

The Feast Youth Project

(a Company Limited by Guarantee)

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026

Registered Company number 07988467

Registered Charity number 1146574

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Reference and administrative details

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Report of the Trustees

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are also prepared to meet the requirements of a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 (FRS102) (updated 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Overview

The Feast exists to help young people of different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds to live well in an increasingly diverse and divided world. It is our aim to foster good citizenship for the public benefit amongst young people, by:

- a) Nurturing religious harmony consistent with the principle of loving our neighbour, through the raising of awareness of both the distinctive features and common ground present in the religious beliefs held amongst young people of different faiths;
- b) Promoting knowledge and mutual understanding and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths, beliefs and non-religious beliefs, through facilitating formal and informal encounters and education opportunities amongst young people of different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds;
- c) Providing support and training to those who work with and amongst young people, in particular but not exclusively to better enable them to promote cohesion and mutual respect of each other and their wider communities.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

Vision

The Feast will be a leading, faith-based, youth-centred movement, with increased numbers of young people impacted by The Feast across the United Kingdom, particularly in urban areas which have high levels of deprivation, where young people often face the highest range of challenges from segregation and isolation. We will enable young people to be more resilient

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to gangs and radicalisation alongside raising aspirations leading to increased engagement at school and in their communities, increased engagement in their faith and beliefs and overall improvement in their life chances as adults.

Purpose

To see resilient young people who are confident in their beliefs and identity, able to build meaningful friendships with people who are different to them, comfortable to discuss faith and challenging issues and committed to living well with their neighbours to work together for the good of society.

Operational Principles

The Feast operates by the following principles:

- A belief that all people are made by God and are equally valuable, and therefore we have a duty to befriend, see and care for those we meet regardless of race, faith or gender.
- A commitment to the teaching that we should love our neighbours as ourselves whoever they might be.

Achievements and performance

Introduction

During the year, The Feast continued to support young people of different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds to build friendships, practise respectful dialogue and develop confidence in their own identity. The Feast's wider profile continued to place its work in national and international-facing interfaith spaces. The National Director attended an iftar hosted by the Foreign Office and MHCLG, made contacts through government and community cohesion briefings, and continued to represent The Feast in advisory and commission settings concerned with race, faith, belief and cohesion. These opportunities underlined the relevance of The Feast's dialogue approach beyond its local delivery areas. Both international and national events have led to an increase in requests for our work and this has particularly been the case with schools, with programmes delivered in over 30 schools and sixth form colleges across the three regions.

One of The Feast's strengths is the strong culture of sharing resources across the regions and supporting each other's work. This year has seen more collaboration and more multi-region encounters. This culture and collaboration is strongly influencing the development of the new five-year strategy, recognising the importance of sustaining the charity's core impact, strengthening the enablers of growth and securing long-term sustainability.

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Collaboration has extended to a key partnership with Youthscape, a Christian Youth Work charity, in the development of a card game, Peacemakers and Disruptors, which was given to nearly 1000 youth workers at the National Youth Ministry Weekend in November 2025. This opportunity has raised the profile of The Feast and led to many new relationships and requests for training.

Financially, this year has been challenging for The Feast. It is becoming increasingly harder to access grant funding and we have faced some difficult decisions through the year. However, with exceptional efforts from the whole team, along with a very successful fundraising event, we are pleased to have reached the end of the financial year with a small surplus – no mean feat in the current climate – and have exciting plans to continue delivering high quality work in the future.

Achievements

At the heart of our work are our Youth Encounters. An encounter brings together young people from different faith, belief and ethnic backgrounds, combining enjoyable activities with opportunities for meaningful conversations about faith, belief, identity and living well with difference. This year we have run over 100 encounters, reaching young people in some of the most deprived areas of each region, and, more significantly, from a greater range of faiths and beliefs than we have in the past.

Our schools programmes have been adapted to suit primary age children, due to the increase in requests. This year we piloted a programme for Key Stage 1 pupils, called The Trees That Talk, which helps children understand the importance of being kind to one another and makes the Guidelines for Dialogue accessible to them.

