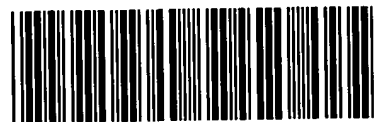


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(formerly known as Community Foundation serving Tyne &
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Annual financial statements
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Annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Introduction

The Board presents its report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Charity's full name is Community Foundation North East changing its name from Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland on 16 September 2025.

The Community Foundation North East's charity registration number is 700510 and the limited company number is 02273708. The principal office and registered office is Philanthropy House, Woodbine Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear NE3 1DD. The Charity is incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The Community Foundation North East comprises four separate organisations whose financial statements and activities are consolidated within the group. They are as follows:

- Community Foundation North East – a limited company and main operating charity, also incorporating Community First Trust.
- Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust – a charitable trust, which holds donations of permanent endowment to the Community Foundation North East (Group). This has enabled several historic charitable trusts to be transferred to the Group.
- Tyne & Wear Foundation Limited – a trading company whose profits are covenanted to the Community Foundation North East. The trading company is mainly used for specific large fundraising events but was inactive during the year.
- Joseph Brough Charitable Trust – an endowed trust making grants in the historic counties of Durham and Northumberland, of which the Community Foundation North East is sole trustee.

The Community Foundation North East also administers The Fred Clay Trust, which has its own trustees and reports separately to the Charity Commission and its financial information is not included within these financial statements.

The Community Foundation North East is a member of UK Community Foundations (UKCF), registered charity number 1004630, which supports and promotes good practice between community foundations in the United Kingdom. The Community Foundation North East manages certain funding programmes on contracts from UK Community Foundations but is not otherwise subject to any governance arrangements with UK Community Foundations.

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Structure, governance and management

The Community Foundation North East is a limited company governed by Memorandum and Articles of Association drawn up in 1988 and amended in 1990, 2000, 2007, 2017, 2018, 2021 and 2025.

The Memorandum and Articles allow for four categories of members as follows:

Category A – voluntary organisations

Category B – individuals

Category C – statutory authorities

Category D – companies/businesses

Members have voting rights at the Annual General Meeting and receive regular information about Community Foundation North East activities throughout the year. Members may nominate candidates for election to the Board. Each membership category elects two members to the Board except for Category C, where Board members are appointed by mutual consent. The Board may co-opt up to five further members and is required to ensure adequate representation throughout the area of benefit. Board members serve for a three-year term and may be elected/appointed for two further periods of three years each.

There are arrangements for induction, training and support of Board members. Each new Board Member is given an induction pack and attends induction sessions with the executive team and meets the Chair. The Nominations Committee reviews skills and experience of the Board members and may arrange training as required. The involvement of Board members is reviewed by the Officers of the Board annually to ensure that skills and time provided by members are used to best effect. Additionally, Board skills are kept under review to inform Board member recruitment, engagement and support. Board members also volunteer their services to assist in Community Foundation North East activities, such as grant panels, donor development and public speaking during the year.

The full Board meets four times a year. An additional meeting is held for reflection and forward planning as required within the strategy period. Within the annual cycle, the Board:

- agrees an operating budget;
- receives quarterly management accounts;
- agrees annual objectives;
- reviews objectives;
- monitors performance within agreed targets;
- considers risks and ways to mitigate them;
- considers strategic issues; and
- receives reports and minutes from all sub-committees listed below.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

The Board appoints sub-committees and working groups, which are responsible for more detailed oversight of strategy and activities within their area of responsibility. The sub-committees and working groups meeting during the year were:

- Finance and Resources Committee (F&R)
- Investment Committee (Inv)
- Nominations Committee (Nom)
- NorthEast100 development group (NE100)

Members of the Board who served during the year and up to the date of signing of the financial statements, including committees on which they served during the year, are as follows:

Phil Moorhouse – Chair co-opted October 2021	(F&R, Inv, Nom, NE100)
Lucy Winskell OBE – Deputy Chair from October 2022 elected December 2016	(F&R, NE100, Nom)
Paul Farquhar - Treasurer co-opted March 2018	(F&R, Inv)
Jill Baker co-opted June 2019	
Michael Brodie CBE co-opted February 2020	(Nom, Inv)
Sarah Glendinning co-opted October 2022	(NE100)
Andrew Haigh elected December 2016	(Inv)
Colin Hewitt elected October 2021	(F&R)
Claire Malcolm MBE co-opted March 2019	(F&R)
Pam Smith appointed October 2023 to represent statutory authorities	(NE100)
Laura Warwick appointed November 2018	(Nom)
Stella Simbo elected October 2022	(Nom)
Fiona Standfield co-opted October 2022	(Inv)

At the AGM in autumn 2025, Claire Malcolm, Stella Simbo, Sarah Glendinning, Jill Baker and Fiona Standfield come to the end of a three -year term and are eligible for re-election/re-co-option. Lucy Winskell and Andrew Haigh will retire at the AGM having served their maximum term.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

The Board also appoints a President, Vice Presidents and Patrons in recognition of their distinguished service to the community or contributions to the Community Foundation North East. These are honorary positions with no formal powers or duties. The Board reviewed appointments in September 2020. The current office holders are listed in the yearbook and on the Community Foundation North East's website.

The liability of the members for the debts and liabilities of the company is limited and in the event of the company being wound up would not exceed £1 per member.

The Board has a scheme of delegation which details areas where the Board has, in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, delegated decisions to individual trustees, to sub-committees or task groups or to the executive team. The scheme of delegation also covers those matters always reserved for the full membership and the full Board. The delegated areas are segmented into the following categories: governance, audit & risk, operations and finance, investment, and philanthropy and funding.

At the year end the executive team members responsible for day-to-day management of the Charity as delegated by the Board were:

Rob Williamson OBE	Chief Executive Officer
Sonia Waugh	Chief Finance and Operating Officer
John Hollingsworth	Chief Philanthropy and Development Officer
Adam Lopardo	Chief Funding and Partnerships Officer

At the year-end there was a total of 24 staff (full time equivalent 21.7).

The Board has a remuneration policy which covers the arrangements for setting salaries throughout the organisation including those staff responsible for day-to-day management. The Community Foundation North East has its own salary scale with grades intended to be broadly compatible with charities of a similar size in the north of England, and those with similar functions across the UK. Because of its leading position in the charity sector, the Community Foundation North East's executive staff must have significant expertise so it must be able to draw from the best talent in a competitive market. Executive staff roles are therefore ungraded which allows the Board to be more flexible in setting pay when recruiting and reviewing performance. All salaries are reviewed annually by a sub-committee of the Board with any recommendations for pay increases presented to the full Board for approval when it agrees the annual budget. The sub-committee takes account of cost-of-living rises and inflation, external benchmarking data, and staff performance and contributions to the organisation's work. The Board sub-committee reviews the Chief Executive's salary and other benefits without him present, taking account of factors relating to performance, benchmarking and internal salary differentials.

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Objectives and activities

The Community Foundation North East's objects are for the benefit of the public generally, in particular, but not exclusively, in the area of Tyne and Wear and Northumberland: to promote and support the prevention or relief of poverty or disadvantage; to preserve and protect health; to advance the education of the public; for the general purposes of such charitable bodies or for such other exclusively charitable purposes in each case as the Directors may from time to time decide. The Community Foundation North East's operational mission is to build a thriving, generous and inclusive North East today, and for generations to come by inspiring philanthropy, investing in communities and influencing change. The strategic focus is on five impact areas: tackle poverty, widen access to opportunity, improve health and community safety, strengthen culture and community life, and sustain the environment.

The Community Foundation North East is a generalist grant-maker to a wide range of community groups. Some funds have more restricted purposes – for example the Sir Tom Cowie Fund only makes grants to organisations to support disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in Sunderland. The Community Foundation North East accommodates donors' wishes in respect of grant awards wherever possible. The Board has agreed certain exclusions for grants with its general funds and these are detailed in grant application materials available on request. The predominant activity is grant-making, but the Community Foundation North East also devotes resources to non-financial sector support, research, development and donor education which aim to increase local philanthropy.

Public benefit

The Community Foundation North East exists and operates for the public benefit. Through its grant-making it works to improve the community, in particular, but not exclusively, in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and grant-making and are satisfied that it meets the requirements.

Plans for future periods

Plans for future periods are detailed on page 9 of this report.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

2024-25 was the final year of the Community Foundation North East's strategy to 2025. Achievements against the five goals set in that strategy during the year are set out below. More detailed descriptions of activities and their impact are included in the Community Foundation North East's yearbook.

