



Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25

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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout the report:

ABCD – Asset Based Community Development	NAVCA – National Association for Voluntary and Community Action
ACRE – Action with Communities in Rural England	NHS – National Health Service
CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group	NHS HNY ICB – NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
CIO – Charitable Incorporated Organisation	NLCF – National Lottery Community Fund
CLH – Community Led Housing	NY – North Yorkshire
CLHH – Community Led Homes Hub	NYC – North Yorkshire Council
DEFRA - Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	NY & ER – North Yorkshire & East Riding
ERYC – East Riding of Yorkshire Council	PCN – NHS Primary Care Network
HCV – Humber, Coast and Vale	REPF – Rural England Prosperity Fund
HCP – Health and Care Partnership	RHE – Rural Housing Enabler
HEY – Hull and East Yorkshire	SOFA – Statement of Financial Activities
HNY – Humber and North Yorkshire	TRCF – Two Ridings Community Foundation
HNY HCP – Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership	UKSPF – UK Shared Prosperity Fund
HPOC – Harnessing the Power of Communities	VAL – Voluntary Action Leeds
HWRA – Humber and Wolds Rural Action	VCS – Voluntary and Community Sector
ICS – Integrated Care System	VCSE – Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector
IVAR – Institute for Voluntary Action Research	YNYER – York, North Yorkshire and East Riding
	YNYLEP – York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership

¹ North Yorkshire Council is the unitary authority formed from the former county council and seven district councils: Scarborough, Hambleton, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Harrogate, Selby, and Craven.

Chief Executive's introduction

In January 2025, we were delighted to learn that we won the VCSE Support Service Grant, funded by North Yorkshire Council and North Yorkshire and Humberside Integrated Care Partnership, with Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership. This means we remain the infrastructure organisation for North Yorkshire for a further three years, until 31 March 2028 - with potential extension to 2030 - giving us some much-valued security and stability.

We had a busy year, hosting both the new Mayor of North Yorkshire, David Skaith when he wanted to meet VCSE leaders as soon as he came into office, and our Extraordinary Ordinary Leaders conference in May 2024. Both brought leaders from the sector together to exchange priorities, ideas and solutions. This is in addition to the usual subject specific groups and networks we convene and attend on behalf of the sector and our rural communities.

The advent of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority brings a new dynamic to working in the region, although North Yorkshire Council's loss of the rural services delivery grant, with its £14.2 million in funding each year, means that rural communities are more challenged than ever in terms of equity of access to services. We have secured a position on the Combined Authority's Business Board, enabling us to advocate and influence on behalf of both the VCSE sector and rural communities.

We welcomed Richard Jones to our board of trustees and bade a fond farewell to Jan Thornton OBE and Mike Feist. Both Jan and Mike had been long serving trustees, and we are very grateful for their service to Community First Yorkshire. We wish them both well for the future.

Our Head of Community Support, Caroline O'Neill retired after 13 years and we thank her for her tireless enthusiasm and commitment.

Our work would not be possible without the huge contributions from our funders, members, trustees, volunteers and team members. Thank you all for everything you do to make Yorkshire a thriving, connected, inclusive and sustainable community. I am deeply grateful for the generous support and hard work of everyone. I look forward to continuing our work together in the next financial year.

Jane Colthup

Chief Executive

Trustees' report for the year ending 31 March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

Our purposes and activities

Our vision

Our vision is to improve the lives of people living in Yorkshire through more thriving, connected, inclusive and sustainable communities. Our aspiration is for Yorkshire communities that are:

- **Thriving** - feeling vibrant, prosperous and multi-generational. People will actively want to be part of our communities.
- **Connected** - people will not feel isolated or disadvantaged by their location in terms of access to services, loneliness, broadband or mobile phone connectivity.
- **Inclusive** - everyone will feel welcome, accepted and valued, regardless of age, gender, race or sexual orientation.
- **Sustainable** - there will be rewarding and worthwhile employment for people whether at the beginning, middle or end of their careers. There will be affordable housing available to live in. We will work with our partners towards carbon neutral communities.

Our mission

We will achieve our vision by championing and connecting community and voluntary groups; providing leadership and practical support and by encouraging volunteering and building greater collaboration.

We know that a strong and resilient community and voluntary sector enables a strong sense of social cohesion and place in all our local areas, so our work focusses on:

- training and development
- funding and governance advice
- incubating social enterprises
- being both a catalyst and a critical friend.

