



INTERGEN-TRAFFORD ANNUAL REPORT 2026

Registered charity number 1086430



Our mission is to make a positive difference to the lives of children, teachers and older people by creating and sustaining partnerships between schools and older people in local communities in Trafford.

Our vision is a society in which schools and older people work in partnership to make a positive contribution to the development of young people and their local communities.



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A tribute to Maurice Mosco

When Maurice Mosco sadly passed away on the 22nd March 2026, Intergen-Trafford lost one of its stalwart supporters.

Maurice started his involvement with Intergen-Trafford in the late 2000, first as a bookkeeper to help Sue, his wife, who had taken over the running of the charity, then soon after as a coordinator for Stretford where he increased the number of partner schools and volunteers. At its peak, Maurice was managing 25 volunteers who met every term at Victoria Park Infants School.

Maurice also got involved in fundraising, securing funds not only from individuals but also by organising for volunteers to be readers and scribes during the exams period at Stretford High School. This alone help raise approximately £1200 per annum.



In 2017, due to illness, Maurice stepped down from the above roles but remained a constant source of encouragement to Sue and other coordinators, attending volunteer fairs and gatherings, always ready to smile, enjoy conversation and encourage.

When Sue Mosco sadly died in April 2020, Maurice despite dealing with his grief, stepped up to be a Trustee for Intergen-Trafford. He organised the Sue Mosco Award and the branding programme of Plaques for our partner schools.

Maurice continued to be a Trustee until last November, ceaselessly promoting the ethos of Intergen-Trafford and cheerfully and enthusiastically representing the charity whenever he could. All of us who knew him are very grateful for his strong legacy.

The Trustees are making a donation in his memory to his chosen charity, OCHRE, a small charity dedicated to supporting patients, families, and clinicians to understand oesophageal cancer. [OCHRE | The Oesophageal Cancer Charity](#)

The Trustees of Intergen-Trafford are delighted to present the 2026 Annual Report, covering the 12 months to 31st March 2026. This year has seen some tremendous highs and lows. Great highs with a 71% increase in the number of volunteers, an additional 4 partner schools, 2 new coordinators and a 55% increase in enquiries. But also, some very sad lows with the death of recently retired Trustee, Maurice Mosco and the retirement of Pauline Castledine, who had been our Chair since the passing of Sue Mosco in 2020. Pauline had joined Intergen-Trafford in 2008, first as a volunteer and then a coordinator for the Urmston area. They both gave Intergen-Trafford an enormous amount of commitment and drive and they are sorely missed.

As always, the strength of Intergen-Trafford lies with its people, and the Trustees would like to give their huge thanks to the coordinators and administration and marketing team. Our "tremendous highs" are down to their unwavering support, hard work and on-going commitment. They didn't flinch at the sheer number of new volunteers that knocked on our door. They are the nuts and bolts of Intergen-Trafford. And let's remind ourselves that they are all volunteers. Intergen-Trafford does not have any staff.

Our 2026 forecast was for 85 volunteers and at the end of March we had..... 84!.....

Plus, another 8 awaiting to start. Our mission to give as many children and older people the chance to learn, share and enjoy each other's company is at the heart of what we do and it is rewarding to see that the new communication and recruitment strategy started in mid 2024 is working well. Our website is updated regularly and we are active on social media. This year we have also had many enquiries through the great work Trafford's hubs have done promoting volunteering, not only through volunteering fairs but also with a new website. But our volunteers, coordinators and schools are also very successful recruiters and we thank them for their trust and continuous support.

The team; They Are a-Changin

Maurice and Pauline retired in November, leaving a void we are struggling to fill. Carol Shields, our long-time administrator has also retired, fully handing over her work to Annie O'Connor early in this financial year. Carole contributed greatly to the smooth running of Intergen-Trafford and we thank her all heartedly for her voluntary service. Fortunately, in March we welcomed Janice Mortimer as a trustee. We hope she enjoys her new position as much as the coordinator's role she held for 12 years. We will make good use of her experience. Finally, Dave Roberts has taken on the role of Treasurer which was held by Sue Cameron.