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Annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

Goal 1: enable more and better philanthropy

- £4.4m in endowment gifts and £4.9m in revenue gifts were received.
- 9 new funds were established.
- Donor events held in Newcastle, Northumberland and London
- Conducted an anonymous donor satisfaction survey

Goal 2: support our region's small local charities and community organisations

- 1,224 grants (2024: 1,253) totalling £8.93m (2024: £8.48m) were awarded, exceeding the baseline of £6.8m and the five-year target of £7.5m. The majority continued to be for amounts under £5,000. In total 601 organisations and 57 individuals were supported. The table below shows the breakdown by fund type.

Fund type	No of grants	Total awards
Individual and family funds	407	2,184,873
Corporate funds	195	886,872
Charity and trust funds	251	1,685,078
Collective funds	194	542,566
Projects and partnership funds	158	2,578,672
Agency funds (benefiting a named organisation)	19	1,050,755
Total grants awarded by the full Group	1,224	8,928,816

- Ran programmes with Newcastle and Gateshead Councils and took on the new Mayor's Opportunity Fund for the North East Combined Authority.
- 87 organisations benefited from trustee- and skills-matching, training and pro bono consultancy.

Goal 3: understand and act on vital issues affecting our communities

- Published 10 Vital Signs reports.
- Ran our On the Table community conversations initiative engaging nearly 1,000 people.
- We delivered the Know Your Neighbourhood programme in partnership with DCMS and UKCF.

Goal 4: build and sustain our endowment to £100m and beyond

- Received c. £3m legacy from the estate of Steve and Christine Convey
- Received additional £1m from Newcastle Building Society via dormant assets
- Published ESG and net zero data against our responsible investment commitments.
- Rationalised our property holdings.

Goal 5: be a shining example of an effective charitable foundation accountable to the people it serves

- Undertook strategy review and development of new goals based on wide engagement of stakeholders.
- Began energy efficiency retrofit of our office premises.
- Maintained excellence in the Better Health at Work accreditation.
- Introduced online booking system to allow community organisations to use our meeting space for free.

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Strategic report (continued)

Fundraising

The Community Foundation North East is registered with the Fundraising Regulator which is the independent regulator of charitable fundraising. The approach we take to fundraising in the organisation meets the requirements of the Charity Commission, Fundraising Regulator and Information Commissioner's Office. Almost all income generation activity is done by Foundation staff directly or on our behalf through introductions made by ambassadors and professional advisors. We also connect to potential donors and partners through networking and by raising our profile through communications. When and if we enter into commercial participation arrangements, we have formal agreements in place that deal with risks to the Foundation and ensure transparency. We do not:

- use direct marketing, telephone, doorstep or on-street fundraising;
- employ for-profit agencies to raise income on our behalf; or
- share information about donors or supporters without their express permission.

Some fundraising will continue to be done for the Foundation by third parties, for example with our High Sheriff funds, or funds where a donor wishes to raise money from friends or family in memory of a loved one, or to support a particular cause. We have developed guidelines for those undertaking such activities to ensure we, and they, are compliant.

The Community Foundation North East maintains records of all complaints received and during the year received no complaints on its fundraising activities. The Community Foundation North East reports this information annually to the Fundraising Regulator if requested.

Social investments (previously shown as programme related investments)

Northern Rock Foundation (NRF) was involved in the set up of the North East Social Investment Fund (NESIF) and made loan commitments for 20 years to the primary vehicle – the North East Social Investment Community Interest Company (NESIC). As part of the winding up of NRF, its Board agreed to transfer the Loan Fund of £3m to the Community Foundation North East to ensure continuity of the programme, with both sides signing the novation of the Loan Fund on 12 April 2016. The full value of the novation of £3m was recognised within donations to restricted funds at the time of the novation.

Financial review

Net assets at 31 March 2025 were £103.60m (2024: £103.20m). £97.19m of the assets related to endowment funds (2024: £95.84m). The total unrealised and realised losses on investments amounted to £0.76m (2024: gains £7.61m). There were new donations to the endowment funds during the year of £4.44m (2024: £2.08m), and fees and transfers out of endowment of £2.39m (2024: £3.08m). The expendable endowment (charity only) is treated by the Trustees as long-term capital to provide income for future grant-making. Further details of performance of subsidiary undertakings are detailed in note 21. The investments were managed throughout the year by Cazenove Capital, Rathbone Investment Management and CCLA Investment Management to achieve maximum total returns and provide an agreed amount annually for grant-making. CCLA Investment Management also manages funds donated to the Community First Trust as required by the match funding agreement. There is separate provision for donors who wish to invest ethically.

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Strategic report (continued)

Financial review (continued)

The Investment Committee monitors the managers' performance in relation to benchmarks and other relevant indices at its quarterly meetings and meets with each of the managers at least annually, more frequently with Rathbone Investment Management and Cazenove Capital.

Clear guidelines have been agreed in relation to investment strategy and these are reviewed by the Investment Committee. On the full year's performance, the main fund delivered a total return average estimate of 1.68% (net of fees) which is behind the target return of 6% plus CPI (8.6%). The Board were content with performance on the funds in light of the difficult financial market conditions.

Total income and endowment for the year totalled £11.81m (2024: £9.40m). The main sources of income were new donations and investment income. The main resources expended were for charitable grants of £8.82m net (2024: £8.32m net).

Financial review - reserves

The Statement of Financial Activities shows the movement in the year of the Community Foundation North East's (Group) Unrestricted and Restricted Funds. The year-end balances on the Restricted Funds are available in their entirety, less the property, Philanthropy House, for future grant-making and other direct charitable expenditure. The Unrestricted Funds balance at 31 March 2025 of £2,614,063 includes £1,572,062 set aside for designated funds which are solely for future grant-making, and the balance of £1,042,001 (the Administrative fund) less fixed assets of £69,091, £972,910 is the general reserve available to meet future administration and development expenditure. The Board reviewed its reserve levels in March 2025 and designated £95,000 of the general reserves to support running costs during the 2025-26 financial year. The Board sets a maximum level of reserves to allow the Community Foundation North East to operate for up to 12 months if income streams were significantly impacted by market conditions and a minimum level based on the same scenario but adjusting some costs during the 12 months and reviews its policy annually. The general reserve, after adjusting for designated costs, amounted to £877,910 which is slightly above the range calculated, minimum level of £426,000 and the maximum £838,000. The Board is confident that reserves and the overall assets of the Community Foundation North East are sufficient to continue as a going concern.

Plans for future periods

In March 2025 the Board agreed a new strategy which sets out our vision for a North East where everyone can be part of thriving, generous and inclusive communities. The strategy describes how we will use our resources towards our mission, based on evidence, experience and listening to communities. It is, subject to review each year, designed to take up to at least 2028 when we will mark our 40th anniversary. The strategy also saw the adoption of a refreshed identity as Community Foundation North East. While our roots are firmly in Tyne and Wear and Northumberland, our new name recognises that our donors, funding and research cover a wider area.

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Strategic report (continued)

Plans for future periods (continued)

To achieve our mission and address our five impact areas, the strategy has three pillars and a set of enablers with associated key performance indicators (KPIs).

Inspire philanthropy: we will be the North East's go-to place for philanthropy, engaging more people and business in giving money, time and expertise, and using our knowledge to ensure current and future donors have the most impact.

- Be on track to add at least £10m in new gifts to endowment by 2030.
- Secure at least £1.5m through annual donor revenue funds
- Average 70% of annual grant-making from philanthropic endowment and revenue funds (excluding third-party programmes)

Invest in communities: we will harness more funding and support to have a long-term impact on the challenges facing our region's communities.

- Grow annual grant-making to £10m by 2030
- Lever third-party programmes worth at least £3m annually
- 10% minimum funding annually to support each impact area
- Grow core/unrestricted support to 65% of total awarded annually

Influence change: we will shine a light on our region's challenges and use our knowledge and networks to champion actions which better address them.

- 80% of donors, partners and grantees reporting that our policy and research initiatives are important.

Enablers: governance, people, operations, finance and communications.

- 90% satisfaction rate among donors, grantees, staff and trustees
- 6% total return on investments plus inflation averaged over 5 years
- Break-even operating budgets annually factoring in designated reserves

Our priorities for 2025-26 are as follows.

- Launch strategy and refreshed branding, and new communications plan.
- Introduce changes to unrestricted and discretionary funds to support strategic funding goals
- Deliver a North East Roots Homecoming series of events to engage the region's diaspora
- Develop our policy and public affairs function
- Produce a new plan to align pro bono work and training with the strategy
- Implement a legacy giving campaign
- Review and implement changes to donor onboarding
- Complete retrofit of our office premises
- Complete change of our legal name following adoption of new operating name
- Review risk appetite and the risk register
- Recruit to trustee vacancies and review appointments of vice-presidents

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Strategic report (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board receives an annual assessment of risk prepared by the executive team and agrees steps to manage risk. In December 2022 the Board reviewed its risk policy for determining, managing and reviewing the risks to which the Community Foundation North East is exposed. The Board has committed to continue to review the risk policy every three years. The risk register is reviewed quarterly by the Finance and Resources Committee, and any significant changes reported to the Board. Every year, the Board receives a report on risk and approves an updated risk register.

