

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2026
for
TOGETHER ACTIVE

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

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Report of the Trustees
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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the charity are:

- To reduce inequalities in access to physical activity by addressing systemic, structural, and social barriers that prevent participation, particularly among underrepresented or disadvantaged communities.
- To promote equitable, inclusive, and sustainable systems that enable all people to be active in ways that support their physical, mental, and social wellbeing.
- To strengthen the capacity of organisations and partnerships to collaborate, innovate, and lead change that tackles inactivity and its root causes.

Why we exist

We are an independent charity and the Active Partnership for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. As an active partnership we form one of 43 organisations across the UK funded by Sport England to work systemically across our region to address structural inequalities preventing people from living healthy, active lives.

We work to use physical activity as a tool to improve the lives of some of the most overlooked and unheard populations by working across three priority areas:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Social Inclusion
- Powerful Communities

Our work focusses on population groups who experience one or more of the following:

- Mental health distress
- A long-term physical health condition including physical disability
- Low or no income
- Exclusion as a result of gender/ gender identity and /or race

We work in collaboration with partners from systems across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent to work toward our vision.

Our Vision

Design out inactivity across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Public Benefit Disclosures

Having reviewed the Objective and Activities, and the Achievements and Performance of the organisation, and having given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011, the Trustees are satisfied that Together Active's has delivered significant public benefit during 2025-26.

Objectives and Activities

Together Active's strategy was launched in 2024 which centres on increasing physical activity by addressing the systemic issues that create inequality and exclusion. Our approach is underpinned by three pillars:

- Health and Wellbeing - Working with partners to improve the prevention pathway for mental health
- Social inclusion - Testing new ways of working with socially excluded groups to increase opportunities for them to be active
- Powerful Communities - Proving that physical activity has a critical role to play in community development

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Safeguarding

During the year, we further strengthened our safeguarding capacity through the expansion of the safeguarding team with the appointment of an additional team member, supporting the continued development of robust safeguarding practice across the organisation. Our safeguarding policies and procedures continued to be reviewed and updated to ensure they remain effective, responsive, and aligned with current best practice.

The organisation remained compliant with standards set by the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU), demonstrating our ongoing commitment to creating safe and inclusive environments for all participants, staff, volunteers, and partners.

A key achievement this year was ensuring that the entire staff team completed Level 2 safeguarding training, helping to embed safeguarding awareness and responsibilities across all areas of our work. Staff also continued to access wider safeguarding learning and development opportunities to strengthen knowledge and confidence in responding to safeguarding concerns.

We continued to offer support to local clubs and organisations through our safeguarding and welfare work, with a new pathway towards leisure facilities.

This year also saw the successful delivery of our first safeguarding conference, Safer Spaces, Stronger Minds, which brought together partners, practitioners, and organisations to share learning, raise awareness, and strengthen safeguarding practice across the leisure and safeguarding sector.

Broadening training and development opportunities for staff and partners will remain a key priority, ensuring safeguarding continues to be embedded throughout the organisation and that all staff maintain a strong understanding of safeguarding responsibilities relevant to their roles.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements and Performance

During the year we have:

- Delivered activity for over 1,400 individuals
- Engaged with over 500 community members
- Worked with over 50 partners across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent
- Recruited 7 individuals into new roles
- Provided training opportunities for over 140 individuals across the county

This year has seen us continue to build and develop our understanding of the needs of our communities, though working more closely with them. Our strongest results came from work designed to last beyond our delivery, with leaders trained, practice embedded, and partners taking the work forward in their own settings. The year has also tested where partnership works and where it cannot, and we have refocused our place-based approach accordingly, taking the learning with us into the next phase.

Limitless

234 individuals engaged

The Limitless Festival brought children and young people from schools in Tamworth, Burton, and Cannock together for a multi-sport rotation designed to give every participant a low-stakes way into trying something new. Feedback was collected after each rotation from students, teachers, and providers, allowing the format to flex through the day. Schools left with equipment and training packs to continue delivery; several have since embedded new sports into their curriculum as nine-week blocks.

A significant strand of the work focused on Boccia. Equipment sets went to feeder primary schools, and Boccia Leaders Training was delivered to Burton College students and five participating schools. In some, the new leaders went on to set up lunchtime clubs for their peers, exactly the kind of legacy that doesn't depend on our ongoing delivery. Smaller-scale Boccia tournaments followed, giving participants the chance to apply the training in inclusive competition.

95% of attendees reported feeling more positive about being active after the festival. Teachers flagged improvements among students who had previously been disengaged in PE, where the rotation format and the lower-stakes framing made taking part feel possible rather than exposing.

Move Your Way

425 individuals engaged

Move Your Way ran from September 2025 to March 2026 across eight primary schools (Years 5 and 6) and two secondaries (Years 7-9), and was designed to give girls space to try new sports in environments where trying something new didn't cost them socially. The programme culminated in a festival with six activity stations (cheerleading, netball, cricket, circus skills, Zumba, and a smoothie bike) bringing the participating schools together.

