

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF DEVON
OPERATING AS
DEVON COMMUNITIES TOGETHER
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2026**

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The social
value of our
work has been
measured at
£1.76m

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Measuring Our Impact 2025-6

CHAMPION COMMUNITIES

Achieved
£718.67k
funding to support
communities in Devon



Amplified the
voices of rural and
coastal communities
at **39** different
strategic-level meetings,
partnerships and events

29 people
attended a Rural
Transport Poverty
Panel Q&A

Supported research into barriers
to sustainability in rural and coastal
communities

Engaged
with peers from
43 European
countries at the
6th European Rural
Parliament

Engaged with
450+
people at Devon
County Show,
Totnes Show and
Honiton Show

Facilitated **29**
Netherlands
students to
support their
rural research
programmes

19 rural and
coastal
community
surveys will
inform future
services

Member of the Devon, Cornwall
& Isles of Scilly Local Resilience
VCSE Partnership

60 communities received
emergency planning advice,
including **21** communities
updating/developing their
Community Emergency
Plans & **£16,770**
resilience grant funding
administered



8
aspiring
social
entrepreneurs
trained

Engaged with **100+**
people, to understand barriers to
financial resilience in Dunkeswell

1,725
people trained,
upskilled and
connected at
178 learning
and networking
events

52 people attended
events to raise awareness
of regenerative farming

Provided targeted advice and
support to **192** VCSE
organisations in East Devon

169,674 litres of
oil ordered through Devon
Oil Collective by rural, off-
grid households

ENABLE LOCAL ACTION

Awarded
£5,000
community wildlife
grants

Created **3** new Rural
Community Connector
roles to work with
communities to bring
people together around
Village Halls

Supported communities
in Exminster and Kenn
to produce and consult
on Neighbourhood
Development Plans

1,995 rural
households given the
opportunity to have their
say on local housing need



IMPROVE SUPPORT FOR THOSE MOST IN NEED

125 people with disabilities
supported with travel training to
foster skills and confidence on
public transport

29 bus drivers engaged in
training to promote awareness
of the travel experiences of
disabled people

Chaired Devon Nested
Rural Deprivation
Strategy Group & VCSE
Assembly Digital Inclusion
Partnership Group

1-2-1 support for
75 people with
using digital devices,
in partnership with
Wellmoor

Engaged with **64** older
people in rural areas to
understand their thoughts
around Falls Management
Exercise (FaME) and its
potential digital delivery

Contributed to development of
new Composite Exclusion Risk
Index Data Dashboard

207 people supported
to conserve their household
energy, understand available
financial support and manage
their energy bills

14 advisors upskilled
in supporting people to
navigate the benefits
system, with Citizens
Advice Devon

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Charity Objectives

The objects of the Community Council of Devon (CCD), operating as Devon Communities Together (DCT), as stated in our Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

1. the promotion of any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the administrative County of Devon and the South West Region of England (Devon, Torbay, Plymouth, Cornwall, Dorset, Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole, Somerset, North Somerset, Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Swindon) where appropriate,
2. the advancement of education and culture, the protection of health, the relief of poverty, distress and sickness in the above area, and
3. the giving of assistance and the co-ordination of all statutory and other authorities and voluntary organisations engaged in any of the purposes set out above, by bringing the same together as Members of the Council and the provision of agency services for such authorities or organisations.

Charity Vision and Mission

Statement of Need	Living in Devon's rural and coastal communities can often mean that people are disadvantaged by poor or insufficient essential infrastructure, services and jobs.
Vision	Devon's rural, coastal and market towns and communities will be thriving, sustainable and inclusive places to live and work.
Statement of Purpose	DCT champions rural, coastal and market towns and communities in Devon, enables local action and improves support for people most in need.
Beneficiaries	People who live in rural, coastal and market towns and communities in Devon, particularly those who face the greatest needs and challenges as a result of where they live.

We will achieve our vision and purpose through our organisational values of:

- integrity
- professionalism
- collaboration
- inclusion
- resourcefulness

Strategic Plan 2025 -2030

Devon Communities Together, as a charitable asset-based rural community development organisation, supports and enables community led initiatives in rural communities. We provide the specialist rural service

within the Torbay, Plymouth & Devon Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector. We seek to amplify the voice of rural communities at strategic levels, championing grassroots issues, and collaborating to develop local solutions with communities, statutory, voluntary and private sector partners. The Strategic Plan provides a framework for our activities, informing our suite of governing documents - Business Development Plan; Workforce Wellbeing and Development Strategy; Digital Strategy and Integrated Marketing and Communications Strategy.

This year, DCT has focused on working towards the achievement of each of our three strategic aims, to:



Our Theory of Change Social Impact Evaluation Framework enables us to monitor the impact and effectiveness of our activities. This year we have continued to use the Social Value Engine, enabling us to effectively measure the social value of our work. This equates to a value of £1.76 million in the year.

Our 2025/26 Quarterly and Annual Impact Reports can be found at <https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/case-studies>

We have continued to work in partnership with Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE); Defra; Devon County Council (DCC), District Councils, Town and Parish Councils and One Devon NHS as well as working in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders, voluntary organisations and community groups. Our asset-based community-led community development model has a vital part to play in supporting place-based collaboration and the rural proofing of services in Devon's rural and coastal communities going forward, particularly in the context of Local Government Reorganisation and NHS Integrated Neighbourhood Teams plans.

We have continued our digital transformation this year, through expanded use of PowerBi data dashboards and proactive data quality management through our Microsoft Dynamics CRM system, to support both frontline service delivery and back-office functions, as well as continuing to use the Social Value Engine. This year, we have begun exploring AI applications, upskilling staff and developing an AI usage policy.

We continuously review our organisational structure and investment in staff and resources to ensure we are operating efficiently and demonstrating good value, and we have continued to invest in upskilling our workforce and in supporting the wellbeing of our staff.

During 2025/26, DCT achieved total funding from charitable activities of £1,017,604.

How our activities deliver public benefit

We have been supporting Devon's communities for 65 years. All our charitable activities focus on our vision of Devon's rural, coastal and market towns and communities being thriving, sustainable and inclusive places to live and work. The work we undertake furthers our charitable purposes and in doing so the Trustees have paid special regard to the Charity Commission statement on public benefit.

During 2025/2026, DCT membership remained stable, at 293 members. In a challenging and uncertain social and financial environment, we have maintained our core services and have successfully managed existing relationships whilst developing new relationships with key stakeholders and funders. We have secured two significant new funding grants this year: National Lottery Community Power (£80,000) and Esmée Fairbairn (£250,000). We have also successfully delivered the third year of a three-year VCSE infrastructure support contract with East Devon District Council, which has been extended for another year, as well as continuing to grow and support a network of village hall peer support clusters across Devon.

Statement on Grant-Making Activities

We have historically operated several grant-giving programmes to further our charitable objectives. Details of individual Grants made under 2 separate Grant Schemes during 2025-26 are detailed in note 8 a.

Key Activities and Achievements 2025/26

We have grouped our key activities and achievements under our 3 key strategic aims which we measured our impact against during 2025/26:

1. Strategic Aim 1: Champion Communities

During 2025/26, Devon Communities Together has continued to champion the interests of rural and coastal communities across Devon, ensuring that their voices were heard within local, regional and national decision-making processes. Through representation at 39 strategic partnerships, boards, consultations and stakeholder forums, the charity advocated for policies and services that better reflect the realities of rural life and promoted the importance of rural proofing across health, transport, housing, economic development and public services.

The charity played a leading role in raising awareness of rural inequalities through its new Rural Lens campaign, highlighting both the challenges and strengths of rural communities. This work informed decision-makers and influenced policy development, including contributions to housing, transport, health and economic growth strategies. The Chief Executive chaired the Devon Rural Deprivation Partnership Group and successfully supported advocacy that contributed to Devon County Council adopting a motion to address rural deprivation. The Chief Executive also sat on the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority Business Advisory Group this year.

Devon Communities Together also strengthened community influence through research, consultation and engagement activities. Nineteen community surveys were undertaken to identify local priorities and needs, while stakeholder engagement supported research into sustainable living, rural transport poverty and climate resilience. The charity's Annual General Meeting provided a platform for residents and decision-makers to discuss the impact of transport poverty on rural communities, ensuring lived experience informed future service planning.

The Charity attended the sixth European Rural Parliament in Scotland in October 2025, as part of the Action with Communities in Rural England's (ACRE) delegation and played an active role in the UK Rural Futures Network.