The highest risks identified in the most recent register dated March 2025 were:

- Losing significant asset value
- System breach or failure

The Board reviews controls already in place for mitigating risks and identifies further treatment or monitoring required to manage the identified risks. The first risk noted above is linked to the performance and drawdown from the Community Foundation North East's endowment funds. The Investment Committee meets regularly with the investment managers to discuss and review performance of the funds, which are invested in line with the Community Foundation North East's Investment Policy. The Board agreed a new Investment Policy in March 2023. The Board agreed to maintain an annual 6% withdrawal from the main and ethical funds as part of its 2020-25 strategy, defining triggers that would prompt it to review the withdrawal rate. Inflation is still a concern together with other global issues and the Board will continue to keep these under close review. The second risk is in recognition of the general risk of breach or failure of systems but also the overall increased risk faced by all organisations of cyber crime, both in the number and the sophistication of attacks. The Community Foundation North East regularly reviews its protection and other systems and has vulnerability tests carried out to help mitigate this risk. It has maintained Cyber Essentials + accreditation. Systems are backed up regularly.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Community Foundation North East for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report, the Strategic Report 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. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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Strategic report (continued)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities (continued)

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards comprising FRS102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and the group and 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 the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving the annual report:

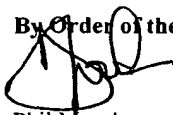
- there is no relevant audit information of which the group's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Independent Auditors

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of Azets Audit Services as auditor of the charity is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The Report of the Trustees and the Strategic Report were approved by the Board of Trustees.

By Order of the Board



Phil Moorhouse
Chair

24 September 2025

Community Foundation North East

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Community Foundation North East

We have audited the financial statements of Community Foundation North East (the 'charitable parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account, Consolidated Balance Sheet, Balance Sheet, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to the events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issues.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Community Foundation North East (continued)

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully set out on pages 11 and 12, the trustees (who are also the directors of the parent charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Community Foundation North East (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk and irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiries with management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the field in which the client operates, we identified the following areas as those most likely to have a material impact on the financial statements: compliance with the UK Companies Act and the Charities Act.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. The risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Community Foundation North East (continued)

Use of report

This report is made solely to the charitable parent company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the group's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable parent company and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Simon Brown BA ACA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Azets Audit Services
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

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Date: 8.10.25

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Consolidated statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	487,682	4,463,375	4,441,947	9,393,004	7,031,844
Charitable activities	4	62,554	-	-	62,554	45,991
Other trading activities	5	29,000	2,000	-	31,000	11,093
Investment income	6	1,295,057	1,030,737	-	2,325,794	2,312,962
Total income and endowments		1,874,293	5,496,112	4,441,947	11,812,352	9,401,890
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	8	343,457	-	-	343,457	321,825
Investment management costs		-	-	319,403	319,403	266,515
Charitable activities	9	3,223,308	6,766,179	-	9,989,487	9,401,643
Total expenditure		3,566,765	6,766,179	319,403	10,652,347	9,989,983
Net (losses)/gains on investments		-	(49,000)	(711,743)	(760,743)	7,607,455
Net income/(loss)		(1,692,472)	(1,319,067)	3,410,801	399,262	7,019,362
Transfers between funds		1,771,245	296,466	(2,067,711)	-	-
Net movement in funds		78,773	(1,022,601)	1,343,090	399,262	7,019,362
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		2,535,290	4,818,413	95,843,463	103,197,166	96,177,804
Total funds carried forward		2,614,063	3,795,812	97,186,553	103,596,428	103,197,166

All of the above results are derived from continuing operations. All gains and losses which were incurred in the current year and prior year are included above. The comparative figures for each category of funds are shown in the notes to the accounts (note 2).

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Consolidated income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Income - continuing operations			
Donations and legacies		4,951,057	4,949,653
Charitable activities	4	62,554	45,991
Other trading activities	5	31,000	11,093
Investment income	6	2,325,794	2,312,962
		7,370,405	7,319,699
Expenditure - continuing operations			
Grants	9	8,816,944	8,322,614
Staff costs	10	1,121,564	1,074,263
Other costs		394,436	326,591
		10,332,944	9,723,468
Net loss on investments		(49,000)	(5,000)
Net loss for the year before transfers and taxation		(3,011,539)	(2,408,769)
Transfer from endowment fund		2,067,711	2,813,676
Taxation	15	-	-
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		(943,828)	404,907

The total income of £7,370,405 comprises £1,874,293 for unrestricted funds and £5,496,112 for restricted funds as shown in the statement of financial activities. The total expenditure of £10,332,944 comprises £3,566,765 for unrestricted funds and £6,766,179 for restricted funds as shown in the statement of financial activities.

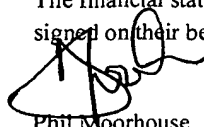
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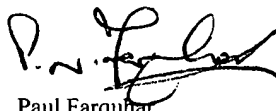
Balance sheets as at 31 March 2025

Registered company number 02273708

	Note	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Fixed assets					
Endowment fund investments	11	96,125,181	94,836,862	92,993,304	91,571,022
Social and other investments	11	1,016,904	939,356	1,017,004	939,456
Tangible assets	12	665,341	635,036	665,341	635,036
Total fixed assets		97,807,426	96,411,254	94,675,649	93,145,514
Current assets					
Debtors	13	1,778,952	718,524	1,755,723	695,445
Cash on short-term deposit		4,613,936	4,560,155	4,613,936	4,560,155
Cash at bank and in hand		1,863,546	3,604,748	1,760,768	3,520,908
Total current assets		8,256,434	8,883,427	8,130,427	8,776,508
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(2,467,432)	(2,097,515)	(2,460,432)	(2,086,960)
Net current assets less current liabilities		5,789,002	6,785,912	5,669,995	6,689,548
Total assets		103,596,428	103,197,166	100,345,644	99,835,062
The funds of the charity:					
Endowment funds	16	97,186,553	95,843,463	94,054,676	92,577,623
Restricted income funds	17	3,795,812	4,818,413	3,676,905	4,722,149
Unrestricted income funds	18	2,614,063	2,535,290	2,614,063	2,535,290
Total charity funds		103,596,428	103,197,166	100,345,644	99,835,062

The financial statements on pages 17 to 50 were approved by the Board on 24 September 2025 and were signed on their behalf by:


Phil Moorhouse
Chair


Paul Farquhar
Treasurer

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Consolidated cash flow statement for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash used in operating activities	23	(6,272,476)	(5,617,874)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		2,325,794	2,312,962
Purchase of fixed assets		(56,076)	(4,423)
Proceeds from the sale of investments		20,975,464	45,035,581
Purchase of investments		(22,975,526)	(43,264,659)
Social investments drawn down		(126,548)	(70,047)
Net cash provided by investing activities		143,108	4,009,414
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Receipt of endowment		4,441,947	2,082,191
Net cash provided by financing activities		4,441,947	2,082,191
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(1,687,421)	473,731
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	23	8,164,903	7,691,172
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	23	6,477,482	8,164,903

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of listed investments and freehold investment property. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The Community Foundation North East meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the group's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements consolidate the results of the Charity and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Joseph Brough Charitable Trust, Tyne & Wear Foundation Limited and Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust, on a line by line basis using consistently applied accounting policies.

No separate SOFA has been presented for the Charity alone as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

b) Going concern

The trustees have prepared budgets and forecasts which give them adequate comfort that the charitable company and group entities are a going concern. Therefore, the trustees are of the view that the charitable company and group have sufficient resources for at least the next 12 months from the date of approving the financial statements. As a result, the charitable company and group's financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

c) Incoming resources

Income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable unless the Charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or if the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period, in which case it is deferred. Donations are accounted for in the period in which they are received or receipt is probable and the charity is entitled to the donation at that point in time. All donations are derived from the UK. Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis. Grants from the Government and other agencies have been included as income from charitable activities where these amount to a contract for services.

Legacy entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executors to the Charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is actually received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Costs relating to raising funds and charitable activities have been allocated direct to those cost headings and support costs (including governance costs) have been apportioned on the basis of staff time spent on each area.

e) Grant commitments

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is approved and conveyed to the recipient. Cancelled grants are re-credited at the point the decision is made not to pay out the grant or when a refund has been received.

f) Fund accounting

Funds held by the Charity are as follows:

Unrestricted general funds: these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Directors.

Unrestricted designated funds: these are funds which the Directors regard as unrestricted because they are used for general charitable grant-making purposes in the Community Foundation North East's area of benefit although grants may still be made on recommendations from the donor.

Restricted funds: these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity.

