

Southampton Voluntary Services

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**Trustees Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2026
Charity number 1068350
Company number 3515397**

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The Executive Committee presents its report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026

Reference and administrative information

Charity name	Southampton Voluntary Services
Charity registration number	1068350
Company registration number	3515397
Registered office & operational address	Voluntary Action Centre Kingsland Square, St Mary Street Southampton, SO14 1NW

Executive Committee

The following, who are considered directors for the purposes of Company law and Trustees for the purposes of Charity law, have served in office between the start of the year (or date of appointment if later) and the date of this report:

S Ramsey*	Chair
K Liles*	Resigned 17 th July 2025
C Rogers *	Honorary Treasurer, Chair of Finance sub-Committee

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Our aims and objectives

Purposes and aims

SVS's purposes, our Charitable Objects, are stated in our Memorandum and Articles of Association and form the basis of our registration as a charity. These documents were prepared on incorporation in 1997 and two small amendments not affecting the Charitable Objects were made to the Articles of Association at the AGM in October 2007. Our Charitable Objects remain as set out in 1997, as follows:

"To promote any **charitable purposes** for the **benefit of the community** in the area of the administrative authorities comprising the historic county of Hampshire (including Portsmouth and Southampton) and in particular, the City of Southampton, and if the directors of the charity shall so decide, in any of the administrative authorities immediately adjoining, and in particular **the advancement of education, the protection of health and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.**"

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year and normally carry out a comprehensive re-appraisal every three years in the preparation of our three year Forward Plan documents. The annual reviews look at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous twelve 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 to ensure that our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. **We have paid due regard 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 Charitable Objects are summarised in SVS's Vision, Organisational Values, Mission Statement and Key Aims which were reviewed and updated with input from trustees and stakeholders in early 2019. Whilst our established framework of three year forward planning has been less suited to the unprecedented levels of uncertainty we have been experiencing, in this reporting period we have commenced a process of Strategic Planning, to revisit and refresh our organisational strategic intentions, in line with our Charitable Objects and public benefit, with engagement with all organisational stakeholders. This set of strategic intentions will be published in late 2025, alongside a re-fresh of our organisational values, vision, and mission.

SVS's **Vision** is of *"Southampton is a city where everyone is inspired to make positive contributions to their communities."*

SVS's **Organisational Values** are defined as:

- **Passion** – SVS believes voluntary action is built on the passion of people and communities to make a positive difference.
- **Inclusiveness** – SVS believes that the voluntary ethic is best upheld when organisations promote equality and diversity and are open, democratic, accessible and accountable to their users, members and the wider community.
- **Independence** – SVS will be a strong and independent voice for the sector, supporting best practice in autonomous organisations.
- **Innovation** – SVS will support organisational resourcefulness, flexibility and adaptability, through innovative, original ideas and creative solutions.
- **Partnership** – SVS is committed to positive partnership work to create shared thinking and find solutions to meet local needs.

The **Mission Statement** is that "SVS aims to support a vibrant voluntary and community sector with a strong voice and the best of support. SVS actively promotes voluntary action and the provision of essential services to vulnerable communities."

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year are summarised in our strapline, "Promoting Voluntary Action", and in the eight **Key Aims** which are:

Voluntary Sector Support

- **Services and support** – SVS will promote the effectiveness of local voluntary and community groups by providing them with a range of services including access to practical facilities, such as meeting rooms, office services, and more involved support through general and specialist advice and information including regular newsletters, website, training and funding advice;

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- **Liaison** – as a focal point for the local voluntary and community sector in Southampton, SVS will encourage networking between individuals and groups within the sector, and between local groups and the statutory and private sectors. SVS will also help different communities to organise their own networking activity;
- **Representation** – with government encouraging involvement of voluntary and community groups in shaping and delivering services, SVS will enable the views of local groups to be represented strategically at local, regional and national levels;
- **Development work** – SVS will help identify gaps in service provision and work with groups to develop new and innovative services to meet these needs;
- **Strategic partnerships** – SVS will work in partnership with local government and other statutory agencies to shape and deliver services to meet city needs;
- **Promoting volunteering and voluntary action** – SVS will use its resources to promote volunteering in Southampton and to facilitate increased opportunity for voluntary action as an expression of active citizenship and civil society;
SVS Services
- **Quality Services** – SVS will deliver good quality services to meet the individual needs of vulnerable communities;
Governance
- **Governance and performance** – SVS will demonstrate best practice in governance by upholding the standards within the Good Governance Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector.

How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we try to help are described in “who used and benefited from our services” and our achievements and performance in the year are assessed in the “review of the year”. **All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes, as embodied in our Charitable Objects, Vision and Mission Statement, for the public benefit.**

Who used and benefited from our services?

Our wide-ranging Principal Activities are set out below, together with the individuals and groups, mainly based within the city of Southampton, that benefit from these activities:

- **Voluntary Sector Support:** Developing, connecting, influencing policy and representing the voluntary and community sector through providing leadership, information, good practice, networks and capacity building;
- **Promoting Volunteering and Voluntary Action:** Involving volunteers, promoting and celebrating volunteering and voluntary action in all sectors;
- **Services to meet the needs of individuals:**
 - **Community Roots:** A recovery focused, allotment based horticultural project providing supported volunteering opportunities for people with additional support needs, including those who may have experienced mental health problems, substance and alcohol use, and homelessness.
 - **Healthwatch Southampton:** The local consumer champion for health and social care. Healthwatch Southampton (HWS) listens to the views and experiences of the public and patients and uses its influence to affect commissioning and service provision decisions and practice. HWS also offers an information, advice and signposting service.
 - **Shopmobility:** Provision of wheelchairs and scooters to people with limited mobility enabling them to access the city centre and access shops, amenities and services independently.
 - **SO:Linked:** contract enabling delivery of SVS community development functions alongside community navigation to enable members of the public to find the support they need in the community. This work is led by SVS and delivered through subcontract arrangements with our partners Social Enterprise Link, Spectrum CIL, and TWICS.

