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Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

for

BAVS (BERWICKSHIRE) LTD

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

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BAVS (BERWICKSHIRE) LTD

Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

TRUSTEES	B Sweenie G W Megahy (resigned 4.3.26) Mrs M Romanes R Landon M Wilson M P M Tennant N Woodhead (resigned 15.9.25) D S Holmes Miss C M Fripp A N Frost (appointed 17.6.26)
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

BAVS (Berwickshire) Ltd is an independent charitable organisation which creates opportunities for people in Berwickshire by investing our time, money and resources to help our communities thrive.

We work to make a difference in:
- Reducing isolation and loneliness
- Improving access to services (retail, health care, learning, education)
- Alleviating poverty and cost of living challenges
- Improving health & wellbeing
- Supporting an ageing population and those with disabilities
- Protecting the environment

Significant activities

To progress our charitable objectives, we engage in the following activities:
- Operating three retail charity shops and a re-use hub
- Engaging and training volunteers
- Identifying initiatives to meet needs in Berwickshire communities at a grassroots level and providing support through micro-grants and selected practical assistance.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in exercising their powers or duties.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This financial year has marked a significant period of development, resilience, and renewed focus for Bavs (Berwickshire) Ltd. Throughout the year, the organisation has worked hard to strengthen internal cohesion and rebuild the sense of the "Bavs family" following a period of organisational and staffing change. The dedication shown by both staff and volunteers during this time has demonstrated the resilience, compassion, and commitment that continues to underpin the organisation and the wider Berwickshire community.

One of the most significant achievements this year has been the successful securing of funding through the Fairer Life Chances Fund to employ two Volunteer Support Workers. This new initiative represents an exciting development for Bavs and reflects the organisation's ongoing commitment to supporting inclusive volunteering opportunities within the community. The project is specifically designed to support volunteers who may be experiencing social isolation, ill health, or living with disabilities, ensuring that existing volunteers are supported to thrive while also encouraging new volunteers to become involved in the organisation.

In an innovative first for Bavs, the project will directly link volunteering opportunities with recognised accreditation pathways through partnership working with the Scottish Borders Council Community Learning and Development Team. Working alongside the Volunteer Support Workers, volunteers will be supported to identify and recognise the valuable skills they are developing through their volunteering roles, enabling these skills to contribute towards formal accreditation and personal development opportunities. This partnership strengthens Bavs' commitment to improving wellbeing, confidence, employability, and lifelong learning within the community.

Over the past 12 months, Bavs has also undertaken a review of its Microgrants Scheme to ensure that it continues to effectively support both the organisation and the communities it serves. The revised approach encourages constituted groups and local organisations to work in partnership with one of the three Bavs charity shops through community fundraising activities. Participating groups are invited to organise raffles within the shops, with Bavs committing to match the funds raised, effectively doubling the impact of community fundraising efforts. This revised model has strengthened connections between the shops and local groups while maximising the direct benefit to community initiatives across Berwickshire.

The organisation has continued to carefully review expenditure and operational practices throughout the year to ensure long-term financial sustainability. This work has enabled Bavs to remain financially resilient while prioritising investment back into its staff, volunteers, services, and the wider community. Maintaining this balance remains central to the organisation's values and long-term vision.

Bavs also continues to administer the BCCF Environmental Legacy Fund, which has distributed £23,282 to community groups working to improve and protect the environment across Berwickshire. These projects continue to support environmental sustainability, biodiversity, and community-led initiatives that contribute positively to local communities and the natural environment.

Shops

This year has seen continued growth and development across all Bavs retail operations. A significant milestone has been the successful rebranding of all three shops with the updated Bavs logo and visual identity. This refreshed branding has strengthened the organisation's presence across Berwickshire, ensuring that Bavs continues to be a recognisable and trusted symbol within the local community.

The continued success of the shops is only possible through the commitment, kindness, and dedication of our volunteers. Their contribution remains at the heart of everything we do, creating welcoming spaces that not only provide affordable goods but also foster social connection, confidence, and community wellbeing. Across all locations, volunteers continue to demonstrate exceptional commitment and community spirit, helping the shops remain vibrant and inclusive spaces for all.

Coldstream Shop

The Coldstream shop continues to provide a warm, caring, and inclusive environment for volunteers and shoppers alike. The shop has become much more than a retail outlet, serving as an important community space where people feel welcomed, supported, and connected.