Endowment funds are invested and the income from these funds is applied to the relevant restricted or unrestricted income funds.

Investment income is allocated to the income funds on a "total return" basis for the Charity. Withdrawals from the endowment fund have been made at a rate of 6%, which the Directors review annually and consider to be a reasonable total return withdrawal rate. A total of £3,294,291(2024: £2,902,300) in excess of investment income, was transferred from the main and ethical endowment funds to restricted (£1,591,653) and unrestricted (£1,702,638) funds in the year. A separate agreement operates for Community First funds and any gain above indexed adjusted value is withdrawn from the funds and nil was withdrawn during the year (2024:£nil).

g) Listed and unlisted investments

Listed investments are stated at their quoted market value at the year end. Unlisted investments are quoted at cost. Freehold investment property is stated at the fair value estimate as valued by property consultants in March 2025 and the Directors consider the valuations to be reasonable.

The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year. Realised gains and losses for the year are calculated based on market value brought forward plus any additions in the year. No depreciation is charged on investment properties.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

g) Listed and unlisted investments (continued)

Property Valuations

Properties held within Investments are held at an assessed valuation by a surveyor and are formally valued every year.

Investments are held at valuations provided by the investment manager, whereas listed investments are held at a closing value indicated by the stock exchange.

h) Social Investments

Social investments consist entirely of loans made to North East Social Investment Community Interest Company (NESIC). As part of the winding up of Northern Rock Foundation (NRF) its Board agreed to transfer the Loan Fund of £3m to Community Foundation North East with both sides signing the novation of the Loan Fund on 12 April 2016. At the transfer date £265,814 had been advanced to NESIC and since the transfer, another £ 1,475,090 has been advanced. NESIC use these loans to invest directly into The North East Social Investment Fund (NESIF). The total advanced of £1,740,904 is shown as a social investment.

The investments are recorded at cost less any diminution in value. The Board have reviewed the recoverability of the loan and in order to be prudent, have decided to provide for diminution in value of the investment based on the share of the most recent overall fund balance sheet deficit plus amber (at risk) loans not already provided for. The Board will continue to review recoverability and valuation on an annual basis. At the year end a total provision of £724,000 has been provided against the recoverability of the Programme Related Investment.

The loan agreement allowed for drawdown by NESIC of the funds for a period of 10 years from the original agreement date of 10 December 2014. The loans are unsecured and bear no interest. No repayments were received during the 10-year loan fund period as all funds were retained in the loan fund with NESIF during the investment period. At December 2024 £1,259,096 remained in the loan fund. The Board agreed to transfer the balance to the Strategic unrestricted endowment fund.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

i) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis, at the following rates:

Land and buildings	-	Over 50 years
Furniture and equipment	-	20% and 25% per annum
Office improvements	-	Over 10 years

j) Pensions

The Community Foundation North East makes contributions on behalf of all staff into a defined contribution group pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the period to which they relate.

k) Liquid resources

Liquid resources for cash flow purposes consist of cash held at banks in current and short-term deposit accounts.

l) Debtors

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

m) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at Bank and In Hand and Cash on Short-term Deposit includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of twelve months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

n) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. This includes grants payable when the offer is approved and conveyed to the recipient. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

o) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Any key judgements have been detailed in the separate accounting policies applied, including notably:

- Social Investments – the Board amortise the asset balance at each year end based on their view of the recoverability of the asset. This is an estimation technique applied each year, based on unobservable factors, which results in the asset being adjusted, normally with a charge being made to the SoFA, and the Restricted Reserve balance, held in respect of the Social Investment fund, being reduced.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Statement of Financial Activities prior year fund comparatives

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	1,599,706	3,349,947	2,082,191	7,031,844
Charitable activities	45,991	-	-	45,991
Other trading activities	8,500	2,593	-	11,093
Investment income	1,245,829	1,067,133	-	2,312,962
Total income and endowments	2,900,026	4,419,673	2,082,191	9,401,890
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	321,825	-	-	321,825
Investment management costs	-	-	266,515	266,515
Charitable activities	3,443,038	5,958,605	-	9,401,643
Total expenditure	3,764,863	5,958,605	266,515	9,989,983
Net (losses)/gain on investments	-	(5,000)	7,612,455	7,607,455
Net income/(loss)	(864,837)	(1,543,932)	9,428,131	7,019,362
Transfers between funds	1,335,022	1,478,654	(2,813,676)	-
Net movement in funds	470,185	(65,278)	6,614,455	7,019,362
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	2,065,105	4,883,691	89,229,008	96,177,804
Total funds carried forward	2,535,290	4,818,413	95,843,463	103,197,166

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

3 Donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	6,644,791	5,607,666
Legacies	2,748,213	1,424,178
	9,393,004	7,031,844

4 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other charitable activities	62,554	45,991

5 Other trading activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other trading activities	31,000	11,093

6 Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Dividends and interest from endowment fund assets	2,034,125	2,049,198
Interest receivable on cash deposits	291,669	263,764
	2,325,794	2,312,962

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

7 Allocation of support costs, overheads and governance

Support costs and overheads have been apportioned using the basis of staff time spent on the various activities.

	Raising funds	Charitable activities	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Support staff costs	36,336	177,251	213,587	194,455
Governance staff costs	10,217	49,841	60,058	61,198
Overhead costs	54,920	192,561	247,481	241,964
Governance direct costs	8,065	28,595	36,660	32,259
	109,538	448,248	557,786	529,876
Included in overhead costs are the following:			2025	2024
			£	£
Auditors' remuneration – audit services			16,740	15,500
Depreciation			25,771	27,272

8 Costs of raising funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	197,417	195,983
Direct costs	36,502	15,442
Support costs (Note 7)	109,538	110,400
	343,457	321,825

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

9 Charitable activities

The Community Foundation North East undertakes its charitable activities through grant-making.

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants payable	8,816,944	8,322,614
Staff costs	650,502	622,627
Direct costs	73,793	36,926
Support costs (Note 7)	448,248	419,476
	9,989,487	9,401,643

Grants were awarded in the year to other charities, voluntary organisations and individuals as follows:

	2025 £	2025 Number	2024 £	2024 Number
Other charities and voluntary organisations	8,876,880	1,167	8,369,478	1,212
Individuals	51,936	57	48,250	41
Total new grants awarded in the year	8,928,816	1,224	8,417,728	1,253
Grants cancelled	(111,872)		(95,114)	
Total grant expenditure	8,816,944		8,322,614	

A breakdown of grants awarded is shown on page 7. A full listing of grants awarded in the financial year can be found on our website www.communityfoundation.org.uk.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

10 Staff costs

Staff costs comprise the following:	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	963,996	926,102
Social security costs	98,239	92,192
Other pension costs	59,329	55,969
	1,121,564	1,074,263

The average number of employees, excluding Trustees/Board Directors, employed by the Group during the year was 24 (2024: 24), full time equivalent 21.7 (2024: 21.8). The ratio of the highest salary to the median salary was 2.32:1 (2024: 2.34:1). The gross salary in the year relating to the executive members of staff responsible for the day-to-day management of the Charity was £301,300 (2024: £287,299) plus £19,473 (2024: £18,475) paid in employer pension contributions.

The Community Foundation North East is not required to report on gender pay gap as it is below the threshold for reporting. However, the Board has carried out a review of gender pay in line with the legislation and has set out some of the information for 5 April 2024 and 5 April 2025 below:

	5 April 2025	5 April 2024
Mean gender pay gap	22%	17%
Median gender pay gap	20%	12%

None of the Trustees/Board Directors received any remuneration during the year (2024: Nil). 2 of the Directors received reimbursements for expenses during the year of £387 in total (2024: £1,302).

