



**NIDDERDALE PLUS PARTNERSHIP
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Board of Trustees presents its Trustees' Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: The Nidderdale Plus Partnership

Charity registration number: 81389475

Company registration number: 05331403

Registered Office and operational address:

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Board of Trustees

Richard Bruce (Chair)

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Andrew Murday (appointed August 2024)

Gordon Murday (resigned 6 May 2025)

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Helen Flynn (Chief Executive Officer)

Independent examiner:

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Our Aims and Objectives

Our charity's purposes, as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association, are:

1. THE PROMOTION OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE NIDDERDALE AREA OF NORTH YORKSHIRE BY PROVIDING HELP, TRAINING, ADVICE AND OTHER SUPPORT TO CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.
2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC OF NORTH YORKSHIRE, WITH A FOCUS ON NIDDERDALE, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES.
3. THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE, IN PARTICULAR BY:
 - A. PROVIDING A COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY ACCESSING PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND/OR PEOPLE WHO ARE DISABLED OR INFIRM, INCLUDING THE ELDERLY.
 - B. PROVIDING HELP AND ADVICE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE IN CHARITABLE NEED THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A RESOURCE CENTRE, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES A COMMUNITY LIBRARY.
4. SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Using our charity's purposes as our guide, our mission statement is: ***We promote wellbeing, we foster independence, we cultivate a sense of belonging.*** All our services and initiatives are developed and delivered according to this mission statement.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year, as we are preparing to publish our annual report. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be serving members of our local communities in Nidderdale and the Washburn Valley and visitors to our area, according to need. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- Providing a range of services which are needed by members of our community. See below for a fuller description of each of our services.
- Providing a community hub, incorporating a community library, Tourist Information, office services provision and meeting room hire.
- Providing a charity shop, the proceeds from which support the Nidderdale Plus Community Fund (see more below) and the charitable services that we deliver.
- Working in partnership with statutory partners and third sector partners to ensure that the widest range of services is available that best meets the needs of our community.

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How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we try to help are described in the “Overview” section below. All our charitable activities focus on our mission, as stated above, and are broadly preventative in nature.

The impact report that we published last year clearly shows our impact in meeting needs of people living in our local area of Nidderdale and the Washburn Valley. This was the first time that we had published an impact report and our intention is to carry out a total review of our services and the impact we are making every two years. The next impact report will be published in 2026 and will review the period 1 April 2025-31 March 2026.

For the quantitative analysis of our services in the year under review, please see the table below:



Overview of activities in 2024-2025

Nidderdale Plus continued as a Community Anchor Organisation (CAO), commissioned by North Yorkshire Council (NYC), and also continued to be in receipt of the NYC “Staying healthy, independent and connected” grant. Both of these grants are unrestricted and help contribute to strategic and prevention goals that NYC has determined are well placed to be delivered in part by the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). In addition to these functions, we also provided services as are detailed below:

Community Library: We have a long-standing Service Level Agreement (SLA) with NYC to deliver a community library, manned by library volunteers, with a librarian funded by NYC for 7 hours per week, and with other central support. One key activity each year for the library is the Summer Reading Challenge, which is well supported by children aged 4-11 years each year.

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Community Transport: We were successful with a consortium bid into the York and North Yorkshire Net Zero Fund, via NYC, in the summer of 2024 and took delivery of our new electric community car in September 2024. (NYC had been providing us with a lease car as our community car since 2015, so great thanks go to NYC for providing us with this vital resource that has helped our community for many years). The service continues to grow in terms of the number of clients and journeys, and we now run a hybrid service with people driving their own vehicles to supplement the use of our community car.

Meals on Wheels: We are now into our fourth year of this service, which is provided according to need. Great thanks go to Dusty Miller Caterers, a professional catering company based in Low Laithe, who continue to make delicious two course meals to serve our clients.

Community Minibus: We continue to offer a varied programme of days out to suit all tastes, and this is popular with local residents, who struggle to leave Nidderdale and experience different places and activities. We also offer the minibus on a group hire basis to local not-for-profit groups and charities, and in this way, we are serving needs of the community in different ways.

Befriending: our Befriending Coordinator works to match people who are lonely or living in social isolation with volunteer befrienders, who then set up regular visits and/or calls in order to alleviate the symptoms of loneliness

Digital Champion Service: This service offered and resourced an increased number of locations during the year, as well as launching and running a "Digital Switchover" campaign to highlight what was happening with digital switchover and how it could impact local residents. The villages served by the Digital Champion outreach service were: Pateley Bridge, Darley, Markington, Fewston, Lofthouse, Hampsthwaite, Summerbridge and Kirkby Malzeard

Emergency Food Aid: Nidderdale Plus has been a junior partner in a bid made by Ripon Community House for funding from national Government to provide vouchers for people who are running short of food. We continue to hand out food vouchers according to need.

