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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026
for
Warwickshire Young Carers



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Warwickshire Young Carers
Welcome to our Annual Report
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Welcome to our Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2026.

It is not surprising to report that the charity has faced challenging conditions over the last year and we must expect the pressures of rising prices, cost of living and additional competition for limited funding to continue into the next 12 months.

Against this background it is a pleasure to be able to report a successful year with a high level of support for Young Carers and their families.

Our core staff team, supported by session workers and volunteers, continue to deliver a comprehensive package of support working within limited budgets.

This report shows the range and extent of support which is provided by the organisation.

The provision of our services relies entirely on financial support from funders, our charitable partners, financial donors and those who have donated "in kind".

I would like to take this opportunity to once again offer our thanks to everyone who has supported the organisation in the last year, without your generous support we would not be able to offer the service which supports Young Carers and their families.

Finally, I would like to record the thanks of all the Trustees for the tremendous work which the organisation continues to conduct for Young Carers and their families in Warwickshire.



Peter Blay
Chair
Warwickshire Young Carers Board of Trustee Directors

Warwickshire Young Carers
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During 2025/26, Warwickshire Young Carers continued to provide countywide support to young carers, young adult carers and their families. Demand remained high, with 400 new referrals received during the year and 36 young carers re-engaging with the service after a period away.

Across the year, 1,535 young carers and young adult carers were active, consented and able to access our universal offer. This included information, signposting, newsletters and invitations to groups, activities, trips and wellbeing opportunities. Within this wider group, 641 received direct recorded support through one-to-one contact, targeted interventions, groups, activities or another part of our service. At 31 March 2026, 1,474 young carers and young adult carers remained active and consented, with our wider reach estimated at 2,047 family members.

Whole family support remained central to our work. During the year, 129 families received one-to-one Family Support through 336 recorded contacts and follow-ups. We also provided Parent Wellbeing Hubs, coffee mornings, Family Support sessions and Handling Anger in the Family programmes. Where another organisation was better placed to help, we made 88 external referrals and provided 199 signposts to specialist and practical support.

Transitions supported 204 young carers and young adult carers aged 14 to 25 with education, training, employment, university and future choices. Six young carers attended a three-day residential at Bangor University, four young people started university in September 2025 and a further five received confirmed offers for 2026 entry.

Respite, activities and opportunities to build friendships continued to make an important difference. We delivered 77 group and activity sessions, attended by 338 individual young carers, with 821 attendances recorded. Feedback showed that:

- 70% said activities gave them a break from caring
- 67% said they made new friends
- 49% said they felt less anxious
- 44% said they felt more confident

Young carers also helped lead our Annual General Meeting, took part in Young Carers Action Day and enjoyed a wide range of experiences, including trips to Warwick Castle, Twycross Zoo and Go Ape, the Bangor University residential and the Together at Christmas Carol Service at Westminster Abbey.

Fourteen volunteers were involved with WYC during the year, contributing more than 565 recorded hours and supporting 62 groups, activities and events. We also worked with 14 schools and 58 other organisations to improve awareness, strengthen local relationships and help more young carers be recognised and connected with support.

The statutory accounts show income of £195,061 and expenditure of £187,797, resulting in a surplus of £7,264. Total funds carried forward were £117,768, including £68,719 in unrestricted funds. Although the charity remained financially stable, securing sustainable core and unrestricted funding continues to be a priority.

Looking ahead, we will continue to strengthen Family Support and Transitions, review the balance between regular groups and activity-led provision, invest in volunteers, improve our recording and evidence, and maintain strong safeguarding, governance and risk management. Young carers are at the heart of all we do, and their experiences, feedback and ambitions will continue to shape the support we provide.

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OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Countywide support for young carers, young adult carers and their families

1,535 young carers and young adult carers active and consented during the year	641 received direct recorded support
400 new referrals received	2,047 estimated wider family reach

SUPPORT DELIVERED

129 families received one-to-one Family Support	204 young carers and young adult carers supported through Transitions	77 group and activity sessions
338 individual young carers attended	821 recorded Y.C attendances	565+ recorded volunteer hours

WHAT YOUNG CARERS TOLD US

Activities gave me a break from caring		70%
I made new friends		67%
I felt less anxious		49%
I felt more confident		44%

Warwickshire Young Carers
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. 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

To advance, promote, encourage, and assist in the relief or alleviation of all kinds of mental and physical infirmity, sickness and disablement among Carers and those persons for whom they are caring.

