Registered Charity Number 1129957
Company Limited by Guarantee 6876220

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES

Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2026

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Charity registration number	1129957
Company registration number	6876220
Trustees/Directors	Jeremy Cotton – Chair (resigned 17.11.25) Caroline Simmons – Treasurer (resigned 17.11.25) Lisa Bone – Chair Julie Tanner Steve Hopkins Alana Wheat Alexander Wood - Treasurer TeeJay Dowe Thomas Craddock (appointed 20.04.2026)
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Operations Manager	Debbie Mason
Service Impact & Youth Engagement Manager	Cathryn Rayner
Development Team Leader – Newcastle, Moorlands & Stafford	Claire John
Development Worker – Cannock, South Staffs & Tamworth	Jane Reynolds
Development Worker – Lichfield, East Saffs & Countywide	Rhiannon Heming
Engagement Coordinator	Sean Turner
Administrative Assistant	Alison Dollery (left 31.01.2026)
Administrative Assistant	Cheryl Harper (started 02.02.2026)
KYP Youth Engagement Coordinator	Rhia Taylor-Tipton
PSHE Coordinator	Natalie McGrath
PSHE Coordinator	Elizabeth Chesterton
Co-Production & Engagement Project Coordinator	Emma Rosilo (started 01.10.2025)

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Including Directors Report)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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 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) 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 54 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 2,125.5 with a value of £40,767 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 extended until 31st July 2028 aligned timing wise with the Co-production phase 3 call off, PSHE Education Service funding until November 2028 and Know Your Place funding until September 29, income forecasts look solid for the foreseeable future.

The Henry Smith Foundation's Core Memories Programme coming to us via the Young People's Foundation Trust, for SCVYS to distribute to member groups is an additional funding stream that is likely to positively impact on financial turnover over the next year or two. If this pilot proves successful, it could position SCVYS as a key mechanism for the efficient and effective distribution of national and regional funding to the local voluntary youth sector in the future.

SCVYS continues to diversify income ensuring any additional work secured compliments and supports the capacity building of 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. This is even more vital with plans to strengthen wording of the existing statutory duty.

There are also plans to develop a local youth strategy in response to the national version, which SCVYS will seek to influence and inform using our knowledge and experience from the last 44 years, ensuring we build on existing local strengths.

Achievements and Performance
Review of Activities and Achievements

SCVYS performance against a core focus of ensuring a strong, safe and sustainable local youth sector aligned with key work streams delivering PSHE Education support to local education settings and a range of youth voice and engagement opportunities for local young people has again been positive and impactful.

With a backdrop of huge policy change at national level, aligned to an ever-changing local partnership landscape including Local Government Reform, Integrated Care Board mergers and the proposed abolition of the Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, the local voluntary sector has remained incredibly resilient in supporting children, young people and families with safe spaces, positive activities and access to trusted adults.

With a 2-year extension secured for our core Strategic Partner contract with Staffordshire County Council, and an additional 3-year contract supporting the embedding of co-production specifically across the SEND transformation as well as more broadly across the Children and Families partnership landscape funding remains relatively secure.

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 huge thank you to our longstanding Chair, Jeremy Cotton, and Treasurer, Caroline Simmons who both stepped down this year after completing their terms of office.

Our 3 new Apprentice Trustees have played their part in bringing knowledge and experience from the youth engagement programmes they are involved in, as well as a youthful perspective to all Board discussions. During the year, Tom Craddock transitioned to full trustee on turning 18 and we are excited about the contribution he continues to bring.