A key element of this strategic aim was securing investment for Devon's communities. During the year, the charity attracted £718,673 of external funding to support community-led initiatives, including projects

focused on housing, resilience, sustainability, health and community development. These investments will continue to generate benefits for communities in future years.

Strategic Aim 2: Enable Local Action

Supporting communities to build their capacity, resilience and ability to act on local priorities remained a central focus throughout the year. Devon Communities Together worked with hundreds of community organisations, volunteers and local leaders to strengthen community infrastructure, increase skills and develop local solutions to local challenges.

The charity delivered 178 training, learning and networking events, engaging 1,725 participants and providing opportunities for individuals and organisations to develop knowledge, confidence and connections. Emphasis was placed on strengthening Devon's network of village halls, with 389 instances of direct support provided to community buildings and 274 trustees from 136 village halls participating in cluster meetings designed to improve governance, resilience and collaboration.

The year also saw the launch of two significant community development initiatives. Power in Place and Vibrant Villages, which will position village halls as important local hubs for health, wellbeing and community influence, through the creation of 3 new Rural Community Connector roles. These programmes will help communities shape local services and tackle rural inequalities through locally led action.

Building community resilience remained a high priority this year. Through management of the Devon Community Resilience Forum, the charity supported 60 communities with emergency planning advice, resulting in 21 new or updated Community Emergency Plans and the establishment of 10 Community Emergency Hubs. We provided funding for resilience equipment totalling £16,770 to 35 communities to help them to prepare for severe weather, power outages and other emergencies.

The charity also supported local action on environmental sustainability and biodiversity. Through the Wild About Devon Community Wildlife Grants programme, 22 community groups received funding to create or restore habitats, engage volunteers and improve biodiversity. This resulted in over 3,700 square metres of habitat being created or restored, the introduction of 42 plant species and more than 1,400 volunteer hours being contributed by residents.

Additional work through the Connecting People and Landscapes programme strengthened relationships between communities, farmers and landowners while promoting regenerative farming and nature recovery. In addition, through the Governing Sustainable Futures Programme, we contributed to the planning of 3 rural and coastal community flashpoint case studies in Devon on Energy and Infrastructure; Sustainable Food & Farming and Coastal Erosion and Sea Level Rise.

Support for rural housing and community-led planning also continued. Nearly 2,000 households were given opportunities to contribute to local housing needs assessments, while a new county-wide 'Arc 4' housing data dashboard was developed to help identify and address affordable housing need in rural communities. Devon Communities Together continued to support the Devon Community Housing Hub Partnership this year. The charity also provided advice and support to voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations, helping to strengthen local services and community capacity.

Strategic Aim 3: Improve Support for People Most in Need

Devon Communities Together continued to target support towards people experiencing disadvantage, isolation or barriers to accessing services, with a particular focus on rural and coastal communities where such challenges can often be hidden.

The charity delivered practical support to individuals experiencing fuel poverty and energy insecurity through its Energy Outreach programme. During the year, 207 residents received advice and guidance to help reduce energy costs, improve energy efficiency and access available financial support. This work helped vulnerable households manage rising living costs and remain warm and safe in their homes.

Addressing digital exclusion remained another important priority. Through Digital Skills Devon, delivered with VCSE sector partners, the charity provided one-to-one support to 75 individuals and delivered community-based learning opportunities across rural Devon to 263 participants. Participants reported increased confidence, improved access to online services and greater independence, helping them remain connected to family, community and essential services.

The charity also worked to improve accessibility and independence for disabled people through the Travelling with Confidence programme. A total of 125 individuals received practical travel training designed to build confidence in using public transport, while bus drivers received disability awareness training to improve passenger experiences. Participants reported increased confidence in planning and undertaking journeys, supporting greater access to employment, healthcare, leisure opportunities and social connections. The Chief Executive was a member of the Devon Transport Poverty Strategic Partnership this year.

In addition to direct support programmes, Devon Communities Together continued to contribute to wider efforts to tackle inequality and exclusion. The charity chaired the Devon Rural Deprivation Partnership Group; was an active member of the Torbay, Plymouth and Devon VCSE Assembly; Chaired the Assembly Digital Inclusion Partnership Group; contributed to the development of a new Composite Exclusion Risk Indices Data Dashboard (CERI) to identify exclusion risks and worked with partners to improve understanding of rural health inequalities.

The charity also strengthened services for vulnerable people indirectly through its East Devon VCSE Infrastructure Support Service and through specialist evaluation and impact measurement work. Outcomes included improved financial resilience and sustainability of rural and coastal VCSE organisations delivering essential services in geographically dispersed rural communities. 41 organisations were supported to become more sustainable, 127 funding applications supported cumulatively, and 149 people attended training, strengthening local leadership, governance and volunteer pipelines. Support provided to rural and coastal place-based community organisations enabled them to better demonstrate outcomes, secure future funding and improve services for people experiencing fuel poverty, ill health, digital exclusion, social isolation and other forms of disadvantage.

The DCT CEO delivered a presentation at the Devon GP Health Inequalities Fellowship Symposium "Community as Medicine" on "Why Rural-Proofing Matters for Devon - Improving Health & Wellbeing in Rural Communities" to over 200 GPs, Primary Care staff, NHS and Public Health Commissioners and VCSE groups. The presentation explored how rural proofing helps to prevent unintentional disadvantage for people living in rural communities and advocated the role of village halls for community outreach services.

Impact and Social Value

Overall, Devon Communities Together generated an estimated social value of £1.76 million during 2025/26. Through advocacy, capacity building and targeted support, the charity has continued to strengthen communities, enable local action and improve the lives of people facing disadvantage, helping to create more resilient, connected and inclusive rural and coastal communities across Devon.

This social value was created through a combination of advocacy, capacity building, community development and targeted support for individuals experiencing disadvantage. Activities delivered under the charity's three strategic aims generated the following estimated social value:

- **Strategic Aim 1: Champion Communities** - Collectively, activities under this strategic aim generated an estimated social value of £308,710, demonstrating the significant impact of the charity's advocacy, influence and community representation work.
- **Strategic Aim 2: Enable Local Action** Activities delivered under this strategic aim generated an estimated social value of £663,500, reflecting the substantial benefits created through stronger community organisations, enhanced resilience and increased local participation.

- **Strategic Aim 3: Improve Support for People Most in Need** Activities delivered under this strategic aim generated an estimated social value of £785,110, representing the largest area of social impact achieved during the year and demonstrating the charity's commitment to improving outcomes for those most in need across Devon's rural and coastal communities.

Devon Communities Together's impact extended across the whole of Devon, supporting communities in villages, market towns, coastal settlements and rural areas.

The charity's work influenced policy and service development through rural advocacy, strengthened community resilience, reduced barriers to participation and access to services, and empowered communities to shape their own futures.

The Trustees believe that the breadth of these achievements demonstrates Devon Communities Together's continuing effectiveness in delivering its charitable objectives and creating lasting positive change for rural and coastal communities across Devon.

Financial Review

Group Income (see notes 2 - 6 to the financial statements)

During the year ended 31 March 2026, DCT achieved total incoming resources of £1,046,698 (31 March 2025: £790,610).

Group Expenditure (see notes 7 - 8a to the financial statements)

Total resources expended amounted to £962,855 (2025: £985,401), of this £28,615 was directly disbursed as grants (2025: £99,300). The overall movement relates to changes in programmes of externally funded projects.

Transfers between funds include direct charitable expenditure for restricted fund programmes, which is discharged through core activities. It comprises contributions for project management expenses and programme administration costs, including premises and ICT expenses. (See note 9 to the financial statements).

Overall Position

The combined effect of the above can be summarised in the table below (as per the Group Statement of Financial Activities on page 19) and are represented by the assets and liabilities as shown in the Group Balance sheet on page 20.

	Movement in Funds 2025-2026	Balance on Funds at 31 March 2026	Movement in Funds 2024-2025	Balance on Funds at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund	31,930	81,347	(43,266)	49,417
Restricted Funds	240,107	367,224	(7,500)	127,117
Designated Funds	(188,194)	188,608	(144,025)	376,802
Total	83,843	637,179	(194,791)	553,336

Reserves Policies

The total funds held by DCT on 31 March 2026, as set out in the Group Statement of Financial Activities on page 19 are split into restricted, unrestricted, and designated funds:

The group **unrestricted funds** show an increase in the movement of funds of £31,930 (2025: decrease £43,266). This has resulted in the total fund balance increasing from £49,417 to £81,347 in the current year. This fund represents free reserves after setting up a General Reserve, and the balance is for use at the charity's discretion, such as covering project cash flow and potential deficits.

