

**DONNINGTON DOORSTEP**



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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (EXAMINED BUT UNAUDITED)  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 MARCH 2025**

Charity No: 1144821

Company Registration No: 07720385

## **UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Registered charity name	DONNINGTON DOORSTEP
Charity number	1144821
Company registration number	07720385
Principal & registered office address	Donnington Doorstep Family Centre Townsend Square Oxford OX4 4BB
Trustees	Evin ABRISHAMI Brad BAINES Rosie RAWLE Masako SPARROWHAWK  Louise PACKER (appointed May 2024, resigned February 2025) Richard TARVER (resigned March 2025) John Stuart TANNER (resigned March 2025) Katy BENTLEY (appointed July 2024, resigned April 2025) Lucy PEGG (resigned April 2024) Pat KENNEDY (resigned September 2024)
Independent examiner	Sheila Parry FCCA SPX Oxford Ltd Peace House 19 Paradise Street Oxford OX1 1LD
Bankers	CAF Bank COIF

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

### **YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law (referred to as trustees throughout), present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company (referred to as the Charity throughout) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIR**

For more than forty years, Donnington Doorstep has been a cornerstone of the East Oxford community, providing support, encouragement, and opportunities for children, young people, and their families. Founded by local parents in 1984, our mission has always been to ensure that families are safe, happy and thriving as part of a strong and connected community.

The past year has been marked by both celebration and transition. Our 40th Anniversary offered an important moment to reflect on the enduring impact of Doorstep. Events at Donnington Community Centre and St Peter's College brought together families, staff, volunteers, supporters, and funders to celebrate four decades of service and to look forward to the future. These gatherings reminded us that our work is sustained not only by dedicated staff and volunteers, but by a deep sense of ownership within the community itself.

In late 2024, we said farewell to our Director, Audrey Irons, and acknowledge with thanks her significant contribution to the work of Doorstep. We were fortunate to have Natalie Allen and Naomi Dulson step forward into Co-Director roles, ensuring stability and continuity for the organisation. Under their leadership, Doorstep continued to deliver its core services, from our Family Drop-In and After School Club to our Youth Work and Outreach, while also investing in improvements to our facilities. These enhancements, supported by generous donations and volunteers, have made our spaces more welcoming, more functional, and better suited to the needs of those we serve.

On behalf of the Trustees, I wish to extend sincere thanks to our staff, volunteers, partners, and funders. Your commitment and generosity make our work possible. Above all, we thank the families and young people who place their trust in Doorstep. Together, we will continue to build on our legacy and ensure that Donnington Doorstep remains a vital part of the community for many years to come.

Rosie Rawle

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

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of general information on page 2 of the financial statements.

#### **THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees who served the charity during the year are shown on page 2.

#### **OBJECTIVES, OVERVIEW AND PUBLIC BENEFIT**

Donnington Doorstep is an independent, community-based family centre delivering a range of universal and specialist services. We were established in 1984 by local parents who knew that caring for children can be hard. We're a supportive, nurturing and inclusive centre for children, young people and their families as well

as a hub for local community activity. From our purpose-built centre in East Oxford our activities focus on play, learning, support, and youth and community development.

**Our Vision:** Children, young people and families are safe, happy and thriving as part of their local community

**Our Mission:** Donnington Doorstep provides holistic support that is co-created with children, young people and families through building relationships, creating safe spaces and opportunities for development & growth.

**Our aims:**

- Increased happiness and emotional wellbeing for local children, young people and their families
- Improved mental and physical health for local children, young people and their families
- Improved life chances for socially excluded children and young people to enable them to realise their full potential
- A stronger, safer and more integrated community in Donnington and the surrounding areas.

In 2012 we became a registered charitable company. Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are:

- To provide facilities and support for families living in the city of Oxford and its surrounding areas ('the area of benefit') to help relieve need, hardship and distress including the hardship and distress caused by the breakup of relationships and families
- To provide educational opportunities for children and young people living in the area of benefit and their families and carers
- To provide facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for children, young people and their families living in the area of benefit with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

We create a culture of respect and acceptance so that children, young people and adults feel physically and emotionally safe. There is a warm welcome for anyone who walks through the door and everyone is treated with respect and without judgement.

