



LIVING VALUES  GROWING FAITH

CRiBS Charitable Trust

Report and Accounts

Year ended 5th April 2026



"I think you should go to lots more schools because CRiBS is fun and good for learning." (Yr4 Pupil)

Accountants

Field Sullivan Limited

9 Hare & Billet Road
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Company registration number: 05947379

Charity registration number: 1122295

CRiBS Charitable Trust

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 5 April 2026

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chair of trustees	Martin Andrews
Trustees	Clive Beazley-Long Stephen Burnett Frederick Linley Bola Ojo Anne Wood
Secretary	Paul Davis
Charity Registration Number:	1122295
Company Registration Number	05947379
Country of Incorporation	England and Wales
Registered Office	CRiBS Office St Columba's Boys' School Halcot Avenue Bexleyheath DA6 7QB
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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 and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 5 April 2026.

Objects of the charity

The Trust seeks to demonstrate Christian faith in action by providing an interface between the local Christian churches and the community at large, mainly through its work in primary and secondary schools in Bexley Borough, although increasingly over the last few years also into Swanley, Dartford, Greenwich and beyond. Seeking to maintain our relevance, we adapt and respond to emerging and ongoing needs, with our vision **'to share the light, love and life of Jesus with children and young people'**.

Review of CRiBS' activities

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. CRiBS' strapline is **Living Values : Growing Faith**. It aims to help pupils develop positive values to live by and provide space and strategies to help them think through what faith means to themselves and others. The organisation evaluates its activities and outcomes. We are delighted to report on the following projects:

REconnect

What: The CRiBS team has been delivering creative, interactive RE lessons since 1993, and it represents the heart of our work. REconnect is a programme that offers the teaching of Christianity, as part of the RE syllabus, and consists of a bank of over 300 creative and memorable lessons, helping children consider faith in a fun and engaging way. The team teach in primary schools across Bexley Borough as well as neighbouring boroughs. REconnect also includes bespoke RE workshops with regards to Christianity and values education, and 'Mini-Explorers', which is CRiBS EYFS provision in pre-schools and play groups, providing an opportunity for the youngest children to have an introduction to the Bible and Christian faith.

Outputs: In academic year 2025/26, CRiBS worked in 11 primary schools and 2 pre-schools; delivering 578 RE lessons and 58 'Mini-Explorer' sessions, covering 41 topics/units (most for 5 lessons each), over a number of syllabuses, to 115 different classes, for about 3,390 children.

Outcomes: 100% of teachers evaluated the lessons in the highest ratings across a range of quality criteria. 90% of children said they enjoyed their lessons and 83% said the lessons had helped them know more about the topic.

Sample quotes:

'The children thoroughly look forward to CRiBS visits each week (and always have done). I am impressed with how much they have remembered for their age!' (Reception teacher)

'Enjoyed by all! Inspires my own teaching of RE.' (Yr1 teacher)

'All lessons are full of discussions which encourage participation. Children are fully engaged and look forward to the sessions. Fun activities and excellent delivery.' (Yr6 teacher)

'I learned that I should treat people how I want to be treated.' (Yr2 pupil)

'I have really enjoyed the CRiBS lessons. I am sad they are over.' (Yr3 pupil)

'I really like the assemblies and how educational the lessons were.' (Yr6 pupil)

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Summary: As schools change and amend their RE syllabuses (which happens on a periodic basis), the CRiBS team adapt REconnect lessons to the needs of schools. Some syllabuses are more challenging than others to adapt to, but, whatever the changes and challenges CRiBS remains true to representing and teaching Christian values and Bible teachings in a relevant and creative way.

CRiBS Plays

What: The CRiBS team has been performing seasonal productions since 1997. These dramatic presentations are written and performed by the team to provide children with explanation and understanding of Christmas and Easter celebrations and their significance to Christians. They are delivered in a creative way with acting, puppetry, music and dance, and seek to engage the children with interactive performance.

Outputs: 52 performances of the Christmas 2025 play were delivered across 40 schools, and 49 performances of the Easter 2026 play were delivered across 40 schools. Approximately 14,900 children (plus staff) saw at least one of these plays, if not both, across 44 different schools, plus two care homes!