During the year employees with emoluments over £60,000 were in the following bands:	2025 Number	2024 Number
£60,000 to £70,000	2	2
£70,000 to £80,000	1	-
£90,000 to £100,000	1	1

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

11 Investments

Endowment fund investments - Group

At valuation	Listed investments £	Deposit & other cash balances £	Freehold property £	Total £
At 1 April 2024	90,782,945	3,478,917	575,000	94,836,862
Additions/movement in the year	21,360,239	1,615,287	-	22,975,526
Disposals in the year	(20,823,091)	-	(152,373)	(20,975,464)
Realised (losses)/gains in the year	(139,518)	-	27,373	(112,145)
Unrealised (losses)/gains in the year	(749,598)	-	150,000	(599,598)
At 31 March 2025	90,430,977	5,094,204	600,000	96,125,181
At cost				
At 31 March 2025	81,287,409	5,094,204	154,000	86,535,613
At 31 March 2024	75,207,517	3,478,917	254,000	78,940,434
Listed investments are detailed as follows:			2025 Market Value £	2024 Market Value £
UK Fixed Interest			4,391,725	4,433,557
UK Equities			10,381,696	13,534,446
Property			1,474,333	1,455,341
Overseas Fixed Interest			3,182,944	2,452,158
Overseas Equities			47,369,751	44,656,871
Collective Investment Schemes			18,906,622	19,819,033
Other			4,723,906	4,431,539
			90,430,977	90,782,945

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

11 Investments (continued)

Social Investments – Charity and Group

	Total £
Loaned amounts	
At 1 April 2024	1,614,356
Advances during the year	126,548
Repayments	-
At 31 March 2025	1,740,904
Provisions	
At 1 April 2024	675,000
Provided against during the year	49,000
Provision released during the year	-
At 31 March 2025	724,000
Net loaned amounts	
At 31 March 2025	1,016,904
At 31 March 2024	939,356

Endowment fund investments - Charity

At valuation	Listed investments £	Deposit & other cash balances £	Freehold property £	Total £
At 1 April 2024	87,517,105	3,478,917	575,000	91,571,022
Additions/movement in the year	21,360,239	1,615,287	-	22,975,526
Disposals in the year	(20,823,091)	-	(152,373)	(20,975,464)
Realised gains (losses) in the year	(139,518)	-	27,373	(112,145)
Unrealised gains (losses) in the year	(615,635)	-	150,000	(465,635)
At 31 March 2025	87,299,100	5,094,204	600,000	92,993,304
At cost				
At 31 March 2025	78,537,692	5,094,204	154,000	83,785,896
At 31 March 2024	72,457,800	3,478,917	254,000	76,190,717

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

11 Investments (continued)

	2025 Market Value £	2024 Market Value £
Listed investments are detailed as follows:		
UK Fixed Interest	4,391,725	4,433,557
UK Equities	10,381,696	13,534,446
Property	1,474,333	1,455,341
Overseas Fixed Interest	3,182,944	2,452,158
Overseas Equities	47,369,751	44,656,871
Collective Investment Schemes	15,774,745	16,553,193
Other	4,723,906	4,431,539
	87,299,100	87,517,105

Other investments – Charity

At cost and valuation	Unlisted investments £
At 1 April 2024	100
At 31 March 2025	100

Unlisted investments held by the charity relate to a £100 (2024: £100) investment in the subsidiary company Tyne & Wear Foundation Limited at cost. At 31 March 2025 the charity owned all of the ordinary share capital, consisting of 100 ordinary shares, of Tyne & Wear Foundation Limited, a company registered in England and Wales which raises funds through fundraising events.

The total funds made available to be drawn down by NESIC were £3,000,000 for a period of 10 years to December 2024. At December 2024 there was an undrawn balance of £1,259,096 on the loan fund and the Board agreed to transfer these funds to the Strategic unrestricted endowment fund. At the year end the restricted reserve balance was £1,016,904 (note 17) (2024: £2,325,000) which is the total amount of funds advanced of £1,740,904 less the aggregate amortisation to date charged against the restricted fund.

Realised gains and losses are calculated based on the market value brought forward plus any additions in the year. Total net realised gains calculated using historical cost was £1,798,707 for the full group (2024: £4,196,740). No single investment accounts for more than 5% of the endowment fund investments.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

Group and Charity				
	Land & Buildings £	Furniture & equipment £	Office improve- ments	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	750,000	81,044	49,890	880,934
Additions	-	9,355	46,721	56,076
Disposals	-	(6,417)	-	(6,417)
At 31 March 2025	750,000	83,982	96,611	930,593
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	138,750	73,505	33,643	245,898
Charge for the year	15,000	4,615	6,156	25,771
Disposals	-	(6,417)	-	(6,417)
At 31 March 2025	153,750	71,703	39,799	265,252
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	596,250	12,279	56,812	665,341
At 31 March 2024	611,250	7,539	16,247	635,036

13 Debtors

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Other debtors	1,707,521	651,232	1,707,521	651,244
Dividends and interest receivable	71,431	67,292	48,202	44,201
	1,778,952	718,524	1,755,723	695,445

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Other creditors and accruals	514,024	433,071	514,024	433,071
Taxation and social security costs	26,177	24,646	26,177	24,646
Grants payable	1,927,231	1,639,798	1,920,231	1,629,243
	2,467,432	2,097,515	2,460,432	2,086,960

15 Taxation

As registered charities, the Community Foundation North East, Joseph Brough Charitable Trust and Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust are entitled to the exemptions from taxation in respect of income and capital gains received within categories covered by s505 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and s256 Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that the income/gains received are applied for charitable purposes only. They are therefore not normally liable to UK Income Tax, Corporation Tax, or Capital Gains Tax.

	2025 £	2024 £
Corporation tax payable	-	-

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16 Endowment funds

The expendable endowment fund is treated by the Directors as a long-term capital fund to provide income for future grant-making. Endowment donations received are allocated between unrestricted and restricted funds in accordance with the policy for each income fund. Joseph Brough Charitable Trust and Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust both hold permanently endowed funds.

	Group £	Charity £
At 1 April 2024	95,843,463	92,577,623
Transfers between funds:		
Total returns endowment withdrawal	(3,294,291)	(3,294,291)
Transfers to endowment from income funds	1,285,517	1,285,517
Exceptional withdrawal from endowment funds	(58,937)	(58,937)
Net income before transfers	3,410,801	3,544,764
At 31 March 2025	97,186,553	94,054,676

The Community Foundation North East (Charity) operates a total returns investment strategy and withdraws income from the endowment funds at a rate of 6% per annum to credit income funds to pay for grants and running costs. The difference between the actual endowment income received on the investments and the total withdrawal figure was £3,294,291 and is shown as a transfer from the endowment fund. A withdrawal of £6,120 was made from the Jeremy Beecham Schools Fund, £41,873 from The Enid Blyton Fund for Seven Stories and £10,944 from the Ivy and Gilbert Purvis Fund, all of which were used to cover grant-making commitments during the year.

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17 Income funds - restricted

The Community Foundation North East receives income and donations both for general charitable purposes and also for more specific areas and issues. All grants are approved by the Board in consultation with individuals and companies who have set up funds within the Community Foundation North East for grant-making. Funds are deemed to be restricted either if they have been donated for a specific purpose or appeal, or if the donor has made a request that they are applied in one area or field. Since the year end the funds in deficit at 31 March 2025 have received sufficient funds to return them to credit.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income & transfers £	Grants £	Other outgoings & transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Frank Acfield	-	946	946	-	-
Abbot Memorial Grants	1,100	-	-	-	1,100
Akzo Nobel International Paint	641	4,053	4,700	-	(6)
Akzo Nobel International Paint	-	-	-	-	-
Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Amec Legacy and Futures	3,256	7,085	8,000	-	2,341
Asian	618	5,612	4,000	-	2,230
Stuart Ayre	-	1,805	1,805	-	-
Nancy Barbour Award	2,633	5,387	-	-	8,020
Jeremy Beecham Schools	447	6,358	5,950	-	855
Bellingham	(106)	2,536	2,500	-	(70)
Berwick Academy Endowment	7,341	8,712	16,316	-	(263)
Blackett Family Community	-	-	-	-	-
First	278	3,631	2,500	-	1,410
EDF Energy Blyth Offshore	-	-	-	-	-
Demonstrator Wind Farm	-	-	-	-	-
Community Benefit	10,629	76,740	78,635	6,976	1,758
Enid Blyton Fund for Seven	-	87,925	87,925	-	-
Stories	-	-	-	-	-
Bowey Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Ron & Louise Bowey	-	-	-	-	-
Grassroots	564	11,871	12,434	-	-
Carolyn and Tony Brookes	2,484	3,387	5,700	-	171
Burnell Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Lawrence Campbell	-	-	-	-	-
Community First	-	2,649	3,881	-	(1,232)
Canford Audio	685	528	-	-	1,213
Chapman	5,647	24,189	7,755	11,690	10,391
Chronicle Sunshine	100,000	2,414	100,000	-	2,414
Community Accelerator Fund	-	-	-	-	-
for Northumberland	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Community Accelerator Fund	-	-	-	-	-
for Tyneside	20,400	-	-	-	20,400
Community Accelerator Fund	-	-	-	-	-
for Wearside	15,000	-	5,000	-	10,000
Community Chest (UKSPF)	-	(10,000)	(10,000)	-	-
The Community Infrastructure	-	-	-	-	-
Levy (CIL)	56,972	258,149	274,977	12,474	27,670
Sir Tom Cowie	2,119	70,224	7,500	-	64,843
Abigail & Stephen Crampton	756	2,285	2,900	-	141
CrecheMobile	10,166	5,098	15,000	-	264
Carried forward	256,630	581,584	638,424	31,140	168,650

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17 Income funds - restricted (continued)