The number of people accessing training from the Feast has grown, with organisations and schools asking for CPD for their staff. The Feast were asked to contribute a unit of work (filmed) to a new training programme for chaplains, which was launched by The Saltley Trust in March 2026. This year, those trained have included

- Youth Workers
- University Students
- University lecturers
- Teachers
- Chaplains
- Faith leaders
- Pastoral teams
- Prisoners

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Outcomes

- Young people worked with directly – 3,622
- Youth Encounter Programmes – 102
- Young people participating in Youth Encounter programmes – 812
- Adults trained in the use of The Feast's Guidelines for Dialogue and approach – 1612

International Work

While no direct international work has taken place this year, The Feast's work continued to connect with international and interfaith networks. The National Director and the Chair of Trustees joined a discussion panel at Limmud, a Jewish conference, where The Feast's work was well received and led to new contacts with Jewish organisations. We continue to support the incredible work of our sister organisation, Khebz w Meleh in Lebanon and we meet regularly with our partner, Father Corey, who heads up the Children of Abraham Coalition in Chicago. Our young people have sent videos to their young people and we are looking to run some specific events for our young leaders in the future.

Reflections

The year demonstrated both the continuing need for The Feast's work and the value of its relational approach. The senior leadership team reflected intentionally on the next strategic phase, recognising the need to future-proof the charity while keeping young people at the centre. The breadth of activities showed how the Guidelines for Dialogue can be applied in many contexts, from schools and youth encounters to training days, policy conversations and community events.

A recurring theme has been the importance of partnership and adaptability. Some activities were delivered with very limited budgets, yet still created valuable spaces for young people to grow in confidence and understanding. The charity also saw encouraging signs of sustainability through funding successes, new trustee and Members Board involvement, volunteer support and developing earned-income opportunities through training.

The later report also highlighted the resilience and commitment of the team in the face of financial uncertainty. The possibility of one region closing because of a prolonged period without successful grant applications had a significant impact on staff morale, yet the response across the organisation was marked by determination, mutual support and renewed energy for fundraising, ultimately leading to new financial security for that region. This period reinforced the importance of a longer-term fundraising strategy, strong local friends and Local Advisory Groups, and collective ownership of the charity's future.

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The need for and success of The Feast is summed up by one of our young people, during an evaluation exercise:

'I really want to stay at The Feast. I want to volunteer for the next generation of young people and [see] how The Feast develops ... because the conversations and the activities are just fun and engaging and like, especially if you can't afford to do anything out there, The Feast is just an amazing thing to have.'

Partnerships and Support

Partnerships remained central to The Feast's delivery and development. During this financial year the following organisations have assisted The Feast in delivering our services through partnering in youth work, provision of office or youth space, or other forms of practical or in-kind support, and we would like to express our heartfelt thanks:

- Christ Church, Sparkbrook, Birmingham
- Christ Church CoE Primary School
- Thrive: Gardening for Health
- The Dialogue Society
- The Saltley Trust
- St Mary's Church, Luton
- Hope Church, Luton
- Luton Council of Faiths
- Barnfield College, Luton
- Bethnal Green Mission Church, Tower Hamlets
- East London Mosque, Tower Hamlets
- Tower Hamlets Council
- St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace
- Trapped in Zone One
- Faith and Belief Forum
- Youthscape
- Praise Along
- Groundswell

Plans for The Future

Looking ahead, the Trustees, Members and staff team are shaping a bold new strategy that will build on sixteen years of trusted, transformational work and extend The Feast's reach to many more young people. Our ambition is that increasing numbers of young people will have life-changing opportunities to meet peers of different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds, learning to listen well, speak honestly and build friendships across difference. We plan to strengthen and grow our training offer so that more teachers, youth workers, faith leaders and other gatekeepers are equipped to create safe, courageous spaces for dialogue,

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multiplying the number of young people impacted. We also want to invest in our regional teams, particularly in Tower Hamlets and Luton, with the aim of appointing at least one additional full-time member of staff in each area. Alongside this, we are committed to broadening the diversity of our Trustee body, so that the governance of The Feast continues to reflect the communities and convictions we seek to serve.

Structure, governance and management

Governance

The Feast Youth Project (operating as The Feast) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum and Articles of Association, incorporated on 13 March 2012. This is the successor body of The Feast (Charity number 1128036), which was founded on 12 February 2009.