Outcomes: CRiBS seasonal productions aim to provide a greater understanding of the reasons why Christians celebrate Christmas and Easter, a greater understanding of what these festivals mean day-to-day for Christians, and promoting enjoyment for children and staff of these celebrations in school.

Sample quotes:

'Everyone I spoke to commented on how amazing it was and how good it was at sharing the right message to the children.' (RE Coordinator)

The children always look forward to the CRiBS production. It reinforces the RE learning that the children have had this term and helps them to remember key information as they associate it with what they've seen in the show.' (Teacher)

'The children absolutely loved it. I thought it was really engaging for them and love that they present the story in a different way.' (RE Coordinator)

'I can't believe there were only 3 actors.' (Pupil)

'It was good because I liked the way they performed the story of Jesus' birth in a different way to anything I've seen before.' (Pupil)

Summary: CRiBS' seasonal productions continue to be appreciated and well-loved by children and staff alike, and they are a firm fixture in many schools' calendars. They provide lasting memories, remembered for many years afterwards.

'Money Management' workshops

What: CRiBS has been delivering this workshop for four years. Developed by Christians Against Poverty (CAP) it is a money management resource written specifically for children in Years 5 and 6 of primary school. The workshop comprises a range of front-led teaching and interactive activities undertaken in pairs and groups. Each class receives two 90-minute sessions, normally delivered a week apart.

Outputs: In academic year 2025/26, CRiBS delivered the workshop in 37 classes across 15 primary schools (13 in Bexley, 2 out-of-borough), to approximately 930 children.

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Outcomes:

At the end of each workshop we asked the children to state whether they agreed with the following statements:

Statement	% children that agreed
I understand how money works and how to spend and save it	99%
I know what I can do to avoid money problems	94%
I know what a budget is and how to use one	96%
I enjoy learning about money	91%

Sample quotes from pupils:

'I learnt that ...debt can be avoided by spending money on the most important things.'

'... saving money can be tricky but setting a budget will help.'

'... to not spend too much on things you don't need.'

'... how to manage money properly and spend responsibly.'

We also surveyed the class teachers:

Statement	% teachers that agreed
The workshop helped the pupils understand how money works and how to spend and save it	100%
The workshop helped the pupils know what they can do to avoid money problems	100%
The workshop taught the pupils what a budget is and how to use one	100%
The workshop made money management enjoyable	100%

Sample quotes from teachers:

'Some children have no experience of handling money. Thank you!'

'The activities and the structure of the workshop kept the children engaged really well.'

'The subjects covered in the workshop are really important for children to have knowledge of.'

'Both members of the CRiBS team had a great rapport with the children. They engaged the children throughout and encouraged the children to participate. Management of the children was excellent. Thank you very much!'

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Summary: This continues to be a very popular, appreciated resource in schools. This year, thanks to the provision of grant funding for schools in Bexley Borough, there was a significant increase in bookings compared to last year when no funding was available. Two out-of-borough schools were willing to pay for the workshop – a sure indicator of the appreciation and value of the workshop.

'Moving Up' workshop

What: CRiBS has been delivering this workshop for 6 years, having developed it in 2021. 'Moving Up' is a 90-minute session for children in Year 6 to help them prepare for the move from primary school to secondary school. The workshop includes videos, discussion and opportunities for pupils to express how they are feeling about some of the potential changes with moving to secondary school

Outputs: In academic year 2025/26, CRiBS delivered the workshop in 30 classes across 16 different primary schools, to approximately 780 children.

Outcomes:

At the end of each workshop we asked the children to state whether they agreed with the following statements:

Statement	% children that agreed
I benefitted from time to think about my move to secondary school.	89%
I now feel more positive about my move to secondary school.	86%
I know where I can go for help at secondary school.	92%

Sample quotes from pupils:

'(I learnt) to be myself, make a good impression and just enjoy secondary school.'

'(I learnt) that secondary school will be a challenge, but we will manage.'

'(I learnt) about who to ask for help, and finding new friends.'