The group **restricted funds** show an increase in the movement of funds of £240,107 (2025: decrease of £7,500). The total restricted fund balances have increased from £127,117 to £367,224 in the current year. Restricted funds include £196,667 of grants recognised but not yet received at the year end.

The group **designated funds** show a decrease in the movement of funds of £188,194 (2025: decrease of £144,025). The total designated fund balances have decreased from £376,802 to £188,608 in the current year.

At the end of the reporting period, the charity held reserve funds designated for specified purposes as follows:

General Reserve - To cover the running costs and potential wind-up costs of the charity. The level for this fund has been reduced by £50,000 to £150,000 at the year end, following a review by Trustees based on the following criteria.

- Redundancy costs of staff and other related costs in the event of DCT having to cease activities.
- Cashflow requirements of projects working under Government, Local Government programmes.
- Shortfalls resulting from the uncertainty over the continuity of core funding with annual funding agreements.
- The cost of staff replacements in the event of long-term sickness
- Forward commitments requiring prepayments e.g., rent and ACRE subscription
- Provision for payment of non-cancellable operating leases for equipment
- Bad debts contingency
- Contingency against claims for damages and compensation

Strategic Development Fund - This fund was established for the strategic development of the organisation, including:

- Match funding against bids for new work
- Developing new areas of work
- Developing the strategic capacity of the organisation

The balance on this fund at the beginning of the year of £27,041 has been transferred back to Unrestricted Core fund to support the operational deficit before transfers. The Trustees will review the need to make transfers back to this fund in the future as required for long term development.

Systems Development Fund - This fund was established with the purpose to fund project costs of developing new IT systems. The balance on this fund on 31 March 2026 was £16,191 and Trustees have earmarked this amount to fund the new firewall and website development in 2026-28.

Premises Fund - This fund was established to cover the estimated costs associated with moving to a new office location, including fit-out costs, moving costs and to provide a reserve for potential dilapidation costs. On 31 March 2026 the balance on this fund was £14,565 which is allocated to future write offs of leasehold improvements and other capital items.

Catalyst Consultancy - This fund is used to manage small consultancy contracts (typically below £10k). Any surpluses generated are ordinarily transferred to Unrestricted Funds.

Devon Community Learning - This fund was established to manage the delivery of DCT's own training and learning offer. Any surpluses generated are retained in the charity for future investment in the provision of training provision.

Constructing Futures Devon Fund - This fund was set up with funds that were repatriated to the Charity in the year from its trading subsidiary Constructing Futures Devon Limited. The remaining balance on this fund of was transferred back to Unrestricted Core fund to support the general ongoing work of DCT.

Investment Policy

Funds not required immediately are invested so that capital is not put at risk but protected against inflation and income is maximised as far as possible. In accordance with this investment policy, longer-term investment is currently in a 6-month fixed interest deposit and a 31-day notice account with Cambridge & Counties Bank.

DCT'S subsidiary Constructing Futures Devon Limited (CFDL) was still in existence at 31 March 2026, having completed its planned activities, but a decision was taken in March to commence the process of winding up the company. This process was concluded on 23 June 2026.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

We recognise that our work carries potential financial, operational, regulatory and strategic risks, and we have risk assessment processes in place to assess and manage these carefully. Our current risk register sets out 8 categories of risk. These are:

- Financial
- Personnel
- Reputational
- Premises
- IT
- Business Disruption
- Organisational and Operational
- Health and Safety

Each of these categories are regularly reviewed to take account of current risks, controls and mitigation. The Chief Executive is responsible for involving staff and Trustees in the risk management process. The organisational Risk Register is reviewed quarterly and 'RAG' rated status reports provided to the Board of Trustees. The Business Continuity Plan is reviewed and updated annually. Our Risk Management Plan comprises:

- Quarterly reviews of the risks faced by the charitable company and priority ratings according to impact and likelihood,
- The development of procedures to minimise risks in all areas and mitigate the impact for any that should materialise.

DCT has identified the following as the current top risks for the organisation:

1. Risk: Financial - Risk of significant reduction in income and failure to build sustainable revenue via grant funding and trading activities

Mitigation: Over the next 2 years, with Local Government Reorganisation, there is a high risk that local authority funding will be impacted for the foreseeable future. We will mitigate by keeping close watch on developments of the new strategic authority/ies, building strong relationships where possible, and influencing within strategic groups and via the VCSE Assembly. Opportunities are being actively pursued to seek new business. Trustees review quarterly to monitor progress and success.

2. Risk: Personnel - Risk to DCT's ability to deliver business objectives and to retain expertise due to short-term funding and over-reliance on fixed-term contracts

Mitigation: Business Continuity Plan covers planning for loss of key staff. Staff skills audit has been carried out and is used to plan for training and identified any skills gaps. Trustees receive regular updates on Staff Capacity and a Workforce Development Strategy is at the implementation stage.

3. Risk: Operational - Underperformance against business objectives resulting in reputational damage

Mitigation: We have achieved the ISO 9001 and 14001 quality standards and ensure that we operate in compliance with them. We have implemented robust performance tracking with monthly and quarterly monitoring against targets. Robust project management ensures contracts deliver to specifications.

Future-Proofing Plan

Devon Communities Together is committed to ensuring that rural and coastal communities across Devon are resilient, inclusive and able to thrive in the face of social, economic, environmental and technological change. This Future Proofing Plan Summary sets out the priorities that will strengthen the

charity's sustainability, maximise impact and ensure communities continue to receive effective support over the coming years.

Strategic Aim	Key Objectives	Success Measures
Champion communities - to amplify the voices of, and attract funding into, communities in Devon	Create a sustainable financial resilience model that enables us to plan for the long-term, take advantage of opportunities and respond to change, so we can increase our impact for our members and beneficiaries. Develop strategic partnerships with trusts, foundations, local authorities and corporate supporters. Embed the Rural Lens approach across all policy and advocacy work. Continue representation on strategic partnerships and boards. Gather and promote evidence of rural inequalities and opportunities.	Maintenance of funded services which directly impact the people and rural and coastal communities in Devon that rely on them and grow and demonstrate our impact and social value. Evidence of rural considerations being incorporated into strategic plans and policies through increased engagement with decision-makers and stakeholders. Greater recognition of rural needs within regional and national programmes. Increased opportunities for community engagement and participation, to ensure people living in Devon's rural and coastal communities can be heard and make a difference. Investment in workforce development and wellbeing programmes and digital technology and upskilling, to improve operational efficiency and long-term ability to recruit and retain a skilled workforce. Enhanced evidence of impact and value for money.
Enable local action - to work with Devon's communities to build capacity and capability	Work alongside our rural and coastal communities, partners, stakeholders, and funders to find new ways to work together so we can increase our collective impact, such as sharing best practice, securing new resources and increasing our resilience. Expand community resilience and climate adaptation programmes. Support community-led biodiversity and nature recovery initiatives.	Continued provision of a countywide VCSE rural and coastal community development service. Flourish as an agile, flexible, learning organisation, responding positively to the evolving needs of our rural and coastal communities, stakeholders, and staff. Through the Devon Village Halls, Community Resilience and Infrastructure Support services such as Vibrant Villages and Power in Place programmes, facilitate/support regular rural community events, community interest groups and peer networks to hear local voices and identify priorities. Increased community participation in environmental initiatives and community preparedness for climate-related risks. Reduced barriers to accessing services and opportunities and improved confidence, wellbeing and independence reported by beneficiaries.

	Encourage sustainable community transport and energy solutions.	
Improve support for people most in need - to provide targeted support where it is most needed	Strengthen partnerships addressing rural deprivation and health inequalities and build new relationships with a wider range of interests to increase understanding of rural and coastal communities and achieve more change, more quickly. Expand support addressing digital exclusion, transport poverty and fuel poverty. Develop community-based approaches to health and wellbeing. Use data and community insight to identify emerging needs and increase targeted support for rural nested pockets of deprivation.	Continued community consultation needs assessments and community engagement activities. Identification and highlighting of rural and coastal areas with high levels of deprivation, low service access, or at-risk populations and engage residents and groups to identify "hidden" needs (e.g. fuel poverty, digital exclusion). Champion Devon's Village Halls as rural community hubs, hosting accessible services so beneficiaries can access multiple types of help from one point (e.g. financial, digital, mental health). Increase and sustain key partnerships and collaborations - to ensure effective service delivery and influence policy making. (e.g. health & wellbeing programmes tailored for rural isolation).

