STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES

Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Charity registration number

1129957

Company registration number

6876220

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Service Impact & Youth Engagement Manager (started

13.01.2025)

Impact, Data & Evaluation Manager (left 31.10.2024)

Development Team Leader – Newcastle, Moorlands & Stafford Development worker – Cannock, South Staffs & Tamworth

Development worker – East Staffs & Countywide (left

31.07.2024)

Development worker - Lichfield, East Saffs & Countywide

Engagement Coordinator

Engagement worker (left 04.12.2024)

Administrative Assistant (started 01.05.2024)

KYP Youth Engagement Coordinator (started 02.12.2024)

PSHE Coordinator

PSHE Coordinator (TUPE Transferred 02.12.2024)

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Introduction

The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective 1 January 2019.

Trustees of the charity

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year are listed under the Charity Reference and Administrative Details Section.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Policies and objectives

- (i) To promote good practice and the efficiency and effectiveness of its member organisations for the benefit of children and young people in the West Midlands and, in particular the local government area of Staffordshire and the efficient application of resources for charitable purposes, for the benefit of children and young people. This will be done without distinction of disability, sex, gender reassignment, pregnancy, maternity, race, sexual orientation, religion or belief, or because someone is married or in a civil partnership. These are known as 'protected characteristics'.
- (ii) To support and develop work with children and young people, and their organisations so as to enable them to develop their physical, intellectual and spiritual capacities to become fulfilled and responsible members of society.
- (iii) To improve the quality of life of children and young people through the provision of activities, facilities and information relating to training, recreation, health and independent living.
- (iv) To enable effective participation by children and young people at all levels by ensuring that children and young peoples' voice, concerns and issues are represented wherever it is most appropriate.

Volunteers

All Trustees give their time free of charge. The Charity is grateful for this contribution without which the Council of Voluntary Youth Services would not function.

The charity had the support of around 48 volunteers during the year. The roles included delivering training, working on social action projects and providing support at events. The estimated number of hours that SCVYS benefitted from during the year was 1,967.5 with a value of £35,513 to the charity.

Grant Making Policy

SCVYS policy is based on the following core principles: Grants must benefit children, young people and families and applicants must be voluntary organisations working with this cohort based in the Local Government area of Staffordshire. Further criteria relate to specific grant programmes.

Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy.

The Charity furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant making policy and the provision of activities, facilities and information to children, young people and families.

Extent of dependence on particular donors

With the VCSE contract in place until 31st July 2026, 4 year contracts for the PSHE Education Service and 5 year funding for Know Your Place, income forecasts look solid for the foreseeable future. SCVYS continues to diversify income ensuring additional work compliments and supports our members.

With Staffordshire County Council no longer delivering youth services, a safe, strong and sustainable voluntary youth sector remains vital to providing support for young people, and to evidence local statutory duties around youth voice and sufficient local youth provision.

Achievements and Performance Review of Activities and Achievements

SCVYS has made good progress against our 3 year Strategic Plan, during the second year of implementation.

The sector remains strong, safe and sustainable despite the multiple challenges of the pandemic followed so closely by the cost-of-living crisis, in part due to our capacity-building support offer aligned to the Value of Infrastructure Programme which SCVYS adopted in 2011.

SCVYS remains a "go-to" organisation for Staffordshire County Council and with long term contracts secured with the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for delivery of the PSHE Education Service and 5 year funding from UK Research and Innovation for our new Know Your Place programme, delivered in partnership with the University of Staffordshire, we have successfully diversified income streams. Our coproduction work with the Integrated Care Board has been extended into the first quarter of 2025-26 and there is now a three year extension/call off.

SCVYS continues to represent the broader youth and children's sector on multiple local partnership boards, as well as with regional and national decision-makers. Our link with the Young Peoples Foundation Trust has been further strengthened by our CEO being asked to join the national board.

