic planning session each year.

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

Induction processes are in place for new trustees which consist of briefing and induction materials. We have recently refreshed a Trustee skills audit which continues to inform our plans for further training and development. Occasional skills audits are utilised to inform development needs and highlight gaps.

e. Risk management

The Trustees of Hastings Voluntary Action recognise their obligations to identify, manage and mitigate all strategic, operational and technical risks facing the organisation. HVA recognise the need to have a planned and systematic approach to risk. Therefore, a comprehensive risk register has been created, and a "lead" risk trustee appointed to ensure that this is regularly considered by Trustees at each meeting. Arrangements for Health & Safety monitoring and risk management are in place and have recently been externally audited. As part of induction processes the risk register and mechanisms for risk management are introduced as part of trustee and staff/volunteer induction. A specific audit and review of the Charity's personal data holdings was undertaken as a way of managing its GDPR responsibilities and adopting good practice.

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Plans for future periods

HVA have recently undertaken a review of our strategic plan and have the results of an Independent Evaluation via which we obtained a formal Quality Local Infrastructure Organisation.

In the months following the year end we have:

- Achieved refunding of 2 of our projects.
- Achieved a significant infrastructure contract from East Sussex County Council for the next 3-5 years.
- Achieved a further £19,000 NHS funding to strengthen our work with Hastings Community Network which was previously funded from reserves.
- Achieved a new partnership with Clore Social to lever in £75,000 worth of leadership training.

In terms of future activity we are looking to:

- Triage and manage demand by enhancing online resources and triaged access to casework.
- Achieve break-even in our buildings and recycle surpluses into supporting infrastructure services.
- Embarking on further partnership work with Rother Voluntary Action to avoid duplication and share skills/resources.
- Remain investment ready so that HVA can respond to funding or commissioning opportunities.
- Encouraging donations, philanthropy and legacy giving.
- Developing a robust approach to bidding for contracts and further funding.
- Develop a balanced approach to the management of reserve to enable continuity.

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Trustees' report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mary Carter 15 Sep 2026 11:00:35 BST (UTC +1)

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Mary Carter
(Chair of Trustees)
Date: 15 September 2026

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Hastings Voluntary Action

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Independent examiner's report
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Hastings Voluntary Action ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: Jamie Servante 15 Sep 2026 15:28:40 BST (UTC +1) Dated: 15 September 2026

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	Restricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**622,020**	**111,485**	**733,505**	972,496
Charitable activities	4	**1,477**	**224,075**	**225,552**	264,819
Investments	5	**-**	**3,556**	**3,556**	5,177
Total income		**623,497**	**339,116**	**962,613**	1,242,492
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	**667,643**	**388,296**	**1,055,939**	1,192,239
Total expenditure		**667,643**	**388,296**	**1,055,939**	1,192,239
Net movement in funds		**(44,146)**	**(49,180)**	**(93,326)**	50,253
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**283,402**	**109,764**	**393,166**	342,913
Net movement in funds		**(44,146)**	**(49,180)**	**(93,326)**	50,253
Total funds carried forward		**239,256**	**60,584**	**299,840**	393,166

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2026

	Note		2026 £		2025 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	11		**10,350**		-
Tangible assets	12		**13,211**		-
			23,561		-
Current assets					
Debtors	13	**64,207**		82,662	
Cash at bank and in hand		**270,771**		542,533	
		334,978		625,195	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	**(55,877)**		(227,890)	
Net current assets			**279,101**		397,305
Total assets less current liabilities			**302,662**		397,305
Defined benefit pension scheme liability			**(2,822)**		(4,139)
Total net assets			**299,840**		393,166
Charity funds					
Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds	15	**242,078**		287,541	
Pension Fund Deficit	15	**(2,822)**		(4,139)	
Total restricted funds	15		**239,256**		283,402
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	15	**-**		10,000	
General funds	15	**60,584**		99,764	
Total unrestricted funds	15		**60,584**		109,764
Total funds			**299,840**		393,166