Jigsaw Library: We continue to curate and maintain a large and changing menu of jigsaws that are free for people to borrow as part of our library offer. We also supply a satellite jigsaw library in Darley.

Nidderdale Charity Shop: The shop continues to attract growing patronage and the proceeds from sales form an important part of our annual income and assist in helping to fund our services as detailed above. In addition, we aim to put £20,000 into the Nidderdale Community Fund each year. This is a grant programme for local Nidderdale charities and groups who can bid for up to £2,000 to fund a local initiative or capital item/s. This grant programme is run for us by Two Ridings Community Foundation to whom we pay an administration fee.

Partnership work

NYC: We partner with NYC to deliver Access to Services at the community hub, which means we can assist people who have a variety of queries and issues with council services with information, advice and guidance from our front desk. We also deliver Tourist Information at the hub, and we re-printed our *Explore Nidderdale* brochure that had been facilitated by a UK Shared Prosperity grant in the previous year.

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An innovative development in the year in review was the commencement in September of the "Service Navigator social service pilot project". This project is seeking to ensure that people in receipt of a care package or on the waiting list for a care needs assessment are supported holistically in their community by a Service Navigator, employed by Nidd Plus, who can help them with a wide variety of issues and needs. This is a two-year pilot project and it is hoped that the learning and best practice that is developed during the pilot can be scaled up to provide a greater level of community support for people throughout North Yorkshire, in time.

NHS: We began a new partnership with the North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) in January 2025 to deliver a Research Engagement Network project where we recruited Research Ready Community Champions who could talk about the importance of people signing up for medical research projects.

North Yorkshire Police: We continue to partner with NY Police to act as a police front desk and lost and found service.

Citizens Advice: We continue to partner with Citizens Advice to offer monthly appointments for people at the hub.

MIND: We continue to partner with MIND to offer weekly mental health drop in sessions, and wellbeing walks.

Financial Review

Principal Funding Sources

The principal sources of the charity's funding are:

- Grants from central and local government, as well as other funding bodies (£109k)
- Income from Service Level Agreements amounting to £63k, along with income from charges we make for our services (£29.5k)
- Income from other trading activities totalling £127k, of which income from the sale of donated goods in the Nidderdale Charity Shop is the primary source at £95k

Current assets

The Charitable Company has net assets of £283.8k, comprising Restricted Funds (£26.9k), Designated Funds (£134.5k – of which £55.7k is fixed assets) and Undesignated Funds (£122.3k – of which £120.0k is Reserves).

Income and Expenditure during the year

Undesignated Funds (available to spend at the charity's discretion) have reduced by £14.1k this year. This reflects a new provision (£10k) for the future replacement of the electric community car we purchased this year with the aid of a grant from North Yorkshire Council. It also reflects a new provision for potential costs associated with the acquisition of new leased premises to accommodate the increase in our staff numbers.

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Significant changes this year were:

- An increase in income from restricted grants for specific projects from £49k to £82.6k (excluding a £44k grant for a new electric community car).
- The trading subsidiary Nidderdale Limited was closed down at the end of the last financial year and is now dormant. All activities are now channelled through the Nidderdale Plus Partnership. The effect of this is that:
 - Other Trading Activities increased from £17k to £127k;
 - Income from Charitable Activities reduced by £21k, as there was no income from Management Fees, though this was more than offset by £27k income from the Social Care Pilot;
 - Donations reduced by £46k, but this was again offset by an increase in Government Grants of £64k; and
 - There was an increase in the costs of selling donated goods from £0.2k to £23.2k.
- Staff salaries increased from £106k to £136k. This reflects the increased staffing needed to deliver a wider range of services and projects.
- After initial pump priming of £50k to establish the Nidderdale Plus Community Fund, further annual funding of £20k was transferred to fund the next round of awards.

The continued shift from SLA to grant funding of defined, time-limited projects does represent a shift in the charity's business model and creates a degree of inflexibility in operations. However, the Nidderdale Charity Shop continues to perform well, with income from sale of donated goods, including income from Gift Aid, being in line with last year at £95.2k. As well as funding the Nidderdale Plus Community Fund, this important revenue stream provides the charity with resilience in the face of funding uncertainties. It also provides Trustees with the flexibility, where necessary and justified, to maintain valuable community services beyond the life of time-limited grants.