This year has also seen the development of new partnership opportunities within the town. Early engagement with Coldstream retailers and the Community Council has begun to explore how local organisations and businesses can work together to establish a stronger collective voice in responding to the ongoing challenges facing town high streets. Bavs is proud to be part of these conversations and to contribute positively to the future sustainability and vibrancy of Coldstream.

In addition, a new partnership with Coldstream Caravan Park is expected to help strengthen engagement with visitors to the town, encouraging greater awareness of the shop and supporting increased community interaction during the busy tourism season.

Coldstream has also led the way within the organisation through the successful introduction of Gift Aid donations. After several years of exploring how this initiative could benefit the charity, the shop became the organisation's flagship location for launching the scheme. The response from the local community has been overwhelmingly positive, with over 50 individuals already signed up through the Coldstream shop alone. The introduction of Gift Aid represented a significant additional responsibility for Wendy and her team, and the organisation would like to formally recognise and thank them for all their hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm in making the initiative such a success.

Duns Shop

Since relocating to its prominent position within the town square, the Duns shop has gone from strength to strength and continues to thrive at the heart of the community. The move has significantly increased visibility and footfall, with the shop windows becoming a regular talking point amongst residents and visitors alike. The creativity, care, and attention given to the displays have helped establish the shop as an attractive and engaging presence within the square.

The continued generosity of the local community has also played a major role in the shop's success. The quality of donations received remains exceptionally high, enabling the team to provide an ever-changing range of affordable and desirable items for customers while continuing to support the organisation's wider charitable aims.
This year also saw the welcome addition of our neighbours at Berwickshire Swap, who opened their first charity shop, The Loop, within the town. Bavs warmly welcomes this addition to the town, recognising that collaborative working between community-focused organisations only strengthens the overall shopping experience for those living in, working in, or visiting Duns. Together, these initiatives contribute positively to the vibrancy and sustainability of the town centre.

The hard work and dedication of the Duns staff and volunteer team also received national recognition in 2025 when the shop reached the finals of the Charity Retail Association's Charity Shop of the Year Award. Given the scale of the competition, which included significantly larger national charity retail chains, this achievement was an exceptional accomplishment and a source of great pride for the organisation. Regardless of the outcome, Bavs considers the Duns shop team to be winners in every sense, with their commitment, creativity, and community spirit standing out at a national level.

Financially, the Duns shop has continued to exceed all expectations and has made an outstanding contribution to the wider sustainability and development of Bavs (Berwickshire) Ltd. The success of the shop has directly supported several organisational developments and community investments throughout the year. The organisation would like to formally acknowledge that these achievements would not have been possible without the dedication, hard work, and continued commitment of the Duns staff, volunteers, and local supporters. Their contribution is deeply valued and sincerely appreciated.

Eyemouth Shop

The Eyemouth shop continues to play an important role within both the local community and the wider Bavs retail network. The shop provides accessible, affordable goods while maintaining a welcoming and familiar environment for customers and volunteers alike.

Throughout the year, the shop has continued to benefit from the loyalty and generosity of the local community, with regular donations and ongoing customer support helping to sustain its presence and contribution within Eyemouth. The shop remains an important point of connection for many residents, offering not only affordable shopping opportunities but also valuable social interaction and community engagement.

This year also saw investment into improving the external appearance of the shop premises. Combined with the wider Bavs rebranding programme, these improvements have helped transform the look of the shop, creating a space that staff, volunteers, and the local community can once again feel proud of. The refreshed appearance has strengthened the visibility of Bavs within Eyemouth and reflects the organisation's continued commitment to maintaining welcoming and accessible community spaces.

As with all Bavs shops, the contribution of volunteers remains central to the continued operation of the Eyemouth shop. Their time, commitment, and willingness to support the organisation is greatly appreciated and reflects the strong community spirit that continues to underpin Bavs' work across Berwickshire.

The organisation also recognises the importance of maintaining a retail presence across multiple Berwickshire communities, ensuring that Bavs remains accessible to as many people as possible. The Eyemouth shop continues to contribute to this wider organisational vision while supporting the charity's ongoing environmental and community objectives through reuse, recycling, and the promotion of sustainable shopping practices.