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Balance sheet (continued)
As at 31 March 2026

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Mary Carter 15 Sep 2026 11:00:35 BST (UTC +1)

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Mary Carter
(Chair of Trustees)
Date: 15 September 2026

The notes on pages 16 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**(250,556)**	177,116
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**3,556**	5,177
Purchase of intangible assets	**(10,350)**	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**(14,412)**	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	**(21,206)**	**5,177**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**(271,762)**	**182,293**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**542,533**	360,240
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**270,771**	542,533

The notes on pages 16 to 38 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2026

1. General information

Hastings Voluntary Action is an incorporated charity, limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales.

The registered number is 02409902.

The registered office and principal place of business is:

Jackson Hall
Portland Place
Hastings
East Sussex
TN34 1QN

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Hastings Voluntary Action meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Rental income is recognised in the period to which it relates to.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.6 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

Amortisation is provided on the following basis:

Computer software	-	3 years straight line

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term leasehold property	-	5 years straight line

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Debtors

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

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.10 Liabilities

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Company 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

The Company operates a defined benefits pension scheme and the pension charge is based on a full actuarial valuation dated 30 September 2023.

2.13 Fund accounting

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

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 notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Donations	-	1,577	**1,577**
Grants	622,020	109,908	**731,928**
	622,020	111,485	**733,505**

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	-	13,059	13,059
Grants	856,155	103,282	959,437
	856,155	116,341	972,496

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Rent and management fees	1,477	224,075	**225,552**

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Rent and management fees	1,066	263,753	264,819

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Investment income	3,556	**3,556**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Investment income	5,177	5,177

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6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £
Operation of charitable services	667,643	388,296	**1,055,939**

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Operation of charitable services	808,296	383,943	1,192,239

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2026 £	Support costs 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Operation of charitable services	1,048,315	7,624	**1,055,939**

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Operation of charitable services	1,172,517	19,722	1,192,239

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Staff costs	646,024	**646,024**
Depreciation	1,201	**1,201**
Bank Charges	247	**247**
Printing, Postage & Stationary	5,040	**5,040**
Telephone	4,033	**4,033**
Insurance	4,252	**4,252**
Subscriptions	5,353	**5,353**
Sundry	3,777	**3,777**
Computer costs	12,824	**12,824**
Repairs & Maintenance	29,798	**29,798**
Staff travel and training	2,129	**2,129**
Project costs	333,437	**333,437**
Bad debt	200	**200**
	1,048,315	**1,048,315**

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Staff costs	575,364	575,364
Bank Charges	166	166
Printing, Postage & Stationary	6,843	6,843
Telephone	4,040	4,040
Insurance	4,537	4,537
Subscriptions	4,931	4,931
Sundry	3,157	3,157
Computer costs	13,358	13,358
Repairs & Maintenance	49,589	49,589
Staff travel and training	1,491	1,491
Project costs	467,234	467,234
Bad debt	41,807	41,807
	1,172,517	1,172,517

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2026 £	**Total funds 2026 £**
Governance costs	7,624	**7,624**

	Activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Governance costs	19,722	19,722

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8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2026	2025
	£	£
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts	**-**	12,900
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	**3,240**	-
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of:		
Accounting services	**-**	2,400

9. Staff costs

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**561,230**	507,860
Social security costs	**56,283**	41,164
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**28,511**	26,340
	646,024	575,364

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2026	2025
	No.	No.
Employees	**21**	20

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Key management personnel for the current year and prior year comprised of Stephen Manwaring, Peter Thorpe and Laura Dawson. The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows:

Aggregate key management personnel compensation £146,053 (2025: £141,640).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2025 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2026, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2025 - £NIL).