To advance education concerning caring among Carers and the public.

VISION

For all carers across Warwickshire to be recognised and valued, ensuring they have access to the necessary services to support their caring roles.

MISSION

To deliver services that enable carers to provide high-quality care while maintaining their own quality of life.

AIMS

- To support carers through information, advice, training, emotional support, and advocacy.
- To empower carers to continue caring as long as they are able and wish to do so.
- To ensure that carers' voices are heard in the development and evaluation of services.
- To reach marginalised groups of carers and ensure their needs are met.
- To raise awareness of the role of carers and their needs.

How our Activities Deliver Public Benefit

Our main activities and those we aim to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on improving the lives of young carers, young adult carers and their families and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for public benefit.

In carrying out these objectives and aims, the Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

Who we support and how we help

During the year we received 400 new referrals and 36 young carers re-engaged with the service after a period away. Children aged 8 to 11 accounted for almost half of new referrals, reinforcing the importance of recognising caring responsibilities and offering support early.

Across the year, 1,535 young carers and young adult carers were active and consented and able to access our universal offer. This included information, newsletters, signposting and invitations to groups, trips, activities, wellbeing provision and other opportunities. Within this wider group, 641 received direct recorded support through a contact, targeted intervention, group, activity or another service.

As of 31 March 2026, 1,474 young carers and young adult carers remained active and consented. Our wider family reach is estimated at 2,047 family members. Support ranged from one-off information and signposting to sustained one-to-one support, whole family support, Transitions, regular groups, respite, Befriending and Engagement training and support.

Warwickshire is often viewed as an affluent county, but this can hide significant differences between communities. The English Indices of Deprivation 2025 identify nine Warwickshire neighbourhoods within the most deprived 10% nationally, including seven in Nuneaton and Bedworth. Financial pressure, transport difficulties and limited access to local opportunities can add to the challenges already faced by young carers and their families.

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VE Day Family Celebration, May 25

Family Support

Whole family support remained a central part of our offer because supporting the young carer alone is rarely enough if the pressures around them remain unchanged. During the year, 129 families received one-to-one Family Support through 336 recorded contacts and follow-ups. This included advocacy, practical advice and coordinated support around education, mental health, financial hardship, housing and wider family needs.

Alongside one-to-one support, we delivered Parent Wellbeing Hubs, coffee mornings and Family Support sessions across the county, as well as delivering complete four-session Handling Anger in the Family programmes in Nuneaton, Bedworth and Warwick. These gave parents a welcoming place to talk honestly, learn practical strategies and meet other people who understood. Reducing isolation and helping parents feel more confident can ease pressure across the household and create more space for a young carer to be a child or young person in their own right.

Families do not always need WYC to provide the answers ourselves. Where another service was better placed to help, we made 88 external referrals and provided 199 signposts. These included Caring Together Warwickshire, the Holiday Activities and Food Programme, foodbanks and other local sources of specialist or practical support.



Parent Wellbeing Hub, January 26

Transitions: Supporting Young Carers into Adulthood

Moving into adulthood can be complicated for any young person. For someone managing caring responsibilities as well, decisions about education, work, money and leaving home can feel much harder. Transitions gives young carers and young adult carers a consistent person who understands that wider picture and can help them make choices without losing sight of their family circumstances or their own ambitions.

During the year, Transitions supported 204 young carers and young adult carers aged 14 to 25 through individual guidance, advocacy and seven activities, workshops, online events and residential opportunities.

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Support focused on education, training, employment, university, confidence and the practical choices that come with moving into adulthood.



Rap and DJing Workshop, April 25

A Young Carer Journey to Bangor

Six young carers attended the Bangor University Residential Taster Event. This 3-day trip gave them an opportunity to experience university life, explore different courses and learn more about the support available to students. It also gave them time away from home to think about their own ambitions and what they might want for the future.

For young carers, considering university can bring additional worries. Alongside the usual questions about courses, finances and living away from home, they may also be concerned about leaving the person they care for. Opportunities like Bangor help make university feel more familiar and achievable, while giving young carers space to ask questions and talk honestly about the practical and emotional challenges involved.

Feedback linked to the young carers' wider participation in our Transitions opportunities showed increased confidence, reduced anxiety and new friendships. Two young carers increased their self-rating from 3 out of 5 to 5 out of 5, showing the difference that supportive and aspirational experiences can make.