Reuse Hub

The Reuse Hub has continued to go from strength to strength and is now firmly established as one of Bavs' most successful and ambitious community enterprises. Following investment through UK Shared Prosperity Funding, the Hub has undergone significant internal improvements, including the remodelling and zoning of retail areas to create a safer, more accessible, and more enjoyable shopping experience for customers and volunteers alike. These developments have transformed the overall layout and functionality of the space, allowing the Hub to continue expanding while maintaining a welcoming and organised environment.

The impact of these improvements has been significant, with increased footfall and a substantial improvement in income generation placing the Reuse Hub well on its way towards financial independence after only two years of trading. This achievement is particularly noteworthy given that the Hub was largely self-funded during its development and early growth stages. The progress made over such a short period represents a major accomplishment for the organisation and reflects the hard work, commitment, and vision of everyone involved.

The introduction of permanent staff members has further strengthened the Hub's success, helping to create an engaging, energetic, and welcoming atmosphere that is valued by all. Increased external branding has also greatly improved the visibility of the Hub from the roadside, contributing to rising visitor numbers and wider recognition within the community. The Bavs van, now fully branded, has become a recognisable feature across Berwickshire, often receiving friendly waves and "toots" of recognition while out supporting collections and deliveries within the community.

This year has also seen the development of a strong and valued partnership with Home Basics: a Scottish Borders furniture and household reuse charity that provides affordable, good-quality household items to people in need while reducing waste through reuse and recycling. This collaborative relationship has enabled the team to benefit from over 15 years of sector experience while also bringing fresh ideas, energy, and innovation to shared conversations around reuse and sustainability. The partnership continues to strengthen the organisation's knowledge, confidence, and long-term aspirations for the Hub.

The Reuse Hub has also continued to diversify its services and opportunities. Two team members successfully completed PAT Testing training during the year, enabling the organisation to begin establishing the foundations for an affordable PAT Testing service for local community groups and organisations. In addition, the Hub has expanded into the sale of white goods, further increasing both its environmental impact and its ability to provide affordable household essentials to the local community.

The continued growth, energy, and success of the Reuse Hub has been exceptional, and the organisation is incredibly proud of the progress achieved in such a short space of time. The Hub continues to demonstrate the positive impact that community-led reuse, sustainability, and innovation can have across Berwickshire.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Charitable funds have increased to £217,910 in the 2025/26 financial year, up from £157,585 as at 31 March 2025.

As of 31 March 2026, the total charitable funds include £45,098 in restricted funds (2025: £7,255) and £172,812 in unrestricted funds (2025: £150,330).

Available reserves stand at £108,570 (as of 31 March 2026), representing approximately 4.44 months of core operating costs, which is in line with our reserves policy target of holding 3-6 months of such costs.

The organisation's financial position is closely monitored through monthly Finance Subcommittee meetings, with a comprehensive financial report presented at each quarterly Board meeting.

Borrowing

BAVS continues to repay the Business Bounce Back Loan of £50,000, secured in August 2020 as a safeguard against potential cash flow issues arising from COVID-19 restrictions. As of 31 March 2026, the outstanding balance is £3,527.13. This loan was fully repaid in July 2026.

Reserves policy

The trustees remain committed to ensuring that BAVS' financial resources are used effectively to benefit the communities of Berwickshire. Our reserves policy is to maintain available unrestricted reserves equivalent to 3-6 months of overhead costs. As at year-end, available reserves were £108,570 (2025: £95,887).

Going concern

The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the charity and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities of the charity for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern and the accounts have been prepared on that basis.

FUTURE PLANS

As Bavs moves into 2026/27, the organisation remains committed to strengthening its role as a community-focused organisation that champions sustainability, inclusion, and local empowerment across Berwickshire. Building on the significant progress made over the past year, the focus for the year ahead will centre on enhancing community engagement, developing future generations of volunteers and supporters, and continuing to strengthen the long-term sustainability of the organisation.

A key priority for the coming year will be the continued development and improvement of the Eyemouth shop. Planned investment into the internal appearance and layout of the shop aims to improve the overall experience for both volunteers and customers while creating a more modern and engaging retail environment. Through these improvements, Bavs hopes to encourage greater engagement from younger shoppers and ensure that the shop continues to evolve alongside changing community needs and expectations.

The organisation will also focus on fully embedding the recently funded National Lottery volunteer support project across all shops and the Reuse Hub. This initiative will strengthen volunteer wellbeing and inclusion by ensuring volunteers receive tailored support, opportunities for development, and access to formal recognition and accreditation through partnership working with Scottish Borders Council Community Learning and Development services. Bavs is committed to ensuring that volunteering continues to be an accessible, rewarding, and empowering experience for individuals from all backgrounds and abilities.

