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Charity registration number: 1076541

The PROSPECTS Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 October 2025



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Reference and Administrative Details

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Trustees

Mr P Britcliffe (resigned 02/05/2025)
Mr S Button
Mr N Cort
Mr R Cunliffe
Mr D Daly
Mrs G L Hargreaves (appointed 30/07/2025)
Mr S Hemingway
Ms C Holmes
Mr M Hopley
Mr J Scales
Mr P Vincent-Barwood
Mrs M Worden
Mr P Worswick

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Appointment and election of Trustees

As per our Articles of Association, the Committee shall consist of:

- (a) one representatives from each of the Approved PROSPECTS Panels, an Approved PROSPECTS Panel being a PROSPECTS Panel that has been approved by the Management Committee
- (b) one representative of Hyndburn Borough Council
- (c) one representative of Lancashire County Council
- (d) up to six members of the PROSPECTS Foundation, elected at the AGM
- (e) up to six co-options appointed by the Management Committee in accordance with Clause 42.

Induction and training of Trustees

The Management Committee is responsible for the governance and overall strategic direction of the Foundation. Therefore, trustees need to be aware and capable of meeting those responsibilities for the benefit of all involved with the Foundation and associated groups and organisations. The responsibility of ensuring that trustees are given an appropriate induction lies with the current Chairperson. Once trustees are appointed, they are given a Trustees Induction Pack which includes information on:

- Background information about The PROSPECTS Foundation including the governing document
- Latest Annual Report and Financial Statements
- Organisational Chart and Trustee Code of Conduct
- Charity Commission Guidance CC3 'The Essential Trustee' including legal 'Responsibilities of Charity Trustees'.

Appropriate training is arranged for Trustees, following consultation on their training needs.

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Organisational Structure

In general, the trustees have overall responsibility for the governance and strategic direction of the Foundation. The day-to-day operational business of the Foundation is delegated to the Charity Manager.

The PROSPECTS Panels

Each of the PROSPECTS Panels has one representative appointed to the PROSPECTS Foundation Management Committee.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finance of the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to major risks.

The Charity has the following insurance cover in place:

- Employers Liability, £10 million
- Public Liability, £5 million
- Products Liability, £5 million
- Trustee Liability, £1,000,000
- Personal Accident Cover for Staff, Trustees & Volunteers £10,000
- Property Damage
- Contents Cover
- Legal Expenses £250,000

PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

Our Vision

An environmentally sustainable, biodiverse, low carbon Hyndburn where people work together to protect the environment for current and future generations.

Our Mission

To inspire and support people from all communities to protect the environment.

Our Four Prospects Development Goals

PEOPLE - More people are engaged in community-led solutions which protect the environment for current and future generations

PLACE - More natural habitats are valued and cared for and benefiting everyone's health and wellbeing.

PLANET - More people are climate aware and use all natural resources wisely.

PROSPECTS - Improved access to inspiration, support and funds for community-led solutions from a well resourced and governed enabling charity, the PROSPECTS Foundation.

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OUR CHARITY'S OBJECTS

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that we have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The objects of the Foundation, as set out in our Articles of Association (May 2016), are as follows:

A) The Advancement of Environmental Protection or Improvement, including:

- a1) the conservation of flora, fauna and the natural environment in Hyndburn generally;
- a2) the education of the public around local and global sustainable development and biodiversity; and
- a3) the promotion of recycling and sustainable waste management.

B) The Advancement of Citizenship and Community Development, including:

- b1) the promotion of volunteering to improve the skills, qualities and life prospects for residents of Hyndburn;
- b2) the promotion of community capacity building in pursuance of environmental and sustainable development purposes; and
- b3) the promotion of urban and rural regeneration in Hyndburn, in relation to sustainable development for current and future generations.