"I really enjoyed the trip, I enjoyed getting to meet new people and make new friends and explore different courses knowing that there was lots of support available and different ways courses can be accessed."

- Young carer, Bangor University Residential Taster

The Bangor residential was one part of our wider Transitions support. Seven education outcomes were recorded during the year, including support to change school and move into college. Four young people started university with support from WYC in September 2025, while a further five received confirmed offers for 2026 entry. Staff also helped with bursary applications, equipment funding, work experience and apprenticeship searches.

These outcomes are about more than reaching the next stage of education. They help young carers see that their caring role does not have to limit their ambitions or prevent the future they want for themselves.

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Bangor University Residential, March 26

Activities and Respite

For many young carers, trips and activities are the part of WYC's provision they look forward to most. They get a proper break, spend time with people who understand and, quite simply, have fun. These opportunities are not just days out. They are protected time away from responsibility and a chance to enjoy experiences that a family may not be able to afford, arrange or safely manage without support.

Throughout the year, we delivered 77 group and activity sessions. A total of 338 individual young carers attended, creating 821 attendances.

The programme combined regular groups with a varied range of respite trips, activities and events. Highlights included Twycross Zoo, Go Ape, Warwick Castle, Circus Skills in Stratford, a Rugby Activity Day, bowling and a meal in Leamington, trampolining in Bedworth and countywide cinema trips.



Warwick Castle, Rotary Kids Out, July 25



Circus Skills Workshop, August 25

Activities also create trusted time between young carers and staff. A worry may be shared during a journey, over food or while taking part in something together. That gives us an opportunity to notice when pressure at home is increasing to offer further help before the situation reaches crisis point.

One of the standout moments of the year was the Together at Christmas Carol Service at Westminster Abbey, hosted by HRH The Princess of Wales. Four young carers attended with one of our valued volunteers and the Engagement and Wellbeing Coordinator, following WYC's nomination by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire. It was a very special opportunity and an experience they will remember for a long time.

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Together at Christmas, with The Princess of Wales at Westminster Abbey, December 25

"It was a good opportunity for my child to be with others in similar situations and to feel like she has something special that is just for her."

- Parent feedback, Stratford Activity Day

The value of respite can be simple but deeply important: time to be themselves, without having to think first about the person they care for.

"It's lovely for my daughter to have a break from her brother who has a lot of additional needs and often asks her for support with care or with play and she feels unable to say no to him."

- Parent feedback, Stratford Activity Day

What Young Carers Told Us

- 70% said activities gave them a break from caring.
- 67% said they made new friends.
- 49% said they felt less anxious.
- 44% said they felt more confident.

Christmas support was another important part of the year. Giving Trees provided gifts for 52 young carers, 64 group attendees received selection boxes, and six families received food vouchers. Local venues, Lions groups, supporters and community partners helped make this possible.



Christmas Treats at Groups, December 25

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Befriending: Connection and Confidence

Befriending matters because some young carers need a smaller, more consistent space before they feel ready to join wider groups or activities. Familiar faces and trusted relationships can help reduce isolation, build confidence and make it easier to talk when something is wrong. Eighteen young carers took part during the year, creating 63 attendances across 22 sessions.

Young carers from Nuneaton and Bedworth, Stratford and Warwick took part. The Befriending figures are reported separately and are not included in the group, activity and respite totals above. Young carers also showcased this work at the October 2025 AGM, explaining in their own words what trusted and consistent support meant to them.



Gaming Bus, August 25

Young Carer Voice and Participation

Young carers played a leading role in our Annual General Meeting in October 2025. Three young carers prepared themselves through online and in-person sessions before presenting to an audience of 21 trustees, staff, supporters and invited guests. Their confidence and honesty were central to the event.

The AGM was attended by civic representatives from across Warwickshire and gave young carers a platform to explain their experiences in their own words. In March 2026, groups also marked Young Carers Action Day and its Fair Futures theme through sunflower planting, using hope and growth as a way to talk about positive futures.

Volunteering: People Who Make More Possible

Fourteen volunteers were involved with WYC during the year. Together, volunteers contributed more than 565 recorded hours and supported 62 groups, activities and events. Their time helped us welcome more young carers, respond to individual needs and deliver opportunities safely across the county.

