Faith in Community Scotland

Trustees’ Annual Report
& Financial Statements

For the Year Ended
31 March 2026

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The trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements 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). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment Scotland Act 2005, the Charities Accounts Scotland Regulations 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS 102) and the charity's constitution.

Charitable Objectives

The charity is established for the purposes of prevention and relief of poverty, the advancement of citizenship and community development and the promotion of religious and racial harmony.

SECTION ONE: VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Vision

Our vision is of all Scotland's communities being places of love, welcome, justice and sharing, where everyone can live their life to the full.

Values and beliefs

- Living hopefully: we believe in the gifts and potential of people and communities to overcome poverty.
- Building community: we believe that people participating in strong purposeful communities (geographic and interest-based) are best placed to bring about real change.
- Acting justly: we believe in the threads of justice and fairness woven through the world's different faith traditions.
- Supporting compassionately: we believe in nurturing community leaders in body, mind and spirit in their work for justice.
- Investing fairly: we believe resources must be prioritised and used where they are most needed in Scotland's economically poorest urban and rural communities.

Purpose

- We support local faith groups in their work to tackle poverty.
- We build connections between local faith groups themselves, and collectively with strategic partners.
- We build movements for change led by people and groups experiencing poverty.

Thanks to funders and partners
The Trustees would like to express once again their thanks to the following funders and partners who have supported our work. We particularly value the trust placed in us by partners and funders who have supported us over several years, and whose confidence in our work continues to allow us to adapt our work in a time of constant change and challenge for the local groups we work alongside:

Archdiocese of Glasgow via the St Nicholas Care Fund, Baird Trust, Church of Scotland (including Presbytery of Glasgow), Ferguson Bequest Fund, National Lottery Community Fund, Lammart Pollock Trust, Robertson Trust, Scottish Episcopal Church, United Reformed Church, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation and various anonymous donors.

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SECTION TWO: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

1) Through our Strengthening Communities project we partnered with eight community anchor organisations in Glasgow, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire to nurture, encourage, support and train local community leaders and activists in a range of sustainable community development strategies and wellbeing practices.
2) Through our Faithful Welcome project we developed local networks of welcome, integration and support for people in the asylum system around four Home Office asylum hotels in Bathgate, Glasgow, Greenock and Paisley.
3) Through our general community development work we provided a wide range of training, facilitation and coaching/mentoring for volunteers and staff of local community organisations.
4) Through the Poverty Truth Community, we continued to build a movement of people living in poverty, providing safe spaces for wellbeing, facilitating conversations for change in policy and systems, sharing the truth with others about the reality of poverty and developing new work around human rights.

Strengthening Communities

A total of 154 people took part in pop-up wellbeing sessions (therapeutic touch and community singing) in Balornock, Castlemilk, Possilpark and Ruchazie in Glasgow; in Port Glasgow in Inverclyde; in Wishaw in North Lanarkshire; and in Dalmuir in West Dunbartonshire. We gave certificated training to 34 people so that they could become wellbeing facilitators in their local communities, offering ongoing therapeutic hand-massage and head, shoulder and back holds. We produced a series of audio and video resources to provide ongoing support and information to the wellbeing facilitators after our own series of in-person training sessions had come to an end.

The pop-up sessions and subsequent training took place around existing community activities which allowed us to offer community development support to local organisations on the back of the wellbeing sessions and training:

Balornock: connecting with family support project supporting staff and volunteers through time of transition and offering support on good practice in finance and governance.
Castlemilk: connecting with three churches (Church of Scotland, Baptist, Catholic) involved in community work, supporting a local leader and facilitating reflection on local asylum issues.
Possilpark: connecting with local community hub and another local community organisations and recovery groups to provide advice and support on governance, supporting 2 local leaders as well as staff and volunteers, facilitating deeper connections between user groups and providing advice on funding applications and sustainability.
Ruchazie: connecting with the local development trust via their community café, mentoring the local leader and offering additional support to people who had experienced bereavement and loss, as well as funding advice.
Dalmuir: connecting with the community hub and food pantry and offering additional active listening skills training and using therapeutic art to facilitate conversation on personal issues.
Port Glasgow: connecting with a local church wellbeing hub, supporting a local leader, facilitating deeper connections between volunteers involved in the café, encouraging development of new craft activities and community lunch and facilitating development day for local leaders in planning future work.
Paisley: connecting with local churches involved in community integration, training local volunteers in working with people seeking asylum and facilitating connections to local partners to improve outcomes and activities for people living in the asylum hotel.
Wishaw: connecting with a recovery hub providing mentoring support for the local leader and individuals in the job club as well as information and advice on funding for their future work.