Looking Ahead

Devon Communities Together enters the next phase of its development from a position of strength, with a clear reputation for supporting rural and coastal communities, influencing policy and delivering practical solutions. By implementing this Future Proofing Plan, the charity will strengthen its sustainability, broaden its reach and continue to help communities across Devon become more resilient, connected and empowered to shape their future.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Community Council of Devon (CCD) is a charitable company, founded in 1961, and incorporated on 12th January 1999. In 2014, members of the CCD voted to change the operating name of the charity to Devon Communities Together.

The guarantors are the full members of the charity, and their liability is limited to £1. The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Directors of the company are also charity Trustees for the purpose of charity law.

Trustees are either elected by full members of DCT at general meetings, or co-opted because of specialist knowledge, which will assist in the operation of our business.

The current key strategic aims (detailed above) were adopted for the period 2025-30.

The Trustees met quarterly as a Board with the Chief Executive and key staff. All papers are made available in advance of meetings and all proceedings and decisions recorded formally in minutes. Two committees met quarterly to advise the Board on (a) finance and governance matters, and (b) strategy.

Strategic decisions are made by the Board, with delegation of the day-to-day management to the Chief Executive, Nora Corkery.

Policy review

The Board undertakes a rolling programme of policy review throughout the year, with direct responsibility for this delegated to the Finance and Personnel Committee. This ensures that all our policies follow good practice and include any statutory changes. We are assisted in this process by WorkNest.

Disclosure of Related Party Transactions

Trustees do not receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity, other than allowable out-of-pocket expenses.

Reference and Administrative Details

President	David Fursdon, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Devon
Chair	Nicola Gurr DL
Board Members	Alexander Alder-Westlake Charlotte Gough (Treasurer) David Rogers (Vice Chair from 26 November 2025) Ian Cowling Jennifer Manning (resigned 9 July 2025) Jennifer Vioria (appointed 26 November 2025) Malcolm Vallance (appointed 26 November 2025) Matthew Dodd Rebecca Parry (resigned 26 November 2025) Renee Smithens (Vice Chair until 26 November 2025) Vic Ebdon (resigned 26 November 2025) Zoe Seaton
Charity Number	1074047
Company Number	03694095
Principal Address and Registered Office	1 Northleigh House, Thorverton Road, Exeter, EX2 8HF
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Auditors	PKF Francis Clark, Centenary House, Peninsula Park, Rydon Lane, Exeter, EX2 7XE

Devon Communities Together is the operating name of The Community Council of Devon. This change was voted for and made at its AGM in November 2014.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of Community Council of Devon for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the group financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare group 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 charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- make judgments 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, and
- prepare the group financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

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

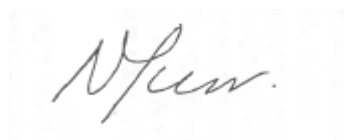
- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors and the charity's auditor that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

AUDITORS

PKF Francis Clark were appointed auditors to the charitable company and in accordance with Section 489 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, and was approved by the board on 6 August 2026 and signed on their behalf by: -

Directors/Trustees



Nicola Gurr, Chair



Charlotte Gough, Treasurer

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Community Council of Devon (the "Charity") for the year ended 31st March 2026, which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities, Group and Parent Charity Balance Sheets, Group Statement of Cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and charity's affairs as at 31st March 2026 and of its group income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report, (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

- the directors' report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

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

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

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 15, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

As part of our audit planning, we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Charity and its subsidiary, and sectors in which they operate. We identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as relating to breaches of Charity legislation, building, and planning regulations, health and safety regulations and breaches of The General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"). We also considered other laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, such as The Companies Act 2006 and relevant tax legislation. We considered the extent to which any non-compliance with these laws and regulations may have on the Charity's ability to continue trading and the risk of a material misstatement in the financial statements. We also evaluated the risk of misstatement of profit, including management bias in accounting estimates.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify irregularities. Our procedures involved the following;

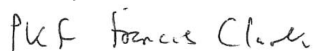
- We made enquires of senior management as to their knowledge of any non-compliance or potential non-compliance with laws and regulations that could affect the financial statements, as listed on page 16. As part of these enquiries we also discussed with management whether there have been any known instances of fraud, of which there were none.
- We identified the individuals with responsibility for ensuring the Charity complies with laws and regulations and discussed with them the procedures and policies in place.
- Discussed with the health and safety officer if any incidents have been reported during the year under The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 ("RIDDOR").
- We reviewed minutes of meetings of senior management and those charges with governance.
- Reviewed legal and professional costs to identify any possible non-compliance or legal costs in respect of non-compliance.
- We challenged assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates.
- We audited the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate omissions, collusion, forgery, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are also less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements.

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

Use of our Report

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



NEIL HITCHINGS (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of

PKF FRANCIS CLARK, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

Centenary House, Peninsula Park, Rydon Lane, Exeter, EX2 7XE

6 August 2026

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF DEVON
GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING GROUP INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

		Unrestricted Funds 2026 £	Restricted Funds 2026 £	Designated Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2026 £	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Note								
Incoming Resources									
Donations and Legacies	2	12,112	0	0	12,112	11,047	0	0	11,047
Other Trading Activities	3	906	0	0	906	1,535	0	0	1,535
Income from Investments	4	16,076	0	0	16,076	24,042	0	0	24,042
Income from Charitable Activities	5, 6	77,429	860,509	79,666	1,017,604	71,671	563,128	119,187	753,986
Total Incoming Resources		106,523	860,509	79,666	1,046,698	108,295	563,128	119,187	790,610
Resources Expended									
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	7, 7a	756,695	159,843	17,702	934,240	779,979	84,294	21,828	886,101
Expenditure on Charitable Activities - Grants	8, 8a	0	28,615	0	28,615	0	97,100	2,200	99,300
Total Resources Expended		756,695	188,458	17,702	962,855	779,979	181,394	24,028	985,401
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(650,172)	672,051	61,964	83,843	(671,684)	381,734	95,159	(194,791)
Transfers between funds	9	682,102	(431,944)	(250,158)	0	628,418	(389,234)	(239,184)	0
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		31,930	240,107	(188,194)	83,843	(43,266)	(7,500)	(144,025)	(194,791)
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2025		49,417	127,117	376,802	553,336	92,683	134,617	520,827	748,127
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH 2026		81,347	367,224	188,608	637,179	49,417	127,117	376,802	553,336

Analysis of Funds is shown on page 36 of these financial statements.
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF DEVON
BALANCE SHEETS
AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

		Group		Charity	
		2026	2025	2026	2025
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	14	18,631	17,608	18,631	17,608
Investments	14a	0	0	100	100
		18,631	17,608	18,731	17,708
Current Assets					
Stock		0	0	0	0
Debtors	15	301,327	64,234	301,327	66,908
Investments	16	96,134	89,065	96,134	89,065
Cash at bank	16	290,575	502,493	290,575	502,419
		688,036	655,792	688,036	658,392
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	69,488	120,064	69,488	120,064
Net Current Assets		618,548	535,728	618,548	538,328
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		637,179	553,336	637,279	556,036
Funds					
Unrestricted	18	81,347	49,417	81,447	52,117
Restricted	18	367,224	127,117	367,224	127,117
Designated	18	188,608	376,802	188,608	376,802
		637,179	553,336	637,279	556,036

The charity made a surplus of £81,243 (2025: deficit £7,536).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements on pages 19 to 37 were approved by the Board of Directors on 6 August 2026 and were signed on its behalf by: -

Directors/Trustees



Nicola Gurr, Chair



Charlotte Gough, Treasurer

Company Registered Number: 3694095

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF DEVON
GROUP STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Cashflows from Operating activities:		
Net cash provided by/ (used in) Operating activities	(215,325)	(255,051)
Cashflows from Investing activities:		
Purchase of Fixed Term investment	(7,069)	(4,278)
Dividends, Interest and Rents from Investments	16,076	24,042
Purchase of Fixed Assets and Intangible Assets	(5,600)	(12,445)
Net cash provided by Investing activities	3,407	7,319
Cashflows from Financing activities:		
Repayment of loans	0	0
Net cash provided by Financing activities	0	0
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(211,918)	(247,732)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	502,493	750,225
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	290,575	502,493

**RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO
NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Net Income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	83,843	(194,791)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	4,577	4,821
Interest from Investments	(16,076)	(24,042)
Increase in Debtors	(237,093)	(14,915)
Decrease in Creditors	(50,576)	(26,124)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) Operating activities	(215,325)	(255,051)

ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash in hand	290,575	502,493
Total cash and cash equivalents	290,575	502,493

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 April 2025 £	Cashflows £	At 31 March 2026 £
Cash and cash equivalents	502,493	(211,918)	290,575
Loans and borrowings	0	0	0
Total	502,493	(211,918)	290,575

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Company status and Statutory information

The Charity is a Company Limited by Guarantee, has no share capital, and is registered in England and Wales. The company was incorporated on 12th January 1999 and the charities registered number and registered office address can be found within the Reference and Administration details on page 9 of the financial statements.