The leadership strand was particularly encouraging. Twelve Year 9 and 10 students trained as Girl Champions, all of whom volunteered themselves for the role; only one had any volunteering experience outside school before this. All twelve completed a leadership qualification, and the next phase focuses on supporting them to apply what they've learned in community settings.

A more targeted piece of work ran alongside the wider programme: a six-week intervention with the 30 least-engaged girls at one secondary school, delivered with Sports Coaching Company. Sessions explored mindset, media literacy and body image, friendship and belonging. The headteacher has since committed to continuing the work and is planning assemblies to take the messages wider. Plans are now in place to expand Move Your Way into other focus areas, with participants choosing the activities they want to try and stronger links into local community clubs to support sustained participation beyond school.

This Mum Moves

27 individuals trained

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This Mum Moves grew out of work with Gingerbread, a supported accommodation for teenage mothers and homeless families, where the range of barriers facing pregnant and postpartum women trying to be active became clear to us. Together Active commissioned the Active Pregnancy Foundation and the Institute of Health Visiting to deliver two ambassador training sessions equipping professionals to discuss physical activity confidently, signpost safely, and embed messaging into the contacts they already have.

27 professionals attended across the two sessions, from Family Hubs, football clubs, supported accommodation, domestic abuse charities, the NHS, leisure services, and physical activity providers. It follows a cascade model; ambassadors take the training back into their organisations and share it with colleagues. Gingerbread are now planning to integrate physical activity advice and signposting into their pre and postnatal 1-1 sessions and to start walking groups linking back into family hub delivery. The next phase focuses on supporting other ambassadors to do the same.

Safer Spaces, Stronger Minds Conference

65 individual attendees

Delivered in partnership with Active Derbyshire, the Safer Spaces, Stronger Minds Conference brought practitioners, leaders, and partners together to strengthen safeguarding culture across sport and physical activity. It was designed to do something more than information transfer; we wanted to challenge practice and build collective confidence in how the sector responds.

The conference balanced expert input with lived experience. Together We Lift opened the day on mental health awareness from lived experience; LADO gave practical guidance on reporting conduct concerns and the processes that follow; NWG ran a condensed version of their Bystander Training; CIMSPA covered the assurance work clubs and centres can do around coach qualifications. Kyniska Advocacy delivered the keynote on trauma-informed practice and its link to safer environments for athletes and participants.

Table-top discussions ran alongside the formal programme, and a marketplace of partner organisations, including Communities Inc, Support Staffordshire, Everyone Health, Staffordshire Network for Mental Health, NWG, and Ann Craft Trust, gave attendees direct access to local resources. The strongest feedback themes were the value of combining professional expertise with authentic lived experience, and the chance to share practice openly across organisations that rarely sit in the same room.

Fitness Fun HAF Activity

82 attendees over 5 days

In February 2026, we worked with Newcastle-Under-Lyme Family Hub to provide HAF-style activities during a half term that HAF funding doesn't cover, a structural gap that leaves children in one of the most deprived areas of Newcastle with very few options during the break. Delivery was through Gather CIC, with five days of free activities including football, boxing training, table tennis, gymnastics, and sports day themes, alongside snacks and signposting into the wider Family Hub offer.

The 82 children and young people who attended were aged between nine and fifteen, all from the Newcastle area. Asked what they would otherwise have been doing, they said: in bed, gaming, on TikTok, or bored doing nothing. The relationship with Gather CIC and the Newcastle Family Hub has been a useful one, and we are looking to build on it.

Meir Community Fun Day and Abbey Hulton Community Event (Stoke Place)

300 individual attendees

In May 2025, Together Active ran community family days at the Wallace Centre in Abbey Hulton and The Yard in Meir, reaching around 300 people. The events were early community insight-gathering for the Stoke Place work, designed to understand what families in priority areas needed and were missing. What we heard pointed mostly to gaps. Free, multi-age family provision is scarce; one parent brought their family from Longport for the full session and planned to travel back to Meir two days later. Another, a grandmother living nearby, hadn't known the Wallace Centre existed and planned to join as a member after attending. We learned that information moves through trusted local connectors, often a single, well-networked individual, more reliably than through paid social media.

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At Meir, we saw directly how girls negotiate access to physical activity spaces claimed as default by boys, with coaching attention following the same lines. One girl of around ten described herself as self-taught at gymnastics with no awareness of provision she could access. She had wanted to be a professional footballer but had stopped, telling staff she was "too naughty", language none of our staff observed any behavioural evidence for. When a short window of girls-only football was eventually held, a seven-year-old was overheard saying "this is so fun."

These were early conversations in a broader insight programme; they helped shape the questions we asked later and surfaced the systemic barriers we needed to address.