OUR CHARITY'S ACTIVITIES BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2024 AND OCTOBER 2025

In order to achieve the charitable objects set out above, the Foundation carried out the following programmes of work whilst also spending time looking for funding to continue projects beyond the end of the financial year.

a. Windfall Community Benefit Fund

EnergieKontor UK Ltd. has created the 'Windfall Fund' for the 25-year life of the wind farm on Oswaldtwistle Moor in Hyndburn. The PROSPECTS Foundation receives £105,000 per year (index-linked from February 2010) to employ a Community Project Manager and provide a capital fund to support volunteer groups in Hyndburn in developing projects in line with our six Sustainability themes.

During the year we received income of £190,993 for the Windfall Fund. Total expenditure during the year amounted to £118,627 and consisted of the grants paid out plus the running costs of the Fund.

There are four funding deadlines per year for Small and Large grants, Mini grants can be applied for at any time. The amount available for Mini grants has remained at £1,000 per project, Small grants are up to £5,000 per project and Large grants are above £5,000.

Over the financial year a total of 36 grants were paid out, including 25 mini grants totalling £19,662, 4 Small grants totalling £12,984 and 7 Large grants totalling £118,859. Included in these totals are the grants paid to The PROSPECTS Foundation totalling £87,109 towards the following projects – Brookside Restoration, Eco-Fest 2025, Hyndburn's Nature Reserves and Community TreeAction. Overall, £151,505 was paid out in grants during the year.

b. Outdoor Learning

We secured funding for this three year programme from the Ernest Cook Trust. The programme was aimed at helping people connect with the outdoors and learn about environmental management through activities and workshops, with a specific focus on ways to mitigate climate change.

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This included working with a number of schools and community groups and carried out activities including food growing at Millerfold allotment, constructing model wind turbines with school children, wreath making, forest school activities and leading guided walks. The project came to an end in July 2025.

The income was carried forward from the previous financial year and the expenditure during the year totalled £20,548.

c. Community TreeAction

We secured the funding for this project from Hyndburn Borough Council's Climate Emergency budget. This has been extended to a four year project which started in July 2023 with the aim of planting at least 15,000 trees (contributing towards the tree for every resident target) by the end of June 2027. Most of the trees will be planted on Hyndburn Borough Council land.

Income of £8,429 was received from Trees for Cities, £20,000 from Hyndburn Borough Council, £2,060 from Equans Regeneration Ltd, £6,678 from a Crowd Funding campaign through Aviva and £1,560 from management fees. Expenditure for the year totalled £53,415.

d. Hyndburn Woodlands

This project is responsible for the management of 10 Lancashire County Council owned woodlands within the Hyndburn Borough, with a particular emphasis on Whinney Hill woodland, plus other woodland related work across Hyndburn. This project started in July 2023 and will run for three years until the end of June 2026. We have secured funding for this work from Lancashire County Council and Hyndburn Borough Council (Section 106 monies).

The income was carried forward from the previous financial year and the expenditure for the year totalled £27,904.

e. Brookside Restoration Initiative

We have been working on a new project aiming to transform the old Brookside industrial site in Stanhill village in Oswaldtwistle into a haven of biodiversity, habitat recovery, carbon capture and climate action. The first 18 month development phase, funded by The National Lottery Climate Action Fund was a partnership between PROSPECTS, Hyndburn Borough Council, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Ribble Rivers Trust, Stanhill Village Community Association and Proffitts, Investing in Communities, CIC and came to an end in September 2025. During that time we worked with volunteers and community groups on habitat and access improvements and gathered the views of the local community to inform the production of a masterplan which will steer all future improvements.

We received 'transition' funding from Hyndburn Borough Council and the Windfall Fund to continue the project to June 2026 whilst we look for longer term funding.

Income received during the year was £41,561 from The National Lottery and £465 from donations/interest payments. Expenditure totalled £108,068.

f. Hyndburn Nature Reserves

The Hyndburn Nature Reserves project developed out of the completed Peel Park Pollinator project and started in November 2024. The project aims to improve the biodiversity and accessibility to three local nature reserves in Hyndburn. The Project Officer carries out conservation management, citizen science surveys and supports community activities. All work will be undertaken with the support of local volunteers. There is sufficient funding for the project to run until the end of April 2027.