The members of the company are the trustees who are also ordinary members. In the event of the charity being wound up the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity. A list of these members can be found in the Reference and Administration details on page 9 of the financial statements.

b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

CCD meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its subsidiary undertaking on a line-by-line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the charity has not been presented because the charity has taken advantage of the exemption afforded by section 408 Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are presented in pound sterling (£) which is the charity's functional and presentation currency.

c) Changes to FRS 102 in Future Periods

The Financial Reporting Council has published changes to FRS 102 which will take effect in next year's financial statements. The main rule changes are to revenue and leases. There is no requirement to restate figures from previous years, so we do not expect any changes to the figures we report here for the year to March 2026 or any earlier periods. The main impact on figures for the year to March 2027 is that the lease for the premises we rent will be brought onto the balance sheet - increasing both Tangible Fixed Assets and Lease Liabilities from 1 April 2026 onwards. Payments on these leases after 1 April 2026 will be classified as depreciation or interest payable.

d) Preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis

CCD reported a group surplus in the reporting period of £83,843, with total funds held at the end of the period of £637,179. Of these total group funds, £269,955 was held in either unrestricted or designated funds; a net decrease of £156,264. Designated funds include a General Reserve Fund set at £150,000, which would cover costs that would arise should the charity cease trading.

The charity reported a group net cash outflow of £211,918 for the year, with group cash and cash equivalents held at the end of the period of £290,575. In addition, the charity holds £96,134 on a fixed term deposit, which is classified as a current asset investment.

The economic outlook, cuts in public spending, and reduced levels of available grant funding are a significant area of financial uncertainty for the charity. We have mitigated this by a strategic drive to diversify income streams, a move towards earned income and commissioned work, and the development of a robust pipeline of funding opportunities. This is monitored and scrutinised regularly by senior staff, and by trustees on a quarterly basis.

Having made all necessary enquiries, based on the information available to date, the directors are satisfied that the company is expected to maintain sufficient cash balances to meet the requirements of the business for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of presentation.

e) Accounting & reserves policies

i) Unrestricted funds - consists of one fund that the charity may use at its discretion.

ii) Restricted funds - are those for a pre-agreed purpose where the donor has imposed conditions on the use of the funds. The policy for such funds is to adhere to the relevant conditions; temporary timing differences for income received may occur at the reporting date and is the reason for negative balances on some funds.

These are reported as follows:

- **ACRE/Defra** - To manage the Defra funding received in partnership with ACRE.
- **Devon Community Housing Hub** - To support communities in establishing a need for affordable housing.
- **Devon County Council - Devon Remembers** - To support the restoration, renovation, and maintenance of World War 1 War Memorials.
- **ACRE/Defra Rural Housing Enabler** - A programme that creates a new network of Rural Housing Enablers, specialists who help rural communities consider the need for affordable housing locally, connecting them with landowners, housebuilders and planners to bring about suitable schemes.
- **East Devon VCSE Infrastructure Project** - A 3 year long project commissioned from East Devon District Council, funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The project is focussed on supporting the VCSE sector in East Devon.
- **Devon Food Rescue** - To enable communities across Devon to rescue and redistribute surplus food from the food supply chain.
- **Warm This Winter** - A project funded by the National Grid Community Matters fund to help people take measures to stay warm in winter.
- **Pelican Project** - supporting The Pelican Project with a bespoke evaluation programme to help the collective of young people with learning disabilities.
- **Wild About Devon** - A community wildlife grant scheme in partnership with Devon Environment Foundation and Devon County Council.
- **Devon Drug & Alcohol Strategic Partnership** - A project in conjunction with Devon County Council, to address the problems that people in rural communities face accessing support services.
- **Devon Community Resilience Forum** - To encourage the production of emergency plans at a community level.
- **Energy Outreach** - To provide advice on energy saving efficiencies.
- **NHS VCSE Assembly Fund** - To increase engagement with the NHS and Social Care to improve health and care, public health and reduce health inequalities.
- **Travelling With Confidence** - A project to support disadvantaged people access public transport, funded by Motability.
- **Connecting People & Landscapes** - A project working with farmers and communities across Devon to create a more resilient landscape in the face of changing climate and to protect wildlife in farming landscapes
- **Digital Skills Devon** - A project providing digital skills training to give individuals confidence to access the online world.
- **Together For Tomorrow** - A climate action project, using libraries as accessible hubs for local sustainability initiatives.
- **Vibrant Villages** - Empowering rural and coastal communities to take control of local services, build local resilience and turn community ideas into practical action. Funded by Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.
- **Power In Place** - Holds listening events to unite local areas, sharing needs and promoting community led solutions. Funded by The National Lottery.

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- **Car Scheme Volunteers Pilot** - A project to promote volunteer community car drivers in North Devon.
- **Governing Sustainable Futures** - Research investigating how communities and policymakers approach and navigate disagreements over local environmental initiatives.

iii) Designated funds - are unrestricted funds for specific purposes and are explained in more detail below. The trustees have decided that setting aside funds in this way is an effective financial discipline which helps the charity make the best use of its resources.

These are reported as follows:

- **Catalyst Consultancy** - This fund is used to manage small consultancy contracts (typically below £10K). Any surpluses generated are ordinarily transferred to the Unrestricted Funds.
- **General Reserve** - To cover the running costs and potential wind-up costs of the charity. The level for this fund is set at £150,000, based on the following:
 - The redundancy costs of staff and other related costs in the event of Community Council of Devon having to cease its activities;
 - Cash flow requirements of project working under Government, Local Government and European Union programmes;
 - Shortfalls resulting from the uncertainty over the continuity of core funding with annual funding agreements;
 - The cost of staff replacements in the event of long term sickness;
 - Forward commitments requiring prepayments e.g. rent and ACRE subscription;
 - Provision for payment of non-cancellable operating leases for equipment ;
 - Contingencies against claims for damages and compensation.
- **Strategic Development Fund** - This fund covers the strategic development of the organisation, including:
 - match funding against bids for new work
 - developing new areas of work
 - developing the strategic capacity of the organisation
- **Devon Community Learning** - A fund set up to manage the delivery of training and learning courses.
- **Premises Fund** - This fund was set up to manage the costs of re-locating offices and to provide for potential dilapidation costs
- **Systems Development Fund** - This fund was set up to cover a project for future IT systems development.
- **Constructing Futures Devon** - A fund created to manage the remaining funds that were transferred back from its trading subsidiary in the year, following the completion of the subsidiary's original grant funded activities.
- **Devon Resilience Innovation Project** - A fund set up to manage the funding of DCC's Resilience Innovation project.
- **Sage Publishing Grant Fund** - A fund set up to administer small grants available for rural community groups to fund play equipment to support children and/or young people.
- **NHS Cancer Outreach** - This fund was set up to manage the grant funding for Cancer outreach support.
- **Village Halls Audits support** - This fund was set up with funds received from NHS One Devon to support our continued programme of Village Halls audits.
- **Healthwatch Devon** - A fund set up to manage the legacy funds from Healthwatch Devon.

e) Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

- Grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in

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NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

advance of performance its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received the income is accrued

f) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources.