Restricted Funds

There are Restricted Funds of £26.9k. This primarily relates to the unspent portion of a grant covering two years to run a Social Care Pilot. The remaining £8.7k relates to the unspent portion of grants for NHS Research Ready and Nidderdale Visual Arts.

Designated Funds

The trustees have decided to designate funding as detailed below:

Designated Funds carried forward

Minibus – money set aside for the purchase of a replacement vehicle was increased by £10k to £33.8k.
Community Fund – an additional £20k was designated to transfer to TRCF to top up the Nidderdale Plus Community Fund for the next round of awards.

New designated funds

Electric Vehicle – an initial fund of £10k was set aside to finance the eventual replacement of the new electric community car purchased this year with a grant of £44k.

Additional premises – the trustees agreed to make provision of £15k for any costs associated with acquiring additional rented space to accommodate the increasing size of the staff team.

Investment Policy

The Trustees' policy is to invest funds held in reserves in low-risk accounts which deliver an acceptable rate of return in line with current market savings rates for charitable organisations. At the year-end £85k was invested in a one-year fixed term bond and a further £104k in instant access savings.

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Reserves Policy

The Charitable Company has decided to continue the policy of maintaining reserves covering six months expenditure, redundancy costs and a provision for dilapidations at the end of the lease. However, the reserves requirement has been recalculated to reflect the increased size of the staff team and entitlement to redundancy payments and, as a result, the target minimum reserve level is now £120k.

At the year-end on 31 March 2025, monies held in free reserves were £122.3k (2024 - £136.4k). This represents five months total expenditure (2024 – nine months).

Plans for Future Years

Nidderdale Plus benefits from a diverse range of funding streams and continues to be successful in bidding for grants to fund the development of new services and initiatives. Income from the Charity Shop continues to be an important source of stability and resilience. The charity is building strong partnerships with North Yorkshire Council and the NHS and is increasingly becoming involved in projects to support social care in our community. The strategy adopted by the Trustees is to continue to evolve these partnerships and services where they align with our mission and where a sustainable source of funding can be identified.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution:

Nidderdale Plus is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. The Charitable Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the Charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association. It also has a wholly owned subsidiary company, Nidderdale Limited, which had been the trading arm of the charity, but is currently dormant.

Recruiting and appointing Trustees:

Trustees are sought in line with the skills that are needed on the board and a skills audit is carried out regularly to determine where there are gaps to be filled. Trustee vacancies are advertised, and applicants are interviewed prior to meeting with the full Board. Induction into the work of the Board is carried out by the Chair of the Board and the CEO, with ongoing training being undertaken by any or all trustees as needed. Induction includes the following:

- The obligations of Trustees.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity including the Memorandum and Articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Future plans and objectives.

Organisational structure and decision making:

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for the organisation and ensuring that it is well run and that it continues to deliver the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the people for whom it has been set up. The Board develops the strategy and agrees and maintains the vision, mission, and values of the organisation.

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The Board meets at least six times per year, excluding the AGM, when it discusses and monitors the work and performance of the organisation. Board members also meet to progress initiatives and projects as well as with stakeholders. The Board also holds an annual 'Away Day' where strategy, priorities and performance are considered, and future plans agreed.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Board of Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Board of Trustees is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees annually reviews the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and, where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a continuous cycle of strategic planning which allows for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the hub. Safeguarding and child protection policies are reviewed annually, and a Serious Incident Reporting Policy is in place that is also reviewed annually.

Staff and Volunteers 2024-25

During 2024-25 Nidderdale Plus employed nine part time staff (seven permanent, one fixed term and one person on a zero-hours contract).

Chief Executive Officer: Helen Flynn

Community Hub Coordinator: Sandra Walker

Business Support Officer: Tracey Dawson

Finance Officer: Dave Bothamley (appointed January 2025)

Service Navigator and Befriending Coordinator: Zoe Crossley (started in her additional role as Service Navigator in September 2024)

Digital Champion Coordinators: Joanne Hayes and Jacqueline Baker (appointed September 2024)

Partnership Officers: Angela Raw and Carole Cottrill

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Librarian: Eileen Saunders (employed by NYCC)

The Trustees reviewed the resource levels required to meet the changing circumstances and introduced a different staff structure, including the introduction of a Finance Officer in January 2025. This was owing to the growth of the organisation and the increasing complexity of its range and depth of operations

Volunteers (active in the financial year 2024-25):

Trustees: Richard Bruce, Malcolm Dawson, Susan Jones, Jackie Kerr, Gordon Murdoch, Roger Wensley, Andrew Murday.

