Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust

(A Registered Charity and company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name:

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Status

Company limited by Guarantee & Registered Charity

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Trustees

Mark I'Anson, Chair

Will Rutherford, Vice-Chair

Ian Foster, Treasurer

Jo Bates

Peter Fletcher

Phil Hartley

Kate Minto

Michael Sadgrove

Tessa Simmonds (appointed 9 September 2025)

Siobhan Stephenson

Henry Swaddle

Anne Suddes (appointed 3 June 2025)

Christina Taylor

Joanna Thompson

Secretary
Peter Fletcher

Trustees' Report 2025-2026

The Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust ("the Charity") for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ending 31st March 2025.

History, objects and governance

The Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust was established by the Haydon Parish Council as a community development vehicle for the parish. The Development Trust was registered as a company limited by guarantee (No. 6858135) on 25th March 2009. It was registered as a Charity (No. 1135248) on 26th March 2010. The objects of the Company and Charity are the promotion for the benefit of the public of urban and rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation and in particular in Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish, in the County of Northumberland ("the area of benefit")

As at 31st March 2026 the Trust had fourteen Directors on the Management Board, which held four meetings during the 2025-26 financial year. The Management Board is responsible for the governance of the Trust, which has no paid staff. The Directors, who are all volunteers, are supported by around 30 volunteers who run the community library service, and other services such as the luncheon club and gardening group.

Report on Activities

As a community library, The Bridge provides a full service as part of the Northumberland County Council Library Service. The library, and visitor information point which sits in the foyer of the library building, is open for 5 half day sessions a week.

There were 1784 library users during the financial year (15% lower than in 24-25).

The Bridge also operates a Visitor Information Centre during opening times. There were 423 visitors who used this service at The Bridge during the financial year, which is 25% higher than the figure of 336 for 24-25.

Regular meetings are held by the library team leaders and a small team of Development Trust Directors, with support from the county council library service to ensure continuity of service to the public. In June 2025 a development and social event was held for all The Bridge volunteers.

The online Haydon Newsletter which replaced the previous Haydon News, continues to be very well received and is a bi monthly (every two months) publication. The Parish Council funds 100 paper copies which are distributed to local venues in the village.

The website was upgraded and redesigned during the year and remains actively used, (www.haydon-bridge.co.uk), and walks, cycling and local visitor information leaflets are available online here. For the period there were approximately 11,000 users, which is more than a three fold increase. This increase reflects the impact of the website redesign and represents an encouraging upward trend.

Other local activities that the Development Trust supports, such as the Friday lunches club, and the gardening group have continued to flourish.

The charity's main annual fundraising event, the Haydon Hundred Cyclo-Sportive was held on the second Saturday in June 2025, offering three routes of 60, 100 and 140 kilometres. There were 139 entries, down from 164 the previous year. After costs, £1,184 was raised towards the running costs of the library. The feedback from participants was very positive. A range of activities at The Bridge also contribute to raising the running costs of The Bridge

Haydon Parish Council has developed a Neighbourhood Plan 2022-36, which was approved by Northumberland County Council in September 2022. All plan documents are available on the parish website or the planning section of the Northumberland County Council website. The Development Trust has been leading on a number of the Community Actions set out in the plan. Achievements that have been delivered include: new or upgraded flower beds in the village, including at the railway station; habitat creation including a new community orchard; new EV charging points; new cycle racks in different parts of the village; new high speed broadband via Wefibre. Other initiatives, such as plans to develop a cycle route to Hexham, are going well, although no progress has been made to develop Community Led Affordable housing.

Following up the Community Energy Survey, the Development Trust's Net Zero Group has worked with partners to secure funding for a feasibility study for a renewable energy District heating system for the village, which was carried out by Reheat. The report was published in December 2024 and showed that such a system is possible, but only with a high percentage of capital grant towards the installation costs. Difficulty in finding a suitable site for an energy centre for the scheme has led the Steering Group to pivot its energies to look at initiatives to support local households find affordable energy solutions for their homes.

The Development Trust has fully supported and encouraged its partnership with The Nurture Project CIC (community Interest Company), which runs a community garden, together with forest school activities for young people. The Nurture Project has provided a plant stall outside The Bridge which is used to share surplus plants and produce from the Nurture Project, the allotments, and domestic gardens. Local residents give donations for these, which raises funds for The Bridge Hub, and increases footfall.

A key goal of the Board of Directors of the Development Trust is to ensure financial sustainability. Good financial management together with the support of the Parish Council's annual grant to cover the cost of rent on the library building, as well as income from the Haydon Hundred and charitable sales of books and other items ensure a stable financial position for the Development Trust.

Overall, we thank all of our existing volunteers for their contribution and we have welcomed a number of new volunteers joining us.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



S.M. I'Anson, Chairman

Date: 20 October 2026

Responsibilities of Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

Total income for the year 2025-2026 was less than £25,000 and accordingly the trustees consider that neither an audit nor an independent examination is required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act).