In March 2025 the Trustees agreed to a change in the Memorandum and Articles of Association which, whilst it did not impact the governance for the financial year being reported, was a significant moment in the charity's history. It opens up the board to members of all faiths and none and separates out the role of **members**, whose task is to safeguard the ethos and values of The Feast and to appoint trustees. The members can also be drawn from all faiths and none.

From April 2025 to March 2026 decisions concerning The Feast were made by the Board of Trustees, based in Birmingham, who meet six times a year. New Trustees were appointed by decision of the current Members body. Trustees are appointed to a four-year term of office.

The Board is advised by two standing committees who are appointed by the Board and responsible for working with the National Director and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). These are the Finance Committee, to propose, monitor and evaluate the finances of The Feast, and the Staffing Committee to make recommendations on and review matters of employment, HR and management of employees. The Board has at times also set up ad hoc working groups of Board members and staff to consider particular issues that arise.

Organisational Structure

The Feast's structure consists of a National Office in Birmingham, and two further regional locations where we undertake youth work through staff and volunteers, namely Luton and Tower Hamlets.

The Management of the charity is led by the National Director supported by the Senior Leadership Team. The members of this team relate directly to the board of trustees through the sub committees and a written report to each trustees meeting. The whole staff meet regularly on Teams while the SLT meet monthly with a mix of face-to-face and Teams meetings.

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The National Office includes the Administrator (part-time) and Finance and HR Officer (contracted) and the National Director. The National Office, working closely with all members of the SLT helps manage the work of the project, including fundraising, financial management, communications support and administration of the charity.

The three diverse locations around UK where we operate include the West Midlands, Tower Hamlets in East London and Luton in Bedfordshire.

In each of the regional locations The Feast local advisory groups (which operate under Terms of Reference agreed by the Trustees), provide support, local oversight and advice to the staff.

There have been no changes to the Organisational Structure during this financial year.

Volunteers

The Feast would not be able to operate and reach the number of young people we do without our wonderful volunteers. Volunteers continue to play vital roles in the National Office and regional teams, through planning and implementing youth encounters, grant research and bid writing, volunteer and youth work management, schools work, fundraising, event planning and administration. We have a thriving group of young leaders who play an active role in the planning, preparation and delivery of Youth Encounters.

Risk Management

The Board regularly review the risks to which the Project is exposed. Procedures are in place to ensure the compliance with health and safety, safeguarding and staff policies. We are also subject to due diligence exercises undertaken by those providing grants and support to the Project for its work.

Delegated authority

The Feast Board delegates day-to-day operational management of the organisation to the National Director. The broad areas of delegation, for which they are accountable, are set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Scheme of Delegations.

The SLT meets regularly and includes the National Director and the Development Managers for each of the three operational locations (West Midlands, Luton and Tower Hamlets).

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that they have set.

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Financial review

Fundraising

The Feast pursues and receives funding from a diverse range of sources, including individual donors, earned income through service level agreements and contracts, and grants from both statutory bodies and charitable trusts and foundations. The Trustees, staff and volunteers of The Feast wish to express our gratitude to all our supporters who enabled us to continue our work with young people over the past year.

The level of donations, including associated gift aid recoverable, received during this year was 21.45%, an increase from the previous year's percentage of 13.5%. This reflects some large donations given during our appeal at the start of 2026.

Specific funding that deserves mention:

The Merchant Taylors' Foundation continues to be an amazing supporter of the work of The Feast. We are now in the final year of a five year grant which covers the cost of the full time hub manager. This means that the work in Tower Hamlets continues to grow and many more young people are benefitting from The Feast programmes. We have been supported far more than financially, with a number of Members volunteering with us and opportunities given to showcase the work of The Feast. We are so grateful for this partnership.

The National Lottery Community Fund This year saw the second year of a five year grant, entitled Youth Encounter Programme, to continue the work of the Holiday Programme, to run our annual residential, to develop our young leaders programme and run additional encounters throughout the year. This substantial grant is the largest The Feast has received in its 16 year history and we are so grateful to our partners at the lottery who have encouraged and supported us to apply.