The voice of children and young people continues to rise on the priority list for almost every partnership, and SCVYS is often seen as the organisation best placed to coordinate, facilitate and engage the universal voice of children and young people. A 2nd round of elections has strengthened the elected countrywide youth council which provides us with a strong foundation for all new and ongoing engagement opportunities. The elected council support the 4 Members of Youth Parliament in their roles, which include attending the Annual Sitting in the House of Commons in February.

Staff

There have been some staff changes during the year but as we enter the new financial period, SCVYS has a staff team that embodies the values of the organisation.

Trustees

SCVYS is hugely grateful for our volunteer Trustee Board. Trustees give their time voluntarily to ensure SCVYS is a fully compliant and well-run charity, and bring great wisdom, broader perspectives and their personal skill set to support the Operational Management Team.

A recruitment process has begun to appoint a number of Apprentice Trustees, young people under 18, who will ensure we have youth voice at the heart of our governance and strategic decision making.

Achievements from the last 12 months include:

- Our 2024 Census had a 94% response rate, highlighting 50,094 children and young people accessed positive activities or support from SCVYS member organisations during the period.
- For the first time we were able to distinguish data between regular participation of 31,824 children and young people with one-off or short-term attendances such as events, trips and holiday activities attracting a further 18,270 participants.
- £8,016,643 of funding was secured by the local Children, Young People and Families (CYPF) voluntary sector, helped in many cases by SCVYS promotion and signposting to available funds.
- The voluntary youth sector workforce comprised 10,333 active volunteer roles, 13% higher than last year. 1,619 of these are filled by volunteers under the age of 18, almost 80% higher than last year.
- 3,404 awards were achieved including 416 Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Bronce, Silver or Gold Level.
- 5,354 training courses relating to their roles were completed by staff and volunteers.
- 95% of SCVYS members considered themselves to be Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) inclusive in their practice and this is evidenced by the fact that 12% of the total participants (3,795) were SEND children and young people.
- 17 organisations within SCVYS membership focused purely on supporting those with SEND, learning disabilities or difficulties (LDD) or other complex needs.
- 74% of SCVYS members were confident about the future of their organisation, the same as last year, which is encouraging in the context of the many challenges of running a voluntary organisation in 2025
- 81% of our members rated the support they accessed from SCVYS at 8 out of 10 or higher.

SCVYS youth engagement work continued to grow significantly with projects including:

- A 2nd round of elections to the countywide youth council called Staffordshire Youth Union, comprising now of 26 elected representatives.
- Young People have been involved in the co-production of an anti-violence campaign, revamping of the WHAM plan content, influencing the local transport plan and neuro-diversity strategy.
- Phase 2 of the co-production work has been about continual awareness raising, growing understanding and building confidence in the workforce to co-produce where useful. More support tools have been developed and over 50 work areas have adopted a co-production approach.
- Our Phase 2 funding application for Know Your Place was successful, bringing £1m into Staffordshire
 over the next 5 years to support and train young people in community research as well as helping them
 present their findings to local decision-makers and academics to create transformational change.

SCVYS successfully delivered the initial 3 years of hosting the Staffordshire Personal, Social Health Economic (PSHE) Education Service supporting a range of settings including schools, alternative education and youth work. A year 3 Impact Report has been created and a business case was successfully submitted for 4 more years of funding, and in addition for the Stoke-on-Trent Coordinator to also be hosted at SCVYS.

Here is some impact data:

- A highly successful first PSHE Education Service conference held in November attended by over 200
 people who reported a significant increase in knowledge and confidence to deliver best practice in
 relation to PSHE.
- Ongoing improvement and maintenance of the dedicated website including a comprehensive resource library to which over 500 people now have access. This includes 63% of education settings. You can sign up here: http://www.pshestaffs.com
- Produced an additional 16 PSHE packs on a range of topics linked to current education and partnership
 priorities, meaning there are now over 30 subject specific packs available to support education settings
 and partners.
- Production of a further 8 best practice guidance documents to support education settings with the
 development of both quality and consistency in their practice and delivery.

- Publication of the PSHE Digest giving information about resources, training opportunities, updates from local and national partners currently received by 1035 people each month.
- Increased numbers of school visits (12 in the last term) offering bespoke support and guidance.