SECTION TWO: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Following on from our wellbeing work in Ruchazie, we then held a series of Poverty Truth Community conversations. These were attended by 20 people who came together to identify local needs and build towards a campaign on local issues.

Faithful Welcome

We continued to develop local networks of welcome, integration and support around four Home Office asylum hotels in Bathgate, Glasgow, Greenock and Paisley.

This involved partnering with various community groups and recruiting, training and supporting local volunteers to meet regularly with residents either in the hotels or in local community settings. The main task of a volunteer is to be present and alongside people, to offer a listening ear and to signpost them to the support and services of more specialist advisors and agencies where appropriate. Integration activities supported by volunteers are extensive and include weekly English conversation practice; organising social, cultural and sporting events; assisting people with clothing and appropriate footwear, especially for those who have recently arrived in the hotels. As relationships develop and trust is built, volunteers are able to support with transitions from the hotels, for example, once someone's asylum application has been approved and they are required to leave the hotel within the 28-day notice period. This is an extremely challenging time as people have to cope with multiple administrative requirements of the benefits system, the job centre and local authority housing officers. Often their ability to speak English is limited and there are many barriers as people navigate their way through the various systems. Volunteers play a vital role in accompanying, supporting and often advocating.

Training, facilitation and coaching/mentoring

Funding: We have supported more than 25 organisations with funding information and bespoke support with applications to a range of funders. This improves their financial stability and organisational resilience, ensuring their activities continue and allows for the development of new ideas. 51 people took part in a series of 5 Fit for Funding training sessions which we delivered for faith communities in Argyll, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth and Paisley. These offer participants the opportunity to develop their skills in applying for funding, demystifying the funding process for them and allowing scope for peer learning. We also offered individual follow up for local groups wishing more specific support in relation to their local context. This involved giving a wide range of advice, researching available funders, signposting groups to specific funds, commenting on draft applications and generally developing their ability and skills in approaching funders.

Group facilitation: we facilitated 20 sessions on future planning to the leadership teams of 5 local organisations in Falkirk and South Lanarkshire.

Governance: we have worked with 4 organisations on in-depth governance work, including the development of new SCIO structures, and supported them through challenging transitions for their charities where staff posts might have been lost and the very existence of the charity was under threat. Working with partners on these issues is a key way we ensure that resources stay in communities.

Mentoring and community coaching: we provided 14 individual mentoring/coaching sessions for 8 community leaders, supporting them to develop resilience in their work.

Poverty Truth Community

Poverty Truth Community (PTC) continued to build its movement of community members - supporting, challenging and empowering along the way. The community created safe spaces where everyone was welcomed, heard and valued, placing humanity at the heart of its work. 12 wellbeing sessions and 6 online listening spaces were offered, as well as a Christmas lunch for 37 community members. 5 community members had the opportunity to experience a holiday on Iona, funded in partnership with the Iona Community.

The community invited people of influence into its conversations for change spaces and encourage them to invite us into theirs - to work together for change as equals. Particular work included:

- Digging deeper on the theme of Poverty and Trauma and beginning a community working group on the topic
- launching a Mutual Mentoring Programme with GP's at the Deep End.
- Holding a workshop on Climate Change with Royal Holloway University
- worked with Carnegie UK and The Poverty Truth Network on what we would mean by a wellbeing democracy.
- Holding 3 local conversations in Ruchazie on what poverty looks like supporting them to identify key issues they wish addressed in their community.
- Meeting with the NHS Inequalities Team to look at needs around A and E.
- continuing to support the APLE Collective

Community members actively shared the truth about poverty - with each other, with those in positions of influence and with the wider public…

- working with with the University of Edinburgh on the creation of a digital archive and quilt.
- Taking part in an exhibition at University of Edinburgh showcasing our digital archive and quilt
- Writing and launching an Impact Report evaluating our work.
- Hosting 6 journalling workshops
- Holding a lunch and workshop to mark October 17, UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

SECTION TWO: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Investing in the work of local community organisations

Whilst Faith in Community Scotland is not a funder, from time to time we are able to invest small amounts of money in asset-based community work undertaken by local faith groups tackling poverty in Scotland which aligns with, and advances our vision, values, purpose and mission.

Over the course of the year we were able to specifically invest in and support the work of 11 local projects in this way:

Sacred Heart Kitchen in Cumbernauld, tackling injustice and inequality experienced by children, families and older people living locally. The Sacred Heart Kitchen provides a lifeline and some solace for people who are feeling lonely, vulnerable and experiencing intense isolation.

Boghall Church in Bathgate, supporting young men seeking asylum in Scotland, providing community meals and encouraging integration in the community through the creation of a wonderful community garden.