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11. Intangible assets

	Computer software £
Cost	
Additions	**10,350**
At 31 March 2026	**10,350**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2026	**10,350**
At 31 March 2025	-

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £
Cost or valuation	
Additions	**14,412**
At 31 March 2026	**14,412**
Depreciation	
Charge for the year	**1,201**
At 31 March 2026	**1,201**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2026	**13,211**
At 31 March 2025	-

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13. Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	**46,587**	69,253
Other debtors	**70**	7,973
Prepayments and accrued income	**17,550**	5,436
	64,207	82,662

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Funds held on behalf of other organisations	**52,452**	166,107
Other taxation and social security	**-**	116
Accruals and deferred income	**3,425**	61,667
	55,877	227,890

	2026 £	2025 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2025	**46,367**	-
Resources deferred during the year	**185**	46,367
Amounts released from previous periods	**(46,367)**	-
	185	46,367

Grant income has been deferred as it is earned in the future period.

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15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Designated Funds - all funds	**10,000**	**-**	**-**	**(10,000)**	**-**
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	**99,764**	**339,116**	**(388,296)**	**10,000**	**60,584**
Total Unrestricted funds	**109,764**	**339,116**	**(388,296)**	**-**	**60,584**
Restricted funds					
Baton of Hope	**11,000**	**11,058**	**(22,058)**	**-**	**-**
Big Local Trust	**21**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**21**
Broomgroove - Capital Spend	**74,964**	**-**	**(74,964)**	**-**	**-**
Broomgroove - CDW	**7,676**	**22,950**	**(28,043)**	**-**	**2,583**
ABCD Community	**-**	**2,000**	**-**	**-**	**2,000**
ESCC COMF Funding	**44,458**	**11,081**	**(32,300)**	**-**	**23,239**
Community of Hope	**-**	**18,300**	**(666)**	**-**	**17,634**
ESCC Men's Health	**1,411**	**109,256**	**(102,108)**	**-**	**8,559**
Downs Farm	**-**	**18,979**	**(15,129)**	**-**	**3,850**
Macmillan	**1,676**	**101,667**	**(100,902)**	**-**	**2,441**
Central Hall	**-**	**25,143**	**(25,746)**	**-**	**(603)**
Green Spaces	**92,730**	**106,200**	**(128,259)**	**-**	**70,671**
Links	**17,662**	**14,215**	**(30,382)**	**-**	**1,495**
Ukraine Support Project	**12**	**34,966**	**(33,015)**	**-**	**1,963**
Household Support Fund	**-**	**44,111**	**(10,427)**	**-**	**33,684**
MiH Underspend	**46**	**-**	**(46)**	**-**	**-**
Mental Health Local Support Fund	**24,972**	**72**	**(15,821)**	**-**	**9,223**
Smoking Cessation Project	**-**	**50,000**	**-**	**-**	**50,000**
Public Health - Food Project	**10,913**	**50,000**	**(45,595)**	**-**	**15,318**
Skills Capital Fund Grant	**-**	**2,022**	**(2,022)**	**-**	**-**
	287,541	**622,020**	**(667,483)**	**-**	**242,078**

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Restricted funds - Pension reserve					
Pension reserve	**(4,139)**	**1,477**	**(160)**	**-**	**(2,822)**
Total Restricted funds	**283,402**	**623,497**	**(667,643)**	**-**	**239,256**
Total of funds	**393,166**	**962,613**	**(1,055,939)**	**-**	**299,840**

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Designated Fund

The trustees have agreed to hold potential redundancy costs as a reserve.

Restricted Funds

Baton of hope - The Baton of Hope Tour 2025 is a nationwide initiative aimed at raising awareness about suicide prevention, visiting 20 locations across the UK from September 1 to October 10, 2025. Purpose: The Baton of Hope campaign seeks to break the silence surrounding suicide and promote mental health awareness. It serves as a unifying symbol of remembrance and hope for those affected by suicide. The Baton is in Hastings on 23rd September 2025.

Big Local Trust - Big Local Project was funded by the Local Trust. North East Hastings had £1million over 10 years 2014-2024 - funding was to be used to make a massive and lasting positive difference to their community. It was about bringing together all the local groups and organisations who want to make their area and even better place to live.