All these changes mean that we are actively seeking help to expand the skills of the Board of Trustees

We are particularly in need of a Charity Secretary and we hope that anyone reading this report will give it some thoughts and also mention it to friends and relatives. We will be welcoming a new Trustee at the AGM, Ronan O'Driscoll, who is a school volunteer too. We are very excited to share our enthusiasm with him and to have him contribute to our team going forward. But we would love to have another one or two Trustees coming on board to help us shape the on-going growth of Intergen-Trafford.

Our coordinators have been fortunate to recruit two new coordinators, Sue Gill and Anne Keddie who both started early this year. We are delighted to have them on board. Sue is replacing Janice Mortimer in the Urmston area and Anne is taking on three schools. You can read about them in their area report.

What we have been up to

During this financial year the trustees met on 4 occasions and took time to review aspects of the charity's constitution. This led to amendments to the volunteer application form and school partnership agreement to make it explicit that Interger-Trafford is a membership organisation with voting rights at the AGM. Our Constitution is available to all on demand. The review also included a decision to change the official name of Interger, as registered with the Charity Commission, to Interger-Trafford; a need that had been overlooked back in 2008 when Interger split into two organisations. Newsletters and news bulletins are now regularly sent out and can be found on the website. We want to thank Sarah Jones for letting us have our AGM 2025 at Worthington Primary School and Debbie Vrlec for hosting our Winter Gathering. Both events were said to be very enjoyable, although not very well attended, perhaps due to the proximity of our 25th anniversary for the AGM and awful weather for the Winter Gathering. As a result we felt it necessary to review how we manage our events in the future and we sent a survey to that effect in February which you can read about further down in this report.

Our ongoing commitment

In this year being the Year of Reading, it is important to remember that while a great majority of our volunteers do indeed help children with reading, our emphasis is about intergenerational links, creating that special connection between our older volunteers and the children and to contribute to their respective wellbeing. It's what makes Interger-Trafford different from other organisations that place volunteers in schools to help children read. The testimonies you will read in this report are what keeps all of us volunteers, in and out of the classrooms, enthralled with the joys of volunteering.

Executive Committees

Trustees

Vacant	Chairperson
Dave Roberts	Treasurer
Annie O'Connor	Trustee & Marketing Manager
Janice Mortimer	Trustee
Sue Cameron	Trustee
Debbie Vrlec	Headteacher Advisor - Trustee
Sarah Jones	Headteacher Advisor - Trustee