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Income received during the year for this project totalled £12,069 including £9,000 from Hyndburn Borough Council and £3069 from donations. Expenditure was £44,082.

g. Low Carbon Community Buildings

This was a year long project, funded by Electricity North West's 'Powering Our Communities' Fund and the Windfall Fund until May 2025, to help community buildings in Hyndburn lower their carbon footprint and take action against climate change. By improving the energy efficiency of their buildings, community organisations were able to reduce their energy costs, helping them to become more financially viable, meaning they could continue to provide valuable services and support local people. As a result their buildings were also warmer, providing a more welcoming space for users. Community groups were supported in obtaining an energy audit of their buildings and applying for funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy measures.

The income was carried forward from the previous year and the expenditure for the year was £13,238.

h. Great Harwood Memorial Park

We worked in partnership to deliver woodland improvements at Memorial Park in Great Harwood as part of a larger Hyndburn Borough Council project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. We carried out work in Round Wood including the removal of invasive rhododendron. We also designed a nature trail around the Park and worked with a local school on the design of a forest school area.

The income was carried forward from the previous financial year and the expenditure on the project during the year was £3,177.

i. Eco Fest 2025

We held our fourth very successful Eco Fest on Broadway in Accrington in June 2025. It enabled us to promote PROSPECTS to a wide audience and on the day we made over 250 decorated wood cookies and gave away more than 250 goody bags. Hundreds of people visited our stall and many enquired about volunteering with us people and signed up to our mailing list. We hosted over 20 stalls from other environmental organisations and charities and promoted all things eco via talks, demonstrations, performances and hands-on activities.

We received funding for the event, totalling £10,036, from Hyndburn Borough Council, the Windfall Fund, the Duchy of Lancaster and donations. The total expenditure on the festival was £13,779.

j. Woody (Hyndburn) CIC

During the year the Prospects' staff continued to provide some limited support to Woody (Hyndburn) CIC (registered company number 07984087), one of our linked social enterprises. Woody (Hyndburn) CIC was set up by The PROSPECTS Foundation twelve years ago and is legally and financially a separate organisation. It is completely volunteer led and almost all of its income is generated from woodland management contract work and wood/timber sales. The asset lock for Woody (Hyndburn) CIC is The PROSPECTS Foundation, which means that assets, (including any profits) must be retained within the CIC to be used for the community purposes for which it was formed, or can be transferred and used to benefit the work of the PROSPECTS Foundation.

k. Prospects Community Energy

We also provided some support to Prospects Community Energy Ltd (PCE), a community benefit society, set up to take forward the feasibility study and future development of a solar meadow at our site at Coach Road in Oswaldtwistle. PCE, funded by the Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) and more recently the Community Energy Fund (CEF) and Hyndburn Borough Council, has been working with Sharenergy to move this development forward.

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l. Tinker Brook Tree Nursery

The Tinker Brook site has been leased by the charity from Hyndburn Borough Council since 1998. In 2007 the charity entered into a new lease with the Council for the site that will expire in August 2031. The site is currently used on a day to day basis to facilitate horticultural training and day care services for people with learning difficulties. This service is provided by Tinker Brook Support Services CIC, registered company number 11839753.

m. Coach Road Meadows

The land at Coach Road Meadow was purchased by the PROSPECTS Foundation in March 2005. During the last few years Prospects Community Energy Ltd has been taking forward plans to develop a solar meadow on the site (see above). Planning permission for the solar installation was granted in 2024 and PROSPECTS expects will have to formally lease the site to PCE Ltd (or other suitable development organisation) to enable the development, which will result in securing a small annual income. Charity Commission advice has been sought in relation to the granting of the lease.

n. Charity Development work

A continual and essential part of our work involves securing external funding in order to continue our charity work. During the year we were successful with new funding applications to the Windfall Fund, Hyndburn Borough Council and Duchy of Lancaster. In addition, we were able to generate donations for a community tree nursery through the use of a Crowd Funder online platform.