Our core services across North, South and West Yorkshire

We strengthen rural communities by supporting voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to thrive. Our work focuses on:

- **Leadership and capacity building:** developing skills, structures, and succession planning to ensure long-term sustainability.
- **Community development:** providing practical support so people feel connected, included, and empowered to shape their local vision.
- **Partnerships and collaboration:** facilitating joint working and strategic alliances to amplify impact.
- **Volunteering:** encouraging active participation and building resilient networks.
- **Equity of access:** ensuring rural communities have fair access to services and support.

We deliver this through tailored advice, strengths-based development projects, support for village halls and community buildings, and advocacy that elevates the VCSE sector's role in prevention, health equity, and cohesion.

Charitable objects

Our charitable aims, as stated in our Memorandum and Articles of Association, are:

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community particularly in the geographical area of Yorkshire and the surrounding area (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") - in particular the advancement of education and health and the relief of poverty and distress; the sustainability of rural life or in pursuing any other charitable purposes by promoting and organising co-operation in the achievement of the said purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the voluntary organisations, statutory authorities, and other organisations within the area of benefit.

Achievements, performance and plans for the future

We are deeply grateful to all our funders, especially North Yorkshire Council, North Yorkshire and Humberside Integrated Care Partnership, Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership, Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership and Defra. Defra's funding through our umbrella body ACRE, has enabled us to champion rural communities and amplify our impact across Yorkshire.

Community support in North Yorkshire

Between April 2024 and March 2025, our development officers delivered tailored support to VCSE organisations, focusing on capacity building, training, and strategic development.

Key highlights:

- 55 training sessions for 444 participants
- £1.561 million secured for VCSE groups
- 453 priority groups supported
- 920 organisations engaged
- 1,418 new interventions delivered
- Cohort 6 of our Mentoring Programme completed
- 200 volunteering opportunities promoted

Our work through UKSPF and Defra funding brought vital investment into village halls and community buildings across Yorkshire. We also launched a Social Enterprise Support programme, leaving a legacy of coaching and collaboration.

- We [supported 25 Community Anchor Organisations](#) with tailored training in impact, volunteering, and safeguarding.
- Through the [Rural York Community Buildings Fund](#), 11 buildings received support in partnership with City of York Council.
- Our [Social Enterprise programme](#) delivered 12 sessions, sparking lasting coaching and a growing business network.
- **Innovation:** we launched a tiered support model, enhanced outcome tracking, and piloted new mentoring formats.
- **Digital engagement** highlights: 603 podcast downloads, 1,135 resource downloads, 8,600+ newsletter subscribers, and over 41,000 website visitors.
- **Leadership:** Our Ordinary Extraordinary Leaders conference brought together 100 leaders for a day of inspiration and connection. Cohort 6 of our mentoring programme saw real growth in confidence and governance, with podcasts and new resources extending its reach.

Listening and advocacy

We have ensured the VCSE voice is heard through active roles on key boards and forums, and strategic partnerships with IDOX, Utility Aid, and WYCAS. Our Leadership Steering Group helped shape the Mentoring for Impact programme, strengthening peer support and sector resilience.

Rural advocacy and support

We are active members of Ripon Cathedral's Rural Forum, Rural Housing Forum, and the Yorkshire Food and Farming Rural Network. Rural advocacy is woven throughout our work—from convening the Rural Health Seminar with Healthwatch, advancing digital inclusion through our Health Outcomes Delivery Lead, to supporting ACRE's Platinum Jubilee Funding and disseminating York's Rural England Funding (REPF).

We've also called for a refresh of the Rural Commission Report to assess progress since 2021. North Yorkshire Council is currently reviewing developments since the last Rural Task Force meeting, and we look forward to working with them and other partners to ensure rural communities are treated equitably.

VCSE leadership in health and wellbeing

We continued to lead and collaborate across North Yorkshire to improve community health, ensuring the VCSE sector helps shape services and outcomes.

As regional VCSE health lead, we coordinated input into the Humber and North Yorkshire ICB, securing funding to boost vaccine uptake via trusted community partners.

Our work with **Craven Communities Together** and local care partnerships distributed over £80,000 in health inequalities funding for targeted local interventions.

Through the **North Yorkshire VCSE Health and Care Assembly**, we've amplified the sector's voice in system-wide planning and delivery.

We launched a **Health Outcomes Delivery Lead** role to improve digital inclusion, focusing on rural access and the NHS App - deepening primary care relationships and understanding digital barriers.