Summary review of the year

This summary review covers the period 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026. The period has been contextualised by a continuation of dull economic conditions impacting on public spending and rising costs affecting organisations, beneficiaries, and the public. Major reorganisations have continued to change the landscape of public sector bodies in a bid to meet financial constraints. Coupled with a poor economic forecast, our communities have also weathered an increase in rhetoric aimed at creating divisions, and apportioning blame on minority groups.

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During this period, we have also welcomed announcements of public investment into some of the city's most deprived neighbourhoods through "Pride in Place". We have also seen the private sector mobilise through the charity Business in the Community to make a difference locally through their "Pride of Place" scheme

During the year, the recommissioning of substantive VCSE contracts, through Southampton Early Help and Support (SEAS) has been undertaken by Southampton City Council (SCC). This has created one large contract with ten different areas of work focusing on prevention. SEAS has drawn together 15 organisations to deliver this work.

This programme has taken centre stage for SVS, acting as the lead contractor during the tender process. Having been awarded this contract in early 2026, SVS have worked with the consortia members to establish a special purpose vehicle, with five organisations acting as company members, to hold the contract with SCC.

Delivery of SEAS will commence on 1st April 2026. The contract is for a maximum of ten years, giving some much needed stability and sense of future to the organisations involved, and enabling a process of strategic planning that has been challenging given previous uncertainties. This contract will also enable a far deeper level of collaboration between organisations, and assist in achieving lasting change and impact for local communities.

SVS has continued the work of Southampton VCSE Alliance to foster closer working relationships with the local authority by resetting and reframing the sector's relationship as collaborative, as opposed to transactional, in nature. This has led to, among other things, the development of the Southampton VCSE Covenant, which we aim to endorse in the next period.

SVS Executive Committee, our charity trustees and company directors, led by Chairperson Stephanie Ramsey, have shown great leadership through what has been a pivotal year for the organisation and local sector. Meeting bi-monthly, SVS Executive Committee have also convened several sub-groups focusing on finance, organisational risk, strategy, and future contracts.

SVS Executive Committee welcome the developments of the last year, which provide a sense of future and a firm foundation from which to plan for, and face, future challenges, system changes, and opportunities; not least those presented by Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution.

Overarching themes of the year include:

- **Collaboration** – a welcomed increase in collaboration between sector organisations, both contractually and through joining together to amplify voice. A notable change in public bodies' approaches, to one of collaboration with the sector.
- **Public Finances** – continue to be under immense pressure.
- **Changing Structures** – following the restructure of health into Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) covering larger geographical footprints we are now preparing for the challenges and opportunities presented by both the formation of a Hampshire & Isle of Wight Mayoral Combined Authority, and Local Government Reorganisation, which will see Southampton grow as an Unitary Authority.
- **Redesign / transformation** – transformation has become the norm in order to meet public demand and deliver outcomes amid reducing resources. Whilst challenging to meet the pace of change and stay abreast of developments, transformation programmes are presenting opportunities to do things differently to achieve impact.
- **New opportunities** – new partnerships have emerged over the year, presenting new and exciting opportunities. This has been most evident within health and research, building on our relationships with Universities and Public Health, and through our work on Coproduction with Adult Social Care. We look forward to new opportunities presented by the SEAS contract.

Sector support and infrastructure

The SVS led SO:Linked programme "*supporting Southampton's communities and people*", has continued to be the main delivery vehicle for our community development work, alongside partners TWICS and Social Enterprise Link. SO:Linked community navigation work has continued through our partner Spectrum CIL. The contract ceased on 31st March 2026, superseded by the SEAS contract described above.

Other projects delivered under the SO:Linked banner have included:

- **SO: LID** – our Local Information Directory has provided a go to digital space to identify local services, support, activities, funding and more, and the offer has continued to grow over the year. This is an invaluable resource

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for our navigators, social prescribers in the city, the VCSE (Voluntary Community Social Enterprise sector), and statutory partners. This resource will be expanded and augmented under the SEAS contract.