Their contribution reached far beyond trips and groups. Volunteers supported Parent Wellbeing Hubs, leaflet drops, administration and community awareness work, as well as setting up, clearing away and making time for a young carer who needed a quieter conversation. They completed a full programme of induction and safeguarding training so they felt prepared, valued and part of the wider team.

Engagement, Training and Awareness

We worked with 14 schools and 58 other organisations during the year, delivered four targeted Young Carer Awareness Training sessions and attended 14 awareness, networking and community events. This work matters because many young carers do not identify themselves or ask for help. A teacher, youth worker, health professional or community organisation that understands the signs can recognise a young carer sooner and connect them with the right support.

Our engagement included working with school Young Carer Leads, attending the Carers Conference, CAVA Volunteer Support meetings and local networking groups, and sharing specialist advice with grassroots and partner organisations.

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Young Carer Awareness Training, November 25

Partnership and Community Support

Strong local relationships created opportunities and practical support throughout the year. Warwick Rotary selected WYC as one of its charities, Giving Trees were hosted across several districts, Kenilworth Lions provided supermarket vouchers for families, and Make Good Grow selected WYC as the beneficiary of its 2025 fundraiser, raising £2,074. These partnerships helped limited resources go further and showed young carers that their wider community recognised and valued them.



Go Ape with Southam Town Council, July 25

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Challenges and Adjustments

Demand, referral processing, consent renewals and recording all placed pressure on a small team. Improving CharityLog data therefore became an important piece of work in its own right. The year-end review has given us a much clearer picture of who we reached, what people attended and where recording or follow-up can be strengthened.

There were staffing changes during the year, including the departure of the Family Support Worker in June 2025. Roles were adjusted so that experienced members of the team could maintain continuity across activities, engagement and whole family support.

Funding performance was positive, with support from trusts, foundations, community organisations, businesses and individual donors. Even so, much of the funding available to charities is restricted to specified projects. Securing core and unrestricted income remains a priority because it allows WYC to meet the real cost of running a safe, countywide service.

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Service Delivery and Development

The year-end data showed that activity-led sessions and trips generally attracted stronger engagement than some regular groups. Groups still matter. They give young carers continuity, friendships and trusted relationships, while trips and activities offer the change of scene and proper break that many value most.

We used this evidence to review how the two parts of the offer should work together. Young carers and families will continue to shape that balance so that future delivery remains useful, affordable and rooted in what people actually attend and value.



Bowling, November 25

We also streamlined activity booking, strengthened volunteer support, reviewed risk assessments and improved the quality of information held within CharityLog. These practical changes make it easier to plan safely, communicate clearly and understand our impact.

LOOKING FORWARD

In 2026/27 we will focus on:

- Reviewing the balance between regular groups, activities, one-to-one support and online provision, with young carers and families involved in shaping the model.
- Strengthening transitions and post-16 support and seeking sustainable funding for this work.
- Continuing to grow family support, including Parent Wellbeing Hubs and practical advice for families.
- Recruiting, training and retaining volunteers, particularly for school holiday and district-based activities.
- Improving CharityLog and CRM recording, consent follow-up and the quality of evidence used for planning and funder reporting.
- Securing a balanced mix of unrestricted, core and project funding so that delivery costs are fully understood and safely covered.
- Maintaining strong safeguarding, governance and risk management across all services.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of the Financial Position

The statutory accounts show that Warwickshire Young Carers remained financially stable at 31 March 2026. Total income was £195,061 and expenditure was £187,797, leaving a surplus of £7,264 for the year.

- Unrestricted funds: £68,719 (31 March 2025: £67,083)
- Restricted funds: £49,049 (31 March 2025: £43,421)
- Total funds carried forward: £117,768 (31 March 2025: £110,504)

Income comprised £153,458 in grants, £39,644 in donations and £1,959 in investment income. The unrestricted fund increased by £1,636 during the year and restricted funds increased by £5,628.

The balance sheet shows £111,640 held as cash at bank and in hand. Total funds carried forward were £117,768 after taking account of debtors and creditors.

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WHERE OUR INCOME CAME FROM

Grants	■■■■■	£153,458	78.7%
Donations	■	£39,644	20.3%
Investment income	■	£1,959	1.0%

Total income £195,061

Funding and Fundraising

The charity received support from a wide range of national and local funders during the year. Significant grants recorded in the draft statutory accounts included support from Postcode Lottery, The Forte Charitable Foundation (formerly The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation), Severn Trent Water, Swire Charitable Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation and King Henry VIII Endowed Trust. We also received valuable support from many smaller trusts and community funders.