Linked to PSHE, the SCVYS development and engagement teams have delivered virtual reality experiences to children and young people as part of an innovative project funded by the Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Violence Reduction Alliance.

Wearing VR headsets, participants face a number of scenarios, allowing them to make their own decisions and explore potential consequences in a safe environment. Following the experience, there is the opportunity to discuss the experience to help share and embed the learning. Schools were also provided with resources to extend the opportunity to explore the issues raised with young people over the following weeks.

87 sessions have been delivered across 40 different settings covering all areas of Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire, to 1,150 young people aged 10-25 in an average group size of 12.

The Virtual Reality pilot project has now concluded and a learning report has been submitted to guide commissioners on decisions relating to the next steps.

Highlights for the team have included Jane's visit to Buckingham Palace Garden Party, Phil's MBE announcement and presentation at Windsor Castle.

SCVYS Grants awarded to member organisations

	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £
Start Up Grants	900	900	
Crisis Grants	300	300	
Total Grants awarded	1,200	1,200	la desemble de la

Grants Awarded

SARAC - Crisis Grant	300.00
Ashley Youth Club – Start up Grant	300.00
Chasetown Youth Disability Football – Start up Grant	300.00
Star Parenting CIC – Start up Grant	300.00
	1,200.00

Representation and Partnership working

SCVYS has almost completed a 9th year as the County Council's VCSE Strategic Partner for work with children, young people and families. The option of an additional year was taken up extending the agreement until 31st July 2026. With Local Government Review under way and a new political regime in charge at the Council from May 2025, this will be a transitional time for the strategic partner relationship.

SCVYS continued to deliver our safeguarding support despite changes to local Safeguarding Partnership arrangements. We are currently on a wider group of safeguarding partners who will meet for the first time in June 2025.

SCVYS provides the sector with DBS administration, policy support, information, advice, guidance and reassurance helping groups to operate as safely as possible and providing access to a range of free training opportunities available through the Safeguarding Children Partnership. SCVYS support also includes access to a poster outlining the referral process and some volunteer cards which provide key contact numbers in

case of a concern or disclosure. We have supported a review of the local thresholds document and the Private, Voluntary and Independent Sector safeguarding policy template held by the safeguarding partnership.

SCVYS is the representative for the sector on the Staffordshire's Children and Families Partnership, the key strategic board for safeguarding children. This has been reestablished following a governance review, which continues to ripple down to the operational levels. SCVYS chairs the Early Help work stream which provides central support and information to eight place based Family Improvement Boards.

The Support for Young People work stream created a Sufficiency Statement, and the subsequent recommendations are being actioned by the local Family Improvement Boards.

SCVYS represents Staffordshire's voluntary youth sector at the Youth Focus West Midlands Strategic Leads Network meeting each quarter. Nationally, SCVYS is also a member of the National Council of Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) and UK Youth, and perhaps most usefully, the Young People's Foundation Trust.

Looking ahead

SCVYS continues to operate a hybrid home/office/outreach model that meets both business and staff wellbeing needs.

We are now entering our 3rd year of working to a new 3-year Strategic Plan 2023-2026 and have delayed the refreshing of this plan due to uncertainties about our strategic partner contract and local government review impact. In our current plan SCVYS is focusing on the following objectives:

- Support the growth of a safe, strong and sustainable children, young people and family's voluntary sector through a high-quality offer.
- Further establish our role as the specialist children and young people's capacity-building organisation in Staffordshire.
- Promote and encourage a person-centred approach across the children and family's system that
 values the voice of children, young people and families in improving support and services.

Our values are:

- Committed to Excellence
- Inspiring
- Reassuring
- Knowledgeable
- Dedicated
- Supportive

The outcomes we are expecting to see include:

- A thriving children, young people and family's voluntary sector that is strong, safe and sustainable.
- Strengthened communication, trust and influence across strategic and operational partnerships.
- Consistent, high-quality support available for children, young people and families in Staffordshire.
- Staff and volunteers working with children, young people and families have increased skills and confidence.
- Strategic decision-making and service development is increasingly improved by good utilisation of the voice of children, young people and families.