- **Southampton Green Network** – this SVS network brings together over 50 organisations, of all sizes, to collaborate on the green / environmental agenda within Southampton. The network has been focusing on being physically active within green spaces.
- **Social Prescribers Network** – convened by SVS this network draws together practitioners across sectors involved in social prescribing. The network publishes a regular newsletter highlighting best practice and showcasing community activities.
- **SO: Lotto** – our local lottery scheme with Gatherwell has continued over the year and has raised a total revenue of £44,078 and 64 good causes have benefitted. £7,625 of prizes have been distributed to players.
- **Southampton VCSE Alliance** – this network has been developed to foster closer working relationships with Southampton City Council. Key work of the year has included drawing together partners to focus on SEAS, and the development of a Southampton VCSE Covenant with SCC.
- **Friday Forum** – we continue our monthly collaboration focused Friday Forum for the sector with a different theme each month. The forum is well attended with between 15 – 65 organisations joining each month.
- **Volunteering Development** – SVS Volunteer Development Worker has driven forward volunteering work throughout the year, developing our brokerage service, forming a volunteer coordinators network, providing training and best practice advice, and raising the profile of volunteering through events and marketing. During the year we have re-established SVS 100 Hours of Volunteering Award, whereby local volunteers are nominated to receive a certificate presented by the Lord Mayor of Southampton, in the Lord Mayor's Parlour. This civic ceremony recognised the contribution of over 100 volunteers over three events.
- **Leadership and Advocacy** – our extensive networks mean we are well placed to ensure a strong, sector voice at the city's strategic partnerships. This includes Adults, and Children's, Safeguarding Boards, Safe City Partnership, Reducing Drug Harm Partnership, Children and Young People's Partnership Board, Health and Wellbeing Board, amongst others, and various working groups. This enables the sector a level of influence in the local policy environment, and ensures the sector are well sighted on local developments and opportunities for collaboration. Our Southampton VCSE Alliance is helping to strengthen these arrangements, providing a stronger representative base.
- **Hampshire and Isle of Wight VCSE Health and Care Alliance (HIVCA)** – this Integrated Care System wide collaboration aims to build stronger relationships and joint working. SVS CEO is a member of the leadership committee, focusing on place-based representation. The alliance has been awarded three years funding from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board.
- **Young Southampton** – an alliance of local young people's organisations that aims to draw further investment into the city to support youth activities has been supported by SVS throughout the year in its journey to becoming an established charity. The alliance has now recruited a CEO to drive the work forward.
- **Group Support** – supporting local organisations continues to be a key focus through training, acting as an election commissioner, helping to resolve conflict, finding funding, and all areas of governance and management of an organisation.
- **Research Unit** – our work in the community research space has continued to grow, with key work strands highlighted below:
 - **In-Residence** – working closely with University of Southampton we are forming a community of practice for Community Participatory Action Researchers and developing Research Café's for knowledge exchange with the sector.
 - **Coproduction Corner** – work continues on this community of practice to support coproduction efforts within the city, provide peer support and disseminate, and develop, best practice. Leading on this work has led to the development of a coproduction programme with SCC, initially focusing on Adult Social Care.

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- **Health Determinants Research Collaboration** – a partnership between local universities, Southampton City Council, and SVS that aims to introduce a research and evidence-based decision-making structure into all of the council's work, with priorities set through public involvement and community engagement. SVS are involved in the steering group and public involvement and community engagement work. Our coproduction work, described above, dovetails well with HDRC's aims.
- **Energise Me Place Partnership** – a Sport England place-based investment programme, managed by Energise Me, focusing on increasing physical activity in deprived areas of Southampton. SVS is an active board member, and now further funding is confirmed, will be hosting the Place Based Programme Manager role.

Services to the public

Whilst the development and delivery of new public facing services is no longer a strategic priority for SVS, preferring to work collaboratively with our membership on such endeavours, we continue to deliver our existing commitments.

- **Healthwatch Southampton (HWS)** – recruitment of additional Strategic Group members has brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to the operation over the year. Key projects have included Transport to Health Facilities, Unpaid Carers Respite, Young Adult Carers' Transitions, SCC Care Homes Experience, and public involvement in GP practices. Healthwatch is planned to be abolished in a future Health & Care Act; however, we believe embedding the independent functions of local Healthwatch into public bodies will lead to poorer outcomes, and we will continue to attempt to influence the agenda. Healthwatch Southampton's annual report is published on their website on 30th June 2026.
- **City Shopmobility** – this vital lifeline to local people with reduced mobility has continued to operate throughout the year, enabling 1188 visits to local shops, amenities, and services. The project is funded by our partners at West Quay shopping centre and Hammerson, for which we are incredibly grateful.
- **Community Roots** – the project has continued to flourish, supporting drug service CGL's clients on their recovery journey. Referrals increased during the year with two new groups being launched, and a second allotment plot being established. The project also worked in collaboration with SCC to support people at risk of losing their allotments due to ill health by helping to keep their plots tidy. The future of the project is unclear due to funding difficulties.

Finally, a massive thanks to all SVS staff, volunteers, and trustees for your respective contributions. You, our people, are SVS' biggest asset, and we couldn't do what we do without your teamwork, creativity and energy. Thanks, are also due to our partners, supporters and funders, and SVS looks forward to your ongoing support into the future.

The Role of Volunteers in our Service Provision

In all aspects of SVS work and service delivery we have teams of active volunteers who enhance our work and the services we offer to the public. Some of our SVS volunteers have themselves experienced unemployment, whilst others have additional support needs or are in recovery from addictions or health problems, so our experience in working with and involving them provides an excellent grounding for the work we do in encouraging others to actively involve volunteers.

SVS is proud and infinitely grateful for the commitment and contribution in terms of creativity, enthusiasm and the substantial donation of all our volunteers' time and effort, which to us is priceless. However, this contribution can be quantified in monetary value using the 2025 provisional median earnings from ASHE by Office of National Statistics. This means the sum of 3329 volunteer hours contributed by approximately **36** volunteers is equivalent to **£65,481**; a massive contribution and we thank each and every one of you.

Financial review

Financial overview

This is an increasingly challenging time within our sector with major funding uncertainties, a turbulent external environment and the increasing impact of procurement and tendering. We continue to face uncertainty over parts of our income and to deal with late decisions over funding income, but we plan, recognising that these are aspects of the environment in which we operate. In this context, **SVS achieved a planned outcome for the year with a net increase in its unrestricted general fund of £49,830 (note 13).**

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Restricted funding will by its nature involve situations where funds are received in one year and spent in a different year, resulting in situations where net surpluses or deficits arise. In the current year our total Restricted funding reserves decreased by £35,269 (2025: Increase £116,709). Our reserves policy is set out in more detail below.