Growing 21 in Ruchazie – a community trust rooted in a local Christian faith setting and values, operating in partnership with the local church and wider community. They provide a wide range of support tackling food insecurity – community meals, cooking, art and dance classes.

Women's Integration Network in Glasgow – bringing together women from various countries who are either refugees or seeking asylum in Scotland. They work closely with churches, mosques, temples, and faith-based organisations to support social integration, wellbeing, and empowerment.

St Matthew's Centre in Possilpark – a local church community centre offering a wide range of activities to tackle poverty in the area.

Smaller grants to six local organisations (Lanarkshire, Aberdeen, Dundee, Clydebank) – to develop a range of work supporting people seeking asylum, supporting two-way integration, and encouraging people to participate in local cultural and sporting events.

Some case studies from our work over the year

Women's Asylum Drop-in:

Women attending a weekly drop in onsite at a hotel where asylum seekers are first accommodated on arrival to UK. This group is hosted by volunteers so that residents can, for example, learn new skills in crotchet, knitting and art making. The women take resources away with them and meet in the sitting room after dinner creating a sense of community and of purpose. They create beautiful things for each other as gifts – allowing them to have the dignity of not just sitting waiting for a positive decision but having purposeful activities. Within this safe space, they share their talents with volunteers and with each other. Volunteers can share skills building relationships despite language barriers. While basic needs of shelter and food are met in the hotel, women are given opportunity at the group to be creative and this promotes wellbeing. There is a sharing of skills between volunteers and residents which promotes equality and sharing of values and culture. Volunteers are given accurate information on the reality of what asylum seekers have undergone and the Government support available to them. This allows volunteers to be informed and to inform others in their communities.

There are a number of Persian women resident in the hotel, who attend the weekly drop in. The volunteers, on learning it was the Persian New Year, spent a lot of time creating an authentic celebration, and symbolic "Haft-Sin" table. The women were incredibly moved by this show of solidarity and welcome. There were many tears shed but also joy as the women shared Persian dance and expressed their appreciation for the support they had been shown.

Wellbeing:

Due to circumstances outwith their control, two workers in one of the projects we partnered with were feeling very low and disheartened. Due in part to our support they were feeling relieved, enthused and very hopeful about the future of the project. All agreed to put an appointment in each of our diaries for some 'me' time this week for as long as felt possible. Most started with 15 minutes!

All four Community Project Workers said that the wellbeing sessions were making a significant difference to their health and wellbeing. They spoke about situations when they called to mind techniques we had covered in the sessions and they also spoke about taking time to help each other by using the techniques together, reducing stress and producing peace and calm.

They were very appreciative of time to switch off from busy minds and schedules to relax in a therapeutic way.

In another community, staff/volunteers participated in hand massage and head, shoulder and back holds during the sessions we ran in the community café. During these sessions frequent advice was given about regular Lavender and Epsom salts baths/basins for feet/hands to relax aching/tense muscles for staff/volunteers who are working 'on the edge' at home and in project. This group of volunteers included people who are asylum seekers, people recovering from addiction, people on day release from prison and carers for people struggling with their mental health. One volunteer took up the offer of massage at every opportunity and later attended the group training session after which she received a certificate. This volunteer was one of the main encouragers of others to attend the wellbeing/massage pop up sessions in the café.

One of the ladies who is seeking asylum and was very keen to learn massage gave this feedback last year (with the help of a translator): *'Your support, your teaching, and your kind way of working has* ***helped me grow more than I ever imagined in such a short time. I never thought I would have the confidence or the skill to do massage,*** *but because of you,* ***I found something I truly love and am proud of.*** *You believed in me, encouraged me, and always made the sessions full of laughter and learning……….* ***I'm so excited to see what's next in September with the training starting. I'm proud to be one of the 10 who signed up, and I can't wait to continue this journey.'***

SECTION TWO: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

In one community a group of six people initially came together to try singing for wellbeing. The weekly sessions began with gentle movement and stretching, breathing exercises and encouraging people to sing a variety of songs. After a few weeks numbers increased to 12 people and eventually to 18. Eventually the group put on a performance for friends and family and when our input finished a local musician volunteered to continue supporting the group. The community singing sessions have since become part of the local church's community strategy; it has led to a new craft group starting after the community singing in the hope that there will be a crossover. Participants themselves formed a new WhatsApp group and new friendships were formed. It is promoted at the walking group. Discussions have taken place at church leadership team about other spin-off events from the sessions – community lunch etc. Participants speak about an increase in confidence, overall wellbeing and connection to others – and many of them mention improved physical and mental wellbeing, including improvements to breathing.