Asha - Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support in Stoke

21 individuals engaged

Asha supports around 600 asylum seekers and refugees in Stoke-on-Trent, from almost 50 different countries. Their existing offer includes digital support, English lessons, free hot meals, and craft activities, with some physical activity provision running on volunteer capacity. The gap was a space for women to take part in sport, and a longer-term route into a sustainable offer that didn't depend on volunteer availability.

Together Active worked with the YMCA, who Asha already had a relationship with, to deliver a six-week basketball programme. Sessions were designed to build confidence, create a social space, and begin developing peer leadership. One participant said: "I enjoyed the sessions being together with different nationality is very fun." Another spoke about wanting to volunteer "to support my local community and improve my wellbeing."

The next phase moves toward sustainability. Activator training for up to twelve participants will give them the skills to deliver sessions themselves, and basketball will be integrated into Asha's regular offer. Equipment from our community library will be available to rent for free, including for use in the local park ten minutes' walk away.

Virtual Schools

225 individuals engaged

The Virtual Schools Project delivered a programme of activities for looked-after children and care leavers, with demand consistently outstripping places. Our Stanley Head Adventure Day drew 68 expressions of interest; 39 attended across two sessions, the highest attendance rate to date, with more on our waiting list. Younger children built dens, dipped ponds, and worked through obstacle challenges, while older participants climbed and tried axe throwing. Running the day without parents or carers onsite proved particularly successful; independence and willingness to try new things visibly went up when children weren't being watched.

The Winter Olympics programme tested shorter session formats. Clip 'n Climb saw 27 of 30 booked children attend; ice skating brought 39, with 35 trying it for the first time and 37 asking to come back; tubing at Stoke Ski Centre drew 42 attendees from 55 registrations. Our Laches Wood day combined canoeing, shelter building, and BMX, and one child learned to ride a bike independently for the first time.

For 16+ care leavers, we ran a sports leadership course and a careers fair with North Staffordshire YMCA. The careers fair had low take-up (six young people attended), which gave us a clear learning; this age group needs flexibility and bitesize formats integrated within physical activity delivery, not bolted-on events asking them to show up for something explicitly career-shaped. Shorter, more flexible delivery is the direction for the next phase, alongside expanding capacity where demand has consistently outstripped places.

Place Expansion - Stoke and East Staffordshire

400+ individuals engaged

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As part of our Place Expansion work in Stoke, we spoke to more than 400 people across four of the city's most disadvantaged communities to understand why some residents are far less likely to be active than others. Rather than arriving with a programme, our Community Activators spent time in those places, building trust and listening to people on their own terms. What came through is that the will to be active is already there; what's missing is provision people can reach, afford, and feel safe and welcome in. The barriers they described, things like transport, cost, fear and a long history of being let down, are structural rather than a lack of motivation, and they fall hardest on those already carrying the most disadvantage. We have since stepped back from the wider systems change work with the council and local VCSE partners, but the insight stands, and it will keep shaping how we reach Stoke's most excluded communities.

In East Staffordshire, we have been rapidly growing our presence, our visibility, and the network of partners needed to successfully land place expansion work in the area. We recruited our Place Lead in October, and since then have had multiple partner sessions to shape our successful Development Award bid, learn more about what it means to work in place and how to drive systemic change, and decided host organisations for our Community Activators through a robust process of understanding the VCSE landscape, and building relationships with organisations who are not always included in wider conversations about the area. We have begun the development of our East Staffs narrative, unearthing the history of the area and how that had led to the health inequalities we're seeing now, and can confidently say that we're in a strong position to hit the ground running when funding to progress the work becomes available.

Better Health Staffordshire

20 individuals trained

As part of our ongoing partnership agreement with Staffordshire County Council Public Health, and as a partner on their Better Health Staffordshire Whole Systems Approach, we have been supporting on embedding understanding and practice of systems leadership across the partnership. We began by coproducing a partnership maturity survey, integrating the metrics the partnership felt were indicators of a strong network, and from which we were able to see where there were gaps in how the network was functioning.

We then worked closely with Staffordshire County Council to develop a half day workshop to upskill the partnership, and the whole Public Health team, in outcomes-focused working, including training around tools such as logic models and theories of change. Our feedback was overwhelmingly positive about the session, with 100% of attendees feeling confident about their understanding of the concepts, and 100% agreeing that they could use the tools practically in their work.

We are now planning a follow up session for more member of the partnership, to further embed the learning and practice across the network.

Diabetes as a Barrier to Activity

This year, we worked with Staffordshire University to understand why young people with Type 1 diabetes tend to be less active than their peers. The condition itself usually isn't the barrier, it's that coaches and teachers often don't feel equipped to support them, so they either leave them out to be on the safe side or single them out, which leaves young people feeling self-conscious, fearful or excluded. Rather than research them, we trained a group of young people with T1D as co-researchers over four sessions and supported them to run a World Café with their peers to work out what helps and what holds them back. Everything they raised came back to one root cause: clubs and schools aren't given enough awareness or training. That gave us insight as to where we could make a change, because as an inequality, it sits with the system around these young people rather than with them. The next stage will be developing a follow-on project to build diabetes-aware coaching resources, as well as building the learnings into our wider work on diabetes in physical activity. The young researchers came away more confident and feeling properly heard, having started out thinking research was dull and not really for people like them.