Partnership and collaborative working will continue to play an important role in the organisation's future direction. Bavs will continue to support and strengthen the emerging collaborative work taking place within Coldstream, helping local organisations, retailers, and community representatives work collectively to promote the town as a vibrant and welcoming place to visit, live, and work.

Following several highly successful school placements last year, Bavs also plans to begin further engagement with local high school students to encourage greater youth involvement within the organisation. The ambition is to establish a group of young people who can help inform future projects, contribute ideas and perspectives, and support the development of funding applications and initiatives linked to reuse, sustainability, and the circular economy. This work reflects the organisation's commitment to investing in future generations and ensuring that younger voices help shape the future direction of Bavs.

Environmental sustainability will remain central to the organisation's long-term vision. Bavs is particularly interested in exploring innovative ways to make better use of waste textiles and reduce the environmental impact of discarded materials across Berwickshire. This area of work will continue to develop through partnership discussions, research, and future project planning.

Most importantly, Bavs hopes to continue moving back towards its roots in community development work. While external funding continues to face increasing pressures across the sector, the organisation's long-term ambition is to place itself in a stronger financial position that allows community development initiatives to be increasingly self-funded. By building financially sustainable social enterprise activity through its shops and Reuse Hub, Bavs aims to reinvest surpluses directly back into local people, projects, and communities, ensuring lasting impact and resilience for the future.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Charity constitution

It was registered under the Companies Act 2006 on 29th June 2010 and its governing constitution is its Articles of Association. In 2010 the charity assumed the assets and undertaking of the Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Service, an unincorporated association which had been a charity since 1 June 1972.

As the charity has evolved following the creation of Borders Community Action, so has the name. Registered as Bavs (Berwickshire) Ltd with Companies House and OSCR on 10 January 2025, this formal change reflected a renewed strategic direction. As part of this transition, the board also undertook a review of the organisation's constitution to ensure alignment with its updated focus and operating model. The revised constitution was approved by members at the 2025 AGM, marking another important step in strengthening the charity's governance and future readiness.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are either elected by the members or co-opted by the Board subject to confirmation at the next AGM. On appointment trustees are currently inducted into the charity's policies and procedures by the Chairman and the Chief Officer.

Organisational structure

The management of the charity is the responsibility of its Board of Trustees who are elected and co-opted according to the terms of the Articles of Association.

The Board oversees the charity's activities and is responsible for the charity's strategy, policy and governance. The Board meets each quarter. The Executive Officer has operational responsibility for the charity as a whole and reports to the Board.

The Board appoints sub-committees as required to advise on specific areas of management. These sub-committees report to the Main Board. There are currently four:

- Finance
- Retail and Fundraising
- Community Development
- HR, Risk and Compliance

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

The Charity is acting as a custodian trustee for projects that are not constituted as a group. The assets which are included within Cash at bank in the accounts are held by the charity, in safe custody, within it's bank accounts.
The name and objectives of the projects are as follows:

Hygge Club

The Hygge club is supported by BAVS to develop their governance and become constituted as well as with the management of funds.
Creditor balance due at year end: £0 (2025 - £296) - Balance now closed

BFVH

Support to the Berwickshire Federation of Village Halls has been provided with admin, grant support, information and risk-assessments for hall use during the pandemic. BAVS supported all Village Halls to apply for Small Grant Business closure and distributed small grants to ensure Village Halls could cover their ongoing bills during the pandemic since all halls were forced to closed. This helped Berwickshire Village Halls to offset the losses incurred as a result of the impact COVID19.
Creditor balance due at year end: £0 (2025 - £1,646) - Balance now closed

Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund

Custodian for Berwickshire Alliance
Creditor balance due at year end: £0 (2025 - £1,415) - Balance now closed

BCCF Environmental

Custodian balance for BCCF
Creditor balance due at year end £51,492 (2025 - £74,774)

Boccia

Custodian balance for Boccia
Creditor balance due at year end £0 (2025 - £288) - Balance now closed

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5/10/2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Marshall Wilson

M Wilson - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of BAVS (BERWICKSHIRE) LTD

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 set out on pages ten to twenty.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Pamela Baillie
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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Date: 5/10/2026