The net movement in funds was £14,561 (2025: £135,197).

The SVS Balance Sheet remains appropriate for an organisation of our size, with appropriate liquidity.

Specifics

Total incoming resources amounted to £798,769 compared with £824,882 for 2025, a decrease of c4%. Total resources expended amounted to £784,208, an increase of c11.5% compared with the previous year's figure of £689,685 Total funds at the year-end amounted to £1,861,165 (2025: £1,846,604) which is made up as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Restricted reserves - <i>held for future project expenditure</i>	408,847	444,116
Designated reserves - <i>set aside for VAC depreciation and for essential future operating expenses</i>	1,295,729	1,295,729
General reserves - <i>see below</i>	156,589	106,759
Total funds	1,861,165	1,846,604

General reserves now stand at £156,589 (2025: £106,759). The increase of £49,830 comprises the unrestricted surplus. As shown below, general reserves are in the form of current assets (100%) and fixed assets (NIL).

	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets	-	-
Current assets – free reserves	156,589	106,271
Total general reserves	156,589	106,271

The Charity's free reserves may decrease significantly, as future essential expenditure on fixed asset replacement becomes inevitable. Accordingly, these reserves are held principally to give some protection against future uncertainties and are not available for short-term expenditure.

Principal funding sources

Voluntary Sector Support and Promoting Volunteering and Voluntary Action are funded through contracts from **Southampton City Council (SCC)** together with sizeable contributions from the **Hampshire & Isle of Wight Integrated Commissioning Board, Southampton University, West Quay Shopping Centre** and various smaller funding streams, some of which also derive from SCC. The SVS Services are primarily funded through a mix of grants, contracts and charitable trusts.

Fundraising policy

SVS welcomes donations and in-kind contributions from business and other supporters, especially with respect to our service delivery work to the public. SVS undertakes limited fundraising from the public to support its voluntary sector support work where it is compatible with our aims and supportive to the many of the voluntary and community groups that we exist to support. SVS Services maintain annual fundraising activities to sustain their basic services, and these have been increased universally in the past year in response to the constraints of public funding to ensure their sustainability to meet public needs.

The Charity conducts all its fundraising activity in line with the Fundraising Regulator Code of Fundraising Practice and is pleased to confirm that it has received no complaints in relation to its fundraising activity over the course of the 2024-25 year.

Investment policy

The Executive Committee, having regard to the liquidity requirements of the charity and the reserves policy, have reviewed and operated a policy of keeping available funds in competitive interest-bearing deposit accounts and seek to achieve a rate of deposit interest which matches or exceeds inflation as measured by the retail prices index. However, due to the current economic climate, we have several fixed term bonds and are achieving slightly less than the current RPI inflation rate.

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The Executive Committee, mindful of public concern regarding the liquidity of banking institutions, periodically review the allocation of funds to individual banks and have diversified the range of accounts held to maximise protection of funds under the banks guarantee system. The Executive Committee believes that SVS would be eligible to receive compensation through the Financial Services Compensation Scheme on the failure of a UK registered bank and considers that investment in four banks both minimises the risk of losing charitable funds and the risk of losing liquidity due to bank failure.

Remuneration Policy

The Directors and the board of Trustees and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the Charity.

The charity Trustees ultimately hold the responsibility for setting the remuneration levels for the staff within the organisation including the senior staff. The individual salaries of senior staff members remain lower than £60,000.

In 2013 the Executive Committee elected to move away from the NJC pay scales and to adopt a more standardised approach to pay structures and allow the organisation to focus on narrowing the gap between the highest and lowest paid staff. They chose to review any salary increase/pay award on a fixed amount rather than the percentage increase previously used, thus reducing the gap to attract and keep appropriately qualified staff. In line with our commitment to our lowest paid staff we have also adopted the Living Wage scheme within the organisation.

As at the 31st March 2026 we calculated our gender pay gap as follows:-

Median and mean male & female hourly earnings :-

	Male Hly Earnings	Female Hly Earnings	Difference	Single Figure Pay gap %
Median	20.65	21.8377	-1.1877	-5.75%
Mean	16.89	21.84	4.94990.005	-29.31%

Mean male & female hourly earnings by quartile:-

	Mean Male Hly Earnings	Mean Female Hly Earnings	Difference	Mean single figure pay gap %	% Male	% Female
Quartile 1	28.83	0	28.83	-	100%	0%
Quartile 2	0	21.84	-21.84	-	0%	100%
Quartile 3	21.84	0	21.84	-	100%	0%
Quartile 4	14.03	0	14.03	-	100%	0%

Reserves policy

The Executive Committee has examined SVS's requirements for reserves considering the main risks to the organisation and in line with its policy to do so on an annual basis following detailed scrutiny and recommendations by its Finance sub-committee which is itself guided by the Charity Commission guidance on charity reserves. In light of the increased uncertainty around public sector funding and the unprecedented times during the Pandemic, the Executive committee has reviewed its position and feel that due to recent experience and the prevailing climate, a more prudent approach is currently required and that its policy should be strengthened so that the unrestricted funds and restricted project funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity, should be at least 6 and if possible 12 months of the expenditure together with our best estimate of future capital expenditure in order to provide sufficient time to seek alternative funding or to properly wind down services if absolutely necessary in the event of loss of public sector funds. This is consistent with our assessed risk register which the Executive Committee and senior staff jointly review overall on annual basis and as required when substantive changes or developments occur relevant to specific areas identified on the risk register.