Broomgrove - Capital Spend - Hastings Borough Council had £200k to improve Broomgrove Community Centre but the Charity who manage the centre did not meet the due diligence criteria for a project of this size. HVA were asked to act as an intermediary organisation to project manage this complex capital project to ensure its completion and refurbishment.

Broomgrove - CDW - Hastings Borough Council wanted to fund a community development worker at the Broomgrove Community Centre for 12 months and asked HVA to host and line manage the CDW.

Central Hall - This is a self funding restricted fund and is a second location that HVA uses to hire out to other charities.

ESCC COMF Funding - Funded by East Sussex to promote Age friendly events and support Age focused charities. It is also to promote and support food related charities.

ESCC Men's Health - Funded by East Sussex for 3 years. It is a project aimed at local men, supporting men to talk about what matters for them. The main aim is to identify and assess/improve men's life expectancy locally.

Macmillan - Funded by Macmillian for 3 years. It is a Cancer Champion project aimed at reaching people less likely to access support.

Skills Capital Fund Grant - Funded by The Government via ESCC - to buy and install new screens and IT at Jackson Hall and Central Hall.

Green Spaces - Funded by Public Health East Sussex. The project is designed to improve access to nature for health and wellbeing and to develop the capacity of local organisations/individuals to create or manage our greenspaces.

Links - Funded by East Sussex - the Links Project is a multi-agency support and advice project for asylum seekers, refugees and migrant communities living in East Sussex.

Ukraine Support Project - Funded by East Sussex - runs alongside the Links Project and is a multi-agency support and advice project for asylum seekers, refugees and migrant communities living in East Sussex from Ukraine.

Making it Happen - Funded by Public Health East Sussex through SCDA (Sussex Community Development Association) Project ran for 5 years. Making it Happen supports various groups within targeted areas across Hastings via ABCD (Asset Based Community Development).

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

MiH Underspend - Additional monies sent through to be spent as above.

Mental Health Local Support Fund - Private Donation to be spent on Mental Health wellbeing for younger people. The Holistic Health project provides safe and engaging spaces for young people to access complementary therapies and activities that they are interested in & meet qualified practitioners.

Public Health - Food Project - Funded by Public Health East Sussex - Project to promote access to food and engage with local people in hastings to provide access to food banks, education, services etc relating to food.

ABCD Community - Because of our expertise and experience in the area of Asset Based Community Development HVA were approached by the Director of Public Health to curate an event providing a showcase and learning event for practitioners, commissioners and public sector providers. A working group supported by a freelance practitioner is meeting to develop the event which is scheduled to take place on 23 September.

Community of Hope - Last year HVA led a network of local organisations, groups and people with lived experience to Hastings one of the 25 places in the UK to receive the Baton of Hope (the UK's largest suicide prevention initiative. On the day the Baton visited Hastings HVAs Director and the Leader of Hastings Borough Council made a public commitment to create a permanent reminder of the event, a memorial or reflective space for those impacted by suicide. Lottery funding has been received to develop an area in Alexandra Park - a space made available by Hastings Borough Council.

Downs Farm - As described in the last Trustees report HVA led the refurbishment of the Broomgrove Community Centre enabling a £200,000 investment into one of few community assets in the local area. Alongside this development we have deployed a Community Development worker to support local residents take part in projects and programmes, enable local organisations to collaborate and roll-out. The Community Development activity undertaken was successfully evaluated by Public Health and as part of a Government led evaluation. Based on this and utilising an underspend from the Government's Shared Prosperity fund. HVA were invited to extend the approach for a specific period in the neighbouring area of Down's Farm and undertake engagement with local residents about how the community centre in that area could be made meaningful and relevant.

Household Support Fund - HVA receive funding from Government (via Public Health East Sussex) as part of the support offered to vulnerable residents who are facing cost of living pressures or difficulties accessing. By agreement this has been used to support from of our work around food security, the work to enable more integrated services for older people and the more general move towards making Hastings an Age Friendly Community within the World Health Organisation definition. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has confirmed, the Household Support Fund will no longer continue. In it's place will be the new Crisis and Resilience Fund. This fund will be introduced to support low-income households experiencing financial shock. It will also help to strengthen individual and community financial resilience. HVA will continue to receive funding of this type which will be referred to as CRF in the next accounts.