Achievements from the last 12 months include:

- Our 2025 Census had a 90% response rate, highlighting **68,225** children and young people accessed positive activities or support from SCVYS member organisations during the period, a rise of 36%.
- **150** 1-2-1 bespoke pieces of work with members alongside **42** organisational health checks have proactively supported strong, safe and sustainable groups.
- **£3,818,542 of funding** was secured by the local Children, Young People and Families (CYPF) voluntary sector, helped in many cases by SCVYS promotion of and signposting to available funds.
- **66% of SCVYS members were confident about the future** of their organisation, 8% lower than last year, reflecting the challenging operating environment for organisations.
- **79%** 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 3rd round of elections to the countywide youth council called Staffordshire Youth Union. **18 newly elected members** joined 8 returning members creating a strong elected group representing whole county.
- Phase 2 of the co-production work was completed during the year, with Phase 3 picking up the baton. A highly successful workforce awareness campaign coinciding with National Co-production Week revealed a mixed picture of workforce awareness, understanding and confidence to produce.
- Know Your Place has built strong foundations during its first 18 months, with an engaged Young People's Steering Group, a highly successful launch to the wider partnership and the recruitment of innovator organisations to help with local engagement and social action projects.

Now in its 5th year, the **Pan-Staffordshire Personal, Social Health Economic (PSHE) Education Service**, hosted by SCVYS, continues to support a range of settings including schools, alternative education and youth work. Here is some impact data from the last 12 months:

- **22** editions of the PSHE Digest published with 1,188 people on mailing list (an increase of 15% from last year).
- **15 training events** delivered to over 300 professionals, with 95% of participants feeling more confident as a result of the training.
- **8 School PSHE Leads Network Meetings** hosted, with 98% of participants recommending them to other PSHE Leads.
- **31 PSHE Support Visits** carried out across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.
- **69%** of education signed up to the online Resource Library, an increase from 63% last year.
- Commissioned by Staffordshire County Council to create and deliver half-day training to empower educators to respond to casual racism.
- Work with Staffordshire County Council to develop education resources that support the secondary school attendance campaign "I'm Here".
- Secured funding to purchase resource for SEND settings in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire to help them identify and address harmful sexualised behaviours, including through PSHE curriculum.

SCVYS Grants Awarded to Members

Group Name	Amount
5th Staffs Boys Brigade and GA – Start up Grant	300.00
BLAST – Crisis Grant	300.00
Harness Coaching – Crisis Grant	300.00
Awake Awareness – Start up Grant	300.00
Well Creative – Start up Grant	300.00
Generation Miles – Start up Grant	300.00
Safe Haven Aid CIC – Start up Grant	300.00
	2,100.00

SCVYS was asked to support Staffordshire County Council in their review of the Library Service to understand how young people use libraries, what they value about their library and any barriers to use. SCVYS awarded grants to member organisations to carry out consultations with their young people to feed into the overall review.

Group Name	Amount
Chill out Clubs	250.00
Dosthill Boys Club	250.00
Fun Club	250.00
Riverside Church	250.00
Vysions	250.00
SPARK	250.00
Stafford Muslim Community Centre	250.00
Staffordshire Clubs for Young People	250.00
Biddulph Youth & Community Zone	250.00
	2,250.00

SCVYS members were invited to apply for an 'Innovator' grant of £5,000 to deliver consultations with young people and a 'Change your Place' social action project in support of the Know Your Place project and the following grants were awarded in 2025-2026.

Group Name	Amount
Crystal Academy	5,000.00
Burton Youth for Christ	5,000.00
Resolv	5,000.00
Biddulph Town Council	2,000.00
Breathing Space	5,000.00
Liberty	2,000.00
	24,000.00

Representation and Partnership working

SCVYS has been Staffordshire County Council's VCSE Strategic Partner for work with children, young people and families for a decade now, with a further 2 years agreed. With Local Government Review decisions imminent, the additional contract period will help during the likely transition.

SCVYS is part of the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Advisory Partnership representing the voluntary sector and sharing relevant information, advice and guidance.

SCVYS provides the sector with DBS administration, policy support, and support tools all aimed at helping groups to operate as safely as possible. SCVYS members can access a range of free training opportunities through the Safeguarding Children Partnership. This year SCVYS has supported a review of the local thresholds document and informed elected members on support available to keep out-of-school settings safe in Staffordshire.