St. Peter's, Saltley Trust continue to support The Feast through generous funding to build the training work of The Feast. Due to their support we trained over 1000 people during this financial year and plan to increase that number in the next financial year.

Summary of the year

Total income from general or unrestricted funds was £133,641. (2025: General income of £92,135). Related expenditure was £129,576 (2025: General expenditure of £83,367).

Overall there was a net surplus on general funds of £4,065 (2025: net surplus of £8,768)

General reserves at 31 March 2025 were £44,674, (2025: £40,609).

Total restricted income was £121,501, (2025: £126,409). Related expenditure was £124,249. (2025: £142,111).

Funds were received from a number of sources and towards various projects and are detailed later in the accounts. The balances of the individual restricted funds are also shown in the notes. The amount carried forward to spend in the coming year is £72,215. (2025: £74,963).

Reserves Policy

The Feast is currently dependent on multiple donations and grants to sustain its activities, as earned income alone would not allow The Feast to continue operating. This means that if there were to be a shortfall in donations and grants it is likely that The Feast would have to reduce its activities and eventually close down.

To ensure continuity of operations if funding difficulties were to occur the Feast Trustees have agreed to operate a certain level of financial reserves and confirmed future grants and donations to ensure that its main operations can continue for a period of at least 6 months. The Trustees' aim is for this to include 3 months' worth of operational costs in unrestricted resources. Ordinarily the Trustees would not expect to have reserves at a level that is greater than 1 year of operations.

Based on the results to 31 March 2026 the target level of free reserves required would be approximately £54,000. Free reserves at that date were approximately £44,674. The Trustees, through the Finance Committee, continue to closely monitor the position and regularly update the forward view to ensure that committed costs can continue to be met.

Having approved a 3-year strategy in September 2023, the Trustees continue to regularly monitor income, expenditure and fundraising results against this plan. The plan sets out targets over the 3 years that will help The Feast to move towards a sustainable level of operations to both achieve the strategic aims of the charity and to fully achieve the Reserves Policy and so mitigate any funding risks coming from mostly one income stream.

Internal Financial Controls

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- An annual budget and operational plan approved by the Trustees. A number of matters are specifically reserved for the Trustees' approval. There is a clear organisational structure with appropriate lines for reporting.
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews.
- Policy documents covering major strategic and operational activities which have been developed and are reviewed with appropriate regularity and consultation.
- Budgets and financial activities which are monitored by the National Development Manager of The Feast with the Senior Leadership Team.

During the past year, the Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team continued to review the financial situation regularly and implemented further measures to ensure that the charity is working towards a more resilient financial position with adequate unrestricted reserves.

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These include:

- A reduction in expenditure, including management structure.
- A strategy for increasing income, including from new income streams.
- Board approved out-of-budget expenditure principles.
- A Financial Dashboard that includes monitoring of unrestricted and restricted income and expenditure.
- A 3-year plan to enable its 3 Year Strategy "**Living Well With Difference**" to be achieved.

Identification and management of risks

The Trustees have delegated day to day responsibility for the management of risks to the National Director of The Feast who reports to the trustees bimonthly. An ongoing risk management process assesses business risks and implements risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risks the charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and identifying means of mitigating the risks. The Risk Register for The Feast is updated every two months by the National Director and reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees. The Trustees have developed systems to respond quickly to evolving risks arising from factors within the charity and to changes in the external environment, including procedures for reporting failings immediately to appropriate levels of management and the Trustees, together with details of corrective action being undertaken.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the surplus or deficit incurred by the charitable company for that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charitable company has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

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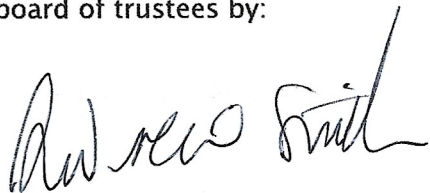
They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the charitable company is operating efficiently and effectively;
- its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable;
- the charitable company complies with relevant laws and regulations.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 8th September 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Smith', written in a cursive style.

Canon Dr A Smith
Chair of Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Feast Youth Project ('the Charitable Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charitable Company for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 15 to 25.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charitable Company (and also 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 your charity's accounts as 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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 386 of the 2006 Act other than the requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 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 (FRS102).