We are particularly grateful to the Rugby Group Benevolent Fund for its generous £10,000 donation. We also received valuable £5,000 grants from WPH Charitable Trust, Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust, DMF Ellis Charitable Trust and The Albert Hunt Trust.

Further support came from Harry Payne Fund, The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust, Owen Highway Trust, Make Good Grow, McDermott Trust, The Elizabeth Way Charitable Trust, Coventry Broadweaver and Clothiers Company, Norton Lindsey Stilton Sniffers, local Rotary and Lions groups, and the many smaller trusts, community organisations and individuals who supported us.



Donation from Atherstone Inner Wheel, July 25

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Investment Policy

The charity receives income through grants, donations and interest. It budgets to expend anticipated income while retaining a prudent amount in reserves. The Trustee Directors do not consider it appropriate to invest income for the longer term. Funds are therefore retained as cash or placed on short-term deposit, balancing security, accessibility and the best available rate. As a result, the charity does not consider it appropriate to adopt an ethical investment policy.

Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees has adopted a prudent Reserves Policy to support the financial stability and sustainability of Warwickshire Young Carers. The policy aims to maintain unrestricted funds sufficient to cover at least three months of operating costs. This would help the charity manage unforeseen financial challenges, including redundancy payments and contractual liabilities, in the event of closure.

At £68,719, unrestricted reserves were above the charity's minimum requirement of three months of operating costs. This represented a little over four months of average annual expenditure. The Board continues to work towards a stronger six-month position and reviews the policy and level of reserves regularly.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

The charity will continue to focus on diversifying income, increasing unrestricted and core funding, monitoring the full cost of each service area and using reserves carefully. Although both unrestricted and restricted funds increased during the year, flexible income remains essential because many grants do not cover the full cost of delivery.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Carers Support Service was incorporated by guarantee on 6 December 2002 at the Registrar of Companies for England and Wales. The name was changed with Companies House to Warwickshire Young Carers on 21 March 2018. It has no share capital and is a registered charity ultimately controlled by its members. The guarantee of each member is limited to £10. The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, and members of the Board of Trustees are the Directors of the Company.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustee Directors

At every Annual General Meeting, one third of the Trustee Directors who are subject to retirement by rotation shall retire from office. During the year, the Trustee Directors may appoint a person to be a Trustee Director. A Trustee Director so appointed may hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting. A Trustee Director who retires at an Annual General Meeting may be reappointed.

The Board comprises Trustee Directors from a range of backgrounds, skills and experience. The charity aims for at least half of Trustee Directors to be current or former carers.

Mr J G D Cain, Mrs S Kundi and Mrs K Wagstaff retire by rotation at the forthcoming AGM and, being eligible for re-election, offer themselves for re-election.

Organisational Structure

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations. They are also Directors of the organisation for the purposes of company law.

Warwickshire Young Carers has a Trustee Director Board that meets regularly throughout the year, including at the AGM, and is responsible for the strategic direction and policies of the organisation. The CEO and relevant advisers attend Board meetings as required and have no voting rights. The CEO works closely with the Board and is responsible for planning and developing services and strategies within the policies and protocols agreed by the Trustee Directors.

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Trustee Director Induction, Training and Development

Prospective Trustee Directors are provided with the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the current published Annual Report and Accounts. They are invited to meet the Chair to discuss the obligations of Trustee Directors, the charity's operational framework and its current financial position, and may attend a Board meeting as an observer.

Trustee Directors are encouraged to take responsibility for activities or working groups that match their skills and interests and to undertake appropriate development opportunities.

Risk Management

The Trustee Directors reviewed the risks to which the organisation was exposed during the year and identified actions to manage and reduce those risks. Areas receiving particular attention included safeguarding during activities, staffing capacity, restricted funding pressures, data quality and the need to protect the charity's specialist role when considering partnership opportunities.

We also reviewed and strengthened our activity procedures during the year, including staff ratios, group briefings, headcounts, venue risk assessments and emergency communication with parents.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 15th September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P C Blay'.