SCVYS represents the sector on Staffordshire's Children and Families Partnership, the accountable strategic board for the children, young people and families agenda, overseeing key national programmes such as Families First, Best Start and local response to the National Youth Strategy.

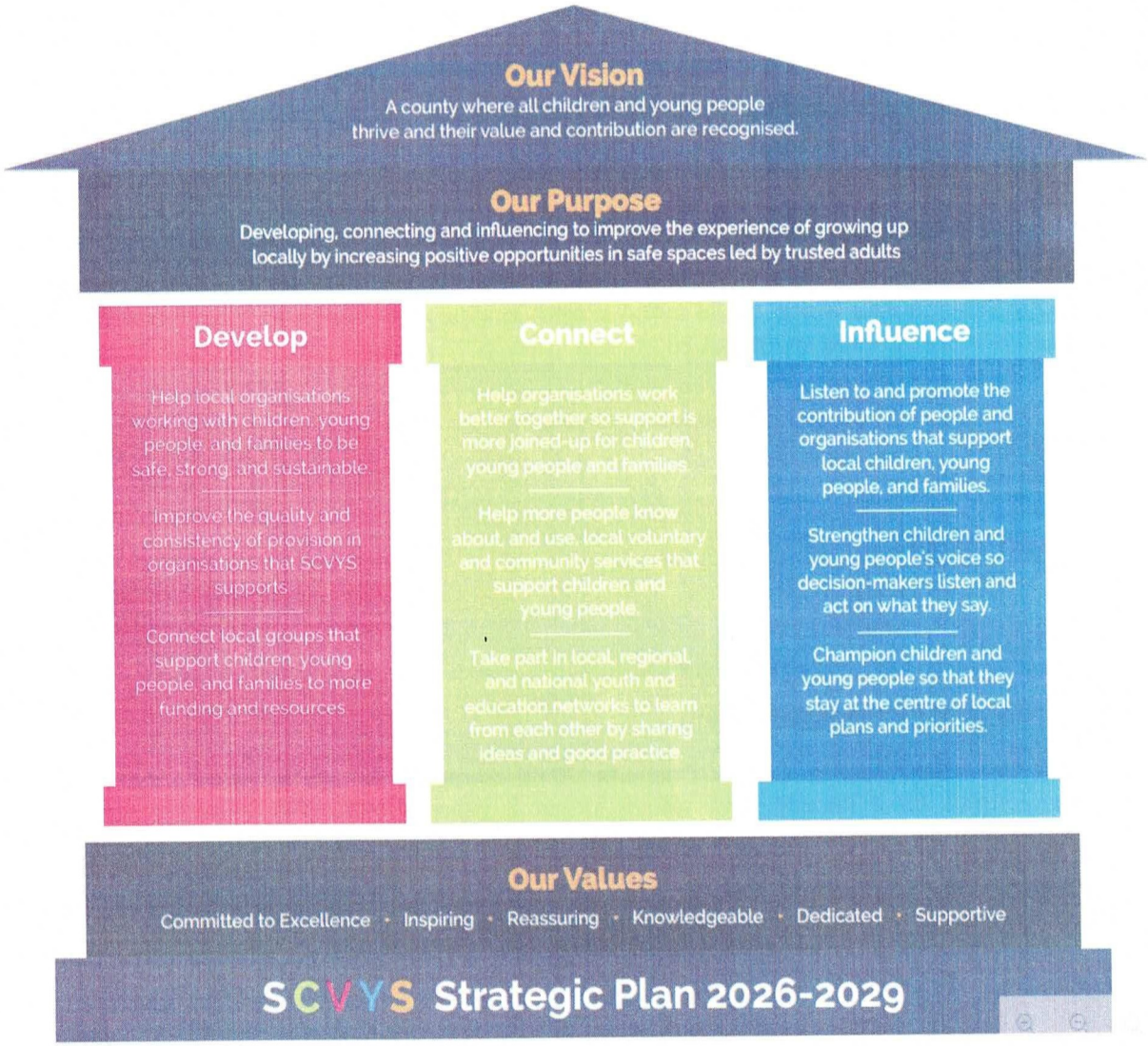
SCVYS chairs the Staffordshire Strategic CYPF Voice Network who aim to improve the quality, coordination and utilisation of youth voice and engagement across the partnership.