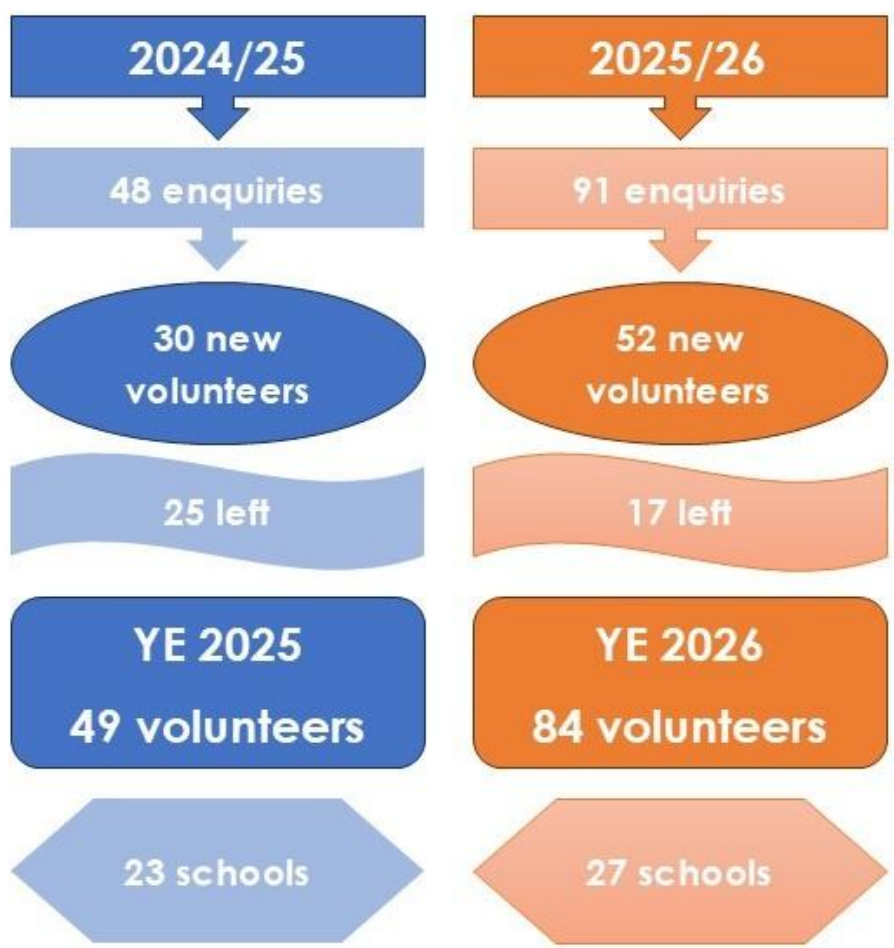
Area Coordinators

Christine Kay	Altrincham, Timperley, Sale Moor
Kathryn Lewis	Brooklands, Sale West, Stretford
Christine Barrows	Sale, Ashton-on-Mersey
Sue Gill	Urmston
Anne Keddie	Altrincham, Partington, Sale

Administration

Annie O'Connor	Administrative support to Coordinators
Vacant	Charity Secretary, support to Trustees

We are growing



We listen to our volunteers

In February 2026, led by the coordinators and as part of the need to re-appraise what we do, we sought the views of our school volunteers on our events, with an online survey. 39% kindly responded. We acknowledge that for many, dates/time and difficulty getting to the events were often the reasons why they could not come. But the entertainment provided by the children was a big winner with those who did. However, the overwhelming response to what they liked best at our events was meeting other volunteers and for the newest ones who had only recently started, the wish to meet up with other volunteers, especially those who went to the same school because as someone said “we all go at different times”.

In response, the coordinators have decided to trial “local coffee meets” starting in the new school year 2026/27. We aimed to listen and our coordinators are responding with their usual gusto. If anyone would like to offer help with organising these meets, you will be very welcome.

We have been made aware that the focus of Trafford Health Department's annual report will be on “thriving in later life”. We were asked to participate but found it a little difficult to precisely estimate the true value of our niche in the field of volunteering. This has led us to consider doing another survey later this year that will help Intergen-Trafford clearly identify its worth but also help it better support its volunteers and schools going forward.

Sale Schools

Worthington Primary Lime Tree Academy Broomwood Primary

Volunteer numbers at Worthington (3) and Broomwood (2) have remained stable for the past year but numbers at Lime Tree Primary Academy have increased to 7!! We are happy to have been able to place new volunteers there and thank the school for their continued support. One volunteer is inactive at the moment but the others are proving to be a valuable resource for the school. Competition entries for our 2025 celebrations highlighted how much the children enjoy working with volunteers and their comments and pictures were a heartwarming valediction of the work that InterGen-Trafford does. Lime Tree has one of our longest serving volunteers who celebrates a rather big birthday this year!

Altrincham Schools

Heyes Lane Primary Elmridge Academy Stamford Park

One of the most notable successes of the past year has been the increased support from schools in the Altrincham, Timperley and Hale areas. Heyes Lane now has 3 volunteers, as does Elmridge Academy. We were delighted to welcome Stamford Park Primary School to the InterGen-Trafford family recently and their enthusiasm and support has been wonderful. We have just placed our 3rd volunteer in school and feedback from staff and volunteers has been very positive.

Most volunteers spend their time reading with students, but it is lovely to see them spread their wings and participate in other activities as they become more embedded in schools. They are a wonderful source of information and can often be found talking to pupils about the way things were years ago. How we managed without supermarkets and mobiles is a mystery!