Smoking Cessation Project - As part of the development of Integrated Community Teams (part of the NHS Neighbourhood Health Plan) smoking cessation has been identified as one of the 3 priorities. HVA have been awarded a contract by East Sussex Health to roll out a programme of grants to community organisations to help them promote and support residents giving up smoking. The grants programme was advertised, and a number of projects have been approved. A round 2 of the smoking cessation grants is also taking place.

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Designated Funds	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
General funds					
General Funds	125,946	385,271	(383,943)	(27,510)	99,764
Total Unrestricted funds	135,946	385,271	(383,943)	(27,510)	109,764
Restricted funds					
Baton of Hope	-	12,000	(1,000)	-	11,000
Big Local Trust	54,662	58,584	(113,225)	-	21
Broomgroove - Capital Spend	-	210,000	(135,036)	-	74,964
Broomgroove - CDW	-	22,000	(14,324)	-	7,676
ABCD Community	(16,037)	18,544	(30,017)	27,510	-
ESCC COMF Funding	45,305	17,466	(18,313)	-	44,458
Community of Hope	8,448	-	(8,448)	-	-
ESCC Men's Health	39,753	78,601	(116,943)	-	1,411
Downs Farm	-	18,518	(18,518)	-	-
Macmillan	-	40,537	(38,861)	-	1,676
Central Hall	-	21,200	(21,200)	-	-
Green Spaces	-	108,000	(15,270)	-	92,730
Links	13,331	33,230	(28,899)	-	17,662
Ukraine Support Project	5,912	29,200	(35,100)	-	12
Household Support Fund	8,588	78,563	(87,151)	-	-
MiH Underspend	-	24,088	(24,042)	-	46
Mental Health Local Support Fund	44,228	-	(19,256)	-	24,972
Smoking Cessation Project	3,822	15,624	(19,446)	-	-
Public Health - Food Project	-	50,000	(39,087)	-	10,913
Skills Capital Fund Grant	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
	208,012	856,155	(804,136)	27,510	287,541

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds - Pension reserve					
Pension reserve	(1,045)	1,066	(4,160)	-	(4,139)
Total Restricted funds	206,967	857,221	(808,296)	27,510	283,402
Total of funds	342,913	1,242,492	(1,192,239)	-	393,166

16. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	**Income £**	**Expenditure £**	**Transfers in/out £**	**Balance at 31 March 2026 £**
Designated funds	**10,000**	**-**	**-**	**(10,000)**	**-**
General funds	**99,764**	**339,116**	**(388,296)**	**10,000**	**60,584**
Restricted funds	**287,541**	**622,020**	**(667,483)**	**-**	**242,078**
Restricted funds - Pension reserve	**(4,139)**	**1,477**	**(160)**	**-**	**(2,822)**
	393,166	**962,613**	**(1,055,939)**	**-**	**299,840**

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Designated funds	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
General funds	125,946	385,271	(383,943)	(27,510)	99,764
Restricted funds	208,012	856,155	(804,136)	27,510	287,541
Restricted fund - Pension reserve	(1,045)	1,066	(4,160)	-	(4,139)
	342,913	1,242,492	(1,192,239)	-	393,166

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds - Pension reserve 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	13,211	**13,211**
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	10,350	**10,350**
Current assets	242,078	-	92,900	**334,978**
Creditors due within one year	-	-	(55,877)	**(55,877)**
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(2,822)	-	**(2,822)**
Total	242,078	(2,822)	60,584	**299,840**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds - Pension reserve 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Current assets	287,541	-	337,654	625,195
Creditors due within one year	-	-	(227,890)	(227,890)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(4,139)	-	(4,139)
Total	287,541	(4,139)	109,764	393,166