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 recently refreshed our 3-year Strategic Plan 2026-2029 following the extension of strategic partner contract and visual representation of our new plan is included below.



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 loss for the year of £23,243, which includes £13,150 of gain on the value of investments. The balance on Unrestricted Reserves was £423,945 at 31 March 2026.
£249,996 of government grants were received this year (2025: £249,996) 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 a restricted profit for the year of £31,339. The balance on Restricted Reserves was £95,429 at 31 March 2026. 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 16 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 £423,945 were held at 31st March 2026 along with £95,429 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, the Secretary and Operations Manager and the Service Impact Youth Engagement 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 ..... and signed on its behalf by:
5/10/2026

Lisa Bone
Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 10 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:

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

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

Adele Lawton (FCCA)
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Chartered Certified Accountants
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Date 06/10/2026

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	2026 Total Funds	2025 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Charitable activities	2	261,976	432,290	694,266	526,142
Investments	3	5,147	-	5,147	5,077
Total income and endowments		267,123	432,290	699,413	531,219
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	299,954	400,951	700,905	527,620
Other		3,562	-	3,562	3,356
Total expenditure		303,516	400,951	704,467	530,976
Net Profit/(loss) on investments	13	13,150	-	13,150	2,964
Net (expenditure) / income		(23,243)	31,339	8,096	3,207
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	16	(23,243)	31,339	8,096	3,207
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	16	447,188	64,090	511,278	508,071
Total funds carried forward	16	423,945	95,429	519,374	511,278

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 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	5,623	4,493
		5,623	4,493
Current assets			
Debtors	12	54,929	164,433
Investments	13	85,470	72,320
Cash at bank and in hand		391,752	290,200
		532,151	526,953
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	18,400	20,168
Net current assets		513,751	506,785
Total assets less current liabilities		519,374	511,278
Provisions for liabilities		-	-
Net assets		519,374	511,278
Charity Funds			
Restricted funds	16	95,429	64,090
Unrestricted funds	16	423,949	447,188
Total charity funds	16	519,374	511,278

For the financial year ended 31 March 2026, 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 2026 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
b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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 5/10/2026 and signed on its behalf by:

L Bone
Director

A Wood
Director
a. Wood

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 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Cash flow from operating activities	18	100,442	(111,890)
Net cash flow from operating activities		100,442	(111,890)
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(4,037)	(4,396)
Interest received		590	750
Dividends received		4,557	4,327
Net cash flow from investing activities		1,110	681
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		101,552	(111,209)
Cash and cash equivalents at start date 2025		290,200	401,409
Cash and cash equivalents at end date 2026		391,752	290,200
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		391,752	290,200
Cash and cash equivalents at end date 2026		391,752	290,200

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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.

(l) 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 2028, 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 charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2026 £	Restricted Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Government grants – contractual	249,996	-	249,996	249,996
Traded training	80	-	80	3,112
Other income	1,899	-	1,899	-
DBS Income	10,001	-	10,001	9,382
Safer streets conference	-	-	-	5,806
OPCC – PSHE Education Service	-	119,340	119,340	113,928
SCC- The WHAM Plan	-	-	-	11,925
SCC Grantfinder	-	15,924	15,924	4,234
UKRI	-	-	-	15,758
VR Project	-	12,883	12,883	10,700
Know Your Place – Young Foundation	-	179,991	179,991	99,995
Healthy Communities Alliance	-	900	900	675
Early Help Systems Maturity	-	-	-	631
NSF – Young Leader Training	-	3,600	3,600	-
SCC Libraries Consultation	-	5,000	5,000	-
SCC – SEND Co production	-	33,333	33,333	-
Families First Partnership	-	6,920	6,920	-
PSHE Training Creation	-	3,000	3,000	-
PFCC – NHS Funding	-	1,399	1,399	-
PFCC – Knife Crime Comic	-	15,000	15,000	-
PFCC – Where will it end campaign	-	35,000	35,000	-
	261,976	432,290	694,266	526,142