"I have always wanted to learn to sing but to access lessons are very expensive and outwith my budget. Also to be part of the community and feel less isolated. I feel so much more confident to sing with people and in public. During the group time I forget all my troubles. I sing at home now and it so helps calm my nervous system."

"Spirits are lifted and hopefully helps breathing too. Giving me a goal and keeps my brain active."

"I enjoy everything. I'm more confident in singing. It's helped my breath control – it affects my whole being, it's great."

"I like the sense of connection with others and it's helped me to know different people. It's definitely a highlight of my week. I'm making deeper connections as a result – becoming more relaxed around others."

SECTION THREE: FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 14 shows that the charity reported net expenditure of £24,562 for the year (2025: net expenditure of £96,627) and total funds at 31 March 2026 of £482,681, of which £69,517 were restricted. There was net income of £13,279 on unrestricted funds, and net expenditure of £37,841 on restricted funds before transfers.

Investment Performance
The trustees continued to review the investment policy to ensure that the financial reserves yield the best possible return, in line with ethical investment policies which support the charity's core objectives of tackling poverty in Scotland. The aim is to spread the reserves across both interest-bearing bank accounts and a managed portfolio with Quilter Cheviot.

Faith in Community (Scotland) Investment Objective is to grow returns by Capital and Income growth with an estimated 6.5% pa return over a 7-year period. This should be achieved by the Trustees agreeing to a medium risk portfolio with a Balanced Strategy chosen to achieve this. This Strategy has a maximum drawdown (the amount by which the overall value could decrease in any given year) of up to 26.6% and Faith in Community (Scotland) trustees have agreed to having a moderate capacity to bear loss of up to 35% in exceptional circumstances.

Faith in Community (Scotland) have agreed to Quilter Cheviot achieving these annualised returns over an economic cycle by investing in a diversified portfolio that invests in a wide spread of asset classes and stocks by geography and sectors. The investment restrictions on the portfolio are not to invest in stocks that have a material exposure to the following activities/sectors:- alcohol (irresponsible marketing, promoting underage or excessive consumption), armaments (including nuclear involvement), pornography (production or major involvement in distribution), tobacco (manufacture and major retail), animal breeding (for fur), gambling (irresponsible marketing, major involvement in casinos, gaming machines and betting), human rights violations, supply chain violations, product responsibility, environmental issues, manufacturing of abortion related products, consumer credit institutions and fossil fuels. This is subject to ongoing review by the Trustees.

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SECTION THREE: FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Investments are held in the following categories:

Hierarchy	% of Total
Fixed Interest - United Kingdom	24.2
Fixed Interest - Overseas	1.9
Equities - United Kingdom	12.4
Equities - North America	31.8
Equities - Europe ex UK	7.0
Equities - Japan	2.5
Equities - Asia Pacific ex Japan	2.7
Equities - Emerging Markets	7.3
Alternative Investments	7.7
Cash Products	2.5
	100.0

The year to 31 March 2026 was another volatile year for markets. The period started with high levels of uncertainty as President Trump introduced global trade tariffs causing investors to fear that this would add to headline inflation numbers as the cost of good would rise. Pleasingly for markets, Trump pulled back on his initial suggested rates and seemed to find common ground with most countries. Trump continued to stay on the front pages of newspapers in the beginning of 2026 as he invaded Venezuela, attempted to "buy" Greenland and eventually started a war with Iran. Markets, generally, did not take too much umbrage with any of these policies until Iran reacted by closing the Strait of Hormuz where 20% of the world's oil supply passes through. This caused a significant hike in the oil price, again adding to fears of inflation and subsequent interest rate rises. Indeed, we are now anticipating two 0.25% rate hikes in the UK, contrary to the beginning of the year where we were expecting two 0.25% cuts. Despite the macroeconomic and geopolitical headwinds, markets have remained resilient and the Faith in Community portfolio is up 10.2% net of costs and charges in the period. Key drivers to positive returns have been resilient underlying equities which have continued to outperform their expectations and report strongly. Once again, artificial intelligence exposed stocks have led the way when it comes to market returns. The portfolio had a slight underweight to the benchmark which returned 13.4% over the same period. As a reminder, with the ethical restrictions on the portfolio the comparison to the benchmark (which holds no restrictions) becomes slightly less relevant. For instance, the restriction of oil and gas companies cost approximately 1.2% in performance against the benchmark. For a more accurate comparison, we often refer to the ARC Charity index which compares actively managed charity investment accounts with a consistent risk grading. This index returned 8.7% during the period.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, we remain confident that a well-diversified portfolio with quality assets is the most resilient approach to such uncertain times. Equity markets continue to perform well but we remain cognisant of external factors that can drive markets. The strong allocation to defensive assets such as fixed interest and alternatives will provide stability and a source of capital should the charity require during equity downturns.