Active Environments - Wayfinding Project

Good progress has been made across the project during this reporting period. Work on the new viewing platform is now complete, including the installation of the interpretation panel and the final section of the 1km trail, marking the completion of the main physical improvements.

The bench designs have also been finalised and are currently in production with the manufacturer in Stoke-on-Trent. Installation is scheduled for May/June 2026 and will further enhance the visitor experience along the trail.

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All digital content workshops have now concluded, and the digital artists have completed approximately 75% of the QR-code-linked content. The remaining work is progressing to schedule, with the project's public launch confirmed for 9 July. Current progress indicates that the project remains on track to deliver all planned outcomes.

Plans for the Future

In the year ahead, our work will be anchored by our theme of Safety, which brings together three areas where we believe physical activity has both the most to offer and the furthest to travel: safety for women and girls as defined by their own experience, health inequalities with a particular focus on conditions like liver disease and diabetes that rarely sit inside conventional physical activity conversations, and mental health and suicide prevention, and in particular the role of facilities in this space. This theme will shape how we work with partners, how we design delivery, how we engage with and advocate for our communities, and how we use our voice externally.

Our relationship with Sport England remains critical to our organisation, and we are working closely with them to deliver to the outcomes of Uniting the Movement. We are also continuing to develop our place work in East Staffordshire and across the Universal Offer in Staffordshire. Alongside this, we have spent the year repositioning ourselves for the launch of our income diversification strategy. A Marketing Officer is in post, our brand has been refreshed, and a new website has gone live. A Fundraising Manager joins us in June 2026, with a remit to expand the work we can do beyond what Sport England funding alone can support.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

At 31.03.25 the total funds held were £573,510, and at 31.03.26 the total funds held were £564,479.

Funding Sources

Together Active has received £935,153 income during 2025-26. This consists of £905,049 of funding from Sport England during the period 01.04.25 -31.03.26, along with £26,667 of restricted funding from a range of partners, £1,896 other unrestricted funding and £1,540 of bank interest.

Together Active recognises the risk of over-dependency on Sport England funding and long term aims to increase income generation and secure additional funding from other sources.

Reserves policy

At 31.03.26 total funds held were £564,479.

Together Active's Reserves Policy outlines three types of funds which Together Active holds:

Restricted Funds - This is grant funding which has been received and is held for future delivery within the grant period or which is grant underspend where we have permission from the grant provider to carry it forward. It can only be spent on expenditure allowed within the terms of the grant agreement. At 31.03.26 this totals £47,404 and is detailed within the accounts.

Unrestricted Funds - This is the amount of funding which is not restricted or designated and totals £249,596.

The trustees have identified the amount of funding which needs to be held to manage the dissolution of the CIO should this be necessary, meeting all associated liabilities as outlined in the organisation's Reserves Policy. As of 31.03.26 this figure was £121,661 and includes:

- Redundancy liabilities for all eligible staff
- Three months of employment costs
- Office lease & mobile phone contracts

Unrestricted funds in excess of this policy are currently held. These funds can be invested back into the organisation and its delivery to support the organisation's growth. As of 31.03.26 this figure was £127,935.

Designated Funds - These are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for specific costs or purposes.

At 31.03.26, £93,480 was designated to fund a Fundraising Lead post for a period of two years, and £174,000 was designated to mitigate any potential reduction in funding during the transition to the next System Partner funding cycle, also for a period of two years.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Going concern

Together Active has a long-term financial forecast (currently running to 31.03.30) which is kept up-to-date. Based on these figures the Trustees have no reason to believe that Together Active will not be able to continue as a going concern during this period and beyond.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Together Active is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), entered on the Register of Charities on 13th January 2020. Our objects and powers are set out in our Constitution, which is reviewed annually.

Governance

Together Active is governed by Board of Trustees who oversee the strategic direction of the charity. The day to day running is delegated to the Chief Executive supported by a senior leadership team and specialist staff.

The Chair is supported by a Vice Chair/Senior Independent Director who is elected by existing trustees. Trustee, Chair and Vice Chair positions have role profiles that outline their duties and expectations.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Board comprises a minimum of three and not more than 12 Trustees. Trustees hold office for a term of three years. After three years Trustees who wish to continue their service can seek re-election via a Board decision, but can serve no more than three, three-year terms in total.

Trustees are appointed via an openly advertised recruitment process. We may utilise the expertise of a specialist agency to support with trustee recruitment and selection. The skills, knowledge and behaviours required are identified using the skills and behaviours matrix which is completed by existing trustees. Prospective trustees are assessed against specific criteria through an interview process.