£249,996 (2025: £249,996) 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 2028 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 Community approach. The grant which ran to 31 July 2019, included a restricted element of £16,667 and distribution of this grant to voluntary youth groups is ongoing with the end of year balance now standing at £6,882.

The OPCC provided a grant to fund two PSHE Education Co-Ordinator posts in Staffordshire as well as smaller grants to fund the creation of new comic books for schools and to develop education resources to support the "Where will it end" campaign.

Further details of grants are given in note 16.

3 Income from investments

	2026 £	2025 £
Dividends - equities	4,557	4,327
Bank Interest	590	750
	5,147	5,077

All income from investments is attributable to unrestricted funds.

4 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Services Unrestricted	Services Restricted	Governance Unrestricted	2026 Total
	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities				
Grants payable	-	2,100	-	2,100
Other grants	-	4,603	-	4,603
Direct & shared costs of activities in furtherance of the charities objects: Support for Children; young people and families:				
Salary Costs	236,478	238,335	-	474,813
Travelling expenses	2,018	-	-	2,018
DBS expenditure	7,054	-	-	7,054
Training centre costs	6,715	-	-	6,715
Bremen Project – expenditure	5,129	-	-	5,129
Support of young people & families	2,066	-	-	2,066
Engagement Youth & Sector	4,268	-	-	4,268
SEND Coproduction expenditure	100			100
IT & telephone	-	4,644	-	4,644
PSHE Expenditure	-	16,255	-	16,255
VR Project	-	100	-	100
Know Your Place - Services	-	69,728	-	69,728
Know Your Place - Expenditure	-	60,490	-	60,490
Young Leader Training	-	2,446	-	2,446
Libraries Consultation Expenditure	-	2,250	-	2,250
Support costs (Note 5)	36,126	-	3,562	39,688
	299,954	400,951	3,562	704,467

5 Allocation of support costs

Support cost	Basis of allocation	Charitable Activities Unrestricted Management	Charitable Activities Restricted	Charitable Activities Unrestricted Governance	2026 Total
		£	£	£	£
Support for Children; young people and families:					
Accommodation costs	Project	13,973	-	-	13,973
Telephone and computer costs	Support time	10,767	-	-	10,767
Stationery and photocopying	Support time	2,199	-	-	2,199
Postage	Support time	419	-	-	419
Subscriptions	Support time	245	-	-	245
Depreciation	Support time	2,907	-	-	2,907
Insurance	Support time	1,693	-	-	1,693
Accountancy fees	Support time	-	-	3,562	3,562
Bank charges	Support time	231	-	-	231
Other Expenses incl events	Support time	3,692	-	-	3,692
Total		36,126	-	3,562	39,688

6 Governance costs

	2026	2025
	£	£
Independent examiners remuneration	2,100	2,100
Accountancy and payroll costs	1,462	1,256
	3,562	3,356

The independent examiners remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £2,100- (2025 - £2,100) and accountancy services of £1,462 (2025 - £1,256).

7 Analysis of grants

	Services Unrestricted	Services Restricted	2026 Total
	£	£	£
Support for Children; young people and families:			
Grants paid to local institutions	-	2,100	2,100
	-	2,100	2,100

A full analysis of grants to institutions and the recipients is provided in the Trustees Report.