**Our values:**

- **Welcoming:** Everyone is welcome at Donnington Doorstep. We provide a consistent, safe, supportive space for people to connect with one another to build relationships, to learn, and to grow.
- **Relational:** We build compassionate relationships, we listen, we care and we work collaboratively with people, communities and partners.
- **Empowering:** Providing opportunities for people to develop confidence and autonomy as individuals and communities.
- **Adaptable:** We listen, we hear and we respond to individuals and our community, providing creative, flexible and innovative support.
- **Inclusive:** We take action to remove barriers to participation in our services, we treat people fairly and respectfully, we celebrate difference and strive towards ensuring equity for all.

**Our Play Ethos** informs our work:

- Focus on fun and play
- Be warm, friendly and welcoming
- Be child-centred so flexible and responsive to the needs of children and young people

- Encourage free choice, independence and risk taking within safe limits
- Know when to stand back and let children lead their own play
- Take a holistic approach working with the values/culture/family setup of individual children, young people and families
- Value and respect everyone and encourage children and young people to welcome, value and respect others
- Support children and young people to stretch themselves and experience life to the full
- Foster individuality and so strengthen independence and self-esteem
- Dedicate time to talk and listen
- Be free to all to enable children from all backgrounds to participate equally
- Offer outdoors activities as well as indoor, whatever the weather
- Value and respect the environment - treading lightly
- Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

Our **youth work ethos** ensures that we offer young people safe spaces to explore their identity, experience decision-making, increase their confidence, develop inter-personal skills and think through the consequences of their actions. Engagement in the youth work process is voluntary. We believe in the 4 R's –

- Resilience - children will persist with their activities and ideas when challenge occurs
- Resourcefulness - children are capable of solving their own problems using their own resources, they may seek help from peers and adults
- Responsibility - children can identify the consequences of their actions and recognise their feelings and the feelings of others
- Relating - children will treat each other with respect and kindness and adults will model respect and kindness with children

### **Who uses and benefits from our services?**

Doorstep is used by families, children and young people from all over Oxford and beyond. The local community includes families in emergency, temporary and hostel accommodation as well as a large number of families who are refugees, seeking asylum, living below the poverty line, working poor, or lone carers. Doorstep's immediate community includes the three most deprived neighbourhood areas for the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index in Oxford, Littlemore, Blackbird Leys and Rose Hill & Iffley, where 39%, 38%, and 34% of children are living below the poverty line, respectively. Our organisation has grown and developed to meet the needs of the community for 41 years. Our work is place-based, people-centred, relational and co-creative and naturally includes a strong service user lead.

Doorstep provides a mixture of open access and targeted services bringing together families from a wide range of backgrounds – ethnic, social, economic and cultural - to pool support and resources and maximise social capital for the benefit of all. This model has been successful for 41 years. The approach to open access services has a strong sense of ownership amongst the community and generations of families who have accessed services. Specialist and targeted services support the most vulnerable and isolated people in our community in a profound way, complementing statutory services with a long-term holistic approach. Services for families affected by child exploitation are positioned strategically across the county.

Positive changes for the community, families and young people we work with are individualised and strength based and can include: reduced isolation; positive parenting and happier, healthier independent families;

increased access to health and specialist support services for disengaged families; a stronger community; children's health and wellbeing improved; reduction in online risk; improved awareness of protective behaviours and healthy and consensual relationships; increased school attendance, attainment and reduced risk of permanent exclusion; children remaining in care of parents. The atmosphere and warm welcome is created by a strong staff team, clear safeguarding procedures and a person-centred approach.

## **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE, FUNDING, AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Doorstep Team are responsible for the following services: Family Drop-In and Early Years, Family Support and Outreach, After School Club and Youth Work.

### **Donnington Doorstep 2024-25**

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The director, Audrey Irons, left the organisation in November 2024 and Natalie Allen (Service Manager) and Naomi Dulson (Finance Manager) stepped up as Co-Directors. The centre continues to deliver sessions for families and young people, thanks to the significant effort, passion and dedication of the staff team.

#### Celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during summer 2024. We held two major events on 8<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June.

The event on 8<sup>th</sup> June was open to the public at Donnington Community Centre, situated on the opposite side to Doorstep. We had music performed by Sweet Zombie Horse, a display from the local dance club and participation by Donnington's 50+ Group. There were many activities in the car park area, including Face Painting, Guess the Name of Teddy and Tin Can Alley. It was well attended, both by our regulars and the local community.

The celebration on 21<sup>st</sup> June took place at the St Peter's Collage Oxford. This was thanks to our president Professor Danny Doling who offered us the venue and catering. It was attended by our funders, the original coordinators who started the family centre 40 years ago, Doorstep staff and children who represented the Youth Service. It was a great opportunity to celebrate what Doorstep has achieved in the past 40 years.

We hope to continue providing the services for many years to come.

#### Overcoming Challenges

We continue to face funding challenges. While we have been successful in gaining a 3-year grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, this unfortunately does not give us the certainty and stability that we would like to go forwards. We continue to dedicate our time to seeking new funding opportunities, both for ourselves and in partnership with others.

#### Looking Ahead

As in prior years, we intend to develop and strengthen our partnerships with other local organisations and groups. Collaboration is key to addressing the complex issues facing families today, and together, we can create a stronger, more resilient community.

Fundraising will continue to be our highest priority which is fundamental if Donnington Doorstep is going to be able to deliver the services we are known for throughout the community.

## Gratitude and Acknowledgments

This year would not have been possible without the incredible support of our community. To our dedicated staff and volunteers, your passion and commitment are unmatched and are the fundamental basis of what allows us to keep going. To our donors and partners, your generosity is the backbone of our mission and we simply could not do it without you. And to the families and young people we serve, thank you for trusting us and inspiring us with your resilience and strength.

## **Organisational updates**

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While last year saw the opening of our fantastic newly designed garden space, this year saw changes inside the building.

Thanks to an incredibly generous donation of furniture and equipment from Gravita Oxford (formerly Critchleys), and the fantastic support of teams of local volunteers, we have been able to transform the internal office space and our Youth Space. These spaces have had a fresh coat of paint, we have been able to replace the flooring as well as all the office equipment such as chairs, desks, cabinets, computer screens etc as well as new fridges and dishwashers. As a result, our office has been transformed into a much more professional space and our Youth Space is far more suited to the young people who come along to our sessions.

We would like to thank Critchleys for their donation, our volunteers for their time, and also the Doorstep staff who gave up their time to help deconstruct, transport, and re-build furniture, pulling up and re-laying carpet tiles and all the other associated work which was required to make this happen!

We have also invested in improvements inside the building in relation to our health and safety and energy efficiency. All the lighting across the building has been replaced with new LED bulbs which are far more efficient than our previous lighting and so will do their part in reducing our energy costs over the coming years.

We have also made significant improvements to our kitchen space, with a new oven and extractor fan system which is more fit for purpose.

## **Family Drop-In**

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The Family Drop-In is an open access service for parents and carers with children in their early years (ages 0 – 5). Our service offers exciting learning and play opportunities for early years' children and support, advice and signposting for parents and carers.

Play improves the cognitive, physical, social and emotional well-being of children and young people. Through play, children learn about the world and themselves. They also learn skills they need for relationships, future study and work.

'Drop-in' continues to ensure that we focus activities on events and celebrations from around the world. Activities for Passover, EID, Vaisakhi and St Patricks day have been in the mix. We are keen for our activities to provide purposeful play whilst being engaging and supporting the theme of the event in hand.

Purposeful Play is a broad term for making playtime more effective for children. If you organise the right types of play, you can help a child develop. This play can range from physical activities to mental activities. The Early Years team have excelled their creativity and are always adapting and finding new exciting ways to keep our families engaged and to provide a high quality of learning through play.





Drop-In has welcomed the 'Story Museum' and the 'Early Years Project' this year and we have also been able to take families to The Story Museum itself.

Our sessions, which are open and inclusive to everyone, run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30am to 2:30pm which we believe still works well for parents who also have school aged children as they can come to 'Drop-in' straight from their school runs and leave in time to collect.