Drivers: David Bird, Andy Chapman, Ron Blyton, Zoe Crossley, Tracey Dawson, Ans Dukalskis. Richard Dutton, Mike Edwards, Gordon Hanley, Ian Hearn, Mark Heley, Mike Holt, Paul Howells, Gill Lazonby, John Lees, Nigel McDonald, Martin Moorman, Gordon Murdoch, Angela Raw, Simon Robinson, Aidan Saunders, Lawrence Sherrington, Jacky Staniforth, Karen Tulley, Sandra Walker, Vicki Watson, Roger Wensley, Tom Whiteside.

Library/Office: Jude Barter, Ann Carman, Kath Chapman, Luna Gosling, Helen Hattan, Sandra Hearn, Rosemary Helme, Andy Ives, Pat Jackson, Suzanne Mellor, Fiona Robson, Julia Saunders.

Prescription Deliveries: Edward March, John Hindle, Duncan Sloane.

Meals on Wheels: Carol White, Jackie Kerr, Dee Longfellow, Alan Cottrill, Carole Cottrill, Sandra Bradley, Alan Jordan.

Digital Champions: Jacqueline Baker, Alyson Davis, Rosemary Hayes, Matthew Newcombe, Judi Northfield, Jane Petty, Jane Robinson, Christie Turnick, Chloe Wright.

Charity Shop: Vanessa Appleby, Jude Barter, Jayne Booth, Ruth Dodsworth, Judy Evans, Louise Franklyn, Barbara Gardener, Ron Gardener, Felicity Hallam, Jane Hallam, Karen Gallagher, Helen Flynn, Anita Fraser, Sam Inglis, Emma Jones, Sue Jones, Julia Kent, Tessa Lee, Caroline Mayor, Jackie Miller, Lorna Mills, Mary Moore, Sophia Morgan, Moya Reynard, Tina Sparrow, Jenny Spruce, Terri Scarborough, Charlie Scarborough, Thelma Spain, Judith Spencer, Jayn Steele, Sarah Turnbull, Roger Wensley.

Befrienders: Ann Kent, Judy Wallace, Smantha White, Tim Whitney, Chloe Wright.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 9 December 2025.

Richard Bruce

Richard Bruce – Trustee (Chair)

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE NIDDERDALE PLUS PARTNERSHIP

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 11 to 23.

This report is made solely to the Charitable Company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charitable Company's trustees as a body in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charitable Company's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charitable Company, the Charitable Company's members as a body and the Charitable Company's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Sarah Wearing

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9 December 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2025 £</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2024 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	33,463	83,856	117,319	129,080
Charitable activities	4	65,645	27,758	93,403	80,894
Other trading activities	5	112,503	15,076	127,579	17,149
Investment income	6	4,853	-	4,853	724
Total Income		216,464	126,690	343,154	227,847
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	26,192	7,138	33,330	3,669
Charitable activities	8	183,691	69,724	253,415	225,021
Total Expenditure		209,883	76,862	286,745	228,690
Net income		6,581	49,828	56,409	(843)
Transfers between funds	16	39,289	(39,289)	-	-
Net movement in funds		45,870	10,539	56,409	(843)
Total Funds Brought Forward		211,008	16,457	227,465	228,308
Total Funds Carried Forward	17	£ 256,878	£ 26,996	£ 283,874	£ 227,465

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET
(company number: 05331403)

		2025	2024
	<i>Notes</i>	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	11	55,601	25,681
Investments	12	100	100
Current Assets			
Stock		1,611	525
Debtors	13	10,777	73,842
Cash at Bank and in Hand		225,137	137,440
		<u>237,525</u>	<u>211,807</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(9,352)</u>	<u>(10,123)</u>
Net Current Assets		228,173	201,684
Total Net Assets		<u>£ 283,874</u>	<u>£ 227,465</u>
The Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds			
- Designated	15	134,501	74,581
- Undesignated	15	122,377	136,427
Restricted Funds	16	26,996	16,457
Total Charity Funds		<u>£ 283,874</u>	<u>£ 227,465</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025, the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The Members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees/Management Committee on 9 December 2025.



Malcolm Dawson
Trustee/Director

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The company is a private company limited by guarantee. The members are the Trustees. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company. The company is incorporated and registered in England and Wales and is a public entity (no. 05331403).

The address of its registered office is:

Station Square, King Street, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 5AT

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

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 102 Section 1A applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 1A) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charitable Company is small and has taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 7 of FRS 102 and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement.