'(I enjoyed) watching the videos about other people's experiences.'

'(I enjoyed) talking about secondary school because it made me more confident, and showed me that I am not alone in my worries about going to a new school.'

We also surveyed the class teachers:

Statement	% teachers that agreed
My pupils benefitted from the time to think about their move to secondary school.	100%
My pupils now feel more positive about their move to secondary school.	100%
My pupils now know where they can go for help at secondary school.	100%

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Sample quotes from teachers:

'All content was accessible and relevant. Delivery was great too!'

'Very interactive and engaging. Leaders were very knowledgeable.'

'At the beginning, I feel the children had lots of anxieties about the transition to secondary school. By the end, they felt a lot more confident.'

'Really informative and well delivered - The children engaged well.'

Summary: This year was another highly successful year for our transition workshops. We had many schools re-booking from last year and it seems to be a standing booking in the diary for most of them. The data shows how much this workshop is appreciated by both children and staff as it prepares children for this significant change in their lives.

Unlimited (Primary)

What: Unlimited (primary) is a programme for boys and girls to support them with the challenges of social, emotional, behavioural or personal issues. It consists of small group 'HeartSense' sessions for mentoring and focussing on developing emotional understanding (generally each programme comprises 10 weeks of sessions in a school). We also offer an after-school club, focussing on team games, social skills and confidence building. Additionally, we have developed a short course to support children going through bereavement.

Outputs: In academic year 2025/26, the CRiBS team has delivered 21 'HeartSense' programmes across 7 different schools, working with 302 children (a number of whom were seen over an extended time, continuing for more than one school term).

Outcomes: We collect data from the children, teachers and parents at the end of a programme to evaluate impact.

The following data has been gathered from academic year 2025/26:

Area of consideration:	% children identifying a positive change	% teachers identifying a positive change	% combined identifying a positive change
Attitude towards learning	91%	73%	82%
Listening skills	91%	69%	80%
Behaviour in class	87%	71%	80%
Ability to ask for help	84%	84%	84%
Making and keeping friends	88%	85%	87%
Respecting others	92%	72%	82%
Behaviour outside of class	84%	66%	75%
Handling negative situations	80%	69%	74%
Understanding of emotions	92%	73%	82%
Expression of emotions	83%	71%	77%
Confidence	84%	80%	82%
Wellbeing	90%	90%	90%

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Sample quotes from pupils:

'Very helpful because I was not confident but now I am.'

'Cribs have helped me look after myself and deal with the negative situations.'

'I have learnt about emotions and how to control them. It helped me understand my feelings.'

'I thoroughly enjoyed Heartsense and would recommend it to anyone.'

Sample quotes from teachers:

'They have developed in confidence and mum has said he is much happier to come to school.'

'They always get excited about coming to your interventions.'

'They have a better understanding of their emotions.'

'They have made great progress in class over the year.'

Summary: Unlimited has continued to be of vital importance to a number of schools that we have developed a strong relationship with. The programme is highly valued by the children we work with, along with their teachers and the senior leadership of the schools. School budgets remain tight but all of the schools that have had us for the last academic year have renewed for 2026/27.

Unlimited (Secondary)

What: Unlimited (secondary) is a programme for young people struggling with social, emotional, behavioural or personal issues. It consists of 1-to-1 mentoring, focussing on the issues of concern to each individual. Academic year 2025/26 saw the CRiBS team's Unlimited mentoring presence develop inside and outside of schools. CRiBS presence has been developing in a small group of schools, including an independent tutorial college as of this year. This has been supplemented by a new Mentoring Hub provision being offered in conjunction with a local churches, using its building and volunteers, particularly for those struggling within the usual school system.

Outputs: In academic year 2025/26, the mentoring programme has taken place in 4 schools (3 in Bexley and 1 out-of-borough), and 118 young people have been mentored. One Christian Union has been supported by CRiBS, and a Study skills group has been provided in one school. The first Mentoring Hub started in April and has supported 8 mentees.