Our Mission:

Supporting the children and young people's voluntary sector in Staffordshire to be safe, strong and sustainable.

And our Vision is:

A County where all children and young people thrive and their value and contribution are recognised.

SCVYS and the Charities Governance Code

SCVYS is pleased to report that we are fully compliant with the Charities Governance Code, and Trustees continue to monitor the organisation against an action plan.

Financial Review

The financial position is disclosed in the attached accounts. The Trustees consider that the net result is a highly satisfactory result in the current climate.

The charity made an unrestricted profit for the year of £88,486, which includes £2,964 of gain on the value of investments. The balance on Unrestricted Reserves was £447,188 at 31 March 2025. £249,996 of government grants were received this year (2024: £250,626) from Staffordshire County Council governed under the Framework Agreement for the Provision of Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector Strategic Capacity Building Partner.

The charity made an restricted deficit for the year of £85,279. The balance on Restricted Reserves was £64,090 at 31 March 2025. The charity was able to access several grants to offer support to members and young people during the year.

Details of Funds is given in note 17 of the financial statements.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves which are those not invested in tangible fixed assets, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. Alongside the current contract the organisation is well placed in terms of its reserves, the level of which is monitored and reviewed quarterly by the Trustees.

In line with Charity Commission guidelines, the Charity aims to maintain a free reserves balance of between 3 and 9 months of operational costs. The Trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants, provide services and facilities to children, young people and families and ensure that support costs are met for a sufficient period. Alongside the regular contracted income, the organisation is well placed in terms of its current reserves, the level of which is monitored and reviewed throughout the year as part of the normal monitoring and budgetary process by the Trustees and management. Unrestricted Reserves of £447,188 were held at 31st March 2025 along with £64,090 of Restricted Reserves.

Investment policy and major risks management

Trustees and management have in place a fully comprehensive risk management policy, where all potential risks are regularly considered, and steps taken to mitigate those risks. The withdrawal of contract funding is a risk, but the Charity is committed to delivering all outcomes and the risk in this case is viewed as manageable.

The investment policy adopted by the Trustees is to ensure that funds of the Charity are maintained in low-risk investments with as high a return as possible.

SCVYS is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children, young people and adults at risk by taking all reasonable steps to protect them from neglect, physical, sexual or emotional harm.

Structure, governance and management Constitution

Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services is governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated 6 April 2009 and incorporated on the 14 April 2009, Company No 6876220 and is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No. 1129957).

Organisational structure

The Trustees who served during the year are listed under the Charity Reference and Administrative Details section of the Trustees Report.

Directors are appointed at each AGM or can be co-opted throughout the year. All directors receive an induction pack to provide guidance about their role as a director and trustee as well as receiving information about the organisation.

The Trustees consider the Chief Executive Officer and the Secretary and Operations Manager to be the key management personnel and their pay is reviewed annually in accordance with average industry earnings.

Volunteers and gifts in kind

All Trustees give their time free of charge. The charity is grateful for this contribution, without which Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services would not function.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ... 9 110 1 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Jeremy Cotton Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 11 to 25.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also, it's directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Adele Lawton (FCCA)

Lawton Bradford Accountants Limited Chartered Certified Accountants

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Date 16/10/2025

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

			2025	2024
			Total	Total
	Funds	funds	funds	funds
Note	£	£	£	£
2	_	x=	yes	1,500
	268 296	257 846	526 142	435,181
4	5,077	-	5,077	4,739
-	273,373	257.846	531 219	441,420
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5	184,495	343,125	527,620	404,163
	3,356		3,356	3,239
-	187,851	343,125	530,976	407,402
14,	2,964		2,964	(1,290)
	8	_	-	(677)
	88,486	(85,279)	3.207	32,051
	=	-	-,	-
17	88,486	(85,279)	3,207	32,051
17	358,702	149,369	508,071	476,020
17 -	447,188	64,090	511,278	508,071
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All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the above.