The Nidderdale Plus Partnership meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The accounts are prepared in UK Sterling and rounded to the nearest £.

b) Going Concern

The Charitable Company has cash resources and has no requirement for external funding. Services are fully funded with monies provided in advance.

The Trustees therefore have a reasonable expectation that the Charitable Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for 12 months from signing the accounts. They continue to believe that the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

c) Income

Donations and legacies are accounted for when they are receivable by the Charitable Company. Other income is accounted for on an accruals basis as far as is prudent to do so.

d) Grant Income

Revenue grants are credited to the income and expenditure account at the time when they are entitled to the receipt. Any unspent restricted grants at the period end are carried forward as restricted funds in the balance sheet.

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2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Expenditure and Allocation of Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Staff costs and overheads are recharged to the subsidiary based on time and income levels. Costs are apportioned within the charity and fund accounting as detailed below:-

Staff costs - on a time basis

Other direct charitable costs and costs of generating funds - on an actual basis

Support costs - on the level of use/ actual basis where specific

f) Taxation

As a registered Charity it benefits from rate relief and is generally exempt from Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax, but not from VAT. The Charitable Company is not registered for VAT and therefore the irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

g) Tangible Fixed Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rate in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Equipment, fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance
Vehicles	- 25% reducing balance
Land and buildings	- 10 year straight line

h) Investments

The investment in the Charitable Company's unlisted trading subsidiary is included at historical cost.

i) Debtors

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

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and any short term deposit accounts with a maturity of three months or less from the date of opening.

k) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charitable Company 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. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

l) Funds

The Unrestricted Funds are funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Designated Funds are funds set aside by the Trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted Funds are funds which have been received by the Charitable Company for a specific purposes other than the general objectives of the Charitable Company.

The nature and purpose of each individual fund are explained in notes 13 and 14.

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3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2025</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Donations	3,463	4,000	7,463	12,032
Donations from Nidderdale Ltd	-	-	-	46,803
Government Grants	30,000	72,232	102,232	38,520
Grants	-	7,624	7,624	31,725
	<u>£ 33,463</u>	<u>£ 83,856</u>	<u>£ 117,319</u>	<u>£ 129,080</u>

The Charity received unrestricted Government Grants of £30,000 from North Yorkshire Council in the following amounts: £15,000 Staying Healthy, Independent and Connected Grant (also known as the "Prevention" Grant); and £15,000 Community Anchor Organisation (CAO) Grant.

In the year a £4,000 donation was received from Nidderdale Messiah for the Befriending service.

In 2024 £36,245 of Donations and Legacies were restricted.

The Charity also benefits greatly from the involvement and enthusiastic support of its many volunteers, details of whom are given in our annual report. In accordance with Charities SORP, the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

4 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2025</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>Service level agreements:</i>				
NYC - VCSE	8,000	-	8,000	8,000
North Yorkshire Police	6,268	-	6,268	6,268
NYC - Access to services	9,797	-	9,797	9,500
NYC - Dial a ride	3,523	-	3,523	1,891
NYC - Library	8,622	-	8,622	8,016
NHS - Social Care Pilot	-	27,758	27,758	-
	<u>36,210</u>	<u>27,758</u>	<u>63,968</u>	<u>33,675</u>
Government funded services				
<i>Other income:</i>				
Community Car	12,166	-	12,166	10,144
Library Fees	1,242	-	1,242	1,183
Meals on wheels	2,995	-	2,995	3,888
Minibus	13,032	-	13,032	10,382
Costs recharged to Nidd Ltd	-	-	-	21,622
	<u>£ 65,645</u>	<u>£ 27,758</u>	<u>£ 93,403</u>	<u>£ 80,894</u>

In 2024 £nil of Income from Charitable activities were restricted.

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5 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2025</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Donated goods shop	95,290	-	95,290	1,385
Hub income	13,836	-	13,836	171
Tourism government grants	-	15,076	15,076	13,574
Fundraising activities	2,377	-	2,377	2,019
Supporting charities	1,000	-	1,000	-
	<u>£ 112,503</u>	<u>£ 15,076</u>	<u>£ 127,579</u>	<u>£ 17,149</u>

In 2024 £13,574 of income in other trading activities were applied to restricted activities.

Gift aid of £7,124 is included in donated goods.

6 INVESTMENT INCOME

	<i>Year to 31 March 2025</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Bank and Building Society Interest	<u>£ 4,853</u>	<u>£ 724</u>

7 COSTS TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2025</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Costs relating to selling donated goods	23,234	-	23,234	290
Hub costs	2,951	-	2,951	-
Tourism costs	-	7,138	7,138	3,110
Fundraising costs	7	-	7	269
	<u>£ 26,192</u>	<u>£ 7,138</u>	<u>£ 33,330</u>	<u>£ 3,669</u>

In 2024 £3,110 of expenses in trading activities were applied to restricted activities.