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Outcomes: Although formal feedback from questionnaires has not been gathered in every case, where it has been, mentees are asked to evaluate the extent to which the mentoring has helped them and the responses are presented in the table below:

Area of consideration:	% mentees reporting positive change
Attitude towards learning	61%
Listening skills	68%
Behaviour in class	53%
Ability to ask for help	68%
Confidence with school work	61%
Relationships with peers	77%
Relationships with adults	77%
Confidence with social life	68%
Behaviour outside of class	61%
Ability to handle negative situations	67%
Understanding of emotions	74%
Ability to express and regulate emotions	67%
Confidence about the future	69%
Ability to manage your mental wellbeing	66%
Attitude towards home life	78%

Quotes from mentees:

'He helped me express myself and my behaviour has improved at school and at home.'

'Helped me improve confidence in lessons and helps me socialise with more confidence.'

'He has really helped me in my self-confidence, he helped me with how to calm down when I am angry, he showed me new techniques on how to listen and calm down.'

Testimonial from a school:

'CRiBS have worked consistently with a female student at the school since she joined in Year 7.

They have encouraged her, nurtured her to find strategies to cope with her anxiety.

It has been a pleasure to see how she flourished throughout her time here at the school into a confident young lady in Year 11, managing to access all her GCSEs, knowing that along with the school support staff she could speak to CRiBS on an ad hoc basis and know that they were there if she needed extra support.

It is lovely to know they are there to support our new Year 7s, giving them the support and guidance they may need.

Summary: Unlimited (secondary) has had a successful year. All the schools that we have been working in have rebooked for the next academic year and have been very grateful for the support that we have given to the young people we have worked with. The first Mentoring Hub has gone well, with positive feedback from parents, and from Bexley Voluntary Service Council (BVSC) who we have been referring young people to us. New volunteers have been trained and more training is being organised in order to further expand the capacity of the mentoring team.

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Community Links

The CRiBS team are always pleased to be involved in supporting local churches and community events, including 'Lark in the Park' and 'Spark in the Park', at the start of the school summer holiday period. Providing support and input through drama, storytelling and a range of other activities - a privilege for the team to be involved in serving children and families in a very different context to the term-time school setting.

Conclusion

Throughout this year the CRiBS team has always exhibited a readiness and capability to adapt its services to meet the needs of the schools we serve. Whatever the circumstances, CRiBS endeavours to bring support, encouragement and hope, informed by our faith perspective, to the lives of children and young people across the area.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly (typically 4 or 5 times each year) to monitor the activities of the Charity. In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. New Trustees are recruited and appointed by a majority of existing Trustees. There has been no change in Trustees during this year.

Financial Review

Incoming resources during the year amounted to £257,193 and resources expended £223,929 giving rise to a gain of £33,264 for the year.

Following a challenging couple of years with some hard staffing decisions, including reorganising the management structure within the charity and all staff moving to term time-only pay, there has been a period of financial stability this year. Generous grant funding and the regular support of loyal supporters have also helped to provide this. Some of the grant funding is being spent across more than one financial year so next year may have a net deficit, subject to other income and any further funding.

CRiBS remains grateful to a range of funders. Some are interested in the Christian principles that underpin our work, others are interested in impact-based approaches, others like preventative work or work that gets behind difficult behaviours to dealing with emotions. We are delighted to pool the resources of churches, individuals, businesses and trusts to deliver projects that help children and young people to reach their potential. Some funders prefer to remain anonymous and others like to be acknowledged; in all cases we are extremely thankful. We would particularly like to thank the following:

The Fyrish Foundation, The Harenc Community Trust, Benefact Trust, The Souter Charitable Trust, and Marsh Charitable Trust.

We also thank the many individuals and churches that have continued to support the work of CRiBS Charitable Trust.

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Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy takes on guidance from various sources, in particular, Trustees looked at the 4C's of reserves planning, namely; Contingency, Cash-flow, Commitment and Closure. CRiBS has grown as a Charity over the last 30 years and its liabilities and responsibilities to staff have inevitably increased too. The Trustees therefore has a reserves figure of two times monthly expenditure, rounded to £40,000. If free assets fall below this level, Trustees expect to be alerted so that they can decide on what action is necessary.