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

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Date: 11 September 2026

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

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		2026			2025		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	116,666	50,275	166,941	64,432	63,180	127,612
Charitable activities	3	–	71,226	71,226	–	63,229	63,229
Trading activities	4	15,977	–	15,977	26,520	–	26,520
Investments – bank interest		998	–	998	1,183	–	1,183
Total income		133,641	121,501	255,142	92,135	126,409	218,544
Expenditure on:	5						
Raising funds		60,791	–	60,791	26,169	–	26,169
Charitable activities		68,785	124,249	193,034	57,198	142,111	199,309
Total expenditure		129,576	124,249	253,825	83,367	142,111	225,478
Net income / (expenditure)		4,065	(2,748)	1,317	8,768	(15,702)	(6,934)
Net movement in funds		4,065	(2,748)	1,317	8,768	(15,702)	(6,934)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		40,609	74,963	115,572	31,841	90,665	122,506
Total funds carried forward		44,674	72,215	116,889	40,609	74,963	115,572

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2026

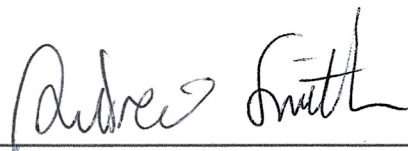
	Note	£	2026 £	2025 £
Current assets:				
Stock	10	3,254	-	
Debtors	11	17,328	17,673	
Cash at bank and in hand		105,090	105,765	
		<u>125,672</u>	<u>123,438</u>	
Liabilities:				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	8,783	7,866	
		<u>8,783</u>	<u>7,866</u>	
Net current assets			<u>116,889</u>	<u>115,572</u>
Total net assets			<u>116,889</u>	<u>115,572</u>
The funds of the charity:	14			
Restricted income funds			72,215	74,963
Unrestricted income funds:				
General funds		44,674	40,609	
		<u>44,674</u>	<u>40,609</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			<u>44,674</u>	<u>40,609</u>
Total charity funds			<u>116,889</u>	<u>115,572</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2026 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' Responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), were approved by the Board on 8th September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Canon Dr A Smith
Chair of Trustees

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1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (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.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

b) Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

c) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. In forming this opinion, they have considered income and expenditure for at least a period of twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

d) Income

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

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

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

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

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

e) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

f) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

g) Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure, including staff cost, which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of projects undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i) Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j) Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Depreciation costs are allocated to activities on the basis of the use of the related assets in those activities. Assets are reviewed for impairment if circumstances indicate their carrying value may exceed their net realisable value and value in use.

Where fixed assets have been revalued, any excess between the revalued amount and the historic cost of the asset will be shown as a revaluation reserve in the balance sheet.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| • Office equipment | over 4 years |
| • Leasehold Improvements | over 25 years |

k) Debtors

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

l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account. Cash balances exclude any funds held on behalf of service users.

m) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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

o) Pensions

The charity's contribution to employees' personal pension is charged to revenue on accrual basis.

p) Taxation

As a registered charity no provision is considered necessary for taxation.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Donations and legacies	50,995	–	50,995	25,463
Grants from trusts and foundations	–	–	–	–
Asda Young Futures Fund	–	1,000	1,000	–
Baron Davenports	750	–	750	800
Bedfordshire Crimebeat	–	1,000	1,000	–
Birmingham City Council	–	–	–	7,280
CB & HH Taylor	–	–	–	1,000
Christian Funders Forum	–	–	–	1,068
Garfield Weston	25,000	–	25,000	25,000
Groundwork (Tesco)	–	1,500	1,500	1,000
Merchant Taylors' Foundation	–	–	–	35,000
Npower Business solutions	–	17,900	17,900	–
Postcode Lottery Trust	25,000	–	25,000	–
St Peter's, Saltley Trust	–	10,000	10,000	10,000
Spalding Trust	–	2,875	2,875	2,900
The Eveson Trust	–	12,700	12,700	–
The Hibbert Trust	–	–	–	2,500
The Owen Family Trust	–	–	–	2,000
Wakefield & Tetley Trust	–	–	–	5,000
Westhill	–	–	–	1,500
Wixamtree	–	3,300	3,300	3,000
Worshipful Company	1,000	–	1,000	–
Gift Aid recoverable	3,721	–	3,721	4,101
Donation in kind	10,200	–	10,200	–
	116,666	50,275	166,941	127,612