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Risk Management

Risks facing the charity are reviewed regularly and the risk register identifies the level of risk, how this can be minimised and who is responsible for taking relevant action. The charity faces ongoing uncertainty over funding for the diverse activities undertaken, particularly in relation to the short- term nature of various public sector funding streams which are only made available on an annual basis. As at March 2026 the Board had identified the following as the most significant risks:

1) Inability to carry out activities due to insecurity of long-term funding.
Our strategy for mitigating this risk is continually to review suitable and appropriate sources of funding, and to seek to secure funding agreements which last longer than 1 year.

2) Disruption to activities due to loss of staff and/or volunteers.
Our strategy for mitigating this risk is to work hard to create a culture where staff and volunteers are valued and supported in the work they do with local people, and where they can participate meaningfully in decision-making processes.

3) Disruption to activities due to damage to assets.
Our strategy for mitigating this risk is to have in place appropriate policies and insurance cover so that IT equipment can be replaced if necessary; and to remind staff and volunteers of the importance of security and care of assets.

The Trustees express ongoing thanks to partners and funders of our various areas of work over the past year.

Reserves policy

At 31 March 2026 the charity held total funds of £482,681. Of this total, £69,517 was held in restricted funds for the purposes outlined in Note 10 on pages 20 and 21. A further £564 is tied up in fixed assets. The balance of funds, amounting to £412,600, represents the free reserves of the charity. Within this total, the Trustees have set aside a designated fund of £165,000 for supporting local community initiatives, and a further £100,000 represents a legacy used to earn income in line with the preference of the donor. The balance of £147,600 is in the charity's general fund.

The Trustees have considered the charity's requirement for reserves and have agreed a policy whereby unrestricted funds not tied up in fixed assets or committed for spending elsewhere, should be around six months of running costs. This can vary from year to year because of the way in which the charity sometimes develops projects but in terms of recent expenditure levels this would equate to a figure of between £125,000 and £150,000. At 31 March 2026 the charity's general fund had a balance of £147,600 which is within the target range. The Trustees are satisfied with the level of reserves held.

Future plans

In the coming years we will continue to work to our current main objectives and key areas of activity described in this year's report: our *Strengthening Communities* project training community leaders in a range of sustainable community development strategies and wellbeing practices; our *Faithful Welcome* project developing networks of welcome for people in the asylum system; providing a range of training, facilitation and support for volunteers and staff of local community groups; and building a movement of people living in poverty through the ongoing work of the *Poverty Truth Community*.

SECTION FOUR: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Faith in Community Scotland is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) with charity number SC036787. The liability of members is limited to £1 each. The charity is governed by the terms of its constitution, approved on incorporation as a SCIO on 13 December 2022. Prior to this, the charity operated as a charitable Company Limited by Guarantee (SC288937).

Trustees are appointed or co-opted annually, and appropriate support and information is given to Trustees as part of their induction. Training and support needs of trustees are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Director and the Convener of the Board of Trustees.

Overall policy and strategy is determined by the Trustees on the basis of ongoing input from the communities we work with as well as staff, volunteers and members of particular task/reference groups. The Director is responsible to the Trustees for the overall day to day work of the charity. The Trustees meet five times each year to review progress. The Resources Committee of the Trustees meets regularly to consider staffing, finance and property matters.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Number:	SC036787
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Director:	Iain Johnston

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SECTION FOUR: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Trustees

The following were serving as trustees at the date of this report:

Ian F Galloway	Convener
Anne M Peffer	Vice-convener
Farkhanada Chaudhry	
John B Geggan	
Harry M J Johnstone	
Lucy A Macleod	
Kenneth P McGeachie	
Marilyn Shedden	

The following also served as trustees during the financial year:

Sandra M Carter	Resigned 3 November 2025
Anne McGreechin	Resigned 19 December 2025

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This report was approved by the Board on 27 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: Ian F Galloway ***Date:*** 12.08.2026

Name: Ian Galloway

Convener

Report of the Independent Examiner
To the Directors of Faith in Community Scotland

I report on the accounts of Faith in Community Scotland for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 14 to 23.

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the 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 the course of 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 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.

