

**Charity Registration number NIC 101233**

**Lisburn Cathedral**

**Annual report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 31 December 2025**

## **Lisburn Cathedral**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The principal function of this Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the Parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to, and engaging with, society as a whole, and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

All functions of the Parish relate to the expression of the Christian religion through engagement with the general public, in particular the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young and is a public benefit.

The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of regular worship, giving and receiving of pastoral ministry, improved understanding of the values relating to civic engagement, community cohesion and providing a bridge between diverse groups.

In addition to the principal function, the Parish has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of this parish.

##### **Management**

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months and who give financially to the parish in an identifiable way, may register as members of the General Vestry of the parish, allowing them to stand for elected office and vote at annual meetings of the General Vestry. Meetings of the General Vestry are held at least once a year. Fourteen members of the Select Vestry are elected as part of this General Vestry meeting. The Select Vestry members will hold their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served. The Select Vestry meets monthly with the exception of July, August and December.

The elected Select Vestry members form the Charity Trustees, along with the current clergy, who are automatically members and two people appointed to specialist roles by the rector under the rules set out by the Church of Ireland constitution.

No trustee receives any remuneration, reward or private benefit for carrying out their trustee responsibility.

## **Lisburn Cathedral**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Public benefit**

Lisburn Cathedral seeks to engage with all of our local community through the ministries outlined below:

##### Regular Activities

Sunday Worship: On Sunday mornings there are normally 2 services (9.30am traditional & 11.00am contemporary). Evening Services on a regular basis along with key points in the year at Easter, Harvest, Christmas and for specific areas of ministry.

Children and Youth work: Parents and Toddlers, Sunday School (P4 to P7), Bible Class (Y8-Y11) and Sunday Night Youth (Y8+) running regular formal and informal gatherings and additional irregular events. Scouts (all sections from Beavers to Explorers) also have regular use of Cathedral facilities for weekly meetings.

Prayer: Parish prayer time, prayer ministry, parish prayer chain, prayer appointments. Monthly Prayer and Praise event on Sunday evenings.

Lisburn Community Choir & Lisburn Community Children's Choir. The community choir (a separate charity in its own right) meets on a regular basis on a Monday to rehearse in the Cathedral building.

Lisburn Community Orchestra: We support the community orchestra through use of our church hall building as their venue to meet and practise weekly.

Mission: South Lisburn Community Church (SLCC) – This expanding ministry lead by a full time Pioneer Minister appointed in September 2024, continues to grow in the Hillhall and the South Lisburn wider community. Offering fellowship, support, worship and teaching across a range of pastoral and social issues, this work continues to build on local partnerships, including an ongoing project with the support of the local council and community groups that is currently seeking to build and run a new community facility in the Hillhall area. Alongside this major project, weekly activities include a regular Sunday worship service, a community hub – Chit Chat Café – for informal social activities, and an expanding area of youth work, following appointment of a full time Youth Co-ordinator at Lisburn Cathedral, with a remit to support youth in both the Cathedral and SLCC. The mentorship programme in partnership with Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) facilitated through and in conjunction with the local primary school also continues to support children in the local area who struggle with engagement in education.

Pastoral care: Our clergy, along with our team of pastoral visitors, meet people in their homes, and particularly seek to stand alongside those with particular needs, the housebound and the bereaved.

Discipleship and Fellowship: A number of groups meet regularly providing a range of activities for fellowship, community and friendship including Housegroups, Ladies Bible study, Women's group, Mother's Union, Alpha, Nimble Fingers, Men's Fellowship and Cameo club for our senior citizens.

Coffee Room/Honesty Café: We have a coffee room which enables anyone to come and sit in a beautiful, historic building in warm comfortable surroundings, run by volunteers. The Coffee Room currently operates once a week on Friday mornings.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt counselling: Lisburn Cathedral has partnered with CAP and other local churches to offer debt counselling in our area. The service we offer is free.