The notes form part of the financial statements.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES **BALANCE SHEET** YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets	Note	2	-
Tangible assets	12	4,493	2,863
	-	4,493	2,863
Current assets		11 15.5	
Debtors	13	164,433	48,299
Investments	14	72,320	69,356
Cash at bank and in hand		290,200	401,409
	-	526,953	519,064
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	20,168	13,856
Net current assets	=	506,785	505,208
Total assets less current liabilities	in an ear	511,278	508,071
Provisions for liabilities		re	-
Net assets	-	511,278	508,071
Charity Funds	military.		
Restricted funds	17	64,090	149,369
Unrestricted funds	17	447,188	358,702
Total charity funds	17	511,278	508,071

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under the Companies Act 2006, s.477 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors 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

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.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of directors and authorised for issue on and signed on its behalf by:

J Cotton Director

C Simmons

Director

Company registration number: 6876220 The notes form part of these financial statements.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flow from operating activities Net cash flow from operating activities	19	(111,890) (111,890)	66,125 66,125
Cash flow from investing activities Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets			***************************************
Interest received		(4,396)	(1,270)
Dividends received		750 4,327	627 4,112
Net cash flow from investing activities		681	
3		001	3,469
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(111,209)	69,592
Cash and cash equivalents at start date 2024		401,409	331,817
Cash and cash equivalents at end date 2025		290,200	401,409
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		290,200	401,409
Cash and cash equivalents at end date 2025		290,200	401,409
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1 Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

SCVYS is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital registered in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are given in the Trustees Report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, effective from 1 January 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in the Pound Sterling, (£) which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

The charity receives government grants in respect of its general activities and certain restricted activities. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares. It includes dividends and interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes income such as gains on disposals of tangible fixed assets.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs of supporting and developing work with children and young people, and their organisations undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on a governance basis and other overheads have been allocated on a governance or project basis.

The analysis of these costs is included in the notes to the accounts.

(f) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost). Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Office Equipment

10% on cost

Computer Equipment

25% on cost

(g) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

(h) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(i) Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

(j) Provisions

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

(k) Leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(I) Employee benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

(m) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(n) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. With the VCSE contract in place until 31st July 2026, 4 year contracts for the PSHE Education Service and 5 year funding for Know Your Place, income forecasts look solid for the foreseeable future. SCVYS also continues to diversify income streams within its infrastructure role, particularly focusing on areas of youth engagement.

The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Conditions affecting going concern have been reviewed and addressed by the trustees and detailed in the Trustees Report.

(o) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the directors to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results in the future could differ from those estimates. Management considers that certain accounting assumptions relating to provisions and revenue are its critical accounting policies.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Barrett Homes	2=	-		1,500
		-		1,500

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Covernment are to contractual	249,996	and the	249,996	250,626
Government grants – contractual PSHE County Lines Education	249,990	J =20	249,990	230,020
•				6,000
PFCC Safer Streets	3,112	= 1	3,112	452
Traded training	555.5	5	9,382	8,205
DBS Income	9,382 5,806	## ### ### #### ######################	5.806	0,203
Safer streets conference	5,000	113,928	113,928	51,533
OPCC – PSHE Education Service	-	11,925	11,925	31,333
SCC- The WHAM Plan	_	11,923	11,925	9,000
PFCC Serious Violence Strategy		4,234	4,234	4,234
SCC Grantfinder	-	4,234	4,234	6,000
SCC SEND Charter				
SCC Community Engagement		-		2,000
SMDC Youth Eco Leader	-	15 750	15 750	5,000
UKRI		15,758	15,758	9,902
NHS Co-Production Work				76,500
YPFT Grant		40.700	40.700	5,729
VR Project		10,700	10,700	<u>-</u>
Know Your Place – Young Foundation		99,995	99,995	~
Healthy Communities Alliance	_	675	675	-
Early Help Systems Maturity	=	631	631	120
	268,296	257,846	526,142	435,181
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£249,996 (2024: £250,626) of government grants were received from Staffordshire County Council governed under the Framework Agreement for the Provision of Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector Strategic Capacity Building Partner. The contract runs until July 2026 and is being used to improve the quality of life of Staffordshire residents by encouraging personal responsibility, family resilience and community resourcefulness in line with SCC's People Helping People approach. The grant which ran to 31 July 2019, included a restricted element of £16,667 and distribution of this grant must be to voluntary youth groups. Grants are being awarded to utilise the amount carried forward and this balance is still being carried forward.