Our **Support to Engage programme** trained VCSE staff in coaching to support lived experience in mental health service design.

Together with Healthwatch North Yorkshire, we hosted a **Rural Health and Care Summit** with 80 leaders. Feedback informed the Health and Wellbeing Board and called for a cross-sector rural task force.

North Yorkshire & East Riding Community Led Housing Hub

Over four years, the Hub became a trusted regional guide for community-led housing - offering expert advice, advocacy, and partnership support from group formation to move-in.

Key achievements:

- Secured Shared Prosperity Funding for sustainability
- Delivered Craven CLT's Housing Needs Survey (138 responses)
- Supported active groups in Whitby, Richmond, Harrogate, and Beverley

- Raised profile through national events and digital outreach

Though the Hub closed in May 2024 due to funding constraints, its legacy lives on in the communities it empowered and the strategies it helped shape.

Rural Housing Enabler (RHE) Programme

The RHE Programme continued to champion affordable housing in rural North Yorkshire through expert guidance and strong local collaboration.

Key highlights:

- Launched the Housing Booked resource
- Engaged communities via regional shows and auction marts
- Completed a Housing Needs Survey
- Advanced sites in Reeth, Dalton, Beal, Swaledale, and Tanfield

We'll keep supporting new RHEs, progressing surveys, and driving development through ongoing site visits.

Community Led Housing in Nidderdale National Landscape

This three-year pilot, funded by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, raised awareness of community-led housing in Nidderdale. We engaged 300+ stakeholders and supported five early-stage projects with potential to deliver 21 affordable homes.

Local insight sparked creative solutions - repurposing unused buildings and exploring self-finished homes to lower deposit barriers. Plans are progressing for North Yorkshire's first rural housing cooperative, driven by collaboration

Rothwell Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)

As the pathfinder site for Leeds City Council's ABCD programme, Rothwell saw community-led ideas flourish. A summer listening exercise sparked new initiatives, including a support group for parents of autistic teenage girls and a winter crafting circle that built lasting friendships.

Partnerships with Forum Central, the Local Care Partnership, and the ABCD builders' network helped deepen local engagement and connection.

Bradford Men's Shed

In 2024/25, the Men's Sheds programme focused on infrastructure and sustainability - supporting new sheds and strengthening existing ones.

Highlights:

- Allerton Shed launched with 12 members and a defibrillator
- Queensbury Shed gained CIO status and planned new premises
- Wilsden Shed expanded and hosted regular socials
- Trustee training delivered in Ilkley for sheds across Yorkshire

The programme boosted wellbeing and community health, with innovations from drone surveys to repurposed materials. Looking ahead, we'll support sheds without premises, new groups, and expand trustee training.

Village Halls as Digital Hubs

Eight village halls were transformed into digitally inclusive spaces, tackling rural connectivity through broadband and equipment installation. Aligned with the Digital Inclusion Network, the project supported access to services, learning, and social connection.

Collaboration with North Yorkshire Council ensured effective resource use. Remaining funding will support new hubs, building digitally connected, resilient communities.

UKSPF Digital Inclusion Programme

This £600,000 partnership project supported digital inclusion across rural North Yorkshire. Led by Community First Yorkshire, 40 projects operated in 120+ venues, training 250+ Digital Champions and supporting over 3,000 people.

83 training sessions boosted confidence and capacity, while flexible delivery models ensured accessibility. Peer meetings and partnerships enriched the programme's reach. Legacy planning and a new prospectus will help sustain impact and share learning.

Age Friendly Network

Our Age Friendly Network grew to 194 individuals and 42 organisations, amplifying older voices through inclusive engagement. Outreach events in Filey and Pickering, refreshed communications, and targeted surveys helped connect with carers, veterans, and minority groups.

Training for Community Anchor Organisations and alignment with national campaigns boosted visibility. Looking ahead, we'll expand volunteer opportunities, strengthen training, and deepen outreach to priority groups.