On 15th July 2025, Rosie Brown and her friend Amanda Howarth were introduced to their school, Lime Tree Primary School by Gemma Kenny. 12 months on..... What do they think?



What a lovely school! The staff are welcoming and friendly and the children are polite and helpful. It's been quite an insight to see how much things have changed over time and the variety of what is on offer for the children at primary school these days.

I spend a couple of hours every Wednesday afternoon listening to Year 4 pupils read – just 5 minutes each so they don't miss too much of their lesson. It's not part of the curriculum, so they bring a book of their choice – quite an eclectic mix of fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels and prose.

It's a privilege to share the pleasure of reading with the children, responding to the content with them and supporting where necessary to build words or discuss the meaning of vocabulary. I really enjoy it and, I'm told, the children do too! Amanda

Coordinators' Area Reports – Anne Keddie

**St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Altrincham Partington Central Academy
& Woodheys Primary School, Sale**

I retired a few years ago after a long and largely successful career in marketing communications. Although my life is full with various interests and social activities, I had been considering the possibility of volunteering as a means of giving back to the local community.

So, when a friend of mine asked me whether I would be interested in helping out as a coordinator for a charity she volunteered for, called Intergen, I was immediately interested. I have no experience of working in schools, but I thought the organisational skills I had gained throughout my career could be put to good use once more! And so, I agreed to take on this new and interesting challenge and was allocated three schools to 'look after' - St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Partington Central Academy and Woodheys Primary School.

We currently have seven volunteers at St Vincent's and two at Partington. I have already visited both schools and could not fail to be inspired by the energy, warmth and strong feeling of community I experienced when meeting the staff and some of the children.

Unfortunately, we have no volunteers at Woodheys at the moment after recently saying goodbye to long-serving Geof Wilkins who retired after 16 years there. He made an exceptional contribution and will be greatly missed by all the children he worked with.

I'm very much looking forward to working with the schools and introducing more volunteers to them in the future and I would urge anyone in a similar position to me, who has a few hours to spare during the week, to consider volunteering with us.

Coordinators' Area Reports – Christine Barrows

Sale & Ashton on Mersey schools

Temple Moor Infant and Nursery School Springfields Primary School St Mary's C of E Primary School Wellfield Infant and Nursery School Wellfield Junior School

2025/2026 has been a productive year and we have welcomed fourteen new volunteers to the schools in my area. The majority of our volunteers work supporting children with their reading, offering one to one attention and the opportunity to learn and develop the enjoyment of books. Occasionally volunteers are asked to help teachers with practical tasks to ease the classroom workload or to share their special interest with a class, but the main focus of their work is reading.

Temple Moor, a school with no volunteers this time last year, now has five in post. All the other schools have added new volunteers to their teams. Springfield Primary School now has six volunteers; St Mary's Primary School has four; Wellfield Junior School has five and Wellfield Infant School has two.

We were sorry to hear of the death of long-time volunteer Judith Owen. Judith met her friend Mo Morris through volunteering with Intergen-Trafford in 2003. Because of that friendship Judith carried on coming to our events after retiring. She perhaps embodies best what volunteering with us mean to the wellbeing of the older generation.



Judith on the right with her friend Mo

Coordinators' Area Reports – Kathryn Lewis

Stretford

St Hilda's Primary School **Victoria Park Infants School** **Victoria Park Junior School**
Barton Clough Primary School

Sale

Brooklands Primary School **The Firs Primary School** **St Joseph's Primary School**
Tyntesfield Primary School

Over the course of the last year, thirteen new volunteers have been placed across the above schools and there are two more ready to start. Nine of these are in schools within walking or cycling distance of home meaning they are at the heart of their community.

Giving back to the community is one of the most popular reasons for volunteering and it is gratifying to have had enquiries from potential volunteers from different ethnic communities. We look forward to welcoming volunteers from diverse backgrounds in the future.

Although reading tends to be the main activity undertaken by Intergen-Trafford volunteers, it is important to stress that this is by no means the only way to help in schools.

After the 25th anniversary celebration we were pleased to welcome St Joseph's Primary School to the Intergen-Trafford family and now have three volunteers there and we are delighted to welcome children from the school to entertain us at the AGM. A huge thank you to them and their teachers.