Foodbank: The foodbank is an ongoing project to support people from the Lisburn area whose lives have been affected by the current economic recession which we actively support.

*The Charity Trustees feel that the activities entered into during the year have achieved the Parish's objectives, as well as providing public benefit as referred to in the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland guidelines.*

## **Lisburn Cathedral**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

Financial reports are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Select Vestry (Trustees) and are also reviewed on completion of the Annual Accounts. The Select Vestry presents the accounts at the annual meeting of the General Vestry prior to the elections.

Points to note during 2025 for our Parish:

- In 2025 we once again saw our staff increase with appointment of a full time youth Co-Ordinator. Additional donations from our parishioners have been sought and some long term commitments have been obtained to help support this long term increase in our costs.
- Building maintenance continues to be a notable ongoing cost, as is expected with an estate containing buildings dating from the 1600's, 1800's and 1900's. We carried out notable work in our retail rental unit to repair damage due to damp and age, and new tenants have now begun to operate from the unit.
- The fund raising to support remedial work on the hall continues to be a long term project. Additional funds have also been donated, however further substantial funds are still needed before new work can be started and we continue to explore grant funding options and the possibility of parcelling the work into smaller projects that can be completed in isolation, without impacting on the costs or overall project plans.
- During the year ended 31 December 2025. Total Expenditure (£376,379) and Gross Income (£438,218). Sources of Income and Expenditure incurred during the year are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- A reserve, equivalent to around 2 months' regular spending, has been maintained in 2025.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

101233

##### **Name as shown on the Charity Commission Website:**

Lisburn/Lisburn Cathedral(Blaris)/ Cathedral of Christ Church, Lisburn/Connor/Church of Ireland

##### **Principal address**

Cathedral Office  
24A Castle Street  
Lisburn  
Co. Antrim  
BT27 4XD

## **Lisburn Cathedral**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

#### **Trustees**

Very Rev. Sam Wright

Rev. Peter Meenagh

Rev. Lee Boal

Mrs Jackie Armstrong (appointed 06/04/2025)

Miss Grace Broddle

Mr Owen Churton (appointed 06/04/2025)

Mr David Davidson (until 06/04/2025)

Mr Tam Dikibo

Mr Rodney Dowling

Mr Timothy Flanigan

Mr Kenneth Gibson

Mrs Julie Harper

Mrs Hayley Howe

Mrs Joanne Irwin (until 06/04/2025)

Mrs Pam Irwin

Mrs Jill Lester

Mr Martin Lester

Mr Bryn Lister (appointed 06/04/2025)

Mr Raymond McCullough (appointed 06/04/2025)

Mrs Rachel McIlwrath (appointed 06/04/2025)

Mr William Moore (until 06/04/2025)

Mr Richard Norris (until 06/04/2025)

Mr Simon Sellars

Mr Richard Thompson

#### **Independent Examiner**

MTS Chartered Accountants

(McCreery Turkington Stockman Ltd )

1 Lanyon Quay

Belfast

BT1 3LG

#### **Bankers**

Danske Bank

62-66 Bow Street

Lisburn

Co. Antrim

BT28 1YS

## Lisburn Cathedral

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

#### Office Bearers

Dean - Very Rev. Sam Wright

Curate – Rev. Lee Boal

Pioneer Minister - Rev. Pete Meenagh

Honorary Secretary – Mrs Jill Lester (until 06/04/2025)

Honorary Secretary – Mrs Rachel McIlwrath (appointed 06/04/2025)

Honorary Treasurer - Mr Richard Thompson (reappointed 06/04/2025)

Peoples' Churchwarden – Mr David Davidson (until 06/04/2025)

Peoples' Churchwarden - Mrs Jill Lester (appointed 06/04/2025)

Rector's Churchwarden – Mrs Julie Harper (appointed 14/04/2024)

Rector's Glebewarden – Mr Tam Dikibo (until 06/04/2025)

Rector's Glebewarden – Mr Kenneth Gibson (appointed 06/04/2025)