It has been a key priority for Together Active in the last twelve months to ensure that our board is made up of people that reflect the communities we serve. We have actively sought to recruit those with lived experience of the issues we are seeking to address and who live locally in our communities. We have been delighted to appoint new trustees that have a range of backgrounds and experiences as well as relevant skills to govern the charity effectively.

Recruitment of board members is overseen by the Governance and Appointments Committee, acting as the Nomination Committee. All trustees sign a code of conduct, Declaration of Good Character and Declaration of Interest or Loyalty.

Organisational structure

In addition to our sub committees, we have trustee champions for safeguarding and whistleblowing.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Decision making

The Board of Trustees is responsible for agreeing the strategic direction of Together Active and delegates day to day running of the organisation to the Chief Executive and senior leadership team.

The Board meets a minimum of four times per year. Additional Board meetings may be required when circumstances dictate. The Board maintains a proper record of meetings and decisions, normally in the form of minutes.

Decisions can only be taken if a meeting is quorate. The quorum is three Trustees or the number nearest to one half of the total number of trustees, whichever is greater, or such larger number as the Trustees may decide from time to time.

Wherever possible decisions are reached by consensus. If this is not possible then a majority vote will decide the issue. In the event of a tied vote the Chair of the meeting has the casting vote.

The Board may establish Committees as required and delegate authority, responsibility and tasks, as appropriate. Any Committee established shall have clear terms of reference specifying the responsibilities and any powers delegated to the Committee, which shall be agreed by the Board. Any one-off delegations of authority will be agreed by the Board and appropriately documented.

Any Committee established shall maintain a proper record of meetings and decisions.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new Trustees are provided with an induction pack and have access to a shared area of key resources through an online platform. We provide an induction session attend an induction session with the Senior Leadership Team. The Chair and Chief Executive discuss specific training needs with all new trustees individually to ensure they feel confident in performing the duties of their role.

All Trustees are encouraged to attend relevant training as needed. In addition, training for the whole Board briefings may be organised from time to time when a need is identified.

Formal Board Committees

Governance and Appointments Committee - ensures the Board operates effectively. This committee also acts as a nominations committee as required.

Finance and Audit Committee - ensures the adequacy of the organisation's financial reporting, risk management and internal controls.

Pay and Remuneration

Staff pay is determined in line with Together Active's Remuneration Policy. All trustee roles are unremunerated, but trustees can claim reasonable expenses.

Governance Standards

As a recipient of Sport England funding, Together Active is required by Sport England to achieve and maintain Tier Three of A Code for Sports Governance. We were re-confirmed as being fully compliant with the Code at the beginning of 2025 following an update to some of the requirements, and have remained compliant during the current reporting period.

Together Active adopts the Charity Governance Code and ensures that board members have an understanding of their obligations under the Charities Act.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Together Active has an up-to-date Risk Management Policy and Risk Register. The Risk Register outlines the major risks faced by Together Active, and identifies existing and additional controls to mitigate them. This is reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Finance and Audit Group and reported to the Board, with the Board undertaking a full review of risk on an annual basis. Together Active's risks are outlined under five key headings:

- Governance: risks associated with the way the organisation is run and its strategic direction
- Operational: risks associated with the delivery of the organisation's objectives
- Financial: risks associated with the financial structure of the partnership, the transactions the organisation makes, and the financial systems in place
- Environmental or External: risks associated with policy changes, financial climate etc.
- Compliance: risks associated with the need to comply with laws and regulations and any conditions of funding

Having assessed the major risks, the Trustees are satisfied that the existing and proposed measures within the Risk Register are sufficient to adequately mitigate the identified risks.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under charity 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Disclosure of Information to Auditors

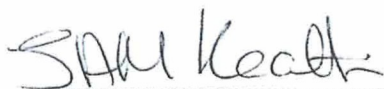
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustee's report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

Lawton Bradford Accountants Ltd has indicated it's willingness to be re-appointed as statutory auditor, subject to approval of the Board of Trustees.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30/7/2026 and signed on its behalf by:



S Heath - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Together Active**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Together Active (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2026 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 trustees' 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 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 issue.

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Together Active

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of the planning process:

- We enquire of management the systems and controls the charity has in place, areas of the accounts most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and any instances of or suspected fraud.
- We obtain an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charitable company.
- We consider the incentives and opportunities that exist in the charity, including the extent of management bias, which presents potential for irregularities and fraud to occur, and tailor our risk assessment accordingly.
- Using our knowledge of the charitable incorporated organisation, together with discussions held with the charity at the planning stage, we form a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailor our audit procedures accordingly.