Our large intake of volunteers this year has helped Tyntesfield Primary School, which has had several years without volunteers. They now benefit from two volunteers from the local area and like most schools, they would welcome more.

I'd like to thank the amazing volunteers I have the pleasure of representing and likewise the school staff who find time in their busy schedules to liaise with me.



In April 2025, we took up an invitation from the Altrincham Hub to participate in a Volunteer and Community Fair at Tesco Altrincham store.

We roped in our charismatic volunteer, Brian Hooley to woo the passing customers.

Brian is not just great at recruiting he also happened to be our longest serving volunteer. Since 2000, the children of Victoria Park Infants School have benefited from his joyous and constant presence in the school.

And we did recruit on that day!

Coordinators' Area Reports - Sue Gill

Urmston, Flixton & Davyhulme

**Acre hall Primary School St Mary's CE Primary School Wellacre Academy
Woodhouse Primary School**

I have been a volunteer with Intergen-Trafford for two years and have really enjoyed reading with children at Victoria Park Junior School. I am grateful to Intergen-Trafford for offering this opportunity and have very much appreciated the support I have been given by Kathryn and Christine when I applied for and took on the role.

Now as volunteer coordinator for Urmston & Flixton I hope to be able to offer similar support to others. I took over the role from Janice Mortimer in early March 2026 and have been in touch with the seven volunteers and the schools. Although it falls into our next year's report, I was excited to hear that Highfield Primary School in Urmston wanted to become a partner school. I know that I have inherited difficult areas when it comes to recruiting volunteers, but as 3 out of my 7 volunteers have been volunteering for over 4 years, and 1 for over 2 years, I know the schools and children are very welcoming. So, I look forward to bringing the number of volunteers up with the help of our social media, schools and of course my current volunteers.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Macdonald and Mrs Ewan from Intergen for their fantastic contribution to our Thursday afternoon reading sessions.

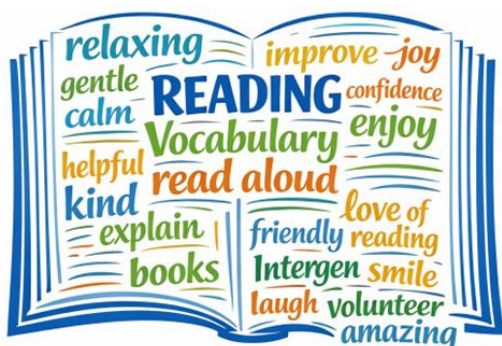
Each week, these wonderful volunteers join us to support Acre Hall students with their reading, offering encouragement, conversation and a love for books that truly inspires our children. Their time and dedication have made a real difference, helping to build reading confidence, fluency and a genuine enjoyment of storytelling.

It is always a joy to see the positive relationships formed between generations through this project. Thank you again to our Intergen team for being such a valued part of our school community. Taken from one of Acre Hall Newsletters

Our team message

Having new coordinators in our team has been very beneficial in assessing how we do things. With new pairs of eyes, our recruitment procedures are being reviewed and updated to be better ready for the challenges of the 21st Century. We were delighted to notice our improving retention of volunteers in their first few months of volunteering. This is possibly the best testament to our on-going work and effort as coordinators.

We want to say a big, heartfelt thank you to all our school volunteers who are an example to children and their own generations. Volunteering trends may be down, but not at Intergen-Trafford.



Children at Worthington Primary School made this lovely **Word Cloud** about Reading with Volunteers.

Geof's 16 years legacy



Geof Wilkins, one of our longest serving volunteers and Intergen-Trafford's poster boy has recently 'hung up his boots', retiring from volunteering at Woodheys Primary School in Sale after 16 years. During that time, Geof has helped countless children with reading, punctuation and grammar. These skills will be the bedrock of their future learning.

"For 16 years, Woodheys Primary School has been incredibly fortunate to have had Geof as part of its story. His long-standing commitment, generosity of time and unwavering belief in children have made a lasting difference to Woodheys. Mr Wilkins, we are deeply grateful for everything you have given over the last 16 years."