Other Charity Development work has included organising and facilitating Management Committee and Finance Group meetings. The AGM was held at Stanhill Methodist Church in Oswaldtwistle where we looked at the habitat and access work undertaken at Brookside. The work has also included liaising with our Treasurer and staff to monitor project budgets and funder monitoring requirements and the line management of staff.

The process of changing the formal structure of The PROSPECTS Foundation from a registered charity and company limited by guarantee to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is still on hold. The advantages however of the new structure would include the fact that accounts will only have to be filed with the Charity Commission and not with Companies House as well; there will be no dual regulation; Trustees will still benefit from limited liability; and the structure is specifically designed for charities.

We also completed the process of writing a new 5 year Development Plan to 2030, which will guide our charitable activities and be widely promoted and used to support future funding bids.

During the year the Charity Manager post was funded by management fees. Expenditure during the year was £44,755.

The charity has gone from strength to strength in the last couple of years and during the majority of the 2024/2025 year we had 8 staff, the most in the charity's history.

o. The PROSPECTS Panels

The PROSPECTS Panels are separate entities and their finances do not therefore show in our accounts. They are an important part of the PROSPECTS movement, and deliver a range of volunteer projects in their neighbourhoods that are important to local people. There is a relationship of mutuality between the Foundation and the Panels. The Foundation provides centralised services to support the work of the Panels, and the Panels frequently provide volunteer skilled labour to work on projects other than their own. Panels select a representative to serve on the Foundation's management committee. Four of the eight Panels are currently active: Baxenden Community Forum, Clayton-le-Moors with Altham Prospects Panel, Huncoat Community Forum and Rishton Prospects Panel. During the year Prospects staff supported the panels with a number of projects.

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p. Volunteer contributions to the PROSPECTS Foundation

The Foundation exists to enable community effort and the trustees are happy to acknowledge the contribution that our volunteers make in terms of giving their own valuable time, support, advice and help and we fully recognise that this support is vital in enabling the Foundation to achieve its charitable objects. It is this enormous volunteer effort that defines PROSPECTS as a whole and which ensures that the work achieved is far, far greater than that represented by the Foundation's formal accounts. It is the backbone of everything we do.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached statements show the current state of the finances.

Total incoming resources decreased from £486,601 to £358,338, a decrease of £128,263 from the previous year. The total resources expended increased from £444,547 to £459,860, an increase of £15,403 from the previous year. The net reduction in resources for the year was £101,522

Restricted income for specific activities totalled £317,942 and total restricted expenditure was £432,236. The overall balance on restricted funds was £253,535 at the 31st October 2025.

The size of the balance is due to grants paid in advance of expenditure being incurred. The balance will be carried forward and spent on specific schemes.

Policy on reserves

The Trustees have adopted a policy regarding reserves which ensures we are able to meet all our current and future liabilities and is reviewed annually and approved by the Management Committee. As we are so dependent on grants it is considered that the level of reserves needs to be adequate to maintain core activities and that the equivalent of three months of total expenditure is appropriate (being approximately £114,965). During the year the unrestricted reserves increased from £139,384 to £140,410. The Reserves include £15,000 tied up in fixed assets. Hence, the free reserves amount to £125,410.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The key tasks that have been identified for the forthcoming year are as follows:

Strategic

- Review and set Aims and Objectives annually (ensuring 'Community' features as much as 'Environment' and that all our themes are well represented)
- Promote the Development Plan, especially in the light of the upcoming Local Government Reorganisation
- Ensure wide consultation with the broader local community to help influence current and future programmes, projects and activities
- Keep under review the make-up of the Management Committee in terms of community representation and relevant skills
- Reconsider the conversion of our status from a Charity into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- Ensure climate change is at the core of our decisions and activities
- Maintain and develop good relations with partner organisations to further the aims of the charity and to ensure climate change is on the wider agenda throughout Hyndburn
- Work closely with PROSPECTS Community Energy to assist with the development of the solar meadow at Coach Road
- Work closely with Hyndburn Borough Council and trustees over the plans for Local Government Reorganisation and the impact on the Foundation