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18. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2026 £	2025 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(93,326)**	50,253
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**1,201**	-
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**(3,556)**	(5,177)
Decrease in debtors	**18,455**	19,572
(Decrease) / Increase in creditors	**(172,013)**	109,374
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	**160**	54
Defined benefit pension scheme service costs less contributions payable	**(1,477)**	3,040
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**(250,556)**	177,116

19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2026 £	2025 £
Cash in hand	**173,821**	447,496
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	**96,950**	95,037
Total cash and cash equivalents	**270,771**	542,533

20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2025 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2026 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**542,533**	**(271,762)**	**270,771**
	542,533	**(271,762)**	**270,771**

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21. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2026 the Company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	**2,146**	1,269
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**4,824**	-
	6,970	1,269

22. Related party transactions

Enjoycation
(A trustee of Hastings Voluntary Action is also a trustee)

Rental income of £21,980 (2025: £nil) was received, £Nil (2025: £Nil) was outstanding at the year end.

Little Gate Farm
(A trustee of Hastings Voluntary Action is the CEO of the charity)

Rental income of £4,367 (2025: £Nil) was received, £Nil (2025: £Nil) was outstanding at the year end.

East Sussex Recover Alliance
(A trustee of Hastings Voluntary Action also served as a trustee of the charity)

Rental income of £1,449 (2025: £Nil) was received, £Nil (2025: £Nil) was outstanding at the year end.

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23. Provision for liabilities

Scheme: TPT Retirement Solutions – The Growth Plan

The company participates in the scheme, a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 521 non-associated participating employers. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the company to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme. Therefore it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension schemes in the UK.

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the company is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

A full actuarial valuation for the scheme was carried out at 30 September 2023. This valuation showed assets of £514.9m, liabilities of £531.0m and a deficit of £16.1m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee has asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions

From 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028: £2,100,000 per annum (payable monthly)

Unless a concession has been agreed with the Trustee the term to 31 March 2028 applies.

Note that the scheme’s previous valuation was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2020. This valuation showed assets of £800.3m, liabilities of £831.9m and a deficit of £31.6m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions

From 1 April 2022 to 31 January 2025: £3,312,000 per annum (payable monthly)

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the Series 1 and Series 2 scheme liabilities.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the company has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the company recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

. Present values of provision

	2026	2025
	£	£
Present value of provision	**2,822**	4,139

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. Reconciliation of opening and closing provisions

	2026 **£**	2025 £
Provision at start of period	**4,139**	1,045
Unwinding of the discount factor (interest expense)	**162**	28
Deficit contribution paid	**(1,477)**	(1,066)
Remeasurements - impact of any change in assumptions	**(2)**	26
Remeasurements - amendments to the contribution schedule	**-**	4,106
Provision at end of period	**2,822**	4,139

. Income and expenditure impact

	2026 **£**	2025 £
Interest expense	**162**	28
Remeasurements - impact of any change in assumptions	**(2)**	26
Remeasurements - amendments to the contribution schedule	**-**	4,106
Contributions paid in respect of future service*	**-**	-
Costs recognised in income and expenditure account	**-**	-

*includes defined contribution schemes and future service contributions (i.e. excluding any deficit reduction payments) to defined benefit schemes which are treated as defined contribution schemes. To be completed by the company.

. Assumptions

	2026 **%**	2025 %
Rate of discount	**5**	5
	5	5

The discount rates shown above are the equivalent single discount rates which, when used to discount the future recovery plan contributions due, would give the same results as using a full AA corporate bond yield curve to discount the same recovery plan contributions.

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. Deficit contributions schedule

The following schedule details the deficit contributions agreed between the company and the scheme at each year end period:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Year 1	**1,477**	1,477
Year 2	**1,477**	1,477
Year 3	**-**	1,477
Year 4	**-**	-

The company must recognise a liability measured as the present value of the contributions payable that arise from the deficit recovery agreement and the resulting expense in the income and expenditure account i.e. the unwinding of the discount rate as a finance cost in the period in which it arises.

It is these contributions that have been used to derive the company's balance sheet liability.