Peoples' Glebewarden - Mr Richard Norris (until 06/04/2025)

Peoples' Glebewarden - Mr Raymond McCullough (appointed 06/04/2025)

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24th February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

*Sam Wright*

[Sam Wright \(Feb 24, 2026 21:56:48 GMT\)](#)

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Very Rev. Sam Wright - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of  
Lisburn Cathedral**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lisburn Cathedral for the year ended 31 December 2025.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

*MTS*

[MTS \(Feb 24, 2026 12:24:47 GMT\)](#)

**Richard McClay FCA  
For and on behalf of McCreery Turkington Stockman LTD**

**1 Lanyon Quay  
Belfast  
BT1 3LG**

**24 February 2026**

## Lisburn Cathedral

### Statement of Financial Activities (Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2024
<b>Income from:</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and Legacies	2	281,698	121,790	403,488	430,376
Investment Income	3	19,706	17	19,723	17,282
Other Income	4	15,007	-	15,007	4,194
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>316,411</u>	<u>121,807</u>	<u>438,218</u>	<u>451,852</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable Activities	5	(277,245)	(74,038)	(351,283)	(374,377)
Support Costs	5	(25,036)	(60)	(25,096)	(25,149)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>(302,281)</u>	<u>(74,098)</u>	<u>(376,379)</u>	<u>(399,526)</u>
<b>Net income before transfers</b>		<u>14,130</u>	<u>47,709</u>	<u>61,839</u>	<u>52,326</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>243,786</u>	<u>297,647</u>	<u>541,433</u>	<u>489,107</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<u>257,916</u>	<u>345,356</u>	<u>603,272</u>	<u>541,433</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Lisburn Cathedral**

**Balance sheet  
as at 31 December 2025**

		2025		2024	
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	7		176,991		170,067
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	8	14,184		19,384	
Cash at bank and in hand		512,036		360,887	
		526,220		380,271	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(99,939)		(8,905)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			426,281		371,366
<b>Net assets</b>			603,272		541,433
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	10		257,916		243,786
Restricted funds	10		345,356		297,647
<b>Total funds</b>			603,272		541,433

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24th February 2026 and signed and approved for issue on its behalf by

*Sam Wright*

[Sam Wright \(Feb 24, 2026 21:56:48 GMT\)](#)

**Very Rev. S Wright  
Trustee**

*RP Thompson*

[RP Thompson \(Feb 24, 2026 13:05:55 GMT\)](#)

**RP Thompson, Hon. Treasurer  
Trustee**

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Lisburn Cathedral

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

#### 1. Accounting policies

##### 1.1. Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### 1.2. Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.3. Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

##### 1.4. Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Investment income is recognised once the income has been declared and notified to bank accounts.

##### 1.5. Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

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#### 1.6. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	-	2% Straight line
Equipment	-	15% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	10% Straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7. Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8. Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### 1.10. Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.11. Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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	<b>Unrestricted 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
<b>2. Donations and legacies</b>				
Special collections and events	8,800	41,405	50,205	103,105
Freewill offerings	209,881	24,340	234,221	205,275
Gift aid	44,108	4,694	48,802	55,820
Donations	9,535	19,461	28,996	41,022
Grants	6,600	27,919	34,519	17,450
Organisations	2,774	3,971	6,745	7,704
	<u>281,698</u>	<u>121,790</u>	<u>403,488</u>	<u>430,376</u>

	<b>Unrestricted 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
<b>3. Investment income</b>				
Deposit account interest	10,064	17	10,081	7,185
Rents received	9,642	-	9,642	10,097
	<u>19,706</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19,723</u>	<u>17,282</u>

	<b>Unrestricted 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
<b>3. Other income</b>				
Sundry income	4,396	-	4,396	1,913
Other appeals	821	-	821	2,281
Insurance claim	9,790	-	9,790	-
	<u>15,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,007</u>	<u>4,194</u>