- Grants are charged to the statement of financial activities when a constructive obligation exists, notwithstanding that, they may be paid in future accounting periods.
- Charitable activities expenditure enables Community Council of Devon to meet its charitable aims and objectives.
- Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity which relate to the general running of the charity as opposed to those costs associated with fundraising or charitable activity.
- Support costs, relating to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Where support costs relate to several activities they have been apportioned as set out in note 7a.

g) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

- ICT Development and equipment - 50% per annum on cost.
- Furniture & equipment - 20% reducing balance.
- Tangible fixed assets costing less than £500 are not capitalised.
- Leasehold improvements - written off on a straight line basis over remainder of lease.

h) Financial instruments

The Community Council of Devon only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value except for bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

- Financial assets, includes trade receivables, cash and bank balances and investments are recognised at transaction value.
- Financial liabilities, includes trade payables and recognised at transaction value. Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods and services acquired from suppliers in the course of business activities.

i) VAT

The Community Council registered for value added tax (VAT). In these financial statements, where applicable, expenditure is shown inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

j) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank includes interest bearing accounts held at call with banks. Cash equivalents include monies deposited in a 31-day Notice Savings account. The money deposited in this account has been done so, to secure necessary windup costs associated with the General Reserve Fund.

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k) Pension scheme

The Community Council of Devon operates a defined contribution scheme and contributions are charged to the SOFA as incurred. Contributions are collected and paid on behalf of employees to Royal London, the provider of the scheme.

l) Stock/WIP

Stock of buildings and work in progress are stated at the lower of the purchase price and net realisable value.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES - DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Total Funds		Unrestricted Fund		Restricted Fund		Designated Fund	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Membership	11,970	10,896	11,970	10,896	0	0	0	0
Fundraising	142	151	142	151	0	0	0	0
	12,112	11,047	12,112	11,047	0	0	0	0

3. INCOMING RESOURCES - OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Total Funds		Unrestricted Fund		Restricted Fund		Designated Fund	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Devon Oil Collective	906	1,535	906	1,535	0	0	0	0
	906	1,535	906	1,535	0	0	0	0

4. INCOMING RESOURCES - INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Total Funds		Unrestricted Fund		Restricted Fund		Designated Fund	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank and Loan Interest	16,076	24,042	16,076	24,042	0	0	0	0
	16,076	24,042	16,076	24,042	0	0	0	0

5. INCOMING RESOURCES - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total Funds		Unrestricted Fund		Restricted Fund		Designated Fund	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1. Economy	208,023	239,274	23,380	23,380	160,703	181,438	23,940	34,456
2. Health and Wellbeing	60,204	167,600	0	0	60,204	157,600	0	10,000
3. Community Facilities	532,073	185,671	23,310	23,310	484,823	125,705	23,940	36,656
4. Services	209,875	159,770	23,310	23,310	154,779	98,385	31,786	38,075
5. Secure a stable organisation and Quality	7,429	1,671	7,429	1,671	0	0	0	0
6. Constructing Futures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1,017,604	753,986	77,429	71,671	860,509	563,128	79,666	119,187

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6. INCOMING RESOURCES - BY FUNDER

	Total Funds		Unrestricted Fund		Restricted Fund		Designated Fund	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Defra (through ACRE)	114,481	114,480	0	0	114,481	114,480	0	0
Devon County Council	169,207	136,073	70,000	70,000	94,907	48,943	4,300	17,130
East Devon District Council	86,035	70,000	0	0	86,035	70,000	0	0
Mid Devon District Council	10,000	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	0
Citizens Advice	9,026	11,124	0	0	9,026	11,124	0	0
Motability	0	100,205	0	0	0	100,205	0	0
Environment Agency	32,000	32,000	0	0	32,000	32,000	0	0
Devon Environment Foundation	3,000	7,000	0	0	3,000	7,000	0	0
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	249,999	0	0	0	249,999	0	0	0
The National Lottery	80,000	0	0	0	80,000	0	0	0
Pelican Project	0	4,921	0	0	0	4,921	0	0
Bat Conservation Trust	12,355	12,993	6,507	0	5,015	12,993	833	0
SW Peninsula Transport	8,396	0	0	0	8,396	0	0	0
Libraries Unlimited	4,500	0	0	0	4,500	0	0	0
NHS	144,000	111,790	0	0	134,000	101,790	10,000	10,000
Sage Publishing	0	2,200	0	0	0	0	0	2,200
Other income relating to charitable activity	94,605	141,200	922	1,671	29,150	49,672	64,533	89,857
	1,017,604	753,986	77,429	71,671	860,509	563,128	79,666	119,187

Defra

Defra provide funding to all Rural Community Councils through a national contract with ACRE, the national body of Rural Community Councils, to provide local intelligence and undertake strategic influencing against eight themes: Digital Infrastructure; Digital Skills & Inclusion; Rural Life Opportunities; Social Infrastructure; Rural Transport; Net Zero & Affordable Energy; Housing and Planning and Business Support & Social Enterprise Development. Defra also fund the Rural Housing Enabler programme, in conjunction with ACRE.

Devon County Council support for core work and projects

DCC has an annual service level agreement with DCT. This fund works on asset-based community development, community-led planning, social enterprise and social inclusion. In addition, DCC also provides funding to support specific projects - Devon Drug & Alcohol Strategic Partnership, Devon Resilience Innovation Programme, NHS VCSE Assembly and the Devon Community Resilience Forum.

Environment Agency

Providing funding for the Devon Community Resilience Forum to support local communities to activate their emergency plans.

East Devon District Council

Funding support for work with the East Devon VCSE Infrastructure project and support the Devon Community Housing Hub.

Mid Devon District Council

Support the Devon Community Housing Hub.

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

Providers of grant funding for a 3 year Vibrant Villages project.

The National Lottery

Providers of a grant for a Power In Place pilot project.

Citizens Advice

Funding support for Energy Outreach to raise awareness of energy saving, through events, and offering advice on energy saving to members of the community

Devon Environment Foundation

To support grants for local groups to promote wildlife in the local community.

NHS

Funding for VCSE Assembly fund, and in prior year also Cancer Outreach, and Village Halls audit support.

Motability

Funding for the Travelling With Confidence project, helping disadvantaged people access public transport.

Pelican Project

Funding evaluation of Pelican Project's work.

Bat Conservation Trust

Funding for the Connecting People & Landscapes programme.

Libraries Unlimited

Funding partner for the Together For Tomorrow project.

SW Peninsula Transport

Funding for the Car Scheme Volunteers project in North Devon.

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Other Income - Charitable Activities

Represents other income that is related to income from the charitable activities, where the funder hasn't specifically been asked to be listed.

7. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total Funds		Unrestricted Fund		Restricted Fund		Designated Fund	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1. Economy	250,700	290,435	228,486	253,896	16,693	29,816	5,521	6,723
2. Health and Wellbeing	38,722	17,572	0	0	38,722	17,365	0	207
3. Community Facilities	278,048	279,831	227,802	253,136	44,726	19,973	5,520	6,722
4. Services	293,024	278,649	227,802	253,136	59,702	17,140	5,520	8,373
5. Secure a stable organisation and Quality	72,605	18,135	72,605	18,135	0	0	0	0
6. Constructing Futures	1,141	1,479	0	1,676	0	0	1,141	(197)
	934,240	886,101	756,695	779,979	159,843	84,294	17,702	21,828

7a. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total Funds		Unrestricted Fund		Restricted Fund		Designated Fund	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	611,650	629,403	611,650	629,403	0	0	0	0
Travel Costs	8,554	11,596	3,747	3,716	4,377	6,351	430	1,529
Equipment Expenses/IT Costs	33,343	36,544	33,343	36,544	0	0	0	0
Promotion & Training	48,736	42,103	18,238	18,399	15,378	6,656	15,120	17,048
Premises	34,770	37,207	34,770	37,207	0	0	0	0
Office Expenses	14,911	23,914	11,447	12,592	3,412	11,071	52	251
Governance and Professional Fees	22,371	19,881	21,271	19,881	0	0	1,100	0
Depreciation	4,577	4,821	4,577	4,821	0	0	0	0
Subcontractor Costs	137,676	63,416	0	0	136,676	60,216	1,000	3,200
Project Delivery Costs re Constructing Futures	0	(200)	0	0	0	0	0	(200)
VAT on Overheads	17,652	17,416	17,652	17,416	0	0	0	0
	934,240	886,101	756,695	779,979	159,843	84,294	17,702	21,828

8. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - GRANTS

	Total Funds		Unrestricted Fund		Restricted Fund		Designated Fund	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1. Economy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Health and Wellbeing	0	54,702	0	0	0	54,702	0	0
3. Community Facilities	28,615	39,865	0	0	28,615	37,665	0	2,200
4. Services	0	4,733	0	0	0	4,733	0	0
5. Secure a stable organisation and Quality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	28,615	99,300	0	0	28,615	97,100	0	2,200

All grants were paid to organisations and none to individuals.