	At 1 April 2024	Income & transfers	Grants	Other outgoings & transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	256,630	581,584	638,424	31,140	168,650
The Louise Dalton	1,626	2,828	3,750	-	704
Duncan & Sarah Davidson	2,272	5,846	8,165	-	(47)
Pamela and Dorothy Denham	(7)	2,930	2,294	-	629
Pamela Denham Community	-	-	-	-	-
First	-	-	-	-	-
Pamela Denham Grassroots	-	484	484	-	-
David Dockray's West End	-	-	-	-	-
Young People's	8,181	43,938	34,050	-	18,069
Dream Jar	405	1,974	1,850	-	529
Andrew and Charlotte Dixon	1,131	1,289	1,000	-	1,420
The Sir George Earle	-	-	-	-	-
Benevolent	-	28,000	-	2,800	25,200
The Edwin John Easydorchik	-	-	-	-	-
Travelling Scholarship	13,502	5,456	12,000	-	6,958
Evangelical	19,734	7,973	24,618	-	3,089
Express Enterprise	1,621	1,118	-	-	2,739
FARNE	72,770	22,938	36,023	-	59,685
David & Gitta Faulkner	2,038	2,041	3,000	-	1,079
Fausta and Rosemary	-	-	-	-	-
Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Fergusons of Blyth	486	7,359	7,000	-	845
Fogo Community First	-	-	0	-	-
The Gateshead VCSE	-	651,000	612,129	-	38,871
David Goldman Awards	-	28,267	28,267	-	-
Allison Greenlees Continuation	-	5,833	3,000	2,833	-
The EDF Energy Green Rigg	-	-	-	-	-
Wind Farm Community Benefit	40,545	40,806	24,934	3,600	52,817
The EDF Energy Renewables	-	-	-	-	-
Barmoor Windfarm Community	-	-	-	-	-
Benefit	95,023	89,728	92,258	8,157	84,336
Jackie Haq Fund for Scotswood	3,209	2,252	-	-	5,461
Henderson Family	3,155	1,412	-	-	4,567
Heyman Travelling Scholarships	7,408	9,710	9,833	-	7,285
Joy Higginson Fund for	-	-	-	-	-
Children North East	-	2,295	2,295	-	-
Hokey Cokey Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Hoult Family Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Hoult Family Grassroots	665	2,479	3,100	-	44
The HunterPemberton	-	-	-	-	-
Community First	3,306	2,204	5,499	-	11
JesDesStaff	-	2,574	2,574	-	-
RWE Renewables UK Kiln Pit	-	-	-	-	-
Hill Wind Farm Community	39,075	26,107	23,052	2,373	39,757
Joyce Trust	3,994	12,602	4,000	-	12,596
Josephs Family	(1)	1,262	1,000	-	261
JPMorgan	4,258	2,317	-	-	6,575
Kellett	129,794	359,793	448,616	-	40,971
Carried forward	710,820	1,956,399	2,033,215	50,903	583,101

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17 Income funds - restricted (continued)

	At 1 April 2024	Income & transfers	Grants	Other outgoings & transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	710,820	1,956,399	2,033,215	50,903	583,101
Kerry Community First					
Endowment	280	1,188	-	-	1,468
Kerry Grassroots	118	3,105	-	-	3,223
June King	1	3,780	-	-	3,781
Latterford	3,073	690	2,000	-	1,763
Lendrum Community First	1,073	15,014	13,000	2,338	749
Capt. C.D. Leyland	6,838	3,884	1,000	-	9,722
Linden Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Local Environmental Action	3,048	15,702	14,960	-	3,790
George Loggie	2,100	1,206	2,250	-	1,056
The Lady Betty and Sir					
Lawrence Martin	5,349	13,045	9,915	-	8,479
The Mayor's Opportunity	-	234,678	234,678	-	-
Grigor McClelland Community					
First	804	-	-	-	804
Moor	-	1,643	1,643	-	-
Alan Morse Grassroots	-	1,200	-	-	1,200
Nadara Sisters North Steads					
Wind Farm Community Benefit	164,069	190,324	182,697	17,142	154,554
Nash	(695)	9,769	9,074	-	-
NEF Grassroots	3,124	1,614	3,740	-	998
NET Coronavirus Appeal	2	-	-	2	-
Newcastle Culture Investment	10,425	622,620	611,310	22,500	(765)
Newcastle Dispensary Relief in					
Sickness	723	3,980	2,000	-	2,703
NHS North East and North					
Cumbria Northern Cancer					
Alliance	-	102,751	29,556	9,341	63,854
North East Cultural Learning	(856)	8,920	8,000	-	64
North East Endowment for					
Musical Traditions	7,624	6,273	12,213	-	1,684
North East Fund for the Arts	5,331	6,632	6,000	-	5,963
The North East Roots	99,274	74,734	61,336	5,375	107,297
North East Roots Homecoming	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
North East Social Investment	2,325,000	-	-	1,308,096	1,016,904
Northern Angel Fund for					
Berwick	9,954	25,189	20,598	-	14,545
North Tyneside	-	1,833	1,833	-	-
Northumberland Group	95,425	32,362	39,699	-	88,088
Northumberland High Sheriff					
Awards	30,608	105,006	71,000	29,346	35,268
Northumberland Village Homes					
Trust	2,651	113,240	106,074	10,000	(183)
Northumberland Wildlife Trust	-	1,776	1,776	-	-
Out & About	6,813	543,101	72,200	15,125	462,589
The Pargiter Trust	9,750	80,000	81,750	8,000	-
Anne & David Parker	6,058	8,355	9,000	-	5,413
Carried forward	3,508,784	4,200,013	3,642,517	1,478,168	2,588,112

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17 Income funds - restricted (continued)

	At 1 April 2024	Income & transfers	Grants	Other outgoings & transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	3,508,784	4,200,013	3,642,517	1,478,168	2,588,112
Participatory Grant-making Fund - Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities	100,000	4,000	55,500	6,000	42,500
Participatory Grant-making Fund - Sunderland	(27,520)	39,107	5,000	6,587	-
Patch	5,035	14,657	19,000	-	692
Pea Green Boat Community First	1,003	27,528	34,000	-	(5,469)
Pen & Palette Club Fund within the North East Fund for the Arts	1,556	4,634	2,850	-	3,340
Percy Family	4,881	8,881	14,300	-	(538)
Philanthropy House	749,893	-	-	-	749,893
Playschemes	7,495	103,575	107,801	1,000	2,269
Platten Family Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Port of Tyne	29,391	40,000	28,293	4,000	37,098
Prudhoe League of Friends	6,839	3,545	-	-	10,384
Geoffrey and Ann Purves	-	2,667	-	-	2,667
Ivy and Gilbert Purvis	473	10,945	10,997	473	(52)
Ray Wind Farm Small Grants Programme	1	-	-	-	1
Readman Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Readman Family Grassroots	106,648	67,361	57,002	10,000	107,007
Carrie Reay Grassroots	3,393	3,786	-	4,000	3,179
REEDS Community First	-	-	-	-	-
REEDS Grassroots	20,321	30,952	20,000	3,000	28,273
Riddell Family Community First	158	14,368	13,719	-	807
Riding Grange Grassroots	169	3,129	-	-	3,298
Ringtons Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Riverbank	760	18,965	17,906	1,500	319
Jane Robertson Alnwick	6,676	7,919	7,500	-	7,095
Brian Roycroft	12,847	10,312	13,376	-	9,783
Smail Family	69	4,318	4,387	-	-
Spriggs Family Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Shohba & Trikoli Srivastava Community First	511	198	-	500	209
Sunderland Industrial & Reformatory School	3,056	1,370	1,390	-	3,036
Suz Grassroots	2,061	1,600	3,661	-	-
Taylor	6,680	19,404	22,500	-	3,584
The Glasshouse International Centre for Music	-	678,953	678,953	-	-
The South Tyneside Know Your Neighbourhood	16,382	576,628	577,337	31,953	(16,280)
Third Sector Trends	44,473	10,000	45,000	-	9,473
Thornton Family Grassroots	2,654	3,858	4,945	-	1,567
Tiny Lives	-	153,834	153,834	-	-
Tyne & Wear High Sheriff Awards	4,849	51,338	51,000	2,535	2,652
Carried forward	4,619,538	6,117,845	5,592,768	1,549,716	3,594,899

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17 Income funds - restricted (continued)