Plans for the future

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. We intend to:

- Expand our reach through events, digital storytelling, and stronger impact monitoring, while evolving support for volunteering and leadership.
- Working with partners, we'll continue building VCSE capacity - especially through Community Anchor Organisations - to strengthen community resilience.
- Our offer will include 24 training sessions, expanded digital content, and peer-learning groups to grow our community of practice.
- Advance volunteering by building on the impact of the Building Better Connections NHS Charities Together project, the Volunteering Network, and the HNY HCP Workforce Plan. We'll continue to support and promote social action through blogs, think-pieces, and involvement in social action and volunteering partner events.
- Monitor economic pressures and work with public and health partners to keep VCSE organisations sustainable.
- Work collaboratively with our partners in local government, health and the VCSE sector to ensure people in Yorkshire live healthier, happier, more fulfilling lives. This continues to be enhanced by our development of the North Yorkshire VCSE Sector Health and Care Assembly.
- Continue the Rural Housing Enabler programme to boost rural exception sites and appropriate affordable housing supply.
- Focus on operational priorities including continuing to highlight the needs of our rural communities in relation to health and mental health provision and strategies; transport; education, training and employment, as well as ensuring the actions in the Rural Commission Report are taken forward.
- Projects like Men's Sheds, Rothwell ABCD and the Age Friendly Network will continue to build cohesion and wellbeing.
- Grow our environmental work, helping organisations move toward carbon neutrality and climate resilience.
- Continue to provide a responsive training and resource offer on our Learning and Development Hub; as well as providing our mentoring programme for aspiring leaders and developing young people focused programmes and bursary funded training options through our Leadership Hub.
- Continue to adapt and introduce new training and resource materials on areas of thematic importance including trusteeship, recruitment, funding, wellbeing and relationship dynamics.
- Continue to promote diversity, equality and inclusion across North Yorkshire.
- Continue to support the development of Digital Hubs across North Yorkshire, to provide digital inclusion opportunities.

Financial review

The Company generated a net deficit for the year of £163,609 (2024: surplus £68,331) of which £248,094 was restricted (2024: surplus £95,448) and the unrestricted surplus was £84,485 (2024: deficit £27,117).

Reserves policy

The Reserves Policy of Community First Yorkshire Ltd was agreed by the Trustee Board as follows:

The reserves are composed of Restricted and Unrestricted funds.

Restricted Reserves

Restricted Reserves or Restricted Income Funds relate to reserves held in accordance with any restrictions required by the original funder.

Unrestricted reserves

Unrestricted funds are made up of Designated Funds and General Funds.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd aims to achieve sufficient free reserves which will:

- Allow the smooth operation of our activities
- Cover any costs, including redundancy costs in the event of a managed closure of the organisation.

As a guide the Trustees have agreed that free reserves held by the charity should be a minimum of three months core and non-prepaid project costs plus managed closure costs.

The General Fund is a revenue reserve and therefore is not a designated fund. It will be used to meet any year end shortfall of budgeted income against budgeted expenditure. It will normally include any surplus of income over expenditure subject to a decision of the Trustee Board.

The General Fund stood at £215,320 at 31 March 2025 (2024: £130,835) which, per the policy, the trustees are confident will allow sufficient time to seek new funding sources. Free reserves at 31 March 2025 is £205,482 (2024: £125,020) after removing fixed assets and commitments.

As set out in note 29 to the accounts the trustees have set aside £296,749 as designated funds to maintain and finish the specific projects they relate to, for the organisations we support.

Investment policy

We will ensure that our charity has sufficient liquidity to meet our financial commitments. We will invest in liquid assets, most of which are instant access to ensure we can access our money when we need it.

The finance sub-committee periodically review investments and rates being received to secure a good financial return. We only invest in UK authorised banks and building societies ensuring adequate diversification and appropriate levels of risk.

As a guide we aim to keep no more than the cost of two months payroll in our current account at any given time, as this account is not interest bearing.

Principal funding sources

North Yorkshire County Council

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Ryedale District Council

Hambleton District Council

Scarborough Borough Council

East Riding of York Council

Humber Coast and Vale NHS partnership (now known as Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership)

Leeds City Council

Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Health Tree Foundation

Two Ridings Community Foundation

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity.

Organisation

The trustee board is elected annually by the membership of Community First Yorkshire Ltd and trustees hold three-year terms of office and retire in rotation. One third of trustees retire each year and may seek re-election.

Trustees are appointed either by being co-opted by the existing trustee board or through open recruitment. Any trustee co-opted can then seek re-election at the next AGM.

The maximum number of trustees is 12 and details of the trustees who served during the year can be found on page 15. The trustee board meets at least quarterly.

Trustees receive an induction which includes meetings with the chair and senior managers.

A comprehensive induction pack is provided, and ongoing training and personal development opportunities are offered to all trustees. We are particularly keen to recruit new trustees to Community First Yorkshire and welcome enquiries from interested parties.