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The charity needs reserves to enable it to continue to operate as an ongoing concern. The Executive Committee consider the reserves held on the balance sheet to be at an adequate level, as set out further below, to meet their responsibilities and commitments, protect and advance its current activities.

Based on budgeted expenditure for the year commencing 1st April 2026, the target is for free reserves of between £75,000 and £150,000 in unrestricted funds and of between £375,000 and £750,000 in restricted project funds. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Executive Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue in the short term the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding.

The present level of free unrestricted reserves, being the unrestricted reserves excluding those represented by fixed assets and those held for designated purposes, is £156,589 which falls above the target. The Executive Committee are satisfied that the level of free reserves is acceptable having taken note of SVS's policy of increasing reserves together with the existence of certain designated reserves and recognising SVS's expected future capital expenditure. The present level of free restricted reserves, being restricted reserves excluding those represented by fixed assets, is £408,847. The Executive Committee has concluded that these reserves are adequate based on the SVS Projects' policy of increasing reserves. In the short term the Executive Committee has also considered the extent to which existing activities could be curtailed, should such action be required. In volatile financial circumstances, having adequate reserves has meant that we have been able to avoid issuing precautionary redundancy notices linked to SCC or other bodies grants and tendering outcomes.

Future Sustainability and The Green Agenda

As part of our commitment to the Green Agenda we are now monitoring our carbon footprint. We currently have one building for which we will monitor. We also have solar panels which return to the grid.

Plans for the future period

In recent years our established cycle of three-year planning has been unsuited to the level of uncertainty we have faced as an organisation, leading to reactive planning on an annual basis, aligned to our strategic intentions. Transitioning to our new arrangements in the SEAS contract, described above, enables us to resume a more structured, longer-term, approach to planning, based on the needs of our beneficiaries, policy direction, and contractual obligations. It will also enable a longer-term approach to how we measure and demonstrate impact, work on which we have already embarked.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document and member organisations

Southampton Voluntary Services (SVS) is a **charitable company** limited by guarantee. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which stated the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are each required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. There are currently over **433 members**, mainly voluntary and community organisations that operate in Southampton and the surrounding area.

Recruitment and Appointment of Executive Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Executive Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Executive Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting, at which time members also vote annually for the Chair, Vice Chair and Honorary Treasurer.

All members of the Executive Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 2 to the accounts.

The Executive Committee monitors the skill requirements for the trustee body and carries out periodic specific reviews of skills and sector experience. When additional trustees are required or a trustee retires, nominations for election are sought from member organisations and vacancies are filled by suitable co-options in the interregnum.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees receive a detailed induction pack (including the Memorandum and Articles, the latest financial statements and the Charity Commission's guide "the Essential Trustee") and have an induction meeting with the Chief Executive. Feedback from new trustees about their induction has been very positive. Additionally, new and existing trustees are invited and encouraged to attend the regular trustee training sessions available to trustees of all member

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organisations via the SVS Trustee Development Programme. An annual Financial Management briefing is provided for the whole Executive Committee. The Trustee induction pack has been reviewed and updated during the year.

Risk management

The **Risk Assessment Report** is updated and reviewed annually by the Executive Committee, focusing on the major external and internal risks to which the charity is exposed. The new Charity Commission guidance was used to prepare and review the risk assessment.

The key risks identified in the 2025/2026 risk assessment exercise were broadly in line with the previous reviews.

- short-term initiatives, arrears / outcome funding, late signing of contracts, delayed payments and adequacy of reserves to meet obligations diminishing funding pots;
- the loss of key contracts from the increased pressures associated with tendering and procurement practices and reduced public expenditure and the associated reduction of services being commissioned;
- changed political priorities from national and local government;
- demographic and social changes with poverty and social exclusion, high deprivation and an increasing strain on SVS's scarce resources including capacity to fully harness changes in the volunteering profile and enquiries;
- the charity's financial planning being adversely impacted by funding uncertainties and the impact of the other key risks set out here;
- increases in cost of living affecting beneficiaries and the financial stability of the charity, particularly in relation to longer term fixed-price contracts;
- reliance on key staff and impact on organisational memory in case of leaving;
- data security and safety, risk of cyberattack and potential for inadvertent breaches of GDPR;
- financial pressures due to decreased revenue and fundraising opportunities.

As we move into our new contractual framework, described above, SVS Executive Committee will revisit our organisational risk profile, recognising that some of our current risks will be downgraded given longer term contractual certainty, whilst other emerging risks will need to be accounted for, including, for example, Local Government Reorganisation.

Organisational Structure and Governance

The organisational governance and management are headed up by an **Executive Committee** which meets five times a year. The Executive Committee consists of elected and nominated trustees. The Executive Committee is responsible for the strategic management of all current work and for the oversight of development in line with its Vision, Mission Statement and Charitable Objects. At present the Committee has nine members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. The Company Secretary also attends the Committee but has no voting rights. The Committee has adopted the Good Governance Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector.

The Executive Committee is supported by the **Finance sub-committee** who scrutinise the details of the management accounts, look at relevant financial issues and make recommendations to the full Executive Committee, including in respect of the Executive Committee's annual review of financial policies. This Committee also communicate with SVS's external Independent Examiner and make recommendations in respect of the external Independent Examiner appointment, reporting back to the Executive Committee; receiving an unqualified examination opinion from a reputable accountancy firm is a key ongoing priority. The work of the Finance sub-committee includes an annual review of the Charity Commission internal financial control self-checklist for charities.

The day-to-day **management** of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive, Mr R Kurn, who reports regularly to the Executive Committee and is also the Company Secretary. Line management arrangements through team leaders are in place as is regular supervision for staff and volunteers as well as a Joint Progress Review process.