3 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
National Lottery	–	67,226	67,226	56,029
West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner	–	4,000	4,000	7,200
	–	71,226	71,226	63,229

4 Trading Activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Fundraising events	4,495	–	4,495	19,445
School fees	5,425	–	5,425	7,075
Other Trading income	6,057	–	6,057	–
	15,977	–	15,977	26,520

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5 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2026
Fundraising costs:			
Staff costs	50,811	–	50,811
Fundraising fees & Event costs	9,980	–	9,980
Total Fundraising cost	60,791	–	60,791
Direct Charitable expenditure:			
Staff costs	41,342	99,705	141,047
Freelance workers	2,280	7,317	9,597
Staff recruitment & training	770	116	886
Volunteer costs	311	489	800
Rent	13,616	1,984	15,600
Insurance	1,772	–	1,772
Travel	1,496	362	1,858
Legal & professional fees	2,223	–	2,223
Office costs	1,773	1,196	2,969
Event/activity costs	1,397	13,070	14,467
Bank charges	155	10	165
Governance costs:			
Independent Examination fees	1,650	–	1,650
Total Charitable activities cost	68,785	124,249	193,034
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025
Fundraising costs:			
Staff costs	20,006	–	20,006
Fundraising fees & Event costs	5,623	–	5,623
Other office costs	540	–	540
Total Fundraising cost	26,169	–	26,169
Direct Charitable expenditure:			
Staff costs	40,498	116,194	156,692
Freelance workers	645	7,619	8,264
Staff recruitment & training	2,161	846	3,007
Volunteer costs	555	563	1,118
Rent	2,405	2,995	5,400
Insurance	1,458	364	1,822
Travel	1,510	333	1,843
Legal & professional fees	3,456	–	3,456
Office costs	1,752	889	2,641
Event/activity costs	1,114	12,308	13,422
Bank charges	144	–	144
Governance costs:			
Independent Examination fees	1,500	–	1,500
Total Charitable activities cost	57,198	142,111	199,309

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6 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management

Staff costs were as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Salaries and wages	172,189	159,688
Social security costs	8,047	6,818
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	11,622	10,192
	<u>191,858</u>	<u>176,698</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2025: none).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £44,673 (2025: £43,372).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2025: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2025: £nil).

Trustees' expenses represents the payment or reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs is nil (2025: £nil) relating to attendance at meetings of the trustees.

7 Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was as follows:

	2026	2025
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	10.4	8.8
	<u>10.4</u>	<u>8.8</u>

8 Related party transactions

No related party donations were received that fall outside the normal course of business, and no restricted donations were received from related parties.

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9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Stock

	2026 £	2025 £
Games stock	3,254	–
	<u>3,254</u>	<u>–</u>

11 Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade debtors	1,000	10,730
Other debtors	12,835	361
Prepayments	1,059	2,202
Accrued income	2,434	4,380
	<u>17,328</u>	<u>17,673</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade creditors	639	833
Taxation and social security	4,682	3,250
Other creditors	1,722	1,083
Accruals	1,740	2,700
	<u>8,783</u>	<u>7,866</u>

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

2026	General unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Net current assets	44,674	–	72,215	116,889
Net assets at the end of the year	<u>44,674</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>72,215</u>	<u>116,889</u>
2025	General unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Net current assets	40,609	–	74,963	115,572
Net assets at the end of the year	<u>40,609</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>74,963</u>	<u>115,572</u>