Honorary officers

The organisation also has the following honorary officers:

- Chairperson - David Sharp
- Vice-Chairperson - Janet Thornton MBE [resigned as of AGM 4 February 2025]
- Vice-Chairperson - Dr Rebecca Buckley [appointed 18 March 2025]

These officers ensure that the trustee board operates efficiently and help to raise the profile of Community First Yorkshire Ltd.

Day-to-day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Officer and the Community First Yorkshire Senior Management Team which, as of 31 March 2025, consisted of the Head of VCSE Support, the Head of Health Collaboration and the Head of Finance.

Members' liability

Every member has undertaken to contribute an amount, not exceeding £10, to the assets of the charity in the event of it being wound up, while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member for payment of the charity's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves.

Related parties

All transactions with related parties are set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

Risk management

Community First Yorkshire Ltd has examined the principal areas of its operations and built a framework for assessing what major risks may arise in each of these areas. They include: governance, management, operational, financial, external and legal matters. Annual reviews of the risk management process are carried out, and adjustments made as necessary. These are in line with the annual review of the strategic objectives, external factors, service delivery etc.

In the opinion of the trustees, the resources and monitoring systems set in place should allow the risks identified to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Fundraising activities

The charity does not engage in public fundraising and does not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators. The charity therefore has no such amounts are presented in the financial statements for the year under review.

The charity has received no complaints in relation to fundraising activity for the year under review. Giving the nature of the funding of the charity, the trustees consider that it remains appropriate not to be voluntarily bound to be regulated by the Fundraising Regulator.

Reference and administrative details

Company name: Community First Yorkshire Ltd

(A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

Company Registration Number: 01839458 Charity Registration Number: 515538

Principal and registered office

Unit A, Tower House, Askham Fields Lane Askham Bryan, York YO23 3FS

Trustee board

(Executive Committee Members) who served during the year to 31st March 2025 and since the year end were as follows:

Directors and trustees

Dr Rebecca Buckley

Mike Feist (resigned 4 February 2025)

David Jeffels

Richard Jones (appointed 18 March 2025)

David Sharp

Janet Thornton MBE (resigned 4 February 2025)

David Watson

Adrian Willis

The chief officer to whom trustees delegate duties

Jane Colthup

The company secretary

Jane Colthup

The company's auditors

Fortus Audit LLP Equinox House, Clifton Park Shipton Road, York, YO30 5PA

The company's bankers

Unity Trust Bank, PO Box 7193, Planetary Road, Willenhall, WV1 9DG

Registration details

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity, and is therefore not liable to income tax, corporation tax or capital gains tax.

Members

Town and parish councils

Allerton Mauleverer with Hopperton
Parish Meeting
Barlby & Osgodby Town Council
Beal Parish Council
Harthill with Woodall Parish Council
Heptonstall Parish Council
Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council
Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council

Letwell Parish Council
Manfield with Cliffe Parish Council
Rossington Parish Council
Stutton cum Hazlewood Parish Council
Thrybergh Parish Council
Waverley Community Council
Weeton Parish Council

Rural community buildings

Acaster Malbis Memorial Hall
Appleton le Street & Amotherby Parish
Hall
Arkendale Community Hall
Barwick Village Hall
Blaxton Village Hall
Borrowby Village Hall
Boston Spa Village Hall CIO
Bradley Village Hall
Buckden Township Hall
Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall and
Playing Fields

Carlton Village Hall
Clapham Cum Newby Village Hall
Coore Memorial Hall Management
Committee
Coverdale Memorial Hall
Darley Memorial Hall, Lastingham
Dunnington Reading Room
East Harlsey Village Hall
Ebberston Village Hall
Embsay with Eastby Village Institute
Escrick and Deighton Village Hall

Exelby, Leeming & Londonderry Village Hall
Farndale Village Hall
Ganton Village Hall
Gilling West Village Hall
Glusburn Community & Arts Centre
Gristhorpe & Leubberston Village Hall
Hampsthwaite Village Room
Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall
Hawes Market House
Hellifield Institute
Helperby Village Hall CIO
Hinderwell Village Hall
Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust
Holy Rood House - Centre for Health and Pastoral Care
Hovingham Village Hall
Kirk Deighton Village Hall CIO
Kirk Hammerton Village Hall
Long Preston Village Hall
Low Bentham Public Hall & Victoria Institute
Malham Village Hall
Manfield Village Hall
Morton on Swale Village Hall
Muker Public Hall and Literary Institute
Oswaldkirk Village Hall CIO
Oulston Village Hall