Related parties

The relationships between the charity and related parties, together with details of any related party disclosures, are set out in note 2 to the financial statements.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view. The Trustees are also responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Report of the Executive Committee for the year ended 31 March 2026 (continued)

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments 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 adequate accounting records that show and explain the charity's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial statements are published on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the charity's website is the responsibility of the Trustees. The Trustees' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

Members of the Executive Committee

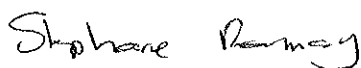
Members of the Executive Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

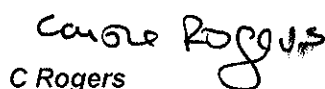
In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant financial information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- as the directors of the company, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant independent examiners information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting & Reporting Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (Effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP(FRS102)), Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 16th July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


S Ramsey
Chair


C Rogers
Treasurer

Southampton Voluntary Services

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Southampton Voluntary Services

For the year ended 31 March 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHAMPTON VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southampton Voluntary Services ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2026.

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

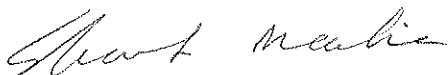
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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.

S Mackie FCA
Morris Crocker
Chartered Accountants
Lake House
2 Port Way
Port Solent
Hampshire
PO6 4TY



Date: 21 July 2026

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Statement of financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account)

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Income					
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>	9	31,979	732,635	764,614	790,306
<i>Income from other generated funds:</i>					
Investment income	10	33,027	-	33,027	33,809
Other income		1,128	-	1,128	767
		34,155	-	34,155	34,576
Total income	18	66,134	732,635	798,769	824,882
Expenditure					
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
<i>General expenditure</i>	11	16,304	767,904	784,208	689,685
<i>Pension scheme net service cost</i>		-	-	-	-
<i>Charitable activities expenditure</i>		16,304	767,904	784,208	689,685
Total expenditure	18	16,304	767,904	784,208	689,685
Net (expenditure)		49,830	(35,269)	14,561	135,197
Other recognised gains and losses					
<i>Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes</i>	3	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		49,830	(35,269)	14,561	135,197
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,402,488	444,116	1,846,604	1,711,407
Total funds carried forward	12, 13	1,452,318	408,847	1,861,165	1,846,604

The notes on pages 17 to 23, incorporating the Accounting Policies on pages 17 to 18, form part of these accounts.

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

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

Southampton Voluntary Services
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	<u>479,861</u>	<u>506,388</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	4	101,418	224,221
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,320,162</u>	<u>1,145,684</u>
		1,421,580	1,369,905
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>40,276</u>	<u>29,689</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,381,304</u>	<u>1,340,216</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		1,861,165	1,846,604
Defined benefit pension scheme liability		-	-
Net assets including pension liability		<u>1,861,165</u>	<u>1,846,604</u>
The funds of the charity			
<i>Restricted funds</i>	13	<u>408,847</u>	<u>444,116</u>
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>			
Designated	12	1,295,729	1,295,729
General	12	<u>156,589</u>	<u>106,759</u>
Unrestricted income funds excluding pension reserve		1,452,318	1,402,488
Pension reserve		-	-
Total unrestricted funds	12	<u>1,452,318</u>	<u>1,402,488</u>
Total charity funds		<u>1,861,165</u>	<u>1,846,604</u>

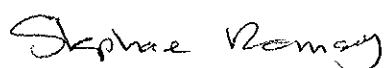
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For the financial year in question the company (03515397) was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

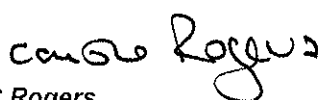
No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 16th July 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



S Ramsey
Chair



C Rogers
Treasurer

Southampton Voluntary Services

Cash Flows as at 31 March 2026

Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31st March 2026

	Note 17	2026 £	2025 £
Cash used in operating activities		174,478	14,102
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment Income		33,027	33,810
Cash provided by investing activities		33,027	33,810
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year		174,478	47,912
Cash at the beginning of the year		1,145,684	1,097,772
Total cash at the end of the year		1,320,162	1,145,684

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026

1 Accounting policies

1(a) Basis of preparation

Southampton Voluntary Services is a charitable Company limited by Guarantee. The company is registered in England and Wales, and its registered office is set out on page 2

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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a public benefit entity and considered by the Trustees to be a going concern.

1(b) Funds structure

Funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- Designated funds - these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects; or
- Restricted funds - these are funds that 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 given for particular restricted purposes or where the funder requires any surpluses under services agreements to be retained for that specific project.

1(c) Income

Income from charitable activities arises solely in the UK and includes income received under grants, contracts and service level agreements. Amounts related to future periods are shown as deferred income.

Incoming resources are recognised when the charity's entitlement to the resources is confirmed, it is probable that the resources will be received, and they can be measured with reliability.

1(d) Expenditure – direct charitable, governance and support costs

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis.

Most expenditure is directly categorised as expenditure on charitable activities. The benefit of this direct categorisation of resources expended is that there is no unallocated expenditure or 'support costs'.

1(e) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Asset category	Useful life
Voluntary Action Centre (VAC)	40 years
Office & project equipment	5 - 20 years
Computer equipment	2 years

No depreciation is provided on the land element of the Voluntary Action Centre.

All assets of £1k are capitalised and full year depreciation is applied on year of acquisition.