The team's current headquarters is a set of offices which have kindly been loaned by St Columba's Boys' School, a secondary school in Bexleyheath. We have a memorandum of understanding that we can remain until July 2029, which was extended from July 2024, which gives a good assurance, although should any circumstances change we could be asked to leave at any time with three months' notice. This situation could leave CRiBS with a need to organise suitable replacement office accommodation at fairly short notice.

Risk statement

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees and working in the community is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis. We operate a Safeguarding Policy covering all personnel, whether employed or volunteering.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of CRiBS Charitable Trust 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.

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The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30 September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Martin Andrews
Chair of trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of CRiBS Charitable Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the accounts of the CRiBS Charitable Trust ('the charitable company') for the year ended 5 April 2026 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes 14 to 25.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of CRiBS Charitable Trust 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 CRiBS Charitable Trust 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

Since CRiBS Charitable Trust '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 ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

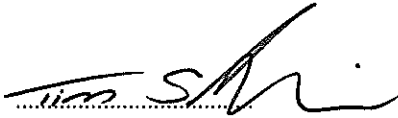
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of CRiBS Charitable Trust 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).

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of CRiBS Charitable Trust ('the Company')

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Sullivan', written over a dotted line.

Tim Sullivan FCA
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30 September 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2026
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	153,258	34,400	187,658	145,611	22,620	168,231
Charitable activities	4	63,276	-	63,276	57,445	-	57,445
Other trading activities	5	4,841	-	4,841	6,488	-	6,488
Investment income	6	1,418	-	1,418	1,547	-	1,547
Total income		222,793	34,400	257,193	211,091	22,620	233,711
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	(214,486)	(9,443)	(223,929)	(238,184)	(19,457)	(257,641)
Total expenditure		(214,486)	(9,443)	(223,929)	(238,184)	(19,457)	(257,641)
Net movement in funds		8,307	24,957	33,264	(27,093)	3,163	(23,930)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		126,996	11,077	138,073	154,089	7,914	162,003
Total funds carried forward	16	135,303	36,034	171,337	126,996	11,077	138,073

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2025 is shown in note 16.

The notes on pages 16 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 05947379)

Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2026

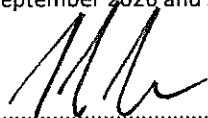
	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	1,472	1,968
Current assets			
Debtors	13	4,613	3,790
Cash at bank and in hand	14	<u>170,934</u>	<u>137,356</u>
		175,547	141,146
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(5,682)</u>	<u>(5,041)</u>
Net current assets		<u>169,865</u>	<u>136,105</u>
Net assets		<u>171,337</u>	<u>138,073</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		36,034	11,077
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>135,303</u>	<u>126,996</u>
Total funds	16	<u>171,337</u>	<u>138,073</u>

For the financial year ending 5 April 2026 the charity 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 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 14 to 25 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 30 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Martin Andrews
Chair of trustees

The notes on pages 16 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2026

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 £5 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

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St Columba's Boys' School
Halcot Avenue
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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 30 September 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) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

CRiBS Charitable Trust 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.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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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.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

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

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

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

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	33% reducing balance

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or 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.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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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.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	123,273	-	123,273	121,336
Gift aid reclaimed	14,737	-	14,737	14,470
Grants, including capital grants;				
The Harenc Community Trust	5,500	-	5,500	5,500
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	15,000
Marsh Christian Trust	700	-	700	600
The MSE Charity	-	-	-	507
The Fyrish Foundation	-	30,000	30,000	-
The Souter Charitable Trust	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
William Kendall (via BVSC)	-	-	-	4,563
Sevenoaks District Council	-	-	-	950
Groundwork UK	-	-	-	1,000
Benefact Trust	-	4,400	4,400	-
Sponsorship	6,048	-	6,048	1,305
	<u>153,258</u>	<u>34,400</u>	<u>187,658</u>	<u>168,231</u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Fees and supplies	63,276	63,276	57,445

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £	Total 2025 £
Events income;			
Fundraising events	478	478	1,086
Other income	4,363	4,363	5,402
	4,841	4,841	6,488

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,418	1,418	1,547

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Fundraising costs		779	790
Project costs		1,591	3,579
Direct costs		8,137	7,564
Staff costs	10	195,691	225,372
Support costs	8	17,731	20,336
		223,929	257,641

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also support costs of £17,731 (2025 - £20,336) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 8 for further details.