8 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

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

	2026 £	2025 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,907	2,766
Operating lease rentals	15,716	13,080
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
(Profit) / loss on fair value movement of investments	(13,150)	(2,964)

9 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2025: £Nil).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £166,319 (2025 – £121,108). 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:

	2026 Number	2025 Number	2026 £	2025 £
Travel and accommodation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

10 Staff costs and employee benefits

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

	2026 Number	2025 Number
Charitable activities	12	11

The total staff costs and employees' benefits was as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Wages and salaries	420,340	352,971
Social security	44,041	30,666
Defined contribution pension costs	11,940	9,583
	476,321	393,220

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

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost or valuation:			
At 31 March 2025	269	13,960	14,229
Additions	-	4,037	4,037
Disposals	-	(560)	(560)
At 31 March 2026	269	17,437	17,706
Depreciation:			
At 31 March 2025	27	9,709	9,736
Charge for the year	27	2,880	2,907
Eliminated on disposals	-	(560)	(560)
At 31 March 2026	54	12,029	12,083
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2026	215	5,408	5,623
At 31 March 2025	242	4,251	4,493

12 Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade debtors	28,296	160,051
Other Debtors	22,937	1,849
Prepayments	3,696	2,533
	54,929	164,433

13 Current asset investments

	2026 £	2025 £
Listed investments	85,470	72,320
	85,470	72,320

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 £13,150.

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Other tax and social security	11,452	9,283
Pension contributions	-	2,234
Other creditors	3,452	347
Accruals and deferred income	3,496	8,304
	18,400	20,168

Details of leasing arrangements are provided in note 16.

15 Leases

Operating leases - lessee

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

	2026 £	2025 £
Not later than one year	-	-
Later than one and not later than five years	15,941	22,530
	15,941	22,530

16 Fund reconciliation

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains / (losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Unrestricted	447,188	267,123	(303,516)	-	13,150	423,945

Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gain/ (loss)) £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
SCC Local Support Grant -VCSE	8,983	-	(2,100)	-	-	6,883
OPCC – PSHE Education Service	-	119,340	(119,340)	-	-	-
SCC Grantfinder	-	15,924	(4,644)	-	-	11,280
Girls Venture Corps – Stafford Unit	2,038	-	(2,038)	-	-	-
Girls Venture Corps – Hednesford Unit	2,565	-	(2,565)	-	-	-
NHS Co Production Work	15,000	-	(15,000)	-	-	-
VR Project	-	12,883	(12,883)	-	-	-
Know your Place – Young Foundation	35,504	179,991	(173,229)	-	-	42,266
VCSE Healthy Communities Alliance	-	900	(900)	-	-	-
Noel Sweeney Foundation Young Leader Training	-	3,600	(3,600)	-	-	-
SCC Libraries Consultation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
SCC SEND Co Production	-	33,333	(33,333)	-	-	-
Families First Partnership	-	6,920	(6,920)	-	-	-
PSHE Training Creation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-	-
PFCC – NHS Funding	-	1,399	(1,399)	-	-	-
PFCC – Knife Crime Comic	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-	-
PFCC – Where Will it End Campaign	-	35,000	-	-	-	35,000
	64,090	432,290	(400,951)	-	-	95,429

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) **OPCC – PSHE Education Service** - A grant received to fund two PSHE Education Co-Ordinator posts in Staffordshire.
c) **SCC Grantfinder** – to acquire Grantfinder software licence.
d) **Girls Venture Corps** – Stafford and Hednesford Units - Donations to set up a training pot for young people to access.
e) **NHS Co Production work**- Funding to develop bespoke co-production Champions Training package.
f) **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.
g) **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.

h) **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.
i) **Noel Sweeney Foundation Young Leader Training** – Funding for a 2 night residential young leader training weekend.
j) **SCC Libraries Consultation** – Review of the library service to understand how young people use libraries, what they value about their library, the barriers to use and what are the enablers.
k) **SCC SEND Co Production** – To expand the delivery of co-production support across the Children and Families System in Staffordshire, particularly focused on the SEND agenda.
l) **Families First Partnership** – To provide support for 2 full day workshops and workstreams for Family Help and Family Group Decision-making for around 2-3 hours per session fortnightly.
m) **PSHE Training Creation** – Creation and delivery of training on casual racism.
n) **PFCC NHS Funding** – Intrafamilial child sexual abuse training
o) **PFCC Knife Crime Comic** – Creation, animation and delivery of knife crime comic book.
p) **PFCC Where Will it End Campaign** – Development of exploitation tool kit