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- Work closely to nurture mutual support with Woody (Hyndburn) CIC, enhancing the wellbeing of Hyndburn's woodlands, locking in the value of community effort and the best use of financial resources, and developing a small local woodland economy

Projects & Programmes

- Review existing projects and amend / enhance / improve as necessary
- Secure continuation funding for existing projects and source funding for new project activities
- Continued annual review of the delivery of grants to the community through the Windfall Community Fund and carry out a formal, independent consultant-led evaluation of the Fund

Charity Management

- Update and review policies in the Staff Handbook as and when necessary, prioritising Safeguarding, Volunteering, Health & Safety and Equality & Diversity, buying in external help where required
- Assess the need for more formal HR support to strengthen our governance and management policies and procedures
- Ensure regular monitoring and evaluation of all our work
- Improve facilities at our Environment Centre and at our training centre/ tool-store in Oakhill Park
- Review the suitability of our current premises for the needs of the charity's activities
- Put together a training programme for trustees and staff including Carbon Literacy training and development of awareness of common purpose

Further work planned for 2025/26 includes:

- Generate new project ideas with climate change at the heart of what we do, and particularly in response to the Action Plan associated with the new Development Plan
- Work closely with Hyndburn Borough Council and other partners to develop projects across the borough including in relation to Local Government Reorganisation
- Increase PROSPECTS Foundation membership
- Continue closer working with and development of the PROSPECTS Panels
- Take on and further develop a new allotment site at Growing Wild in Baxenden
- Secure funding to continue existing projects and for new programmes of work
- Secure long term future funding for the Brookside Restoration Initiative, in partnership with other organisations
- Improve and update our social media platforms including our website, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter accounts and hold social media training for staff, trustees and Panel members
- Look at doing things differently in relation to Eco-Fest - including holding more locally based roadshows in the townships around the borough, attending other events and showcasing our work more widely across the whole of Hyndburn

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Our Six Themes of Sustainability:

These are set by the Management Committee and provide the framework within which the Charity develops its project work:

1. Helping Nature

Creating and maintaining green spaces that support a wide range of native plant and animal species and provide essential resources like food, shelter and connectivity for wildlife and habitats.

2. Reducing Waste

Using fewer resources and generating less rubbish by making thoughtful choices like reusing and repairing items, recycling and buying only what you need

3. Travelling Green

Encouraging travel practices that minimise harm to the environment and local communities

4. Local Food Growing and Buying

Growing fruit, vegetables and herbs at home or in community gardens, which can lead to healthier eating and cost savings

5. Saving Energy and Reducing Carbon Emissions

Using less power by being efficient and mindful in how we use electricity and other energy sources, which helps to reduce costs and where possible using solar and wind power to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels


6. Understanding the Planet

Increasing awareness and knowledge of the natural world and realising how human actions affect the health and future of the planet and what we can do about it as individuals, households and organisations

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 25 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr P Vincent-Barwood
Vice Chair of Trustees

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Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The PROSPECTS Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 25 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr P Vincent-Barwood
Vice Chair of Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The PROSPECTS Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2025.

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

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 PROSPECTS Foundation 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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25 March 2026

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 October 2025
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations	3	1,070	-	1,070	325	-	325
Charitable activities	4	-	287,555	287,555	-	432,061	432,061
Investment income		9,224	3,860	13,084	8,955	3,102	12,057
Other income	5	30,102	26,527	56,629	24,034	18,124	42,158
Total income		40,396	317,942	358,338	33,314	453,287	486,601
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	(27,624)	(432,236)	(459,860)	(29,835)	(414,712)	(444,547)
Total expenditure		(27,624)	(432,236)	(459,860)	(29,835)	(414,712)	(444,547)
Net income/(expenditure)		12,772	(114,294)	(101,522)	3,479	38,575	42,054
Transfer between funds		(11,746)	11,746	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Net movement in funds		1,026	(102,548)	(101,522)	4,479	37,575	42,054
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		139,384	356,083	495,467	134,905	318,508	453,413
Total funds carried forward	18	140,410	253,535	393,945	139,384	356,083	495,467

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 18.