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8 Analysis of support costs

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Staff training	160	343
Rent	300	1,375
Insurance	1,299	1,179
Repairs and maintenance	264	-
Telephone and fax	1,158	2,151
Computer software and maintenance	2,624	1,137
Printing, postage and stationery	3,130	3,945
Trade subscriptions	673	1,071
Sundries	770	1,241
Motor expenses	3,600	3,273
Travel and subsistence	833	976
Accountancy	804	780
Independent examination	1,620	2,202
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	15	23
Depreciation of motor vehicles	481	640
	<u>17,731</u>	<u>20,336</u>

9 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 or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	180,437	208,959
Social security costs	10,114	10,695
Pension costs	5,140	5,718
	<u>195,691</u>	<u>225,372</u>

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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:

	2026 No	2025 No
Administration and support	14	12
	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £5,140 (2025 - £5,718).

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

11 Taxation

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

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2025	8,456	10,799	19,255
At 5 April 2026	<u>8,456</u>	<u>10,799</u>	<u>19,255</u>
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2025	8,410	8,877	17,287
Charge for the year	15	481	496
At 5 April 2026	<u>8,425</u>	<u>9,358</u>	<u>17,783</u>
Net book value			
At 5 April 2026	<u>31</u>	<u>1,441</u>	<u>1,472</u>
At 5 April 2025	<u>46</u>	<u>1,922</u>	<u>1,968</u>

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13 Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,170	1,470
Prepayments	2,156	1,923
Other debtors	1,287	397
	<u>4,613</u>	<u>3,790</u>

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2026	2025
	£	£
Cash on hand	398	854
Cash at bank	170,536	136,502
	<u>170,934</u>	<u>137,356</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,137	-
Accruals	4,545	5,041
	<u>5,682</u>	<u>5,041</u>

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16 Funds

	Balance at 6 April 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2026 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	126,996	222,793	(214,486)	135,303
Restricted funds				
Unlimited Primary	3,500	-	-	3,500
Mentoring	2,450	4,400	(1,943)	4,907
CAP Money	2,565	-	-	2,565
CRiBS Van	2,562	-	-	2,562
Unlimited Secondary	-	30,000	(7,500)	22,500
	<u>11,077</u>	<u>34,400</u>	<u>(9,443)</u>	<u>36,034</u>
Total funds	<u>138,073</u>	<u>257,193</u>	<u>(223,929)</u>	<u>171,337</u>
	Balance at 6 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	154,089	211,091	(238,184)	126,996
Restricted funds				
Unlimited Primary	3,500	600	(600)	3,500
Mentoring	2,450	-	-	2,450
CAP Money	(598)	5,070	(1,907)	2,565
CRiBS Van	2,562	-	-	2,562
Unlimited secondary	-	16,950	(16,950)	-
	<u>7,914</u>	<u>22,620</u>	<u>(19,457)</u>	<u>11,077</u>
Total funds	<u>162,003</u>	<u>233,711</u>	<u>(257,641)</u>	<u>138,073</u>

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

CRiBS Van - net book value of the van purchased for the use on 'Boys Noise' project (now 'Unlimited Primary').

REconnect - funds from The Benefact Trust for delivery of RE lessons in primary schools.

Funds from Fyrish Foundation for delivery of RE lessons and other face-based activities, such as CRiBS plays

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 5 April 2026 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,472	-	1,472
Current assets	139,513	36,034	175,547
Current liabilities	(5,682)	-	(5,682)
Total net assets	<u>135,303</u>	<u>36,034</u>	<u>171,337</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 5 April 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,968	-	1,968
Current assets	130,069	11,077	141,146
Current liabilities	(5,041)	-	(5,041)
Total net assets	<u>126,996</u>	<u>11,077</u>	<u>138,073</u>

18 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year