Paul Clelland

Paul M Clelland CA **Date:** 13th August 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account)

For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Income from:					
Grants & donations	**2**	83,926	106,640	**190,566**	153,110
Charitable activities					
Fees & other income		5,860	1,435	**7,295**	4,979
Other trading activities					
Bookkeeping services		1,775	-	**1,775**	-
Investments	**3**	11,719	-	**11,719**	10,729
Other income		10,500	-	**10,500**	5,239
Total income		113,780	108,075	**221,855**	174,057
Expenditure on:					
Staff costs, training, travel & expenses		99,513	117,342	**216,855**	208,597
Publicity costs		2,195	91	**2,286**	367
Activity costs		595	3,512	**4,107**	3,884
Grants		-	24,800	**24,800**	43,470
Property costs		5,957	-	**5,957**	5,286
Administration costs		4,398	171	**4,569**	5,069
Professional fees		5,161	-	**5,161**	5,123
Depreciation		233	-	**233**	575
Total expenditure	**4**	118,052	145,916	**263,968**	272,371
Net gains on investments		17,551	-	**17,551**	1,687
Net income / (expenditure)		13,279	(37,841)	**(24,562)**	(96,627)
Transfers between funds		-	-	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		13,279	(37,841)	**(24,562)**	(96,627)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Funds brought forward	**10**	399,885	107,358	**507,243**	603,870
Funds carried forward		413,164	69,517	**482,681**	507,243

The above statement includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

Comparative figures for the previous year by fund type are shown in Note 12 on page 22.

The notes on pages 16 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position (including Balance Sheet) as at 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	**6**	**564**	135
Investments	**7**	**237,038**	221,183
		237,602	221,318
Current Assets			
Debtors	**8**	**14,415**	28,638
Cash at bank & in hand		**237,360**	263,954
		251,775	292,592
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	**9**	**6,696**	6,667
Net Current Assets		**245,079**	285,925
Net Assets		**482,681**	507,243
Funds			
Designated fixed asset fund	**10**	**564**	135
Other designated funds	**10**	**265,000**	265,000
General fund	**10**	**147,600**	134,750
Total unrestricted funds		**413,164**	399,885
Restricted funds	**10**	**69,517**	107,358
Total Funds		**482,681**	507,243

The financial statements on pages 14 to 23 were approved by the trustees on 27 July 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

Signed: Anne M Peffer

Name: Anne M Peffer

Trustee **Date:** 12th August 2026

The notes on pages 16 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis and in accordance with the requirements 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 (FRS102) effective from 1 January 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS102)); and
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), with the exception that the requirements of FRS102 with regard to disclosure of comparative figures have not been followed in full. Comparative figures are not analysed between fund type in notes 2 (Grants & donations), 3 (Investment income) or 4 (Expenditure), as it is the view of the trustees that to do so would be unwieldy and would not add to the users' understanding of the accounts. The analysis between fund type for the total comparative figure for each note is available in Note 12.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. Income received by way of grants and donations is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where entitlement is conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, grants are recognised when the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where a grant or donation is given for a specific purpose, it is included in restricted income and any unexpended portion is carried forward as a restricted fund.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The charity has opted not to report on the activity basis for the first time in these accounts. Expenditure is instead reported by cost type, with all comparative figures restated to this basis of presentation.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on the straight line basis at the following annual rates, in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Leasehold improvements	20% per annum
Computer equipment	25% per annum
Office & other equipment	25% per annum

Other Basic Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and 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.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activity. No charge to corporation tax arose in the current or previous year. The charity is not registered for VAT and expenditure includes VAT where relevant.

Pension Costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Leases

Assets held under finance leases, which confer rights and obligations similar to those attached to owned assets, are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and their useful lives. The capital elements of future lease obligations are recorded as liabilities, while the interest and revenue elements are charged to expenditure on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with any of the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Designated funds are set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects. There is also a designated fixed asset fund corresponding to the book value of tangible fixed assets.

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

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Grants	83,375	106,000	**189,375**	150,700
Donations	551	640	**1,191**	2,410
Total grants & donations	83,926	106,640	**190,566**	153,110

Assistance from government grants during the year, included above (including inter-governmental agencies and local authorities), amounted to £nil (2025: £nil).

There were no donations from trustees during the year (2025: £nil).