P C Blay - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Warwickshire Young Carers (Registered number: 04610367)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warwickshire Young Carers ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 2 October 2026

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**Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.26 Total funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	89,019	104,083	193,102	191,331
Investment income	3	1,959	-	1,959	2,619
Other income		-	-	-	1
Total		<u>90,978</u>	<u>104,083</u>	<u>195,061</u>	<u>193,951</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activities		<u>89,342</u>	<u>98,455</u>	<u>187,797</u>	<u>168,439</u>
 NET INCOME		1,636	5,628	7,264	25,512
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>67,083</u>	<u>43,421</u>	<u>110,504</u>	<u>84,992</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>68,719</u></u>	<u><u>49,049</u></u>	<u><u>117,768</u></u>	<u><u>110,504</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warwickshire Young Carers (Registered number: 04610367)

**Balance Sheet
31 March 2026**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.26 Total funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	12,793	-	12,793	11,669
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>62,591</u>	<u>49,049</u>	<u>111,640</u>	<u>106,027</u>
		75,384	49,049	124,433	117,696
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(6,665)</u>	-	<u>(6,665)</u>	<u>(7,192)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>68,719</u>	<u>49,049</u>	<u>117,768</u>	<u>110,504</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>68,719</u>	<u>49,049</u>	<u>117,768</u>	<u>110,504</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>68,719</u></u>	<u><u>49,049</u></u>	<u><u>117,768</u></u>	<u><u>110,504</u></u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				68,719	67,083
Restricted funds				<u>49,049</u>	<u>43,421</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>117,768</u></u>	<u><u>110,504</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 September 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



P C Blay - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to specific categories of income:

- i. Voluntary income is received by way of donations and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.
- ii. Interest is included when receivable.
- iii. Incoming resources from grants and contracts which are related to performance and specific deliverables are accounted for as the charity earns the right to the consideration by its performance. Grant income received during the year that relates to a subsequent financial period is carried forward as a creditor in the balance sheet and shown as deferred grant income.
- iv. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Charitable expenditure comprises these 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 required to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examiner's fees and costs relating to the AGM and other meetings of the Trustee Directors.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Certain providers of funds restrict the nature of the expenditure which can be allocated to that restricted fund. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly or are apportioned on the appropriate basis of usage or time spent.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustee Directors in furtherance of the charitable objectives of Warwickshire Young Carers.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors. The purpose and use of the restricted funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustee Directors for specific purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Tangible fixed assets

Asset additions costing less than £1,500 are not capitalised.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activity on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Donations	39,644	27,302
Grants	<u>153,458</u>	<u>164,029</u>
	<u>193,102</u>	<u>191,331</u>

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Garfield Weston Foundation	15,000	15,001
Awards 4 All	-	19,856
Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Fund	-	4,985
Souter Charitable Trust	-	2,000
King Henry VIII Endowed Trust	10,000	10,000
The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	-	4,000
Elizabeth Jackson Charitable Trust	-	2,000
Inclusive Communities	-	13,657
Innovation Fund North Place	-	32,917
Innovation Fund Rugby	-	7,750
Innovation Fund South Place	-	8,000
John Thaw Foundation	-	1,500
Marsh Charitable Trust	-	600
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust	-	2,000
SJP Charitable Foundation	-	2,500
Forte Foundation (formerly Trusthouse Foundation)	24,833	23,306
WCC Councillors' Grant Fund	-	13,957
King Charles III Charitable Trust.	2,500	-
Sabina Sutherland Charitable Trust	1,000	-
The Richard Cadbury Trust	500	-
The Grace Trust	1,000	-
Bedworth Lions Club	180	-
Shakespeare Lions Club	300	-
Roedean Mission Fund	1,372	-
Postcode Lottery	25,000	-
Severn Trent Water	19,823	-
WED Charitable Trust	1,000	-
WPH Charitable Trust	5,000	-
The Rainford Trust	2,000	-
The Albert Hunt Trust	5,000	-
The Archer Trust	1,000	-
Harry Payne Fund HoECF	2,000	-
The Misses Barrie Charitable Trust	3,200	-
Souter Charitable Trust	2,000	-
The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	750	-
Swire	19,000	-
DMF Ellis Charitable Trust	5,000	-
Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust	5,000	-
The Pat Newman Memorial Trust	1,000	-
	<u>153,458</u>	<u>164,029</u>

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,960</u>	<u>2,619</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Office premises	Insurance	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities	<u>22,636</u>	<u>1,181</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>25,556</u>

Most of the support costs can be directly allocated to the relevant projects.

Support costs are those costs that, whilst necessary to deliver an activity, do not themselves produce or constitute the output of the charitable activity.