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14 Movements in funds

2026	At the start of the year £	Income & gains £	Expenditure & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds:					
Awards for All	–	9,660	(3,213)	–	6,447
St. Peter's, Saltley Trust	5,000	10,000	(10,000)	–	5,000
Merchant Taylors' Foundation	26,249	–	(26,249)	–	–
Grantham Yorke	356	–	(356)	–	–
Wixamtree	–	3,300	(2,751)	–	549
Hibbert Trust	2,136	–	(2,136)	–	–
National Lottery (4)	32,154	57,566	(54,266)	–	35,454
West Midlands Police & Crime	–	4,000	–	–	4,000
Spalding Trust	2,175	2,875	(5,050)	–	–
Groundworks – Tower Hamlets	1,000	–	(1,000)	–	–
Birmingham City Council	5,893	–	(5,893)	–	–
Asda Young Futures Fund	–	1,000	(1,000)	–	–
Bedfordshire Crimebeat	–	1,000	(1,000)	–	–
Groundworks – Luton	–	1,500	(1,500)	–	–
The Eveson Trust	–	12,700	(1,790)	–	10,910
Npower Business solutions	–	17,900	(8,045)	–	9,855
Total restricted funds	74,963	121,501	(124,249)	–	72,215
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	40,609	133,641	(129,576)	–	44,674
Total unrestricted funds	40,609	133,641	(129,576)	–	44,674
Total funds	115,572	255,142	(253,825)	–	116,889

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14 Movements in funds (continued)

2025	At the start of the year £	Income & gains £	Expenditure & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds:					
Awards for All	8,412	–	(8,412)	–	–
St. Peter's, Saltley Trust	5,000	10,000	(10,000)	–	5,000
Merchant Taylors' Foundation	28,173	35,000	(36,924)	–	26,249
Grantham Yorke	3,409	–	(3,053)	–	356
Wixamtree	–	3,000	(3,000)	–	–
Westhill	1,500	1,500	(3,000)	–	–
Hibbert Trust	985	2,500	(1,349)	–	2,136
George Henry Collins	617	–	(617)	–	–
Heart of England	10,516	–	(10,516)	–	–
National Lottery (4)	27,875	56,029	(51,750)	–	32,154
Near Neighbours Join the dots	3,875	–	(3,875)	–	–
West Midlands Police & Crime	303	7,200	(7,503)	–	–
Spalding Trust	–	2,900	(725)	–	2,175
Groundworks – Tower Hamlets	–	1,000	–	–	1,000
Birmingham City Council	–	7,280	(1,387)	–	5,893
Total restricted funds	90,665	126,409	(142,111)	–	74,963
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	31,841	92,135	(83,367)	–	40,609
Total unrestricted funds	31,841	92,135	(83,367)	–	40,609
Total funds	122,506	218,544	(225,478)	–	115,572

Purpose of restricted funds

Awards for All

Funding for Holiday Programme in Tower Hamlets for Feb 24 – Aug 2024.

St. Peter's, Saltley Trust

Annual funding for the Transforming Dialogue Hub, West Midlands, Jan 2021 – Dec 2026

Merchant Taylors Foundation

Annual funding for Tower Hamlets Hub Jan 2021 – Dec 2025

Grantham Yorke

Funding for West Midlands to deliver Schools work Jan 24 – Dec 24

Wixamtree

Funding for Luton Holiday programme Aug 2024. Given yearly – both Aug 2025 and August 2026.

Westhill

Funding for Luton to run workshops and training around dialogue Feb 2024 – Feb 2025

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14 Movements in funds (continued)

Hibbert Trust

Funding for Tower Hamlets to deliver Youth Encounters Dec 2023 – Dec 2025. Two grants

George Henry Collins

Funding for West Midlands Youth and Schools Worker salary Dec 2023 – Nov 2024

Heart of England

Funding for West Midlands Youth Encounters Jan 2024 – Dec 2024

National Lottery (4)

Year 1 of 5 year funding for West Midlands Holiday Programme and Youth Encounters

Near Neighbours Join the dots

Funding for Luton Encounters Mar 2024 – July 2024

West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner

Year 1 of 2 years funding for West Midlands Schools Programmes

Spalding Trust

Funding for salary costs

Groundworks

Funding for Summer holiday programme 2025

Birmingham City Council

Living Well with Difference workshops

Asda Young Futures Fund

Funding for 2 Youth Encounters Luton 01.05.25 – 31.07.25

Bedfordshire Crimebeat

Funding for Youth encounter programme Luton 08.04.25 – 30.11.25

Groundworks – Luton

Funding for Holiday programme – Luton 01.05.25 – 01.04.26

The Eveson Trust

Funding to cover the salary of West Midlands Development Manager and rent

Npower Business solutions

Funding towards the West Midlands Development Manager's salary.

15 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.