The OPCC provided a grant to fund two PSHE Education Co-Ordinator posts in Staffordshire.

PFCC provided a grant to consult and engage with young people on their perceptions of violence and to present findings in a written report. PFCC also provided a grant to support operational delivery and costs associated with running an Educational Conference (inc ASB).

Further details of grants are given in note 17.

4 Income from investments

)25 2	2024
£	£
4,327	4,112
750	627
5,077	4,739
	5,077

All income from investments is attributable to unrestricted funds.

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Services Unrestricted	Services Restricted	Governance Unrestricted	2025 Total
	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities				
Grants payable	y -	1,200	- NI	1,200
Other grants		3,350	<u> </u>	3,350
Direct & shared costs of activities in				0,000
furtherance of the charities objects:				
Support for Children; young people				
and families:				
Salary Costs	121,861	271,359	_	393,220
Travelling expenses	1,805		-	1,805
DBS expenditure	6,247	-	-	6,247
Training centre costs	6,749	-	_	6,749
Bremen Project – expenditure	6,973	7 = 2	=	6,973
Support of young people & families	1,022	-	S ≔	1,022
Engagement Youth & Sector	4,188		8. -	4,188
IT & telephone	3=	4,234		4,234
PSHE Expenditure		9,630		9,630
UKRI Expenditure	-	9,124	1.70	9,124
VR Project	-	298	-	298
Know Your Place - Services	=	30,530	1479	30,530
Know Your Place - Expenditure	-	7,602	-	7,602
Safer Street Conference	-	5,798	-	5,798
Support costs (Note 6)	35,650		3,356	39,006
	184,495	343,125	3,356	530,976

6 Allocation of support costs

Support cost	Basis of allocation	Charitable Activities Unrestricted Management	Charitable Activities Restricted	Charitable Activities Unrestricted Governance	Total
		£	£	£	£
Support for Children; young people and families:					
Accommodation costs	Project	12,600	-		12,600
Telephone and computer costs	Support time	13,471	-	-	13,471
Stationery and photocopying	Support time	2,269	<u>~</u>	-	2,269
Postage	Support time	503	-	-	503
Advertising and marketing	Support time	471	-		471
Equipment	Support time	488		_	488
Subscriptions	Support time	497	-		497
Depreciation	Support time	2,766	-	-	2,766
Insurance	Support time	1,683	-		1,683
Accountancy fees	Support time	-		3,356	3,356
Bank charges	Support time	193	-	-	193
Other Expenses incl events	Support time	709	-	-	709
outer Exposition more overtice		35,650	=	3,356	39,006
Total		33,000			

7 Governance costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examiners remuneration	2,100	2,100
Accountancy and payroll costs	1,256	1,139
	3,356	3,239

The independent examiners remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £2100-(2024 - £2,100) and accountancy services of £1,256 (2024 - £1,139).

8 Analysis of grants

	Services Unrestricted	Services Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Support for Children; young people and families:			
Grants paid to local institutions	-	1,200	1,200
	-	1,200	1,200

9 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

Net income / (expenditure) is stated after charging / (crediting):		
	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,766	1,708
Operating lease rentals Loss on disposal of fixed assets	13,080 -	8,760 677
(Profit) / loss on fair value movement of investments	(2,964)	1,290

10 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2024: £Nil).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £121,108 (2024 – £106,312). The Charity considers its key management personnel compromise the Chief Executive Officer, the Operations Manager and the Service Impact Youth Engagement Manager.

