

Charity Funds (Restricted, Unrestricted and Designated) - Quarter 2 2025/26

	Opening Balance 2025/26 £'s	Income £'s	Expenditure £'s	Gains, (Losses) & Transfers £'s	Current Balance 2025/26 £'s
Ashtead Common					
Restricted Funds:					
Countryside Stewardship Scheme	411,394				411,394
	411,394	0	0	0	411,394
Designated (Unrestricted Fund):					
Ancient Trees Reserve	2,936	1,320			4,256
Tangible Fixed Assets (Assets Under Construction)	18,845				18,845
	21,781	1,320	0	0	23,101
Total Ashtead Common	433,175	1,320	0	0	434,495

Note:

The various sub-totals shown above should not give the impression that the individual funds held by each individual charity can be either consolidated or cross-utilised. It is key that individual charity funds are not viewed as available to be 'offset' against each other, bearing in mind the different objects held.

Please note that the external audit of the 2024/25 charity accounts has not yet been completed and the above opening balances shown for each reserve fund are subject to revision.

There are various types of funds held which have different rules as to how they can be spent and time periods held. These are categorised in the following way:

Restricted Fund - funds have been given to the charity for application for a specific element of the charity's objects and can only be spent in accordance with the requests of the donor or the specific campaign under which funds were raised. As these are income funds, they should be spent within a reasonable period of time.

Unrestricted Fund - incoming resources that become available to a charity and can be applied by the Trustee to any of the charity's objects. Unrestricted funds should be spent within a reasonable period of time and should not be held for the long term, although the Trustee should set a policy for the minimum required level of funds which is a target minimum to be held in case of particular identified risk. In the case of the City's Estate funded charities, the current model means that no such minimum can be identified, as at year end the difference between income and expenditure is currently balanced by the deficit funding grant from City's Estate.

Designated (Unrestricted Fund) - are those unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the Trustee for an essential spend or future purpose. Whilst there is no legal restriction on their use for general purposes, and they can be undesignated by those acting on behalf of the Trustee at any time, these funds are effectively 'ring-fenced' and no longer form part of your free reserves/general funds. Designated funds must be spent within a reasonable period of time and should not be held for the long term.