1(f) Impairment of assets

Assets that are subject to depreciation are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is an indication that the assets are impaired. Where there is an indication that an asset may be impaired, an impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the assets net book value exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of its fair value or its value in use. As the assets are held for the charitable service potential to its beneficiaries, it is appropriate to regard value in its use as the assets service potential measured by its replacement value. The replacement cost is the lowest economic cost that would be incurred in replacing the assets service potential.

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1(g) Flow through funding

The charity deals with the onward payment of costs on behalf of some other organisations. These sums are excluded from both incoming and expended resources on the basis that they do not represent incoming or expended resources for the charity itself. The amount of flow through incoming and outgoing funds during the year were £nil (2025: £nil) and £nil (2025: £20,976) respectively and the funding held at the year-end was £24,754 (2025: £24,754).

1(h) Debtors

Trade and other debtors, relating mainly to grant monies due, are recognised on the Balance sheet. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1(i) Cash and Bank

Cash at bank and cash 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.

1(j) Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has the present obligation resulting from a past event 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.

1(k) Financial instruments

The charity has the financial assets or financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. The basic financial instruments are recognised at transaction value and recognised at their settlement value.

1(l) Judgements and applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have made the following judgements.

- Determine whether there are indicators of impairments if fixed assets. Factors taken into consideration in reaching a decision include the service potential of the property and its underlying replacement cost.

In preparing the accounts key areas of estimation have been made

- Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives considering residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and the residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on several factors. In reassessing asset lives, factors such as charitable use and maintenance programmes are considered.
- A provision is made for the deficit arising on the charity's share of the Local Government Pension Scheme. The trustees review the underlying actuarial assumptions and make the appropriate judgments and changes required as suitable to the charity.

2 Related party disclosures

2(a) Control of the charity

Throughout the year, the charity was controlled ultimately by its members who meet annually at the Annual General Meeting. The directors elected by the members govern the affairs of the charitable company between Annual General Meetings.

2(b) Directors / trustees remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to any directors / trustees in the year and no director / trustee waived the right to any remuneration in the year. Trustee expenses have been reimbursed in the year to the value of £Nil (2025: £Nil).

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Voluntary Action Centre £	Office & project equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost:				
As at 1 April 2025	1,220,093	151,767	119,635	1,491,495
Additions	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2026	1,220,093	151,767	119,635	1,491,495
Depreciation:				

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As at 1 April 2025	713,705	151,767	119,635	985,107
Charged in the year	26,527	-	-	26,527
As at 31 March 2026	740,232	151,767	119,635	1,011,634
Net book value:				
As at 1 April 2025	506,388	-	-	506,388
As at 31 March 2026	479,861	-	-	479,861

All fixed assets are held at historic cost. Included in Voluntary Action Centre is £159,000 of freehold land which has not been depreciated.

4 Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Grants receivable	92,885	220,867
Other debtors	8,533	3,354
	101,418	224,221

All amounts are due within one year from the balance sheet date.

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade creditors	14,154	3,735
Accruals & Flowthrough	26,122	25,954
	40,276	29,689

Deferred Income

	2026 £	2025 £
Brought Forward	-	-
Amount released to Income Resources	-	-
Amount Deferred in the year	-	-
	-	-

6 Analysis of Net Assets between funds

		Fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Pension scheme liability £	Total £
Restricted funds	14	-	408,807	-	416,767
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	13	479,861	815,868	-	1,295,729
General funds	13	-	156,589	-	156,589
Pension reserve	3g	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2026		479,861	1,381,304		1,861,165
		Fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Pension scheme liability £	Total £
Restricted funds	14	-	444,116	-	444,116
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	13	506,388	789,341	-	1,295,729
General funds	13	-	106,759	-	106,759
Pension reserve	3g	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025		506,388	1,340,216	-	1,846,604

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7 Net (expenditure) for the year

	2026 £	2025 £
Net (expenditure) for the year is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	26,527	26,527
Independent Examination (including VAT)	1,368	1,200

8 Staff Costs

	2026 £	2025 £
Salaries and wages	363,252	331,569
Social security costs	42,450	27,231
Pension Stakeholder scheme – matched contributions	11,941	10,393
	417,643	369,193

No employees received remuneration more than £60,000 (2025: 0)

Key Management personnel comprise of the Chief Executive Officer, the Senior Manager Business & Finance and the Senior Manager Operations & Programmes. The total benefits received by key management was £158,764 (2025: £146,484)

Average number of employees:

	2026	2025
Project workers (full time)	1	1
Management and administration (full time)	3	3
Project workers (part time)	8	7
Management & Administration (part time)	5	5
	17	16

9 Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Unrestricted income:				
Office & Other	66,134	-	66,134	56,919
Restricted income (note 14):				
Restricted Projects	-	674,572	674,572	711,400
Shopmobility	-	58,063	58,063	56,563
	66,134	732,635	799,185	824,882

10 Investment income

All of the charity's investment income arises from interest bearing deposit accounts.