Over the course of the year our sessions saw 2,210 adults bringing along 2,930 children of which over half (59%) came from the OX4 area. Our new registration form which has been in place since September 2023 ensures that we are capturing all the relevant details of the families attending our Drop-In sessions.

### After School Club

ASC continues to run on a Tuesday afternoon, and we have a small but consistent group of regular families attending. The children and adults are learning to understand and respect different perspectives, develop empathy, and build strong social connections with their peers. This happens through planned engaging activities and our family dining serving of food. Everyone is encouraged to eat together where possible. This is a great social experience and a great way to have meaningful conversations, and we would love to grow our After School Club in the next year by strengthening our links with local primary schools and raising awareness of the activities taking place.

2024/2025	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Totals
ASC Adults	40	18	38	11	107
ASC children	98	32	67	21	218



## Family Outreach

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Family Support is a theme which runs throughout has been ongoing through all sectors of the organisation this year. Staff have been working hard to support everyone who requires any level of support or help. Staff are working together to promote a nurturing, empathetic and supporting environment to encourage positive engagement from all our families in need. This support can be anything from delivering a food parcel to outreach visits in their homes.

Our outreach worker has identified families who feel excluded from the community because of barriers such as EAL (English as an Additional Language) or Mental Health illnesses. We visit these families in their own homes (outreach) to ensure all their needs are met regardless of their disability, gender, race, income or skill level.

We have worked closely with the community aiming to encourage more participation from those from the most disadvantaged communities. We supported visits to The Story Museum and have been as inclusive as possible, organising engaging activities to celebrate as many different cultural celebrations/events as we can.

## Doorstep Kitchen

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Doorstep's kitchen has been run differently this year – after a 3-month partnership with OCA (Oxford Community Action) that came to an end early in the financial year, we were unfortunately left without a cook in April 2024. We were still able to continue delivering meals throughout our Drop-In sessions, ensuring that there were plenty of snacks available for the Youth Club and After School Club. This was possible thanks to the fantastic work of our staff, trustees and volunteers who stepped in to help prepare lunches for the Drop-In sessions. Our thanks also go to our partner Oxford Food Hub for food supplies.

Towards the end of the year, we established a new partnership with the Oxford Healthy Earth Movement. We were incredibly grateful to be able to receive a curry each week, cooked by volunteers made from surplus food, which we could serve in our sessions.

Our partnership with the OX4 Food Crew continued and enabled us to gain a broader insight into what food provision there was in the OX4 area.

As a result of the above challenges, the number of meals delivered in the year April 24 - March 25 was lower than in the prior year, but we were still able to serve 869 meals, with an additional 80 meals served free to low-income families.

An exciting development at Doorstep Kitchen was the donation of a coffee machine from Missing Bean. This has been an incredibly popular addition to what we offer. Being able to provide high-quality coffee has also created a new income stream for the kitchen.

### **Youth Club**

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Donnington Doorstep offers universally accessible youth services for children and young people aged 8 onwards. Youth clubs were open two evenings a week, offering a safe haven and an inclusive supportive environment for children to play, as well as for young people to access information and support. A Girls Group was run on Tuesdays, and a Youth Club on Wednesdays. These opportunities serve our local children and young people; and are greatly valued by our community. We had experienced staff and volunteers to deliver the sessions. We also worked in partnership with local community organisations to deliver sessions to our young people.

The team ensure that the work is consistently delivered to a high standard and that needs are identified, and appropriate programmes are developed to support those needs.

We continued to run the Girls Group, offering a safe space for young women to express themselves, develop confidence and a strong sense of agency. We also delivered a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme during the school holidays. The young people enjoyed day trips to Oxford City Farm, Bowling and Hinksey Park Swimming Pool. We continued our connections with local services St Lukes Church, Boundary Brook Nature Reserve and The East Oxford Youth Partnership.

We have learned the importance (where appropriate and safe to do so) of working with the whole family and their individual family contexts. This ensures that their experience of Donnington Doorstep services, both universal and targeted is unique and individual to them. Working compassionately and tenaciously, offering flexibility and building on strengths of the young people and their families provides opportunities for growth and development. Long term relationship-based work is key to supporting young people and their families to become confident, independent and empowered members of their community.