BAVS (BERWICKSHIRE) LTD

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.26 Total funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		28	-	28	7,680
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		1,919	74,790	76,709	14,881
Other trading activities	2	276,743	3	276,746	235,535
Total		278,690	74,793	353,483	258,096
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds					
Other trading activities		160,005	9,630	169,635	224,525
		160,005	9,630	169,635	224,525
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		94,451	29,072	123,523	140,256
Total		254,456	38,702	293,158	364,781
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		24,234	36,091	60,325	(106,685)
Transfers between funds	13	(1,752)	1,752	-	-
Net movement in funds		22,482	37,843	60,325	(106,685)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		150,330	7,255	157,585	264,270
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		172,812	45,098	217,910	157,585

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.26 Total funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	58,328	-	58,328	54,441
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	9,640	-	9,640	14,849
Cash at bank and in hand	9	171,838	46,164	218,002	193,677
		181,478	46,164	227,642	208,526
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(65,686)	(1,066)	(66,752)	(99,808)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		115,792	45,098	160,890	108,718
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		174,120	45,098	219,218	163,159
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year		(1,308)	-	(1,308)	(5,574)
NET ASSETS		172,812	45,098	217,910	157,585
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds				172,812	150,330
Restricted funds				45,098	7,255
TOTAL FUNDS				217,910	157,585

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2026

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5/10/2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Wilson - Trustee

D S Holmes - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going Concern
The directors have assessed a period of 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and based on detailed budgets and results for the year ended 31 March 2027 to date, are satisfied that at this time, no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt about the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. Thus the directors adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income
Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether capital grants, or revenue grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of provision of community transport or other specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

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

In accordance with Charities SORP (FRS102), the general volunteer time of volunteers is not recognised.

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

- Expenditure on raising funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions, grants, the generation of funds through fundraising events, the costs of operating the charity shops for the sale of donated goods and their associated support costs.

- Expenditure on charitable activities comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in working to meet its charitable objectives and their associated support costs. Included in expenditure on charitable activities are governance costs which are those costs incurred in providing the governance infrastructure which allows the Charity to operate and comply with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

Freehold property	- not provided
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost
Office equipment	- 25% on cost

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of tangible assets, the depreciation is revised prospectively to reflect the new estimates.
An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in capital and reserves, except to the extent it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as result of revaluation is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any previously recognised revaluation increase accumulated in capital and reserves in respect of that asset. Where a revaluation decrease exceeds the accumulated revaluation gains accumulated in capital and reserves in respect of that asset, the excess shall be recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment
A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which the Trustees have set aside for specific purposes necessary for the future operation of the Charity. The Trustees have the power to reallocate such funds within unrestricted funds as they see fit or until fully expended.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Donated goods
Donated goods are valued at nil cost with the income from these goods being recognised at the point of sale.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Provisions
Provisions are recognised when the entity has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event; it is probable that the entity will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are recognised as a liability in the statement of financial position and the amount of the provision as an expense.

Provisions are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and subsequently reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate of the amount that would be required to settle the obligation. Any adjustments to the amounts previously recognised are recognised in profit or loss unless the provision was originally recognised as part of the cost of an asset. When a provision is measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation, the unwinding of the discount is recognised in finance costs in profit or loss in the period it arises.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Sale of donated goods	276,534	235,535
Other misc income	212	-
	276,746	235,535

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	4,152	7,409
Hire of plant and machinery	735	1,100
Independent examination fees	5,090	5,880
Other accountancy services	10,245	12,195

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2026 nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2026 nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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5. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Wages and salaries	168,865	156,110
Social security costs	7,653	6,945
Other pension costs	4,974	3,419
	181,492	166,474

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

	31.3.26	31.3.25
Total staff	9	9

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Chief Officer and the shop managers. The total amount of employee benefits (including salary, employer national insurance, and employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel during the year was £114,246 (Prior year: £81,255).

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The amount payable to Gall Robertson CA for the year for independent examination of the accounts is £5,090 (2025 - £5,880)

The amount payable to Gall Robertson CA for the year for other financial services (bookkeeping and payroll) is £10,245 (2025 - £12,195).