The reimbursement of trustees' expenses was as follows:

	2025	2024	2025	2024
	Number	Number	£	£
Travel and accommodation	Nil	2	Nil	323

11 Staff costs and employee benefits

The average monthly number of employees and full time equivalent (FTE) during the year was as follows:

TOHOWS.	2025 Number	2024 Number
Charitable activities	11	9
The total staff costs and employees' benefits was as follows:		
	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	352,971	307,172
Social security	30,666	25,767
Defined contribution pension costs	9,583	8,985
	393,220	341,924

No employees received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost or valuation: At 31 March 2024 Additions	- 269	9,833 4,127	9,833 4,396
Disposals At 31 March 2025	269	13,960	14,229
Depreciation: At 31 March 2024 Charge for the year Eliminated on disposals At 31 March 2025	27	6,970 2,739 -	6,970 2,766
Net book value: At 31 March 2025	242	4,251	4,493
At 31 March 2024	<u></u>	2,863	2,863

13 Debtors

		2025	2024
		£	£
	Trade debtors	160,051	43,181
	Other Debtors	1,849	3,356
	Prepayments	2,533	1,761
		164,433	48,299
14	Current asset investments		
		2025	2024
		£	£
			-
	Listed investments	72,320	69,356
		72,320	69,356

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the balance sheet date.

There were no additions or disposals of investments during the year. Investments were revalued at the Balance Sheet date, giving rise to an unrealised gain of £2,964.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other tax and social security Pension contributions	9,283 2,234	7,020 2,007
Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	347 8,304	804 4,025
	20,168	13,856

Details of leasing arrangements are provided in note 16.

16 Leases

Operating leases - lessee

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Not later than one year	-	
Later than one and not later than five years	22,530	36,090
	22,530	36,090

17 Fund reconciliation

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure Transfers	Gains / iture Transfers (losses)		Balance at 31 March
	£	£	£	£	£	2025 £
Unrestricted	358,702	276,337	(187,851)	-	-	447,188

Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gain/ (loss))	Balance at 31 March
	2024 £	£	£	£	£	2025 £
SCC Local Support Grant -VCSE PFCC Safer Streets PSHE Country Lines Education OPCC – PSHE Education Service SCC Grantfinder Girls Venture Corps – Stafford Unit Girls Venture Corps – Hednesford Unit UKRI NHS Co Production work SCC - The Wham Plan VR Project Know Your Place – Young Foundation VCSE Healthy Communities Alliance Early Help Systems Maturity	10,182 32,664 3,000 34,369 - 4,338 3,615 - 61,200	113,928 4,234 4,234 - 15,758 - 11,925 10,700 99,995 675 631	(1,200) (32,664) (3,000) (148,297) (4,234) (2,300) (1,050) (15,758) (46,200) (11,925) (10,700) (64,491) (675)			8,982 - - 2,038 2,565 - 15,000 - - 35,504
Peer Support	149,369	257,846	(343,125)	-		64,090

Restricted Fund descriptions

- a) SCC VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise) A proportion of the grant restricted to the distribution of small grants to voluntary youth groups to develop new provisions.
- b) PFCC Safer Streets Contribution to PSHE resources for the delivery of ASB education.
- c) PSHE Country Lines Education Funding received to support PSHE coordinator activities.
- d) OPCC PSHE Education Service A grant received to fund two PSHE Education Co-Ordinator posts in Staffordshire.
- e) SCC Grantfinder to acquire Grantfinder software licence.
- f) Girls Venture Corps Stafford and Hednesford Units Donations to set up a training pot for young people to access.
- g) **UKRI** Funding to address the impacts of eco-anxiety on young people.
- NHS Co Production work- Funding to develop bespoke co-production Champions Training package.
- Virtual Reality Programme Virtual Decisions is an innovative VR in education programme helping to support young people who are at risk of criminal exploitation and violence. Funding was provided by the OPFCC (Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner) for SCVYS to deliver a Virtual Reality learning pilot to understand how Virtual Reality resources can be used in a way that works most effectively including trialling delivery in a range of school and youth settings with different age groups across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent.
- j) Know Your Place part of the Community Research Networks programme, which is funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). In partnership with University of Staffordshire and Staffordshire County Council, SCVYS will lead a 5 year youth-led research programme focused on giving young people the platform, tools and power to create meaningful change in their communities.
- k) VCSE Healthy Communities Alliance Funding to represent the interests and working on behalf of the VCSE Healthy Communities Alliance membership and service users, providing information and feedback by attending forums, through information sharing.