3. Investment income

	£	£	£	£
Dividends	6,497	-	**6,497**	5,960
Bank interest	5,222	-	**5,222**	4,769
Total investment income	11,719	-	**11,719**	10,729

4. Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Staff costs, training, travel & expenses:	£	£	£	£
Staff salaries *(note 5)*	97,909	115,904	**213,813**	204,269
Staff training	-	164	**164**	1,843
Staff travel & expenses	1,604	1,274	**2,878**	2,485
	99,513	117,342	**216,855**	208,597
Publicity costs	2,195	91	**2,286**	367
Activity costs	595	3,512	**4,107**	3,884
Grants (see below)	-	24,800	**24,800**	43,470
Property costs:				
Rent, rates & water	5,017	-	**5,017**	4,927
Heat & light	940	-	**940**	353
Repairs & maintenance	-	-	**-**	6
	5,957	-	**5,957**	5,286
Administration costs:				
Print, stationery & postage	179	60	**239**	357
Telephones & IT	2,304	111	**2,415**	2,966
Subscriptions	467	-	**467**	426
Meeting costs	-	-	**-**	18
General expenses	442	-	**442**	296
Insurance	1,006	-	**1,006**	1,006
	4,398	171	**4,569**	5,069
Professional fees:				
Independent examiner's fee	2,100	-	**2,100**	2,050
Payroll fees	1,365	-	**1,365**	1,471
Other professional fees	1,696	-	**1,696**	1,602
	5,161	-	**5,161**	5,123
Depreciation	233	-	**233**	575
Total expenditure	118,052	145,916	**263,968**	272,371

Expenditure includes:	2026	2025
Governance costs:	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	**2,100**	2,050
Trustee meetings and expenses	**-**	18
	2,100	2,068
Operating lease payments	**4,800**	4,800

Grants awarded

During the year, the charity awarded grants totalling £24,800 to 12 local community organisations (2025: £43,470 to 25 organisations).

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5. Staff Costs

	2026	2025
	£	£
Gross salaries	**177,751**	175,176
Social security costs	**21,490**	15,050
Pension costs	**14,572**	14,043
	213,813	204,269

The average number of staff employed directly during the year, on a headcount basis, was 7 (2025: 7).

Expenses of £nil were paid to trustees during the year (2025: £18 to one trustee). No other remuneration was paid to trustees and no expenses were reimbursed during the current or previous years. Four trustees waived their travel expenses to a total value of £63 (2025: 3 trustees to a value of £64).

Key management personnel are considered to be the trustees, the Director and the Poverty Truth Community Co-ordinator. The total amount of employee benefits, including employer pension and national insurance contributions, paid in respect of key management personnel was £86,782 (2025: £82,921). No employee had emoluments of more than £60,000 in the current or previous year.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office & other equipment	*Computer equipment*	*Total*
Cost:	**£**	**£**	**£**
At 1 April 2025	5,684	10,179	**15,863**
Additions	-	662	**662**
Disposals	(588)	(1,974)	**(2,562)**
At 31 March 2026	5,096	8,867	**13,963**
Depreciation:			
At 1 April 2025	5,684	10,044	**15,728**
Charge for year	-	233	**233**
Less: on disposals	(588)	(1,974)	**(2,562)**
At 31 March 2026	5,096	8,303	**13,399**
Net Book Value:			
At 31 March 2026	**-**	**564**	**564**
At 31 March 2025	-	135	135

7. Investments

	£	£
Market value at 1 April	**217,014**	219,331
Acquisitions at cost	**50,690**	27,184
Proceeds from disposals	**(49,999)**	(31,188)
Net gains on revaluation	**17,551**	1,687
	235,256	217,014
Cash held awaiting reinvestment	**1,782**	4,169
Market value at 31 March	**237,038**	221,183
Historical cost at 31 March	**215,566**	203,728

8. Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade debtors	**5,775**	-
Accrued income	**8,516**	28,421
Prepayments	**124**	217
	14,415	28,638

9. Creditors:

	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	**526**	291
Accruals & other creditors	**6,170**	6,376
	6,696	6,667

Operating Lease Commitments

The charity's future minimum payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	£	£
For rental of premises		
Due not later than one year	**1,200**	1,200

10. Movement in Funds

	Note	At 1/4/25	Movement in year Income & Gains	Expenditure & Losses	Transfers	At 31/3/26
Restricted Funds:		£	£	£	£	£
PTC Events	(a)	781	3,935	(4,716)	-	**-**
FiCS Grants Programme	(b)	78,677	15,640	(24,800)	-	**69,517**
Robertson Trust	(c)	-	38,500	(38,500)	-	**-**
Network for Social Change	(d)	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	**-**
Faithful Welcome	(e)	7,900	-	(7,900)	-	**-**
Strengthening Communities	(f)	-	50,000	(50,000)	-	**-**
Total restricted funds		107,358	108,075	(145,916)	-	**69,517**
Unrestricted Funds:						
Designated funds:						
Fixed asset fund	(g)	135	-	(233)	662	**564**
Local community fund	(h)	165,000	-	-	-	**165,000**
Lord Goold Executry	(i)	100,000	-	-	-	**100,000**
Total designated funds		265,135	-	(233)	662	**265,564**
General fund		134,750	131,331	(117,819)	(662)	**147,600**
Total unrestricted funds		399,885	131,331	(118,052)	-	**413,164**
Total Funds		**507,243**	**239,406**	**(263,968)**	**-**	**482,681**

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10. Movement in Funds (continued)

Notes:

(a) The *PTC Events* fund was estalished to meet the costs of an annual event to mark the United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty. The fund was spent in full during the year.