	At 1 April 2024	Income & transfers	Grants	Other outgoings & transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	4,619,538	6,117,845	5,592,768	1,549,716	3,594,899
Tyne & Wear High Sheriff Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Tyne & Wear Grassroots	279	809	-	481	607
Vicky F Grassroots	1,207	1,342	2,549	-	-
Virgin Money	4,119	3,460	1,418	-	6,161
Vital Gateshead	6,692	7,396	13,582	-	506
Vital Newcastle	5,132	5,232	7,788	-	2,576
Vital North Tyneside	1,990	1,693	2,300	-	1,383
Vital Northumberland	15,993	23,093	28,162	-	10,924
Vital South Tyneside	1,287	1,310	2,600	-	(3)
Vital Sunderland	1,975	6,303	-	3,532	4,747
Waiting Well/Preparing Well	244	-	-	-	244
Ted Weekes	11,863	12,813	5,690	10	18,976
The Wellesley Trust	(1,723)	279,930	234,012	20,000	24,195
The Wellesley Trust Community First	-	-	-	-	-
The 1989 Willan Charitable Trust	9,500	733,233	702,817	39,916	-
Mark and Ian Wilson Family	2,985	2,241	1,000	-	4,226
CH Wood	3,482	4,890	4,500	-	3,872
Women's	35,357	33,982	68,500	-	838
Women's Community First	-	-	-	-	-
Young Musician's	2,229	6,925	6,400	-	2,754
Total Community Foundation North East	4,722,149	7,242,497	6,674,086	1,613,655	3,676,905
Joseph Brough Charitable Trust	55,597	62,295	43,933	30	73,929
Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust	40,697	19,783	15,424	48	45,008
Tyne & Wear Foundation Limited	(30)	-	-	-	(30)
Total Group	4,818,413	7,324,575	6,733,443	1,613,733	3,795,812

Income and transfers include credits of £1,591,653 transferred from the main and ethical endowment funds to distribute as income on a total returns basis and £236,810 of other transfers. Other outgoings include transfers between funds of £1,531,997, amortisation of Social Investments of £49,000 and other fund expenses of £32,736. The Women's Fund includes income from Fausta and Rosemary Community First fund, Pamela and Dorothy Denham fund and PZ fund. Brian Roycroft fund includes income from the Tessa Hide fund. Local Environmental fund includes income from Ivy and Gilbert Purvis fund, PZ fund and Sandra King Rainy Day fund. High Sheriff of Northumberland Youth fund includes income from the Burnell Family and Community First funds.

18 Income funds - unrestricted

As well as a general administrative unrestricted fund (included below for completeness) the Community Foundation North East holds the following designated funds which the Directors regard as unrestricted because they are used for general charitable purposes in the Community Foundation North East's area of benefit although grants may still be made on recommendations from the donor. The funds are to be used for grant-making and grants are awarded throughout the year when committees meet and make recommendations to the Board. Since the year end the funds in deficit at 31 March 2025 have received sufficient funds to return them to credit.

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18 Income funds - unrestricted (continued)

	At 1 April 2024	Income & transfers	Grants	Other outgoings & transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Adderstone	-	11,877	11,500	-	377
AJM	1,123	1,223	-	-	2,346
Anonymous	7,368	3,187	6,420	-	4,135
Appletree	(405)	25,001	24,698	-	(102)
Ashington Community Development Trust	10	3,696	2,780	-	926
Barley Hill	1,945	3,805	3,851	-	1,899
Barnes	9	8,714	8,616	-	107
Christopher Beadle	63	5,225	4,000	-	1,288
Charles Robert Bell	11,558	14,597	26,435	-	(280)
John Bell	24,727	64,417	40,180	33,096	15,868
Bellway	-	2,944	-	-	2,944
Sara Alexandra Bernstone	3,810	5,053	8,100	700	63
Bonas Machine Company	2,656	1,844	1,800	-	2,700
Ron and Louise Bowey	14,639	37,474	52,113	-	-
Dawn Brown	-	1,421	1,421	-	-
Stephen Byers	10,725	8,044	12,880	2,500	3,389
The Muriel Campbell	3,980	1,572	4,764	-	788
Carr-Ellison Charitable Trust	1,229	21,755	22,500	-	484
Carroll Savage	(225)	6,194	6,000	-	(31)
Caru	-	100,000	66,000	11,000	23,000
Chrysalis	(5)	1,890	1,900	-	(15)
Community Investment	763,321	-	150,000	11,406	601,915
Steve & Christine Convey	-	21,543	-	-	21,543
Daphne & Martin Cookson	4,773	5,321	9,900	-	194
Roland Cookson Fund for the Charlotte Straker Project	-	69,653	69,653	-	-
Roland Cookson Community	(1,878)	20,832	17,850	1,556	(452)
Coquet	4,211	-	4,211	-	-
Cost-of-living	3,375	-	-	3,375	-
Crozier	-	5,289	-	5,289	-
Curtain PARP	1,995	47,041	55,311	-	(6,275)
John D Endowment	1,451	13,233	15,400	-	(716)
Dickon Trust	(1,233)	73,627	69,675	5,000	(2,281)
Elgon	1,496	1,104	-	-	2,600
Fogo	1,709	34,108	29,637	-	6,180
George and Peggy	3,538	5,697	5,000	-	4,235
Adrian and Ingrid Gifford	290	1,214	-	-	1,504
The Giving Network	9,165	22,654	20,146	974	10,699
Margaret and Dorothy Gordon Memorial	497	1,254	1,800	-	(49)
Groves Family	226	5,467	5,000	-	693
Michael and Christine Heppell	5,629	3,265	3,000	-	5,894
Cynthia Hoare	-	28,512	10,798	-	17,714
Bill and May Hodgson	543	16,829	12,000	2,000	3,372
The Hokey Cokey (that's what it's all about)	3,481	4,007	4,000	-	3,488
I'Anson Family	2,568	2,761	2,700	-	2,629
If only...	-	1,520	1,520	-	-
Carried forward	888,364	714,864	793,559	76,896	732,773

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18 Income funds - unrestricted (continued)

	At 1 April 2024	Income & transfers	Grants	Other outgoings & transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	888,364	714,864	793,559	76,896	732,773
Sir James Knott	-	2,172	2,172	-	-
John Laing	4,896	5,165	-	-	10,061
William Leech Charity	17,256	21,298	-	3,000	35,554
Leech Challenge	2,226	3,134	-	3,000	2,360
Brian Lewis	82	-	-	82	-
Linden Family	295	106,993	107,326	-	(38)
FB & PFB Lough	9,240	102,662	86,951	10,000	14,951
Grigor McClelland	34,966	14,210	17,729	6,476	24,971
Daisy Marr	2,080	29,229	27,479	-	3,830
Maudslay Family	1,857	2,363	-	-	4,220
G S May Family	1,975	6,811	6,250	2,250	286
McIntosh	1,554	1,686	-	1,500	1,740
Milburn Briel	8,135	19,884	18,090	-	9,929
Muckle LLP	19,140	65,712	51,390	14,401	19,061
Naylors Gavin Black	2,743	5,032	4,750	-	3,025
Newcastle Building Society					
Community	28,189	141,059	140,866	959	27,423
Emma Newton	5,182	5,028	6,000	-	4,210
North East Brewers	975	6,270	-	4,117	3,128
Northern Powergrid	13,981	15,904	28,708	-	1,177
Northumbrian Water	8,026	6,336	1,500	-	12,862
Opencast Charitable	3	-	-	3	-
Pattinson Estate Agents	1,611	14,339	14,500	-	1,450
Platten Family	199,588	148,277	162,839	12,938	172,088
PricewaterhouseCoopers	2,561	1,863	1,500	-	2,924
Prime	(1,746)	170,731	145,771	-	23,214
Proudfoot Family	2,172	1,454	3,000	-	626
P&G	(422)	56,561	56,933	-	(794)
Guy Readman endowment	105,974	128,362	104,299	-	130,037
Matthew Ridley	3,224	1,259	-	-	4,483
Ringtons	1	58,832	58,321	-	512
Rolls-Royce	(279)	2,594	-	-	2,315
St Cuthbert's	-	2,099	2,100	-	(1)
John & Barbara Sadler & Jeanette Henderson	2,312	5,826	7,400	-	738
Johnnie & Tricia Smith and Family	83	4,478	2,000	-	2,561
Barry & Faga Speker	662	1,240	500	-	1,402
Spriggs Family	192	1,298	2,000	-	(510)
Squires Foundation	(2,028)	17,115	10,000	1,476	3,611
Shobha and Triloki					
Srivastava Grassroots	1,463	2,843	3,500	-	806
Star	4,439	9,832	6,000	500	7,771
The Temple	1	-	-	1	-
Tess	8,334	3,086	6,000	3,000	2,420
Brian & Margaret Thompson	-	1,563	1,563	-	-
Treeline	1,323	3,419	3,500	-	1,242
Vaux	218	8,332	-	4,393	4,157
Ward Hadaway	1,487	14,798	15,700	720	(135)
Carried forward	1,382,335	1,936,013	1,900,196	145,712	1,272,440

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18 Income funds - unrestricted (continued)

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income & transfers £	Grants £	Other outgoings & transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Brought forward	1,382,335	1,936,013	1,900,196	145,712	1,272,440
Watkin Family	6,297	28,889	35,186	-	-
Weightman	1,532	1,334	3,000	-	(134)
Welch Family	322	1,386	-	-	1,708
Wide Open Road	44	13,463	7,000	-	6,507
Willis Charitable	6,306	10,776	12,500	-	4,582
Marian Winship	-	4,101	-	-	4,101
The Lucy Winskell	-	1,150	1,150	-	-
Winter Family	-	16,030	16,030	-	-
Robert Wood Trust	5,757	4,513	2,496	-	7,774
Other general grant-making funds	233,027	245,253	105,943	97,253	275,084
Total designated funds	1,635,620	2,262,908	2,083,501	242,965	1,572,062
Administrative fund	899,670	1,603,917	-	1,461,586	1,042,001
Total Community Foundation North East	2,535,290	3,863,825	2,083,501	1,701,551	2,614,063
Total Group	2,535,290	3,863,825	2,083,501	1,701,551	2,614,063

Income and transfers include £1,702,638 transferred from the main and ethical endowment funds to distribute as income on a total returns basis and £286,894 of other transfers. Other outgoings and transfers consist of £218,287 transferred between funds, £1,121,564 staff costs, £34,553 designated fund expenses and other net administrative costs of £327,147.