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8 DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2025</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Staff Salary Costs	87,684	48,541	136,225	106,333
Staff Training and Recruitment	2,036	2,500	4,536	1,344
Staff Expenses and Travel	1,004	-	1,004	800
Volunteer Training and expenses	1,163	-	1,163	1,528
Community transport	-	-	-	130
NYC Prevention expenditure	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
Direct project expenditure	605	18,559	19,164	2,371
Meals on Wheels	3,205	-	3,205	4,511
Community Car - Fuel	1,820	-	1,820	3,327
Community Car - Insurance/Repairs	1,922	-	1,922	733
Community Car - Driver expenses	2,094	-	2,094	1,338
Telephone and Broadband	1,524	-	1,524	1,640
Stationery and Printing	335	-	335	203
Rent	12,500	-	12,500	12,014
Light, Heat and Water	4,461	-	4,461	4,295
Repairs and Renewals	284	-	284	28
Promotion and Event Costs	-	-	-	463
Cleaning	129	-	129	120
Sundry	689	-	689	2,167
Minibus - Fuel	1,955	-	1,955	1,809
Minibus - Insurance/Repairs	1,399	124	1,523	2,040
Minibus - Honorarium	500	-	500	-
Minibus - Other	2,702	-	2,702	1,000
Nidderdale Plus Community Fund	22,400	-	22,400	52,752
Depreciation	14,786	-	14,786	10,185
Support Costs (see below)	14,494	-	14,494	9,890
	£ 183,691	£ 69,724	£ 253,415	£ 225,021
Support costs				
Independent Examiner's Fee	2,406	-	2,406	2,340
Trustee meeting costs	135	-	135	41
IT Costs	3,772	-	3,772	1,494
Insurance	2,163	-	2,163	1,599
Advertising	1,597	-	1,597	2,189
Bank Charges	254	-	254	213
Legal and Professional Fees	3,313	-	3,313	1,432
Subscriptions and Licences	854	-	854	582
	£ 14,494	£ -	£ 14,494	£ 9,890

In 2024 £43,160 of expenses in Charitable activities were applied to restricted activities.

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9 STAFF COSTS

	<i>Year to 31 March 2025</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2024</i>
	£	£
Wages and Salaries (gross)	129,184	101,839
Sub-contractors	1,413	1,772
Social Security Costs	3,333	1,047
Pension Costs	2,295	1,675
	<u>£ 136,225</u>	<u>£ 106,333</u>

The average head count of staff employed during the year was 10 (2024 - 10).

No employee earned over £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the Charitable Company, is the Executive Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity was £38,667 (2024 - £34,213).

10 TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

There were no transactions with trustee during the year (2024:£nil)

11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Vehicles	Land and buildings	Equipment, fixtures and fittings	Total
<u>Cost</u>	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2024	35,200	24,367	28,671	88,238
Additions	42,313	-	2,393	44,706
	<u>77,513</u>	<u>24,367</u>	<u>31,064</u>	<u>132,944</u>
At 31 March 2025	77,513	24,367	31,064	132,944
	<u>77,513</u>	<u>24,367</u>	<u>31,064</u>	<u>132,944</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 1 April 2024	15,400	21,932	25,225	62,557
Charge for the year	11,121	2,435	1,230	14,786
	<u>26,521</u>	<u>24,367</u>	<u>26,455</u>	<u>77,343</u>
At 31 March 2025	26,521	24,367	26,455	77,343
	<u>26,521</u>	<u>24,367</u>	<u>26,455</u>	<u>77,343</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>				
At 31 March 2025	£ 50,992	£ -	£ 4,609	£ 55,601
	<u>£ 50,992</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 4,609</u>	<u>£ 55,601</u>
At 31 March 2024	£ 19,800	£ 2,435	£ 3,446	£ 25,681
	<u>£ 19,800</u>	<u>£ 2,435</u>	<u>£ 3,446</u>	<u>£ 25,681</u>

All fixed assets were used for the furtherance of the charitable activities.

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12 INVESTMENTS

The Charitable Company holds 100% of the ordinary £1 share capital in its trading subsidiary Nidderdale Limited totalling £100. The subsidiary was incorporated on 16 September 2015 and is now dormant activities are carried out through the charity under available exemptions.