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8a. GRANTS AWARDED

Total Grants in the year of **£28,615** were awarded to:

Wild About Devon Grant Fund	£5,000	Devon Community Resilience Forum	£23,615
1st South Brent Scouts	£191	Newton Poppleford Parish Council	£1,271
Bishopsteignton Parish Council	£240	Lympstone Parish Council	£264
Bovey Tracey Town Council	£200	Uplyme Parish Council	£1,500
Bradninch Town Council	£260	Fithelstock Parish Council	£200
Chardstock Eco Group	£250	Beer Parish Council	£1,218
Denbury Nature Group	£150	Berrynarbor Parish Council	£231
DCFS CIC	£200	North Molton Parish Council	£232
Green Paths Environmental Education CIC	£200	Sticklepath Parish Council	£40
Half Moon Community CIC	£298	Tiverton Town Council	£1,436
Horsemanship For Health	£300	Dittisham Parish Council	£129
Jubilee Wood and Meadows Volunteers	£244	Brendon and Countisbury Parish Council	£242
Landkey Millenium Green	£300	Westleigh Parish Council	£114
Moorhaven Village Management Co. Ltd	£174	Kingsbridge Town Council	£614
Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group	£278	Rattery Parish Council	£1,439
Sandford Primary School	£276	Dawlish Town Council (Cockwood Flood Group)	£60
South Devon College	£104	Newton St Cyres Parish Council	£153
St Sidwell's Community Centre	£250	Membury Parish Council	£1,469
Sustainable Crediton	£150	St Giles on the Heath Parish Council	£250
Sustainable Hatherleigh	£300	South Huish Parish Council	£873
Tale Valley Trust	£235	Axminster Town Council	£1,500
The Deer Wood Trust	£300	Cullompton Town Council	£1,500
Torrington In Bloom	£100	Buckland Tout Saints Parish Council	£735
		Cornworthy Parish Council	£1,470
		Diptford Parish Council	£1,500
		Winkleigh Resilience Group	£1,500
		West Hill Parish Council	£660
		Honiton Town Council	£870
		Crediton Town Council	£225
		Ipplepen Parish Council	£1,500
		Bishops Clyst Parish Council	£420

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9. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Fund		Restricted Fund		Designated Fund	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transfers between funds (shown in detail below)	682,102	628,418	(431,944)	(389,234)	(250,158)	(239,184)
From Restricted	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rural Housing Enabler	44,163	44,000	(44,163)	(44,000)	0	0
Devon Community Housing Hub	61,336	61,335	(61,336)	(61,335)	0	0
Devon Community Resilience Forum	30,000	27,000	(30,000)	(27,000)	0	0
Energy Outreach/Big Energy Savings Network	8,745	9,847	(8,745)	(9,847)	0	0
ACRE/Defra	53,145	53,145	(53,145)	(53,145)	0	0
Devon Remembers	0	2,250	0	(2,250)	0	0
Devon Drug & Alcohol Strategy	0	15,430	0	(15,430)	0	0
EDDC VCS Infrastructure Support	68,870	55,000	(68,870)	(55,000)	0	0
NHS VCSE Assembly	49,437	58,772	(49,437)	(58,772)	0	0
Wild About Devon	1,000	3,000	(1,000)	(3,000)	0	0
Devon Food Rescue	0	1,974	0	(1,974)	0	0
Warm This Winter	0	9	0	(9)	0	0
Travelling With Confidence	45,784	43,224	(45,784)	(43,224)	0	0
Connecting People & Landscapes	4,094	12,335	(4,094)	(12,335)	0	0
Pelican Project	1,775	1,913	(1,775)	(1,913)	0	0
Governing Sustainable Futures	5,810	0	(5,810)	0	0	0
Vibrant Villages (Esmee Fairbairn)	7,500	0	(7,500)	0	0	0
Power In Place (National Lottery)	19,518	0	(19,518)	0	0	0
Car Scheme Volunteer Pilot	1,986	0	(1,986)	0	0	0
Digital Skills Devon	24,281	0	(24,281)	0	0	0
Together For Tomorrow	4,500	0	(4,500)	0	0	0
	431,944	389,234	(431,944)	(389,234)	0	0
From Designated	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Catalyst Consultancy Services	50,907	66,516	0	0	(50,907)	(66,516)
Devon Resilience Innovation Project	4,865	16,410	0	0	(4,865)	(16,410)
Devon Community Learning Academy	0	2,000	0	0	0	(2,000)
General Reserve	50,000	0	0	0	(50,000)	0
Strategic Development Fund	27,041	32,594	0	0	(27,041)	(32,594)
Systems Development Fund	1,252	31,206	0	0	(1,252)	(31,206)
Premises Fund	1,256	3,726	0	0	(1,256)	(3,726)
Healthwatch Devon	0	4,966	0	0	0	(4,966)
NHS Village Halls support	0	500	0	0	0	(500)
NHS Cancer Outreach	0	9,793	0	0	0	(9,793)
Constructing Futures Devon	114,837	71,473	0	0	(114,837)	(71,473)
	250,158	239,184	0	0	(250,158)	(239,184)
	682,102	628,418	(431,944)	(389,234)	(250,158)	(239,184)

During the year £431,944 of income for restricted funds was transferred to the unrestricted fund for contributions from restricted fund projects for project management expenses and programme administration costs, including premises and ICT expenses. This direct charitable expenditure forms part of the restricted funds and is discharged through core activities, (2025 £389,234).

10. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

	2026	2025
	£	£
In respect of		
Audit Services (including VAT) - parent charity	7,700	7,200
Auditors - Other services - subsidiary	0	1,200

11. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year director/trustees received a combined total of £669 (2025: £704) in respect of reimbursed expenses. No other remuneration was paid to the directors/trustees during the year.

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:	2026	2025
	£	£
Depreciation	4,577	4,821
Operating Lease Payments	22,898	22,898

13. EMPLOYEES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Gross Salaries	530,846	555,989
National Insurance Costs	53,364	41,587
Pension Costs	25,055	25,594
Total Staff Costs	609,265	623,170

There was 1 employee whose earnings were more than £60,000 per annum.

Our Key Management Personnel comprises the Chief Executive, the Deputy Chief Executive (until post ceased in June 2025), and the Funding Development Manager.

The total of employee benefits made to this group during the year was £136,571 (2025 £129,171)

Average number of full time equivalents employed by the charity during the year was:-

	2026	2025
Charitable Activities	15.9	18.3

	2026	2025
Average number of staff employed by the charity during the year	21	24

Pension Scheme

The Community Council of Devon has completed its Auto Enrolment obligations. As part of that process the Board of the Community Council of Devon, agreed that the employer contribution would be 5% and staff would be asked to contribute a minimum of 3% of gross salary.

At 31st March 2026 there was £3,193 of outstanding contributions (2025 £3,592).

14. FIXED ASSETS and INVESTMENTS

Fixed Assets

	Group		Charity	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£
<u>Cost of Equipment</u>				
Brought Forward at 1 April 2025	72,781	60,336	72,781	60,336
Additions	5,600	12,445	5,600	12,445
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 31 March 2026	78,381	72,781	78,381	72,781
<u>Depreciation</u>				
Brought forward at 1 April 2025	55,173	50,352	55,173	50,352
Depreciation - charge for the year	4,577	4,821	4,577	4,821
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 31 March 2026	59,750	55,173	59,750	55,173
Net book value at 31 March 2026	18,631	17,608	18,631	17,608

Investments

	2026	2025
	£	£
Investments in subsidiaries	100	100
<u>Subsidiaries</u>	£	£
<u>Cost or valuation</u>		
At 31 March 2026	100	100
<u>Amounts written off</u>		
At 31 March 2026	0	0
<u>Carrying amount</u>		
At 31 March 2026	100	100

Details of undertakings

Undertaking	Country of incorporation	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and 2026 2025	
Subsidiary undertakings				
Constructing Futures Devon Limited, 1 Northleigh House, Thorverton Road, Exeter, EX2 8HF	England	100%	100	100

The principal activity of Constructing Futures Devon Limited is that of providing onsite construction skills to learners and apprentices, by acquiring new build properties or refurbishment projects.