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Period Ended 31st March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds to 31st March 2026 £	Total Funds to 31st March 2025 £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income	2	5,734.71	8,426.44	14,161.15	14,992.00
Grant Income	2	6,764.43		6,764.43	6,028.44
Total Incoming Resources		12,499.14	8,426.44	20,925.58	21,020.44
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities	3	16,628.59	6,763.01	23,391.60	26,052.17
Governance costs	3	20.00		20.00	20.00
Total Resources Expended		16,648.59	6,763.01	23,411.60	26,072.17
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources before Transfers		(4,149.45)	1,663.43	(2,486.02)	(5,051.73)
Transfers					
Transfer Balance from Haydon Hundred Fund	11	1,185.56	(1,185.56)		
Net movement in funds for the year		(2,963.89)	477.87	(2,486.02)	(5,051.73)
Net funds brought forward		24,353.08	13,314.46	37,667.54	42,719.27
Net funds carried forward		21,389.19	13,792.33	35,181.52	37,667.54

The notes on pages 9-11 form an integral part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2026

Balance Sheet

		Note	£	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets		6		10,853.32	13,521.17
Current Assets					
	Cash at Bank & in hand		8,678.20		8,496.37
	FI Savings		15,000.00		15,000.00
	Debtors Other Debtors	7	650.00		650.00
	Total Current Assets			24,328.20	24,146.37
Current Liabilities					
	Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year	8		(0.00)	0.00
Net Current Assets				24,328.20	24,146.37
Total Net Assets				35,181.52	37,667.54
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted Funds					
	Flood Relief	11	4,655.80		4,655.80
	Lunch Club	11	4,561.52		4,780.15
	Haydon News	11	1,665.96		2,205.70
	Village Fund	11	1,704.23		1,029.68
	Haydon Hundred	11	1,204.82		643.13
Total Restricted Funds				13,792.33	13,314.46
Unrestricted Funds				21,389.19	24,353.08
Total Charity Funds		12		35,181.52	37,667.54

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

M I'Anson
Chairman

Date: 20 October 2026

Mr P Fletcher
Company Secretary

Date: 20 October 2026

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31st March 2026

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16th July 2014.

Going Concern

The Charity has financial reserves held in cash. At the Balance Sheet date the Charity had £23,678 of which £9,886 was unrestricted. As a consequence, the Trustees believe that the Charity is well placed to manage its business risks successfully. After making enquiries the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 11.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% straight line basis
Land	No depreciation
Buildings	over 20 years

Assets are not depreciated until they are brought in use.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31st March 2026

2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026	Total Funds 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025
Voluntary Income	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Donations & Appeals	1,504.89	1,534.55	3,039.44	4,891.30
Earned Income	4,229.82	6,891.89	11,121.71	10,100.70
	5,734.71	8,426.44	14,161.15	14,992.00
Grant Income				
UK Govt				
Grants - Other Agencies	6,764.43		6,764.43	6,028.44
	6,764.43		6,764.43	6,028.44
	12,499.14	8,426.44	20,925.58	21,020.44

3 Total Resources Expended

	Charitable	Governance	Total 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Direct Costs				
Sundry & other costs	2,997.28	20.00	3,017.28	2,697.85
Establishment Costs	12,210.59		12,210.59	10,569.27
Repairs & Maintenance	611.72		611.72	4,311.17
Office Expenses	333.64		333.64	52.37
Computer & Website	393.38		393.38	75.14
Consumables	101.98		101.98	225.39
Publicity				665.40
Restricted expenditure	6,763.01		6,763.01	7,245.84
	23,411.60	20.00	23,431.60	25,842.43

4 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

5 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Short Leasehold and other Interests in Land & Buildings	Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Costs as at 1st April	53,357.01	12,870.23	66,227.24
Additions			
Costs as at 31st March	53,357.01	12,870.23	66,227.24
Depreciation as at 1st April	39,835.84	12,870.23	52,706.07
Charge for the year	2,667.85		2,667.85
Depreciation as at 31st March	42,503.69	12,870.23	55,373.92
Net Book value as at 31st March 2026	10,853.32		10,853.32

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31st March 2026

7 Debtors

	31st March 2026	31st March 2025
	£	£
Other Debtors	650	650

Other debtors represents a deposit paid which is repayable on demand

8 Creditors

	31st March 2026	31st March 2025
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year	0.0	254.30
	0.0	254.30

9 Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

10 Related parties

Controlling entity: The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

11 Analysis of Funds

	b/f from 31st March 2025	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Transfers	As at 31st March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds					
Unrestricted income funds	24,353.08	12,499.14	(16,648.59)	1,185.56	21,389.19
Restricted funds					
Flood Relief	4,655.80				4,655.80
Lunch Club	4,561.52	2,736.30	(2,954.93)		4,342.89
Haydon News	1,665.96	221.10	(760.84)		1,126.22
Village Fund	1,704.23	1,534.55	(860.00)		2,378.78
Haydon Hundred	1,204.82	3,934.49	(2,187.24)	(1,185.56)	1,766.51
	13,314.46	8,426.44	(6,763.01)	(1,185.56)	13,792.33
	37,667.54	20,925.58	(23,411.60)		35,181.52

12 Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds at 31st March 2026
	£	£	£
Tangible Assets	10,853.32		10,853.32
Current Assets	10,535.87	13,792.33	24,328.20
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	-		-
Net Assets	21,389.19	13,792.33	35,181.52