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

	<i>Year ended 31 March 2025 £</i>	<i>Year ended 31 March 2024 £</i>
Turnover	-	97,329
Cost of sales	-	(7,750)
Gross profit	-	89,579
Administrative expenses	-	(43,302)
Profit before donations to charity	£ -	£ 46,277

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

Assets	100	60,935
Liabilities	-	(60,835)
Funds	£ 100	£ 100

13 DEBTORS

	<i>2025 £</i>	<i>2024 £</i>
Trade Debtors	1,289	9,247
Amounts owed from Subsidiary Undertaking	-	60,025
Prepayments and Accrued Income	9,488	4,570
	£ 10,777	£ 73,842

14 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	<i>2025 £</i>	<i>2024 £</i>
Other Taxes and Social Security	2,545	1,624
Amounts owed from Subsidiary Undertaking	100	-
Other Creditors	507	2,341
Accruals	6,200	6,158
	£ 9,352	£ 10,123

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15 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>Balance b/f 01.04.2024</i>	<i>Income received</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers In/(out)</i>	<i>Balance c/f 31.03.2025</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
- Fixed assets	25,781	-	(14,786)	44,706	55,701
- Minibus future fund	23,800	-	-	10,000	33,800
- Community Funding	20,000	-	(20,000)	20,000	20,000
- Additional premises	-	-	-	15,000	15,000
- EV future fund	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
- Electric car match fund	5,000	-	-	(5,000)	-
	74,581	-	(34,786)	94,706	134,501
Unrestricted Funds	136,427	216,464	(175,097)	(55,417)	122,377
	£ 211,008	£ 216,464	£ (209,883)	£ 39,289	£ 256,878

	<i>Balance b/f 01.04.2023</i>	<i>Income received</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers In/(out)</i>	<i>Balance c/f 31.03.2024</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
- Fixed assets	33,978	-	(10,185)	1,988	25,781
- Minibus	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-
- Minibus future	15,000	-	-	8,800	23,800
- Expanding services	11,055	-	(11,055)	-	-
- Community Funding	50,000	-	(50,000)	20,000	20,000
- Electric car match fund	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
	114,033	-	(75,240)	35,788	74,581
Unrestricted Funds	99,379	178,028	(107,180)	(33,800)	136,427
	£ 213,412	£ 178,028	£ (182,420)	£ 1,988	£ 211,008

Designated Funds

Fixed Assets: This fund relates to the net book value of the fixed assets of the charity including the investments in the shares of the trading subsidiary.

Minibus: This fund relates to monies set aside for the purchase of a minibus in 2023 and running costs for the first 2 years.

Minibus Future: This fund relates to monies set aside towards the purchase of a new minibus in the future.

Expanding services: This fund relates to the generation of a new post due to the expanding demands on the charity.

Nidderdale Community Fund - This fund relates to monies that Nidderdale Plus has allocated, from charity shop proceeds, to the Nidderdale Plus Community Fund that began to make grants to local charities, groups and organisations on an annual basis.

EV future fund: This fund relates to monies set aside towards the purchase of a new EV vehicle in the future.

Electric Car Match Funding - This fund is the match funding for the new electric vehicle purchased in this year.

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16 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>Balance b/f 01.04.2024</i>	<i>Income received</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers In/(out)</i>	<i>Balance c/f 31.03.2025</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Befriending					
- Nidderdale Messiah	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
- YDMT Befriending Grant	-	2,839	(2,839)	-	-
Coldstones	-	4,035	(4,035)	-	-
Digital Champions	-	750	(750)	-	-
Emergency Food Aid	2,818	-	(2,818)	-	-
NHS Research Ready	-	10,000	(4,000)	-	6,000
Nidderdale Visual Arts	3,175	-	(440)	-	2,735
NYC EV Grant	-	44,095	(4,806)	(39,289)	-
NYC Locality	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
NYC Social Care Pilot	-	27,758	(9,497)	-	18,261
NYC Small Transport Grant	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Tourism grant					
- NNL Explore	-	6,644	(6,644)	-	-
- UKSPF Tourism Grant	10,464	8,432	(18,896)	-	-
UKSPF Digital inclusion	-	7,144	(7,144)	-	-
UKSPF Community Grant	-	6,869	(6,869)	-	-
Small Grants	-	124	(124)	-	-
Total	£ 16,457	£ 126,690	£ (76,862)	£ (39,289)	£ 26,996
	<i>Balance b/f 01.04.2023</i>	<i>Income received</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers In/(out)</i>	<i>Balance c/f 31.03.2024</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Digital Champions	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Emergency Food Aid	1,896	2,500	(1,578)	-	2,818
NYC Locality	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
NYC Prevention Grant	11,000	-	(11,000)	-	-
NYC Winter Pressures	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Masonic Lodge Grant	-	1,138	-	(1,138)	-
Community Mental Health	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
NHS Discharge Pilot Scheme	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Nidderdale Visual Arts	-	3,175	-	-	3,175
NYC Get Going Grant	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
NYC Macmillan Cancer Grant	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
MIDAS Training for drivers	-	1,020	(1,020)	-	-
YDMT Befriending Grant	-	3,689	(2,839)	(850)	-
TRCF Step-up Grant	-	8,723	(8,723)	-	-
UKSPF Tourism Grant	-	13,574	(3,110)	-	10,464
Total	£ 14,896	£ 49,819	£ (46,270)	£ (1,988)	£ 16,457