## Lisburn Cathedral

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

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	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>5. Charitable activities</b>				
Trustees' salaries	77,775	31,092	108,867	93,149
Trustees' social security	5,008	1,416	6,424	6,661
Trustees' pensions paid	18,544	127	18,671	17,924
Trustees' expenses	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Other salaries	18,104	10,150	28,254	27,608
Other social security	721	161	882	68
Other pensions paid	238	-	238	-
Utility costs	18,760	-	18,760	23,755
Insurance	7,422	-	7,422	7,804
Office costs	2,766	59	2,825	2,963
Sundries	908	-	908	2,758
Parochial ministry costs	9,525	238	9,763	8,245
Repairs and maintenance	45,065	5,592	50,657	68,679
Missionary and other donations	20,605	2,380	22,985	43,061
Diocesan expenses	28,281	-	28,281	25,813
Organisations	8,523	22,823	31,346	30,889
	277,245	74,038	351,283	374,377

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Support costs</b>				
Bank charges	738	60	798	773
Church cleaning	9,697	-	9,697	10,148
Legal expenses	2,163	-	2,163	2,636
IT costs	1,487	-	1,487	1,218
Depreciation	8,962	-	8,962	7,894
Accountancy	1,989	-	1,989	2,480
	25,036	60	25,096	25,149

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### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

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#### 6. Employees

<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
The average monthly numbers of employees during the year were:		
Pastoral	4	4
Admin- support	2	2
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Trustees' Remuneration and benefits</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trustees' salaries	108,867	93,149
Trustees' social security	6,424	6,661
Trustees' pensions paid	18,671	17,924
	<u>133,962</u>	<u>117,734</u>

There were no employees earning over £60,000 in the two years ended 31 December 2025.

During the year, trustees' reimbursements for expenses incurred and for non-trustee work carried out totalled £7,552 (2024 £2,403). Trustees' office and locomotory expenses totalled £15,000 (2024 £15,000).

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<b>7. Tangible fixed assets</b>	<b>Freehold property £</b>	<b>Equipment £</b>	<b>Fixtures and fittings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2025	200,000	37,370	10,000	247,370
Additions	-	15,886	-	15,886
At 31 December 2025	200,000	53,256	10,000	263,256
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2025	40,000	27,303	10,000	77,303
Charge for the year	4,000	4,962	-	8,962
At 31 December 2025	44,000	32,265	10,000	86,265
<b>Net book values</b>				
At 31 December 2025	156,000	20,991	-	176,991
At 31 December 2024	160,000	10,067	-	170,067
<b>8. Debtors</b>			<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Accrued income			4,757	10,026
Prepayments			9,427	9,358
			14,184	19,384
<b>9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Other taxes and social security costs			3,470	2,524
Accruals and deferred income			96,469	6,381
			99,939	8,905

**Lisburn Cathedral**

**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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**10. Statement of funds:**

	Balance 1 January 2025	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31 December 2025
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General fund	243,786	316,411	302,281	257,916
	<u>243,786</u>	<u>316,411</u>	<u>(302,281)</u>	<u>257,916</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
South Lisburn Community	2,076	49,269	(40,256)	11,089
Other Special Collections	22,832	2,077	(9,372)	15,537
Building Fund	84,058	46,061	(745)	129,374
SLCC Development	162,630	-	-	162,630
Other Organisations	26,051	24,400	(23,725)	26,726
	<u>297,647</u>	<u>121,807</u>	<u>(74,098)</u>	<u>345,356</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>541,433</u></u>	<u><u>438,218</u></u>	<u><u>(376,379)</u></u>	<u><u>603,272</u></u>

**11. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted reserve fund £	Restricted reserve fund £	Total £
<b>Fund Balances at 31 December 2025 represented by:</b>			
Net assets	257,916	345,356	603,272
	<u>257,916</u>	<u>345,356</u>	<u>603,272</u>

**12. Related party transactions**

Trustees' remuneration and expenses are detailed in Note 6. These were the only related party transactions in the year ended 31 December 2025.