### **Doorstep Pre-School**

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Since November 2020 Donnington Doorstep have worked in partnership with Little Treasure who deliver a nursery for children from 3 months to 5 years old at our site. The 5-year lease which was agreed with Little Treasure is due to come to an end in the next financial year (November 2025)

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Total income for the year was £180,593 (2024: £204,401) and total expenditure for the year was £206,556 (2024: £229,454). There was an overall deficit of £25,963 (2024: deficit of £25,053). Total reserves at the year end were £363,222 (2024: £389,185), of which £99,231 was restricted (2024: £108,252).

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

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The trustees (who are also the directors of Donnington Doorstep for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that year.

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 Statement of Recommended Practice
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are 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.

#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

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Sheila Parry FCCA of SPX Oxford Ltd will be considered for re-appointment at the next trustees' meeting as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

  
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Date 08/12 / 2025

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DONNINGTON DOORSTEP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out in pages 14- 25.

### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Donnington Doorstep for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

Having satisfied myself that the company is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is expressed as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

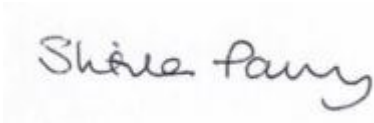
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Sheila Parry

Date. 9 December / 2025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	2	16,396	50	16,446	12,025	1,749	13,774
Charitable activities	3	50,227	87,033	137,260	43,144	115,211	158,355
Other trading activities	4	23,474	-	23,474	28,853	-	28,853
Investments		3,413	-	3,413	3,419	-	3,419
<b>Total income</b>		<u>93,510</u>	<u>87,083</u>	<u>180,593</u>	<u>87,441</u>	<u>116,960</u>	<u>204,401</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	5	9,746	12,663	22,409	31,449	23,291	54,740
Charitable activities	6	1,358	182,789	184,147	17,544	157,170	174,714
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>11,104</u>	<u>195,452</u>	<u>206,556</u>	<u>48,993</u>	<u>180,461</u>	<u>229,454</u>
<b>Net income / - expenditure</b>		82,406	- 108,369	- 25,963	38,448	- 63,501	- 25,053
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		- 99,348	99,348	-	- 52,159	52,159	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>- 16,942</u>	<u>- 9,021</u>	<u>- 25,963</u>	<u>- 13,711</u>	<u>- 11,342</u>	<u>- 25,053</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forwards		280,933	108,252	389,185	294,644	119,594	414,238
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>263,991</u>	<u>99,231</u>	<u>363,222</u>	<u>280,933</u>	<u>108,252</u>	<u>389,185</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 16-25 form part of these financial statements

# DONNINGTON DOORSTEP

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**  
**COMPANY NUMBER 07720385**

		2025	2024
		£	£
	Notes		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	11	157,195	179,258
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	13	2,612	4,531
Cash at bank		244,901	267,563
		<u>247,513</u>	<u>272,094</u>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>- 41,486</u>	<u>- 62,167</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		206,027	209,928
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>363,222</u>	<u>389,185</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
<b>INCOME FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted Income funds	15	263,991	280,933
Restricted income funds	16	99,231	108,252
<b>TOTAL INCOME FUNDS</b>		<u>363,222</u>	<u>389,185</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on

.....08/12/2025 and are signed on their behalf by .....*R. R. R. R.*.....



## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (2019 SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### **Fund accounting**

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

Restricted funds are used as requested by the funder and the expenditure is shown against each separate restricted fund.

#### **Income**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income is received by way of grants donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

#### **Fixed assets**

Fixed assets (excluding investments) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

- Buildings – 5% straight line
- Equipment – 20% straight line

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Expenditure represents amounts invoiced, including value added tax.