A number of funds contribute to the Community Foundation North East's general unrestricted grant funds, including Crosshatch, Crozier, Tony Follows Legacy, Ian and Jane Gregg, Greggs plc, Sir James Knott Trust, Mitford, Esme Slattery, Templeton, Three Valleys, Tolent, Tyne Tees Television, and two anonymous funds. Three funds contribute directly to the administrative fund, Ronald Edward William Murray, Brian Lewis and Hadrian Trust. In addition to the funds listed in restricted and unrestricted funds there are 5 acorn type funds at the year end, a number of which currently donate their income to other funds and they will appear in the above analysis once they reach maturity.

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

Group

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2025 Total £
Investments	-	1,016,904	96,125,181	97,142,085
Tangible fixed assets	69,091	596,250	-	665,341
Current assets	3,035,599	4,159,463	1,061,372	8,256,434
Current liabilities	(490,627)	(1,976,805)	-	(2,467,432)
Total net assets	2,614,063	3,795,812	97,186,553	103,596,428

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Charity

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2025 Total
	£	£	£	£
Investments	-	1,017,004	92,993,304	94,010,308
Tangible fixed assets	69,091	596,250	-	665,341
Current assets	3,035,599	4,033,456	1,061,372	8,130,427
Current liabilities	(490,627)	(1,969,805)	-	(2,460,432)
Total net assets	2,614,063	3,676,905	94,054,676	100,345,644

20 Pensions

The Community Foundation North East contributes to a defined contribution group pension scheme for all staff. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Community Foundation North East in independently administered funds. The pension charge represents contributions by the Community Foundation North East to the funds and amounted to £59,329 (2024: £55,969). The amount outstanding in contributions at 31 March 2025 was nil (2024: £974).

21 Subsidiary company and charities

These financial statements are consolidated to include the financial transactions of the following as required under the Statement of Recommended Practice:

Tyne & Wear Foundation Limited - wholly owned subsidiary

Joseph Brough Charitable Trust - sole trustee

Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust - sole trustee

As permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, and by paragraph 422 of the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005, no separate company Statement of Financial Activities has been presented for the Community Foundation North East within these financial statements. The Company's gross income for the year was £11,730,274 (2024: £9,304,923) and its net income for the year was £510,582 (2024: £6,683,309) after the deduction of losses on investments of £577,780 and bad debt provision of £49,000 (2024: gains £7,318,410 and bad debt provision of £5,000).

The Community Foundation North East owns the whole of the issued share capital of Tyne & Wear Foundation Limited, a company registered in England (Company number 3971646). The subsidiary is used to carry out larger fundraising events on behalf of the charity. The company was inactive during the year and therefore the amount gift aided to the Community Foundation North East was nil (2024: nil).

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21 Subsidiary company and charities (continued)

A summary of results of the subsidiary company is shown below:

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Turnover	-	-
Cost of sales	-	-
Operating profit	-	-
Administrative costs	-	-
Net profit	-	-

The aggregate of the assets and liabilities was:	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Assets	70	82
Liabilities	-	(12)
Net assets	70	70

The Community Foundation North East is sole trustee of Joseph Brough Charitable Trust, a registered charity (Charity number 227332). All activities of the charity have been consolidated on a line by line basis in the SOFA. A summary of the results of Joseph Brough Charitable Trust is shown below:

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Investment income	67,295	78,812
Charitable activities	(48,963)	(49,457)
Investment management costs	-	(2,811)
Gains/(losses) on investments	(97,198)	214,591
Net movement in funds	(78,866)	241,135

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21 Subsidiary company and charities (continued)

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	Total	Total
	2025	2024
	£	£
Assets	2,353,179	2,432,045
Liabilities	(7,000)	(7,000)
Funds	2,346,179	2,425,045

Represented by:	Total	Total
	2025	2024
	£	£
Permanent endowment fund	2,272,250	2,369,448
Restricted funds	73,929	55,597
Funds	2,346,179	2,425,045

The Community Foundation North East is also sole trustee of Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust, a registered charity (charity number 1030800). All activities of the charity have been consolidated on a line by line basis in the SOFA. A summary of the results of Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust is shown below:

	Total	Total
	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment income	25,458	28,726
Investment management costs	-	(1,790)
Charitable activities	(21,147)	(11,472)
Gains/(losses) on investments	(36,765)	79,454
Net movement in funds	(32,454)	94,918

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21 Subsidiary company and charities (continued)

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	Total	Total
	2025	2024
	£	£
Assets	904,365	940,644
Liabilities	-	(3,555)
Funds	904,365	937,089

Represented by:	Total	Total
	2025	2024
	£	£
Permanent endowment fund	859,627	896,392
Restricted funds	45,008	40,697
Funds	904,635	937,089

22 Related party transactions

In the ordinary course of the Community Foundation North East's activities, it has awarded grants to other charities or organisations that have common Trustees/Directors, or whose employees are Directors of the Community Foundation North East or where members of the Executive Team are Trustees/Directors. All grants have been awarded using the same guidelines as any other grant. Directors and staff are always required to declare their interest in any organisation being considered for a grant and do not take part in any such decisions.

During the year Directors and their associated companies donated a total of £1,776,773 (2024: £274,452) to Community Foundation North East named endowment and revenue funds, and £570 (2024: £945) was donated by members of the Executive Staff Team. The Community Foundation North East is a member of the Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF), which John Hollingsworth is a trustee of, and paid £4,439 during the financial year for membership.

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22 Related party transactions (continued)

Full details are given below of grants awarded during the year to related charities and organisations.

Organisation	Director/employee involved	Relationship	Total grants £
Derwenthaugh Boat Station	Lucy Winskell OBE	Honorary President	2,000
Connected Voice	Stella Simbo	Employee	10,000
Newcastle City Council – Care Leaver Team	Pam Smith	Employee	13,102
New Writing North	Claire Malcolm MBE	Employee	23,000
North East Theatre Trust	Lucy Winskell OBE	Trustee	11,150
Northumbria University	Sarah Glendinning	Employee	3,000
Success4All CIO	Stella Simbo	Volunteer	16,030
Sunderland Theatre Trust	Adam Lopardo	Trustee	2,000
Tyne Rivers Trust	John Hollingsworth	Trustee	32,577

During the year, the following transactions were made between the main charity and its subsidiaries.

Subsidiary	Nature of transaction	Value £
Joseph Brough Charitable Trust	Paid Community Foundation North East for administrative services	5,000
Tyne & Wear Foundation Trust	Paid Community Foundation North East for administrative services	5,084
Tyne & Wear Foundation Trust	Paid Community Foundation North East a grant for the Kellett Fund	591

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23 Cash flow information for the Group

Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income for the year	399,262	7,019,362
Adjustments for:		
Receipt of endowment	(4,441,947)	(2,082,191)
Depreciation charges	25,771	27,272
(Gains)/losses on endowment investments	711,743	(7,612,455)
Losses on programme related investments	49,000	5,000
Dividends and interest from investments	(2,325,794)	(2,312,962)
Increase in debtors	(1,060,428)	(608,426)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	369,917	(53,474)
Net cash used in operating activities	(6,272,476)	(5,617,874)

Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,863,546	3,604,748
Short-term deposits	4,613,936	4,560,155
Total cash and cash equivalents	6,477,482	8,164,903

24 Ultimate controlling party

The Directors do not consider that the Community Foundation North East (Charity) has an ultimate controlling party because the Community Foundation North East has a large and wide-ranging membership who elect the Board and would be required to agree any changes to the Memorandum and Articles. Due to the structure of the Community Foundation North East (Charity) the group also does not have an ultimate controlling party.