The notes on pages 15 to 23 form an integral part of these financial statements.
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(Registration number: 03686719)
Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	15,000	15,000
Current assets			
Debtors	13	-	9,762
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>401,255</u>	<u>677,721</u>
		401,255	687,483
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(22,310)</u>	<u>(207,016)</u>
Net current assets		<u>378,945</u>	<u>480,467</u>
Net assets		<u>393,945</u>	<u>495,467</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		253,535	356,083
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>140,410</u>	<u>139,384</u>
Total funds	18	<u>393,945</u>	<u>495,467</u>

For the financial year ending 31 October 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 13 to 23 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 25 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr P Vincent-Barwood
Vice Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 15 to 23 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 25 March 2026.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

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

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities

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.

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Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including independent examination, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Freehold land	not provided
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Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income 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.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Regular giving and capital donations	1,070	1,070	325
	<u>1,070</u>	<u>1,070</u>	<u>325</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Tinker Brook S.S CIC	7,250	7,250	6,725
Grants receivable	280,305	280,305	425,336
	<u>287,555</u>	<u>287,555</u>	<u>432,061</u>
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:			
Energiekontor	187,255	187,255	182,341
Local Authority Grants	36,000	36,000	81,394
Heritage Lottery Fund	-	-	9,510
Lancashire Wildlife Trust	-	-	17,421
Onward Homes	-	-	2,500
Ernest Cook Trust	-	-	8,430
Hyndburn Leisure	-	-	1,000
Natural England	-	-	4,999
Trees for Cities	8,429	8,429	7,273
Electricity NorthWest	-	-	14,054
The National Lottery Climate Action Fund	41,561	41,561	96,414
Duchy of Lancaster	2,000	2,000	-
1st Choice Ltd	3,000	3,000	-
Equans Regeneration Ltd	2,060	2,060	-
	<u>280,305</u>	<u>280,305</u>	<u>425,336</u>

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5 Other income

	Unrestricted		Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	General £	Restricted £		
Fees and charges	-	19,394	19,394	17,344
Other	30,102	7,133	37,235	24,814
	<u>30,102</u>	<u>26,527</u>	<u>56,629</u>	<u>42,158</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted		Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
		General £	Restricted £		
Grants payable		-	64,396	64,396	81,038
Governance costs	7	205	1,995	2,200	2,150
Staff costs	9	24,484	189,306	213,790	215,124
Charitable activity		2,935	127,050	129,985	98,463
Allocated support costs		-	49,489	49,489	47,772
		<u>27,624</u>	<u>432,236</u>	<u>459,860</u>	<u>444,547</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows;

General Grants (under £5,000)	-	31,646	31,646	39,440
Active Lancashire	-	-	-	10,750
Oswaldtwistle and Church Conservative Club	-	-	-	10,900
Rishton Methodist Church	-	-	-	19,948
Adventure Hyndburn	-	5,000	5,000	-
Willow Top Hedgehog Rescue	-	5,000	5,000	-
Prospects Community Energy Ltd	-	10,000	10,000	-
Ernest St Baptist Chapel	-	12,750	12,750	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>64,396</u>	<u>64,396</u>	<u>81,038</u>

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7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner fees				
Examination of the financial statements	205	1,995	2,200	2,150
	205	1,995	2,200	2,150

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	188,373	192,246
Social security costs	20,048	17,430
Pension costs	5,369	5,448
	213,790	215,124

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Charitable activities	7	8

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Examination of the financial statements	2,200	2,150