Pannal Village Hall
Pateley Bridge & Bewerley Memorial Hall CIO
Rainton with Newby Village Hall
Ravensworth village hall
Ruswarp Village Hall
Sandhutton Village Hall
Sawdon Village Hall
Settle Victoria Hall Ltd
Sharow Village Hall
Sinnington Village Hall
Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall
Sleights Village Hall CIO
Snainton Village Hall and Playing Field
Sproxton Village Hall Trust
St Mary's Community Centre
Staxton Village Hall
Studley Roger Village Hall
Stutton Cum Hazelwood Village Hall (Stutton Village Social Committee))
The Galtres Community Centre
The Grey Village Hall
Thornton le Dale Village Hall
Thornton Watlass Village Hall
Walton Village Hall Wetherby
Whixley Village Hall
Wrelton Village Hall

Organisations

Advocacy Alliance
Atkinson & Clarke Educational Foundation - Old School Room, Patrick Brompton
Barton Village Institute
Better Connect Ltd.
Carers Plus Yorkshire Ltd
Community Counselling (North Yorkshire) Limited
Embsay and Eastby Good Neighbours CIO
Enterprise CUBE CIC

Harrogate & District Community Action (HADCA)
Malton Rackets Club
Mashamshire Community Office
Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Association
Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre
North Craven Building Preservation Trust Ltd
North Yorkshire Youth

Older Citizens Advocacy York (OCAAY)
ORB Community Enterprise (Arts)
Parents of Special Children (POSCH)
Pioneer Projects (Celebratory Arts Ltd)
Revival North Yorkshire CIC
Ripon Community House
Ryedale Special Families
Sessay Community Trust
Settle Community Library
Snape Institute

Tadcaster Volunteer Cars & Services
Association
Whitby Area Development Trust (Coliseum
Centre)
Yatton House Society
York Personal Support Limited
York Workshops
Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust
Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers'
Clubs

Individuals

Jackie Stubbs

Statement of trustee responsibilities

In relation to the financial statements

The trustees (who are also directors of Community First Yorkshire Ltd for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law applicable requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK 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 its activities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees 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.

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

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- There is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditors are unaware
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 8 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Jane Colthup
Chief Executive



David Sharp
Chairman

Independent auditors report

Auditors' Statement to the Trustees

We have examined the summary financial statements set out on pages 21 and 22.

Respective Responsibilities Of Trustees And Auditors

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statements within the Annual Report with the full annual accounts and trustees' report.

We also read the other information contained in the Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent mis-statements or material inconsistencies with the summary financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements are consistent with the full annual accounts and trustees' report of Community First Yorkshire for the year ended 31 March 2025. Copies of the full accounts will be lodged with the Charities Commission and can be obtained from Community First Yorkshire.

Fortus Audit LLP

Fortus Audit LLP, 27 October 2025
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Financial statements

COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income					
Charitable activities	2	73,405	890,583	963,988	1,094,180
Other trading activities	3	49,544	6,172	55,716	53,224
Investment income	4	23,171	-	23,171	17,138
Total income		146,120	896,755	1,042,875	1,164,542
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	5-7	(76,034)	(1,130,450)	(1,206,484)	(1,096,211)
Total expenditure		(76,034)	(1,130,450)	(1,206,484)	(1,096,211)
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	8	70,086	(233,695)	(163,609)	68,331
Transfers between funds		14,399	(14,399)	-	-
Net income for the year		84,485	(248,094)	(163,609)	68,331
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		427,584	626,781	1,054,365	986,034
Total funds carried forward		512,069	378,687	890,756	1,054,365

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

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2025		2024	
Note	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	10		3,123		-
Investments	11		1		1
			3,124		1
Current Assets					
Debtors	12	59,553		215,308	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,003,097		1,024,199	
		1,062,650		1,239,507	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(169,707)		(179,832)	
Net current assets			892,943		1,059,675
Total assets less current liabilities			896,067		1,059,676
Provision for liabilities	15		(5,311)		(5,311)
Net assets			890,756		1,054,365
Funds					
Restricted income funds	18		378,687		626,781
Unrestricted income funds	19		512,069		427,584
Total charity funds			890,756		1,054,365

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The financial statements were approved by the members of the board on 8 October 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

David Sharp

Chairman

Company number: 01839458