 Early Help Systems Maturity Peer Support – Funding from Staffordshire County Council to deliver direct support to local authority areas to accelerate the maturity of their Early Help System and embed whole family working across all partners.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	4,493	1124	4,493
Cash and current investments	298,430	64,090	362,520
Other current assets	164,433	- ,	164,433
Creditors Creditors more than one year	(20,168)		(20,168)
Total	447,188	64,090	511,278

19 Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net (expenditure) / income for year	3,207	32,051
Dividends received Interest receivable Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets (Gains) / losses on investments (Gains) / losses on disposal of fixed assets (Increase) / decrease in stock (Increase) / decrease in debtors Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(4,327) (750) 2,766 (2,964) - (116,134) 6,312	(4,484) (255) 1,708 1,290 677 - 34,612 526
Net cash flow from operating activities	(111,890)	66,125

20 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution pension plans

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the period was £9,583 (2024 - £8,985). Amounts owing to the pension scheme at the year end were £2,234 (2024 - £2,007).

The defined contribution liability is allocated to unrestricted funds and Charitable Activities, Support for Children, young people and families.

21 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions during this financial year or the prior financial year.

22. Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the charity is the Board of Trustees.

	31.03.25	31.03.24
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS Donations and legacies	£	£
Donations	_	1,500
	-	1,500
Investment income		
Bank interest	750	627
Income from cash/settlements held in a UK Investment portfolio	4,327	4,112
	5,077	4,739
Charitable activities		
SCC – Government grant	249,996	250,626
Traded Training	3,112	452
DBS Income	9,382	8,205
PFCC Safer Streets	5,806	6,000
OPCC – PSHE Education Service	113,928	51,533
SCC – The WHAM Plan	11,925	-
PFCC Serious Violence Strategy	-	9,000
SCC Grantfinder	4,234	4,234
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SCC Community Engagement	-	2,000
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UKRI	15,758	9,902
NHS Co-Production work		76,500
YPFT Grant	-	5,729
VR Project	10,700	
Know Your Place – Young Foundation	99,995	=
Healthy Communities Alliance	675	
Early Help Systems Maturity	631	
	526,142	435,181
Total incoming resources	531,219	441,420
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Net gains / (losses) on investments	2,964	(1,290)
Net gains / (losses) on disposal of fixed assets	A Control of the Control	(677)

EXPENDITURE Charitable activities		
Grants to organisations Other grants Salary costs Travelling expenses DBS expenditure Training centre costs Bremen Project – Other expenditure IT and telephone Engagement Youth & Sector Support of young people & families PSHE Expenditure UKRI Expenditure VR Project Know Your Place - Services Know Your Place - Expenditure Safer Streets Conference	1,200 3,350 393,220 1,805 6,247 6,749 6,973 4,234 4,188 1,022 9,630 9,124 298 30,530 7,602 5,798	1,500 3,150 341,924 1,469 4,872 5,600 7,429 4,234 1,261 2,271
Support costs Management Accommodation costs Telephone & computer Stationery & photocopying Postage Advertising and marketing Equipment Subscriptions Depreciation Insurance Bank charges Other Expenses	12,600 13,471 2,269 503 471 488 497 2,766 1,683 193 709 35,650	14,859 5,013 2,234 604 523 243 479 1,708 1,574 223 2,993 30,453
Governance costs Independent examination Professional services	2,100 1,256 3,356	2,100 1,139 3,239
Total resources expended	530,976	407,402
Net (expenditure)/income	3,207	32,051

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