11 Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Core management & support costs	16,304	-	16,312	38,431
Restricted expenditure (note 14):				
Restricted Projects	-	721,124	721,124	600,771
Shopmobility	-	46,780	46,780	50,483
	16,304	767,904	784,208	689,685

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12 Unrestricted funds

	Note	At 1 Apr 2025	Movement	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2026
		£	£	£	£
<u>Designated funds</u>					
VAC		506,388	-	(26,527)	479,861
Property		563,705	-	26,527	590,232
Staffing reserve		142,636	-	-	142,636
Building maintenance		30,000	-	-	30,000
Computer and office equipment		20,000	-	-	20,000
Legal		33,000	-	-	33,000
		1,295,729	-	-	1,295,729
<u>General funds</u>					
General reserve		106,759	49,830	-	156,589
<u>Other funds</u>					
Pension reserve	3g	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds		1,402,488	49,830	-	1,452,318

	Note	At 1 Apr 2024	Movement	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2025
		£	£	£	£
<u>Designated funds</u>					
VAC		532,915	-	(26,527)	506,388
Property		537,178	-	26,527	563,705
Staffing reserve		142,636	-	-	142,636
Building maintenance		30,000	-	-	30,000
Computer and office equipment		20,000	-	-	20,000
Legal		33,000	-	-	33,000
		1,295,729	-	-	1,295,729
<u>General funds</u>					
General reserve		88,271	18,488	-	106,759
<u>Other funds</u>					
Pension reserve	3g	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds		1,384,000	-	-	1,402,488

The VAC depreciation reserve was set up when the Voluntary Action Centre was built in 2003 and represents the remaining net book value of the VAC. Each year a transfer is made to release from the reserve into the Property fund an amount equal to the annual property depreciation. The total of these two reserves equates to the cost price of the VAC less impairment provisions.

The other designated reserves are funds set aside for specific purposes essential for the future operation of the charity in the short to medium term. Transfers are made between these funds and the general reserve as required. The Pension reserve was set up as a result of the implementation of SORP 2005 and continued under SORP 2015. This introduced the new heading of "Defined benefit pension scheme liability" into the assets and liabilities section of the balance sheet, matched by the introduction of a specific negative Pension reserve in unrestricted funds.

13 Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2025	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Voluntary Sector Support</u>					
Community development /capacity building	105,539	19,364	(49,497)	-	75,406
Health	72,664	-	-	-	72,664
Voluntary sector training	9,988	-	-	-	9,988
Community Roots	20,166	-	(14,243)	-	5,923
Healthwatch	53,491	132,152	(132,131)	-	53,512

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Fairness Commission	2,747	-	-	-	2,747
Pippa	5,061	-	-	-	5,061
VAC contributions	4,459	-	-	-	4,459
SO Linked	23,067	348,149	(363,514)	-	7,702
YPF Trust	104,525	36,000	(37,417)	-	103,108
SO Lets Connect	6,809	-	(6,809)	-	-
Buildings & Innovations	6,358	-	-	-	6,358
UKSPF	12,216	39,912	(46,200)	-	5,928
SEAS Development	-	87,000	(48,052)	-	38,948
HDRC	26,939	11,995	(23,261)	-	15,673
<i>Total – Voluntary Sector Support</i>	<i>454,029</i>	<i>674,572</i>	<i>(721,124)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>407,477</i>

Projects

Shopmobility – General fund	4,883	-	-	-	4,883
Shopmobility – Charitable and other funds	(14,796)	58,063	(46,780)	-	(3,513)
Subtotal – Shopmobility	(9,913)	58,063	(46,780)	-	1,370
<i>Total – Projects</i>	<i>(9,913)</i>	<i>58,063</i>	<i>(46,780)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,370</i>
	<i>444,116</i>	<i>732,635</i>	<i>(767,904)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>408,847</i>

	At 1 Apr 2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Sector Support					
Community development /capacity building	98,059	12,857	(5,377)	-	105,539
Health	72,664	-	-	-	72,664
Voluntary sector training	9,988	-	-	-	9,988
Community Roots	22,907	3,500	(6,241)	-	20,166
Healthwatch	46,312	138,938	(131,759)	-	53,491
Fairness Commission	2,747	-	-	-	2,747
Pippa	5,061	-	-	-	5,061
VAC contributions	4,459	-	-	-	4,459
SO Linked	22,813	356,944	(356,690)	-	23,067
YPF Trust	3,020	104,000	(2,495)	-	104,525
SO Lets Connect	49,012	-	(42,203)	-	6,809
Buildings & Innovations	6,358	-	-	-	6,358
UKSPF	-	53,166	(40,950)	-	12,216
HDRC	-	41,995	(15,056)	-	26,939
<i>Total – Voluntary Sector Support</i>	<i>343,400</i>	<i>711,400</i>	<i>(600,771)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>454,029</i>
Projects					
Shopmobility – General fund	4,883	-	-	-	4,883
Shopmobility – Charitable and other funds	(20,876)	56,563	(50,483)	-	(14,796)
Subtotal – Shopmobility	(15,993)	56,563	(50,483)	-	(9,913)
<i>Total – Projects</i>	<i>(15,993)</i>	<i>56,563</i>	<i>(50,483)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(9,913)</i>
	<i>327,407</i>	<i>767,963</i>	<i>(651,254)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>444,116</i>

14 Government grants

Income from government contract/grants comprises performance related contract/grants by the local authority to fund the core activities and projects during the year. Revenue funding from the council amounted to £659,813 (2025:£697,095) Cash paid to Southampton City Council amounted to £9,349 (2025: £9,037). Balances included in debtors are £76,884 (2025: £208,866) & creditors are £nil (2025: £53).

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15 Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt for tax on income and grants falling within Taxes Act to the extent that there are applied to its charitable objects.

16 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to the net cash flow from operating activities

	2026 £	2025 £
Net Movement in funds	14,561	135,197
Add back depreciation charge	26,527	26,527
Less Investment income		
Pension Movement	-	-
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	122,803	(73,058)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	10,587	(40,754)
Net cash used in operating activities	174,478	(107,678)

17 Financial Instruments

	2026 £	2025 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets that are measured at amortised cost	1,421,580	1,369,905
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	40,276	29,689

18 Prior year income & expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
Total Income	56,919	790,306	824,882
Total Expenditure	38,431	689,685	135,197