Transfers during the year and prior year relate to unrestricted funds being used to finance a deficit on restricted funds and additions to fixed assets moved to unrestricted funds.

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Befriending - Money received from Nidderdale Messiah (£4,000) and Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust for the Befriending programme.

Coldstones Cut - Money from Heidelberg Quarry Fund for managing the steering group set up to plan the relaunch of the Coldstones Cut.

Digital Champions - Chain Lane Community Hub donated money (National Lottery Awards for All in 2024) in the year to fund the Digital Champion project.

Emergency Food Aid - Monies received from Ripon Community House to administer and purchase emergency food when needed by local residents.

NHS Research Ready Grant: Money received from NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB to set up a network of Research Ready Community Champions to encourage people to sign up to health research projects.

Nidderdale Visual Arts (NVA) - Money received from the winding up of NVA to be allocated to arts-related projects and activities.

NNL Explore - Money received from Nidderdale National Landscape for the Explore Nidderdale brochure.

NYC EV Grant – North Yorkshire Council, via the York and North Yorkshire Net Zero Fund, fund gave money for the new EV community car.

NYC Locality Grant - NYC provides each County Councillor with a budget to respond to local needs by recommending funding to support certain activities; we received one in the year to cover time spent dealing with community car project.

NYC Social Care Pilot - Money received for the Services Navigator role for 2 years from September 2024.

NYC Transport Grant - NYC Grant for training the volunteer drivers for the community car.

MIDAS Training for Drivers - Funding for training of volunteers driving the community car.

TRCF Step-up Grant - Money from the Two Ridings Community Fund for the executive directors time on business development strategy.

UKSPF Digital Inclusion - Funding to enable the expansion of our Digital Champions Sessions.

UKSPF Community Grant - Funded a Digital Switchover campaign in Nidderdale.

UKSPF Tourism Grant - UK Shared Prosperity Fund to create a 36 page tourism brochure to promote Nidderdale.

NYC Prevention Grant - Grant received for running activities and offering services that aid with the prevention of health issues and promote wellbeing in general to be spent in 2023-24.

NYC Winter Pressures Grant - Contribution to community transport providers to assist with the greater pressures of providing transport in winter months.

Masonic Lodge Grant - Monies received to purchase 2 new ipads to assist with data collection.

Community Mental Health - Money received from Orb Community Arts for workshops regarding mental health.

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NHS Discharge Pilot Scheme - Money for a 6 month pilot in concert with Boroughbridge Community Care on how to alleviate hospital discharge pressures.

NYC Get Going Grant - Money to assist with setting up library storytime.

NYC Macmillan Cancer Grant - Money for meetings to better understand how cancer treatment and follow up activities are delivered.

17 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	
	<i>Undesignated</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Funds</i>		
2025	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	55,601	-	55,601
Investments	-	100	-	100
Current Assets	131,729	78,800	26,996	237,525
Creditors: Amounts due in less than one year	(9,352)	-	-	(9,352)
Net Assets	£ 122,377	£ 134,501	£ 26,996	£ 283,874
2024				
Fixed Assets	-	25,681	-	25,681
Investments	-	100	-	100
Current Assets	146,550	48,800	16,457	211,807
Creditors: Amounts due in less than one year	(10,123)	-	-	(10,123)
Net Assets	£ 136,427	£ 74,581	£ 16,457	£ 227,465

18 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The total future value of minimum lease payments is as follows:

Buildings

	<i>2025</i>	<i>2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Within one year	5,208	12,500
Within one to two years	-	5,208
	£ 5,208	£ 17,708

The amount of non-cancellable operating lease payments recognised as an expense during the year was £12,500 (2024 - £12,013).

19 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no other related party transactions in the year other than those with Trustees disclosed in note 8 and the subsidiary disclosed in note 10.