**Taxation**

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

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Box donations	1,962	-	1,962	490	320	810
Gift Aid reclaimed	10	-	10	-	-	-
Individual donations	12,038	50	12,088	10,378	1,429	11,807
Corporate and group donations	2,386	-	2,386	1,157	-	1,157
	<u>16,396</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>16,446</u>	<u>12,025</u>	<u>1,749</u>	<u>13,774</u>

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**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
<b>Grants and contracts</b>						
<b>Family Drop-In, Family Support, Outreach and Parenting</b>						
Trusthouse	-	25,290	25,290	177	28,210	28,387
Garfield Weston	-	7,577	7,577	1,577	4,731	6,308
Oxford City Council (Big Ideas)	-	6,720	6,720	-	7,500	7,500
St Aldates (Family Support)	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-
CAF Bank	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-
National Lottery	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-
The Shanly Foundation	-	1,250	1,250	-	-	-
Tambour Foundation	-	-	-	-	21,037	21,037
Doris Field	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
James Cowper	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
OCVA	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Oxfordshire County Council	-	-	-	-	2,873	2,873
Bernard Sunley	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Anthony Fitzpatrick	-	-	-	-	500	500
McGovern Plant Hire	-	-	-	-	500	500
<b>Family Drop-In Kitchen</b>						
Lottery partnership fund (OX4 Food Crew)	-	4,500	4,500	-	4,500	4,500
PYE Trust (OMA partnership)	-	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
Oxfordshire Community Foundation	-	-	-	2,961	5,949	8,910
Robert and Margaret Moss	-	-	-	-	750	750
<b>Drop-In, Play Out (8-18s work)</b>						
The Reeve and David Logan Foundation (via NEO Philanthropy)	-	16,525	16,525	-	6,699	6,699
Garfield Weston	-	8,846	8,846	-	9,462	9,462
Oxford Youth Enterprise	-	3,075	3,075	-	2,100	2,100
The Shanly Foundation	-	1,250	1,250	-	-	-
Oxford City Council Impact Fund	-	-	-	-	900	900

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**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)**

**Other**

The Tudor Trust	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	6,323	-	6,323	-	-	-
Garfield Weston	3,577	-	3,577	-	-	-
Oxfordshire County Council	3,572	-	3,572	-	-	-
CAF Bank	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
Oxford City Council	1,680	-	1,680	1,500	-	1,500
Iffley PCC	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Blake Morgan	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
St Aldates PCC	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
People, Place & Participation Winter Appeal	75	-	75	1,239	-	1,239
Oxford City Council	-	-	-	500	-	500
Oxford City Council	-	-	-	700	-	700
Cooper Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Oxford City Council (Cllr priority fund)	-	-	-	1,490	-	1,490
ASDA	-	-	-	500	-	500
Stanton Ballard Trust	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Marsh Christian Trust	-	-	-	500	-	500
Big Lottery (FYF - management cost)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>50,227</u>	<u>87,033</u>	<u>137,260</u>	<u>43,144</u>	<u>115,211</u>	<u>158,355</u>

**4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Community kitchen	3,080	-	3,080	5,758	-	5,758
Room hire	-	-	-	2,245	-	2,245
Other services	20,394	-	20,394	20,850	-	20,850
	<u>23,474</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,474</u>	<u>28,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,853</u>

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**5. EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS**

	Staff costs	Other direct costs	Allocation of support costs	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Costs of other trading activities:				
Community kitchen	-	5,312	7,351	12,663
Independent Fundraiser	-	3,924	-	3,924
Other fundraising costs	-	165	5,657	5,822
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,401</u>	<u>13,008</u>	<u>22,409</u>

<i>Previous year</i>	Staff costs	Other direct costs	Allocation of support costs	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Costs of other trading activities:				
Community kitchen	9,471	5,783	8,037	23,291
Independent Fundraiser	-	13,141	-	13,141
Other fundraising costs	7,457	-	10,851	18,308
	<u>16,928</u>	<u>18,924</u>	<u>18,888</u>	<u>54,740</u>

**6. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Staff costs	Other direct costs	Allocation of support costs	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Family Drop-In & Support Services	47,666	1,865	68,530	118,061
Drop-In, Play Out (8-18s work)	21,098	2,273	32,336	55,707
Governance	-	4,355	6,024	10,379
Support costs	51,704	68,194	- 119,898	-
	<u>120,468</u>	<u>76,687</u>	<u>- 13,008</u>	<u>184,147</u>