The subsidiary undertaking was dissolved after the balance sheet date.

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15. DEBTORS

	Group		Charity	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	47,837	29,504	47,837	29,504
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	0	0	0	2,674
Other debtors and prepayments	253,490	34,730	253,490	34,730
	301,327	64,234	301,327	66,908

16. INVESTMENTS AND CASH AT BANK

Investments	Group		Charity	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£
1 year fixed interest account (maturity 12 June 2026)	96,134	89,065	96,134	89,065
	96,134	89,065	96,134	89,065

Cash at Bank	Group		Charity	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£
31 Day Notice account	257,602	366,952	257,602	366,952
Other bank accounts	32,973	135,541	32,973	135,467
	290,575	502,493	290,575	502,419

17. CREDITORS

	Group		Charity	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	14,225	17,792	14,225	17,792
Accruals	30,373	73,490	30,373	73,490
Loans and borrowings	0	0	0	0
Other creditors	16,208	16,970	16,208	16,970
Value Added Tax	8,682	11,812	8,682	11,812
	69,488	120,064	69,488	120,064

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18. ANALYSIS OF GROUP NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2026				2025			
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	0	0	18,631	18,631	0	0	17,608	17,608
Current assets	131,358	386,701	169,977	688,036	87,981	208,617	359,194	655,792
Current liabilities	(50,011)	(19,477)	0	(69,488)	(38,564)	(81,500)	0	(120,064)
Total net assets	81,347	367,224	188,608	637,179	49,417	127,117	376,802	553,336

19. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENT

At 31 March 2026 annual commitments under non-cancellable leases were as follows:

	Group		Charity	
	2026 £	2025 £	2026 £	2025 £
Land and Buildings				
Buildings Lease:				
< One year	23,500	23,500	23,500	23,500
Two to five years	17,625	5,875	17,625	5,875
	41,125	29,375	41,125	29,375
Other Operating Leases				
Photocopier:				
< One year	234	234	234	234
Two to five years	313	625	313	625
	547	859	547	859
Total	41,672	30,234	41,672	30,234

At 31 March 2026 capital commitments were £8,800 (2025: £nil).

20. DEVON LAND BANK TRUST

DCT established the Devon Land Bank Trust (DLBT) in 1989. It was formed through a 'declaration of trust' by the chair & vice presidents of DCT and remained part of DCT with its own trustees. In 2013/2014 DCT became the sole Corporate Trustee for DLBT. DCT Board of Trustees conducts an annual review of DLBT assets and liabilities.

DLBT sought and agreed options on sites for the development of affordable housing. Eight of these options led to developments by several Housing Associations, opening between 1996 and 2002. DLBT agreed to 999-year leases on the land with Housing Associations. DLBT holds the freehold on all bar one of these sites.

DLBT has no funds, income, or expenditure of its own. The final money held by DLBT was spent during 2011/2012 to support the Devon Rural Housing Enabler programme.

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22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

DCT did not undertake any related party transactions, other than with their subsidiary during the reporting period.

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity, other than allowable out-of-pocket expenses.

23. NET INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY

The charity owns 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of the following subsidiary company, and is incorporated in the UK:

- Constructing Futures Devon Limited, company registration number 11169867, and their registered address is 1 Northleigh House, Thorverton Road, Exeter, EX2 8HF.

The subsidiary company did not trade in the year, and separate accounts are not required, pending dissolution of the company.

	2026 £	2025 £
Turnover	0	1,676
Cost of Sales	0	0
Gross Profit	0	1,676
Administration Expenses	0	(1,676)
Other Operating Income	0	0
Corporation Tax	0	0
	0	0
Interest Payable and similar charges	0	0
Net Profit for the year	0	0

The aggregate of the Assets and Liabilities was:

Assets	100	74
Liabilities	0	(2,774)
Shareholder' funds	100	(2,700)

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24. ANALYSIS OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	Balance at 1 April 2025	Total Incoming Resources	Total Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
ACRE/Defra Rural Housing Enabler	0	61,336	0	(61,336)	0
Devon Community Housing Hub	44,825	38,950	(12,334)	(44,163)	27,278
Devon Community Resilience Forum	6,058	57,000	(27,359)	(30,000)	5,699
Energy Outreach/Big Energy Savings Network	0	9,026	(281)	(8,745)	0
ACRE/Defra	0	53,145	0	(53,145)	0
EDDC VCS Infrastructure Support	5,071	76,859	(13,060)	(68,870)	0
NHS VCSE Assembly	10,151	158,378	(100,697)	(49,437)	18,395
Wild About Devon	0	6,000	(5,000)	(1,000)	0
Travelling With Confidence	57,128	0	(5,150)	(45,784)	6,194
Connecting People & Landscapes	0	5,015	(921)	(4,094)	0
Pelican Project	3,884	0	0	(1,775)	2,109
Vibrant Villages (Esmee Fairbairn)	0	249,999	0	(7,500)	242,499
Power In Place (National Lottery)	0	80,000	(245)	(19,518)	60,237
Car Scheme Volunteers Pilot	0	8,396	(1,897)	(1,986)	4,513
Governing Sustainable Futures	0	5,822	(12)	(5,810)	0
Digital Skills Devon	0	46,083	(21,502)	(24,281)	300
Together For Tomorrow	0	4,500	0	(4,500)	0
	127,117	860,509	(188,458)	(431,944)	367,224
Designated Funds					
Constructing Futures Devon	115,978	0	(1,141)	(114,837)	0
Catalyst Consultancy Services	0	67,521	(16,614)	(50,907)	0
Devon Resilience Innovation Project	512	4,300	53	(4,865)	0
Devon Community Learning Academy	7	7,845	0	0	7,852
General Reserve	200,000	0	0	(50,000)	150,000
Strategic Development Fund	27,041	0	0	(27,041)	0
Systems Development Fund	17,443	0	0	(1,252)	16,191
Premises Fund	15,821	0	0	(1,256)	14,565
	376,802	79,666	(17,702)	(250,158)	188,608
Unrestricted Fund					
	49,417	106,523	(756,695)	682,102	81,347
	553,336	1,046,698	(962,855)	0	637,179

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	Balance at 1 April 2024	Total Incoming Resources	Total Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
ACRE/Defra Rural Housing Enabler	-	61,335	-	61,335	-
Devon Community Housing Hub	49,360	68,217	28,752	44,000	44,825
Devon Community Resilience Forum	2,511	44,000	13,453	27,000	6,058
Energy Outreach/Big Energy Savings Network	-	11,124	1,277	9,847	-
Devon Drug & Alcohol	-	15,683	253	15,430	-
ACRE/Defra	-	53,145	-	53,145	-
EDDC VCS Infrastructure Support	3,262	60,000	3,191	55,000	5,071
NHS VCSE Assembly	4,028	123,245	58,350	58,772	10,151
Wild About Devon	6,000	7,000	10,000	3,000	-
Devon Food Rescue	740	1,260	26	1,974	-
Warm This Winter	1,249	-	1,240	9	-
Travelling With Confidence	51,258	100,205	51,111	43,224	57,128
Connecting People & Landscapes	-	12,993	658	12,335	-
Pelican Project	959	4,921	83	1,913	3,884
Devon Remembers	15,250	-	13,000	2,250	-
	134,617	563,128	181,394	389,234	127,117
Designated Funds					
Constructing Futures Devon	187,254	-	197	71,473	115,978
Catalyst Consultancy Services	-	86,238	19,722	66,516	-
NHS Cancer Outreach	-	10,000	207	9,793	-
Devon Resilience Innovation Project	237	17,130	445	16,410	512
Devon Community Learning Academy	40	3,619	1,651	2,001	7
General Reserve	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Strategic Development Fund	59,635	-	-	32,594	27,041
Systems Development Fund	48,649	-	-	31,206	17,443
Premises Fund	19,547	-	-	3,726	15,821
Sage Publishing Grant Fund	-	2,200	2,200	-	-
Healthwatch Devon	4,965	-	-	4,965	-
NHS Village Halls support	500	-	-	500	-
	520,827	119,187	(24,028)	(239,184)	376,802
Unrestricted Fund	92,683	108,295	(779,979)	628,418	49,417
	748,127	790,610	(985,401)	0	553,336