(b) The *FiCS Grants Programme* fund is for awarding small grants to local community groups.

(c) The *Robertson Trust* provided funding towards staff costs, which was fully spent during the year.

(d) Network for Social Change provided funding towards the costs of the Poverty Truth Community, which was spent in full during the year.

(e) The *Faithful Welcome* fund represents funding from a range of sources towards staffing and other costs of the Faithful Welcome project. The fund was spent in full during the year.

(f) The *Strengthening Communities* fund arose from a grant from the National Lottery for this strand of work. The balance carried forward will be spent in the subsequent financial year.

(g) The fixed asset fund corresponds to the net book value of fixed assets. Annual depreciation is charged to the fund and the cost of fixed assets purchased is transferred in.

(h) This fund represents money set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted reserves to support local community initiatives.

(i) The *Lord Goold Executry* arose from a legacy. The original amount donated is placed on deposit to provide investment income which accrues to the general fund to be used at the Trustees' discretion, in line with the preference of the legator.

11. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	564	-	**564**
Investments	237,038	-	-	**237,038**
Debtors	6,515	-	7,900	**14,415**
Cash at bank and in hand	(89,257)	265,000	61,617	**237,360**
Creditors	(6,696)	-	-	**(6,696)**
Net assets at 31 March 2026	**147,600**	**265,564**	**69,517**	**482,681**

12. Statement of Financial Activities - Prior Year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Income from:			
Grants & donations	45,355	107,755	**153,110**
Charitable activities			
Fees & other income	3,769	1,210	**4,979**
Investments	10,729	-	**10,729**
Other income	5,239	-	**5,239**
Total income	65,092	108,965	**174,057**
Expenditure on:			
Staff costs, training, travel & expenses	102,779	105,818	**208,597**
Publicity costs	285	82	**367**
Activity costs	1,098	2,786	**3,884**
Grants	35,000	8,470	**43,470**
Property costs	5,286	-	**5,286**
Administration costs	4,908	161	**5,069**
Professional fees	5,123	-	**5,123**
Depreciation	575	-	**575**
Total expenditure	155,054	117,317	**272,371**
Net gains on investments	1,687	-	**1,687**
Net (expenditure)	(88,275)	(8,352)	**(96,627)**
Transfers between funds	-	-	**-**
Net movement in funds	(88,275)	(8,352)	**(96,627)**
Reconciliation of funds:			
Funds brought forward	488,160	115,710	**603,870**
Funds carried forward	399,885	107,358	**507,243**

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13. Movement in Funds - Prior Year

		At 1/4/24	Movement in year Income & Gains	Expenditure & Losses	Transfers	At 31/3/25
Restricted Funds:		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
PTC Events		1,418	5,310	(5,947)	-	**781**
FiCS Grants Programme		70,992	16,155	(8,470)	-	**78,677**
Joseph Rowntree Foundation	(a)	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	**-**
Robertson Trust		-	38,500	(38,500)	-	**-**
Network for Social Change		-	20,000	-	-	**20,000**
Faithful Welcome		43,300	4,000	(39,400)	-	**7,900**
Total restricted funds		115,710	108,965	(117,317)	-	**107,358**
Unrestricted Funds:						
Designated funds:						
Fixed asset fund		710	-	(575)	-	**135**
Local community fund		200,000	-	(35,000)	-	**165,000**
Lord Goold Executry		100,000	-	-	-	**100,000**
Total designated funds		300,710	-	(35,575)	-	**265,135**
General fund		187,450	66,779	(119,479)	-	**134,750**
Total unrestricted funds		488,160	66,779	(155,054)	-	**399,885**
Total Funds		**603,870**	**175,744**	**(272,371)**	**-**	**507,243**

Notes on funds (prior year):

(a) The *Joseph Rowntree Foundation* awarded a grant to support the re-imagining of the Poverty Truth Community going forward. The fund was fully spent during the year.

14. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds - Prior Year

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Tangible fixed assets	-	135	-	**135**
Investments	221,183	-	-	**221,183**
Debtors	738	-	27,900	**28,638**
Cash at bank and in hand	(80,504)	265,000	79,458	**263,954**
Creditors	(6,667)	-	-	**(6,667)**
Net assets at 31 March 2025	**134,750**	**265,135**	**107,358**	**507,243**