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property	Motor vehicles	Office equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST				
At 1 April 2025	40,857	23,441	29,484	93,782
Additions	-	-	8,039	8,039
Disposals	-	(10,441)	-	(10,441)
At 31 March 2026	40,857	13,000	37,523	91,380
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2025	-	12,062	27,279	39,341
Charge for year	-	2,844	1,308	4,152
Eliminated on disposal	-	(10,441)	-	(10,441)
At 31 March 2026	-	4,465	28,587	33,052
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2026	40,857	8,535	8,936	58,328
At 31 March 2025	40,857	11,379	2,205	54,441

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8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Trade debtors	40	-
VAT	2,648	1,951
Accrued income	-	7,669
Prepayments	6,952	5,229
	9,640	14,849

9. CASH IN HAND

	General fund	Adapt & Thrive	Micro Grants
	£	£	£
Cash in hand	2,543	-	-
Current account	163,353	5,942	469
Total	165,896	5,942	469

	SM24 Tools	National Lottery Fair Life Chances Fund	31.3.26 Total funds	31.3.25 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash in hand	-	-	2,543	2,246
Current account	813	44,882	215,459	191,431
Total	813	44,882	218,002	193,677

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 11)	4,914	10,320
Trade creditors	1,768	4,221
Social security and other taxes	3,649	1,683
Custodian trustee creditors	51,492	78,419
Accrued expenses	4,929	5,165
	66,752	99,808

For breakdown of Custodian Trustee Creditors, see page 8

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11. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	1,066	-
Bank loans	3,848	10,320
	4,914	10,320
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	320	4,266
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	961	961
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	27	347

12. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Within one year	4,990	5,550

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.25	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.26
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	130,930	31,301	(2,070)	160,161
Adapt & Thrive	19,400	(7,067)	318	12,651
	150,330	24,234	(1,752)	172,812
Restricted funds				
Micro Grants	469	-	-	469
Youth Climate Action	636	(2,230)	1,594	-
SM24 Tools	1,157	(344)	-	813
Quixwood	4,993	(5,041)	48	-
Eyemouth High Street Scheme Fund	-	(110)	110	-
National Lottery Fair Life Chances Fund	-	44,882	-	44,882
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	(1,066)	-	(1,066)
	7,255	36,091	1,752	45,098
TOTAL FUNDS	157,585	60,325	-	217,910

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	278,690	(247,389)	31,301
Adapt & Thrive	-	(7,067)	(7,067)
	278,690	(254,456)	24,234
Restricted funds			
Youth Climate Action	-	(2,230)	(2,230)
SM24 Tools	1	(345)	(344)
Quixwood	-	(5,041)	(5,041)
Eyemouth High Street Scheme Fund	990	(1,100)	(110)
National Lottery Fair Life Chances Fund	48,544	(3,662)	44,882
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	25,258	(26,324)	(1,066)
	74,793	(38,702)	36,091
TOTAL FUNDS	353,483	(293,158)	60,325

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds	185,319	(54,295)	19,306	150,330
Restricted funds				
Community Transport - Capital	59,735	(43,261)	(16,474)	-
Foundation Scotland RRR	659	-	(659)	-
Berwickshire Community Fund - E Bikes	7,149	(4,797)	(2,352)	-
Micro Grants	1,600	(1,131)	-	469
Scottish Community Alliance	210	-	(210)	-
Paths for all	3,894	(3,580)	(314)	-
ASDA Grant	112	-	(112)	-
National Lottery Community Fund - Re-use Hub	5,592	(6,407)	815	-
Youth Climate Action	-	636	-	636
SM24 Tools	-	1,157	-	1,157
Quixwood	-	4,993	-	4,993
	78,951	(52,390)	(19,306)	7,255
TOTAL FUNDS	264,270	(106,685)	-	157,585

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	250,105	(304,400)	(54,295)
Restricted funds			
Community Transport - Capital	-	(43,261)	(43,261)
Berwickshire Community Fund - E Bikes	-	(4,797)	(4,797)
Micro Grants	-	(1,131)	(1,131)
Paths for all	(1)	(3,579)	(3,580)
National Lottery Community Fund - Re-use Hub	(1)	(6,406)	(6,407)
Youth Climate Action	1,000	(364)	636
SM24 Tools	2,000	(843)	1,157
Quixwood	4,993	-	4,993
	7,991	(60,381)	(52,390)
TOTAL FUNDS	258,096	(364,781)	(106,685)

14. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The Charity automatically enrols employees into the NEST pensions scheme which is funded by contributions from employee and employer.

The employer's contributions made to the scheme and private pensions and treated as an expense in 2026 were £3,713 (2025 - £3,425). The expense is split as in the same allocation as salary costs.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2026.