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	5,623	-	5,623
Cash and current investments	381,793	95,429	477,222
Other current assets	54,929	-	54,929
Creditors	(18,400)	-	(18,400)
Creditors more than one year	-	-	-
Total	423,945	95,429	519,374

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

	2026 £	2025 £
Net (expenditure) / income for year	8,096	3,207
Dividends received	(4,557)	(4,327)
Interest receivable	(590)	(750)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	2,907	2,766
(Gains) / losses on investments	(13,150)	(2,964)
(Gains) / losses on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
(Increase) / decrease in stock	-	-
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	109,504	(116,134)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(1,768)	6,312
Net cash flow from operating activities	100,442	(111,890)

19 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 £11,940 (2025 - £9,583). Amounts owing to the pension scheme at the year end were £Nil (2025 - £2,234).
The defined contribution liability is allocated to unrestricted funds and Charitable Activities, Support for Children, young people and families.

20 Related party transactions

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

21 Ultimate controlling party

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

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	31.03.26	31.03.25
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	£	£
Investment income		
Bank interest	590	750
Income from cash/settlements held in a UK Investment portfolio	4,557	4,327
	5,147	5,077
Charitable activities		
SCC – Government grant	249,996	249,996
Traded Training	80	3,112
Other income	1,899	-
DBS Income	10,001	9,382
PFCC Safer Streets	-	5,806
OPCC – PSHE Education Service	119,340	113,928
SCC – The WHAM Plan	-	11,925
SCC Grantfinder	15,924	4,234
UKRI	-	15,758
VR Project	12,883	10,700
Know Your Place – Young Foundation	179,991	99,995
Healthy Communities Alliance	900	675
Early Help Systems Maturity	-	631
NSF – Young Leader Training	3,600	-
SCC Libraries Consultation	5,000	-
SCC – SEND Co production	33,333	-
Families First Partnership	6,920	-
PSHE Training Creation	3,000	-
PFCC – NHS Funding	1,399	-
PFCC – Knife Crime Comic	15,000	-
PFCC – Where will it end campaign	35,000	-
	694,266	526,142
Total incoming resources	699,413	531,219
Net gains / (losses) on investments	13,150	2,964
Net gains / (losses) on disposal of fixed assets	-	-

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Grants to organisations	2,100	1,200
Other grants	4,603	3,350
Salary costs	474,813	393,220
Travelling expenses	2,018	1,805
DBS expenditure	7,054	6,247
Training centre costs	6,715	6,749
Bremen Project – Other expenditure	5,129	6,973
IT and telephone	4,644	4,234
Engagement Youth & Sector	4,268	4,188
Support of young people & families	2,066	1,022
PSHE Expenditure	16,255	9,630
UKRI Expenditure	-	9,124
VR Project	100	298
Know Your Place – Services	69,728	30,530
Know Your Place - Expenditure	60,490	7,602
Safer Streets Conference	-	5,798
Young Leader Training	2,446	-
Libraries Consultation Expenditure	2,250	-
Send Co Production Expenditure	100	-
	664,779	491,970
Support costs		
Management		
Accommodation costs	13,973	12,600
Telephone & computer	10,767	13,471
Stationery & photocopying	2,199	2,269
Postage	419	503
Advertising and marketing	-	471
Equipment	-	488
Subscriptions	245	497
Depreciation	2,907	2,766
Insurance	1,693	1,683
Bank charges	231	193
Other Expenses	3,692	709
	36,126	35,650
Governance costs		
Independent examination	2,100	2,100
Professional services	1,462	1,256
	3,562	3,356
Total resources expended	704,467	530,976
Net (expenditure)/income	8,096	3,207

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