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11 Taxation

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

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 November 2024	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
At 31 October 2025	15,000	15,000
Depreciation		
At 31 October 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Carrying amount		
At 31 October 2025	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
At 31 October 2024	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>

13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	5,281
Other debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>4,481</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,762</u>

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	22,310	19,760
Deferred income	-	187,256
	22,310	207,016
	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income at 1 November 2024	187,256	-
Resources deferred in the period	-	187,256
Amounts released from previous periods	(187,256)	-
Deferred income at 31 October 2025	-	187,256

15 Leasing agreements

The total value of future minimum lease payments was as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	7,500	7,500
In two to five years	18,125	25,625
	25,625	33,125

16 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £5,369 (2024 - £5,448).

17 Related party transactions

Some of the trustees for the Charity also make up the board for Prospects Community Energy Limited, a registered society. During the year the Charity made a grant payment to Prospects Community Energy Limited amounting to £10,000, this was to help fund the cost of work on the project.

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18 Funds

	Balance at 1 November 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 October 2025 £
Unrestricted					
General Fund	139,384	40,396	(27,624)	(11,746)	140,410
Restricted					
Other Projects	57,747	16,286	(25,343)	1,603	50,293
Windfall	120,123	190,993	(118,627)	(87,109)	105,380
Charity Manager	-	17,834	(17,834)	-	-
LNR Coppice Project	-	12,069	(44,082)	52,318	20,305
Outdoor Learning Project	20,548	-	(20,548)	-	-
Community Tree Action	31,877	38,727	(53,415)	17,231	34,420
Hyndburn Woodlands	44,746	7	(27,904)	3,786	20,635
Brookside Development Officer	63,544	41,772	(104,770)	(546)	-
Brookside Development Project Ph2	-	254	(3,298)	25,546	22,502
Low Carbon Community Building Officer	13,535	-	(13,238)	(297)	-
Gt. Harwood Memorial Woodland	3,963	-	(3,177)	(786)	-
	<u>356,083</u>	<u>317,942</u>	<u>(432,236)</u>	<u>11,746</u>	<u>253,535</u>
Total funds	<u>495,467</u>	<u>358,338</u>	<u>(459,860)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>393,945</u>

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	Balance at 1 November 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 October 2024 £
Unrestricted					
General Fund	134,905	33,314	(29,835)	1,000	139,384
Restricted					
Other Projects	64,925	14,838	(23,016)	1,000	57,747
Windfall	109,813	185,335	(132,990)	(42,035)	120,123
Charity Manager	-	18,798	(18,798)	-	-
Habitats & Heritage	1,363	9,510	(3,083)	(7,790)	-
Outdoor Learning Project	44,439	10,930	(34,821)	-	20,548
Peel Park Pollinators	19,720	19,406	(39,126)	-	-
Community Tree Action	31,931	38,833	(46,677)	7,790	31,877
Hyndburn Woodlands	46,317	22,291	(23,862)	-	44,746
Brookside Development Project	-	96,556	(58,047)	25,035	63,544
Low Carbon Community Building Project	-	14,054	(15,519)	15,000	13,535
Gt. Harwood Memorial Woodland	-	22,736	(18,773)	-	3,963
	<u>318,508</u>	<u>453,287</u>	<u>(414,712)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>356,083</u>
Total funds	<u>453,413</u>	<u>486,601</u>	<u>(444,547)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>495,467</u>

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		Total funds at 2025 £
	General £	Restricted £	
Tangible fixed assets	15,000	-	15,000
Current assets	147,720	253,535	401,255
Current liabilities	(22,310)	-	(22,310)
Total net assets	<u>140,410</u>	<u>253,535</u>	<u>393,945</u>
	Unrestricted		Total funds at 2024 £
	General £	Restricted £	
Tangible fixed assets	15,000	-	15,000
Current assets	144,144	543,339	687,483
Current liabilities	(19,760)	(187,256)	(207,016)
Total net assets	<u>139,384</u>	<u>356,083</u>	<u>495,467</u>