<i>Previous year</i>	Staff costs	Other direct costs	Allocation of support costs	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Family Drop-In & Support Services	48,480	22,913	37,611	109,004
Drop-In, Play Out (8-18s work)	19,836	1,637	11,312	32,786
STEP OUT	2,093	- 66	1,067	3,095
Donnington Pre-School	-	619	326	945
Governance	13,804	5,114	9,967	28,885
Support costs	20,327	58,845	- 79,172	-
	<u>104,541</u>	<u>89,062</u>	<u>- 18,888</u>	<u>174,714</u>

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**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
The support costs comprised the following:		
Staff costs	51,704	20,327
Premises & facilities	36,346	26,967
IT & office expenses	9,785	9,815
Depreciation	22,063	22,063
	<u>119,898</u>	<u>79,172</u>

Support costs are allocated to project activities in proportion to the direct costs for each activity.

**8. NET OUTGOING/INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR**

	2025 £	2024 £
Directors' remuneration	-	-
Independent Examiner's remuneration	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

**9. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS**

	2025 £	2024 £
Gross pay	117,024	122,944
Social security costs	2,289	- 3,140
Pensions	2,080	1,614
	<u>121,393</u>	<u>121,418</u>

**10. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

No trustees were reimbursed for any expenses during the year (2024: £nil).

There were no related party transactions. (2024: £nil).

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**11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Equipment £</b>	<b>Building £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024	6,619	444,013	450,632
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>6,619</u>	<u>444,013</u>	<u>450,632</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024	6,619	264,755	271,374
Charge for the year	-	22,063	22,063
At 31 March 2025	<u>6,619</u>	<u>286,818</u>	<u>293,437</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>157,195</u>	<u>157,195</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>179,258</u>	<u>179,258</u>

**12. DEBTORS**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Trade debtors	1,667	4,531
Other debtors	945	-
	<u>2,612</u>	<u>4,531</u>

**13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Trade creditors	1,512	4,029
Deferred income (grants received for use in future periods)	31,731	49,869
Accruals	1,493	2,595
PAYE and NI	4,750	2,749
Other creditors	2,000	2,925
	<u>41,486</u>	<u>62,167</u>

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**14. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS**

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General funds	280,933	93,510	- 11,104	- 99,348	263,991
	<u>280,933</u>	<u>93,510</u>	<u>- 11,104</u>	<u>- 99,348</u>	<u>263,991</u>
<i>Previous year</i>	<b>Balance at 1 April 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General funds	294,644	87,441	- 48,993	- 52,159	280,933
	<u>294,644</u>	<u>87,441</u>	<u>- 48,993</u>	<u>- 52,159</u>	<u>280,933</u>



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**15. RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS**

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Family Drop-In & Support Services	-	52,837	- 118,062	65,225	-
Family Drop-in Kitchen	-	4,500	- 12,663	8,163	-
Drop-In, Play Out (8-18s work)	-	29,696	- 55,707	26,011	-
Other	-	50	-	- 50	-
Building asset fund	108,252	-	- 9,021	-	99,231
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>108,252</b>	<b>87,083</b>	<b>- 195,452</b>	<b>99,348</b>	<b>99,231</b>

<i>Previous year</i>	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Family Drop-In & Support Services	-	81,351	- 109,003	27,652	-
Family Drop-in Kitchen	-	12,699	- 23,291	10,592	-
Drop-In, Play Out (8-18s work)	-	19,161	- 32,786	13,625	-
STEP OUT	-	-	- 3,094	3,094	-
Donnington Pre-School	-	-	- 945	945	-
Partnerships	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	3,749	-	- 3,749	-
Building asset fund	119,594	-	- 11,342	-	108,252
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>119,594</b>	<b>116,960</b>	<b>- 180,461</b>	<b>52,159</b>	<b>108,252</b>

The restricted fund for the building remains restricted because there is a requirement to run a pre-school in the extension built with the restricted grant.

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**16. TAXATION**

The charity is provisionally exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

**17. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

Donnington Doorstep is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.