The key procedures we undertake to detect irregularities including fraud during the audit include:

- Identifying and testing journal entries and the overall accounting record, in particular those that were significant and unusual.
- Reviewing the accounts disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- Reviewing and challenging assumptions and judgements used by management, including any significant accounting estimates.
- Assessing the extent of compliance with relevant laws and regulations.
- Testing key income lines, including cut-off, for evidence of management bias.
- Assessing the validity of the classification of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities between Restricted and Unrestricted Funds.
- Obtaining third party confirmation of material bank balances.
- Documenting and verifying all significant related party balances and transactions.
- Reviewing documentation such as the charity board minutes, correspondence with solicitors, for evidence of irregularities including fraud.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Together Active

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



for and on behalf of Lawton Bradford Accountants Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants and
Statutory Auditors
7 Marconi Gate
Stafford
Staffordshire
ST18 0FZ

Date: 10/08/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.26 Total funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	4				
Grants		1,896	931,717	933,613	538,160
Investment income	3	1,540	-	1,540	1,830
Total		3,436	931,717	935,153	539,990
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Charitable activities		4,042	940,142	944,184	821,944
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	14	(606) 995	(8,425) (995)	(9,031) -	(281,954) -
Net movement in funds		389	(9,420)	(9,031)	(281,954)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		516,686	56,824	573,510	855,464
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		517,075	47,404	564,479	573,510

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.26 Total funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	-	1,220	1,220	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	1,800	14,092	15,892	26,410
Cash at bank		515,276	108,390	623,666	914,310
		<u>517,076</u>	<u>122,482</u>	<u>639,558</u>	<u>940,720</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	-	(76,299)	(76,299)	(367,210)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>517,076</u>	<u>46,183</u>	<u>563,259</u>	<u>573,510</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>517,076</u>	<u>47,403</u>	<u>564,479</u>	<u>573,510</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>517,076</u>	<u>47,403</u>	<u>564,479</u>	<u>573,510</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				249,596	357,598
Designated funds				267,480	159,088
				<u>517,076</u>	<u>516,686</u>
Restricted funds				<u>47,403</u>	<u>56,824</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>564,479</u>	<u>573,510</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30/11/2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



S Heath - Trustee



C Rowcliffe - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	31.3.26 £	31.3.25 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(290,354)	148,866
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(290,354)	148,866
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,830)	-
Interest received		1,540	1,830
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(290)	1,830
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(290,644)	150,696
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		914,310	763,614
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		623,666	914,310

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(9,031)	(281,954)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	610	-
Interest received	(1,540)	(1,830)
Decrease in debtors	10,518	131,576
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(290,911)	301,074
	<u>(290,354)</u>	<u>148,866</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(290,354)</u>	<u>148,866</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.25	Cash flow	At 31.3.26
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	914,310	(290,644)	623,666
	<u>914,310</u>	<u>(290,644)</u>	<u>623,666</u>
Total	<u>914,310</u>	<u>(290,644)</u>	<u>623,666</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 March 2026**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), incorporated and registered as a charity on 13 June 2020. The principal office is Unit 52, Stafford Business Village, Dyson Way, Staffordshire Technology Park, Stafford, ST18 0TW. The Charity's registered number is 1187329. The charity is registered in England & Wales

Together Active is an independent charity and the Active Partnership for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. It aims to work in collaboration with communities and partner organisations to influence the systems that work around it to incorporate physical activity at all levels, so that physical activity is used as a tool to achieve positive outcomes across a range of circumstances.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Together Active meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared in GBP, the functional currency, and rounded to the nearest GBP.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £750 net of VAT or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer and office equipment - 33% straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by Trustees for specific costs or purposes.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

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

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,540</u>	<u>1,830</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.26	31.3.25
		£	£
Grants	Grants	933,613	538,160

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 6)	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable activities	670,324	273,860	944,184

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable activities	267,386	6,474	273,860

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.26 Charitable activities	31.3.25 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	146,212	173,399
Social security	14,690	13,239
Pensions	9,721	9,370
Insurance	2,518	2,403
Telephone	4,879	4,440
Postage and stationery	168	384
Sundries	308	248
Professional fees	11,959	33,362
Travel	1,458	2,777
Marketing	4,845	-
Training	9,085	41,967
Rent	20,160	14,328
Computer costs	22,573	21,301
Office equipment and furniture	426	1,258
Staff expenses	6,951	4,712
Recruitment costs	8,016	20,029
Subscriptions	2,807	3,714
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	610	-
Auditors' remuneration	5,394	4,800
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,080	1,020
	273,860	352,751

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

7. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	5,394	4,800
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,020</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

During the year ended 31 March 2026, expenses totalling £Nil were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustees (2025 - £135 to 1 Trustee). This was for the reimbursement of travel costs.

9. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Wages and salaries	573,947	467,391
Social security costs	55,390	37,428
Other pension costs	37,805	30,009
	<u>667,142</u>	<u>534,828</u>

During the year there were redundancy or termination payments recognised which amounted to £3,077 (2025 - £4,853). There was £Nil (2025 - Nil) outstanding at the year end.

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

	31.3.26	31.3.25
Average number of employees	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	31.3.26	31.3.25
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The key management personnel of the charity consists of the Chief Executive, Head of Policy and Strategy and Head of Culture and Inclusion. The total cost of key management personnel was £182,804 (2025 - £180,860).