Providers of restricted funds have specified the nature of the costs which can be charged to that fund and this prevents a full allocation of support costs to certain restricted funds.

Management salaries include administration salaries and are allocated on the basis of time spent. Premises and equipment, insurance, recruitment and training and other overheads are directly allocated. Communications are allocated on usage.

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Independent Examiners' fee	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2026 nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2026 nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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7. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Wages and salaries	130,257	114,119
Social security costs	5,240	5,760
Other pension costs	7,667	6,124
	<u>143,164</u>	<u>126,003</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Total employee benefits (including gross salaries, employers NI and employers pensions) paid to key management personnel in the year was £56,336 (2025 £53,514).

The average weekly number of employees during the year was 6 (2025 - 6)

The charity administers contributions to personal pension schemes for staff. The Charity makes contributions to these schemes. From April 2016 the Charity has selected, for auto enrolment purposes, the Government's NEST Scheme for employees not in a pension scheme.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	61,247	130,084	191,331
Investment income	2,619	-	2,619
Other income	-	1	1
Total	<u>63,866</u>	<u>130,085</u>	<u>193,951</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	<u>54,758</u>	<u>113,681</u>	<u>168,439</u>
NET INCOME	9,108	16,404	25,512
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>57,975</u>	<u>27,017</u>	<u>84,992</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>67,083</u>	<u>43,421</u>	<u>110,504</u>

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026	<u>10,833</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026	<u>10,833</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2026	<u><u>-</u></u>
At 31 March 2025	<u><u>-</u></u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Trade debtors	10,000	10,305
Other debtors	128	172
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,665</u>	<u>1,192</u>
	<u>12,793</u>	<u>11,669</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,063	2,446
Social security and other taxes	3,048	2,652
Other creditors	1,354	894
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	<u>6,665</u>	<u>7,192</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.26 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	67,083	1,636	68,719
Restricted funds			
Family Support	27,782	(5,050)	22,732
Befriending	3,417	(2,256)	1,161
Donations - Ring Fenced	3,154	22,002	25,156
Transitions	3,226	(3,226)	-
Engagement	<u>5,842</u>	<u>(5,842)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>43,421</u>	<u>5,628</u>	<u>49,049</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>110,504</u>	<u>7,264</u>	<u>117,768</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	90,978	(89,342)	1,636
Restricted funds			
Family Support	24,834	(29,884)	(5,050)
Befriending	-	(2,256)	(2,256)
Donations - Ring Fenced	59,749	(37,747)	22,002
Transitions	4,501	(7,727)	(3,226)
Engagement	14,999	(20,841)	(5,842)
	<u>104,083</u>	<u>(98,455)</u>	<u>5,628</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>195,061</u>	<u>(187,797)</u>	<u>7,264</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	57,975	9,108	67,083
Restricted funds			
Family Support	3,385	24,397	27,782
Befriending	4,465	(1,048)	3,417
Donations - Ring Fenced	11,540	(8,386)	3,154
Transitions	7,627	(4,401)	3,226
Engagement	-	5,842	5,842
	<u>27,017</u>	<u>16,404</u>	<u>43,421</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>84,992</u>	<u>25,512</u>	<u>110,504</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,866	(54,758)	9,108
Restricted funds			
Family Support	51,287	(26,890)	24,397
Befriending	24,158	(25,206)	(1,048)
Donations - Ring Fenced	-	(8,386)	(8,386)
Transitions	20,783	(25,184)	(4,401)
Engagement	<u>33,857</u>	<u>(28,015)</u>	<u>5,842</u>
	<u>130,085</u>	<u>(113,681)</u>	<u>16,404</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>193,951</u>	<u>(168,439)</u>	<u>25,512</u>

Restricted funds:

- Family Support To provide Family Support Workers and associated costs.
- Transitions To support Young Carers aged 14 - 25 providing them with information, education and training opportunities, 1:1 meetings to ensure they are healthy, well informed and supported to have positive transitions into adulthood through the development of skills and appropriate information, advice and guidance.
- Donations - Ring Fenced Donations given for specified purposes
- Befriending To provide a break from caring responsibilities, increase Young Carers confidence to recognise their own needs as children and young people, and improve their opportunities to play and socialise w with peers outside of school whilst helping to reduce feelings of isolation.
- Engagement To enable focused engagement work that increases identification of hidden young carers, enhances community understanding, awareness and collaboration, connecting families with the support they need.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2026.