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
Grants	2,842	535,318	538,160
Investment income	1,830	-	1,830
Total	<u>4,672</u>	<u>535,318</u>	<u>539,990</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>4,853</u>	<u>817,091</u>	<u>821,944</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(181)	(281,773)	(281,954)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>516,867</u>	<u>338,597</u>	<u>855,464</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>516,686</u></u>	<u><u>56,824</u></u>	<u><u>573,510</u></u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2025	1,999	-	1,999
Additions	-	1,830	1,830
Disposals	<u>(1,999)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,999)</u>
At 31 March 2026	<u>-</u>	<u>1,830</u>	<u>1,830</u>
 DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2025	1,999	-	1,999
Charge for year	-	610	610
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(1,999)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,999)</u>
At 31 March 2026	<u>-</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>610</u>
 NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2026	<u>-</u>	<u>1,220</u>	<u>1,220</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,200	874
Accruals	1,800	-
Prepayments	12,892	25,536
	<u>15,892</u>	<u>26,410</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Trade creditors	15,406	19,968
Taxation and social security	14,554	10,495
Other creditors	46,339	336,747
	<u>76,299</u>	<u>367,210</u>

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Deferred income at 1 April 2025	300,629	1,042
Resources deferred during the period	-	300,629
Amounts released from previous periods	(300,629)	(1,042)
	<u>-</u>	<u>300,629</u>

At the year end there was no deferred income.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.25	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.26
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	357,598	(605)	(107,397)	249,596
Designated funds	159,088	-	108,392	267,480
	<u>516,686</u>	<u>(605)</u>	<u>995</u>	<u>517,076</u>
Restricted funds				
System & Delivery Partner Funding	-	38,674	-	38,674
Staffordshire County Council - Open Data				
Post	10,073	-	(10,073)	-
Other Restricted Grants	4,468	-	(994)	3,474
Staffordshire County Council - Partner				
Funding	5,900	(15,972)	10,072	-
Sports Welfare Officer	36,383	(31,128)	-	5,255
	<u>56,824</u>	<u>(8,426)</u>	<u>(995)</u>	<u>47,403</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>573,510</u>	<u>(9,031)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>564,479</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued **for the Year Ended 31 March 2026**

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,436	(4,041)	(605)
Restricted funds			
System & Delivery Partner Funding	676,101	(637,427)	38,674
West Midlands Virtual Schools - Virtual Schools	11,667	(11,667)	-
Stoke-on-Trent Place Expansion (Sport England)	201,649	(201,649)	-
Staffordshire County Council - Partner Funding	15,001	(30,973)	(15,972)
Sports Welfare Officer	27,299	(58,427)	(31,128)
	<u>931,717</u>	<u>(940,143)</u>	<u>(8,426)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>935,153</u></u>	<u><u>(944,184)</u></u>	<u><u>(9,031)</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	516,867	(181)	(159,088)	357,598
Designated funds	-	-	159,088	159,088
	<u>516,867</u>	<u>(181)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>516,686</u>
Restricted funds				
System & Delivery Partner Funding	280,946	(280,946)	-	-
Moving Communities	26,400	(26,400)	-	-
Staffordshire County Council - Open Data Post	10,073	-	-	10,073
Other Restricted Grants	4,468	-	-	4,468
Staffordshire County Council - Partner Funding	-	5,900	-	5,900
Sports Welfare Officer	16,710	19,673	-	36,383
	<u>338,597</u>	<u>(281,773)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,824</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>855,464</u></u>	<u><u>(281,954)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>573,510</u></u>

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,672	(4,853)	(181)
Restricted funds			
System & Delivery Partner Funding	327,493	(608,439)	(280,946)
Moving Communities	-	(26,400)	(26,400)
Active Partnerships - Opening School Facilities	30,319	(30,319)	-
West Midlands Virtual Schools - Virtual Schools	9,134	(9,134)	-
Stoke-on-Trent Place Expansion (Sport England)	88,772	(88,772)	-
Staffordshire County Council - Partner Funding	25,000	(19,100)	5,900
Sports Welfare Officer	54,600	(34,927)	19,673
	<u>535,318</u>	<u>(817,091)</u>	<u>(281,773)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>539,990</u>	<u>(821,944)</u>	<u>(281,954)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.26 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	516,867	(786)	(266,485)	249,596
Designated funds	-	-	267,480	267,480
	<u>516,867</u>	<u>(786)</u>	<u>995</u>	<u>517,076</u>
Restricted funds				
System & Delivery Partner Funding	280,946	(242,272)	-	38,674
Moving Communities	26,400	(26,400)	-	-
Staffordshire County Council - Open Data Post	10,073	-	(10,073)	-
Other Restricted Grants	4,468	-	(994)	3,474
Staffordshire County Council - Partner Funding	-	(10,072)	10,072	-
Sports Welfare Officer	16,710	(11,455)	-	5,255
	<u>338,597</u>	<u>(290,199)</u>	<u>(995)</u>	<u>47,403</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>855,464</u>	<u>(290,985)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>564,479</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,108	(8,894)	(786)
Restricted funds			
System & Delivery Partner Funding	1,003,594	(1,245,866)	(242,272)
Moving Communities	-	(26,400)	(26,400)
Active Partnerships - Opening School Facilities	30,319	(30,319)	-
West Midlands Virtual Schools - Virtual Schools	20,801	(20,801)	-
Stoke-on-Trent Place Expansion (Sport England)	290,421	(290,421)	-
Staffordshire County Council - Partner Funding	40,001	(50,073)	(10,072)
Sports Welfare Officer	81,899	(93,354)	(11,455)
	<u>1,467,035</u>	<u>(1,757,234)</u>	<u>(290,199)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,475,143</u>	<u>(1,766,128)</u>	<u>(290,985)</u>

Designated funds: During the year the Charity designated funds for a staff post covering fundraising and also to mitigate any potential reduction in funding during the transition to the next System Partner funding cycle.

Together Active reports the breakdown of restricted funds, giving individual fund balances, rather than totals grouped by cost centre.

Sport England System Partner & Delivery Funding: In April 2022 Sport England adopted a new approach to partner funding which considered their investment in existing partners to help deliver the Uniting the Movement Strategy. Key investment funding was awarded in April 2022 to run until 31st March 2027 and includes support for agreed systemic outcomes, and delivery funding in relation to children and young people.

West Midlands Virtual Schools: Funding for a programme designed to be a support mechanism for children and young people in care, via multi-sports events for children and young people to access alternative activities to 'give it a go' and festival events.

Open Data (Staffordshire County Council): funds designed to support the growth of our open data platform and work. Open data allows activity providers to share their sessions online, so that participants can find and book them easily. By uploading the details of an activity to one location, activity finders like ours can pull that information through and display it in multiple locations on the internet or within apps.

Opening School Facilities (Active Partnerships): A programme designed to allocate funds to eligible schools with the aim of creating and increasing sport and physical activity opportunities via opening school facilities.

Stoke-on-Trent Place Expansion (Sport England): Funding for Place Expansion work, which aims to evaluate Stoke-on-Trent from a place-based perspective, to help reduce inequalities by understanding the barriers our communities face. This work involves community engagement & insight gathering, systems overview & analysis, and partnership working & collaboration.

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Staffordshire County Council Partner Funding: This funding is to support the shared aims of SCC and Together Active around increasing physical activity and tackling health inequalities by enabling Together Active to develop and share bespoke data and insight to guide decision making, direct engagement with communities to shape content and messaging around health promotion, and supporting SCC to establish outcomes-based approaches to monitoring, evaluation, and learning. It also allows for the continued development of the Active My Way website, with improved functionality and content tailored to users, as well as its ongoing maintenance.

Sport Welfare Officer: The Whyte Review, published in July 2022, questioned the level of safeguarding responsibility delegated to volunteers at a regional/local level. Sport England's policy response, published with UK Sport in January 2023, included a proposal to fund a professional, national network of Sport Welfare Officers in England. The funds allocated for this role allow Together Active to employ a dedicated Safeguarding and Welfare Advisor to work with NGB's and clubs to promote good practice and safe sport across the region.

Other Restricted Grants: Other small restricted grants, including underspends from previous years.

15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund amounting to £37,805, with £5,316 (2025 - £4,615) included in other creditors, payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

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

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	31.3.26 £	31.3.25 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,540	1,830
Charitable activities		
Grants	933,613	538,160
Total incoming resources	935,153	539,990
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	427,735	293,992
Social security	40,700	24,189
Pensions	28,084	20,639
Marketing and promotions	-	2,215
Programmes	95,546	75,341
Professional fees	54,092	40,772
Travel	803	523
Training	2,114	255
Computer costs	19,723	10,950
Telephone	1,527	317
	670,324	469,193
Support costs		
Other		
Wages	146,212	173,399
Social security	14,690	13,239
Pensions	9,721	9,370
Insurance	2,518	2,403
Telephone	4,879	4,440
Postage and stationery	168	384
Sundries	308	248
Professional fees	11,959	33,362
Travel	1,458	2,777
Marketing	4,845	-
Training	9,085	41,967
Rent	20,160	14,328
Computer costs	22,573	21,301
Office equipment and furniture	426	1,258
Staff expenses	6,951	4,712
Recruitment costs	8,016	20,029
Subscriptions	2,807	3,714
Fixtures and fittings	610	-
	267,386	346,931

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	31.3.26 £	31.3.25 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	5,394	4,800
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,020</u>
	<u>6,474</u>	<u>5,820</u>
Total resources expended	<u>944,184</u>	<u>821,944</u>
Net expenditure	<u><u>(9,031)</u></u>	<u><u>(281,954)</u></u>

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