Jon Beisley, Head Teacher at Woodheys Primary School

Thank you Geof for your magnificent contribution to the importance and mutual benefits of generations learning and spending time with each other.



"I've had the pleasure and satisfaction of working as a volunteer class assistant at Woodheys school under the auspices of Intergen over the last 16 years. The support of the staff and the rapport developed with the children each year contributed to this. As well as hopefully imparting knowledge and skills to the children, I often honed my understanding of the topics I was preparing to teach. Expertise is not essential - just listening to children and helping them with reading can be rewarding. If you're a retiree with time to spare and interest in exploring the joy of working with children, I'd recommend contacting Intergen-Trafford." Geof Wilkins

How you can help



Connect us with relatives, friends or contacts who may be interested in getting involved, as a volunteer or with the team.

Follow us & like us on Facebook

The more followers we have, the more you talk about Intergen-Trafford, the more we get noticed and the more we can help your communities.

We love chatterboxes!

Treasurer and Finance Report

After the increased expenditure last year due to the 2025 anniversary celebrations and the cost of plaques for schools, the expenditure has returned to a reduced level that should be about the same each year. However, we have spent an additional amount of £571 this year to cover the Trafford Admin fees for DBS forms. This did include some invoices for fees from the previous year, and we were successful recruiting volunteers over the last two years. The cost has been offset partially by donations of £174.10 from volunteers. And we now know that since we invited donations from volunteers in November 2025 those donations have covered Trafford DBS administration fees.

Expenditure was made up of the usual admin activities of Travel, Printing, Post & Stationary, Computer/websites and DBS fees totalling £1554.85. When the costs of Meetings/events, miscellaneous of £232.48 are added the total expenditure was £1787.

Income was made up of an individual donation of £1000, DBS donations of £174 and £94 from savings interest totalling £1268. This has helped to keep this years' cash flow (ie the difference between income and expenditure) to -£518. Meaning expenditure exceeded income by £518.

At the end of March 2026 we had a total of £9814.12 in our current and savings accounts. But in 2021 we had £15,650 in the Bank accounts. Average cash flow over the last five years has been about -£1170, even when we had the sponsorship of Slater Heelis who provided money and two years ago a computer, which we gratefully thank them for. In the coming years, we will need to look at fundraising, grants or sponsorship.

Finally, I would like to thank Sarah Jones, Head Teacher of Worthington Primary for providing office accommodation for meetings which undoubtedly has saved us a significant amount of money.

Dave Roberts Intergen-Trafford Treasurer

INTERGEN-TRAFFORD

Income & Expenses Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2026

	31st March 2026	31st March 2025
INCOME		
Grants	£ -	£ -
Donations	£ 1,000.00	£ 10.79
DBS donations	£ 174.10	£ -
Savings interest	£ 94.71	£ 119.47
TOTAL INCOME	£ 1,268.81	£ 130.26
EXPENSES		
Administration		
Travel	£ 80.10	£ 130.50
Printing	£ 173.00	£ 177.99
Insurance	£ 399.57	£ 404.80
Post & Stationery	£ 108.05	£ 225.25
Website & IT	£ 222.53	£ 203.38
DBS Trafford admin fee	£ 571.60	£ -
	£ 1,554.85	£ 1,141.92
Charitable activities		
Meetings / events	£ 198.88	£ 679.07
Miscellaneous	£ 33.60	£ 606.94
	£ 232.48	£ 1,286.01
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 1,787.33	£ 2,427.93
Net Cash Flow for the period	-£ 518.52	-£ 2,297.67

Balance Sheet

ASSETS		
Current Account	£ 656.13	£ 805.71
Deposit Account	£ 9,158.00	£ 9,526.94
	£ 9,814.13	£ 10,332.65
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -
NET ASSETS/LIABILITIES	£ 9,814.13	£ 10,332.65
NET WORTH		
Fund balance at 31/03/2025	£ 10,332.65	
Net position at Year end	-£ 518.52	
	£ 9,814.13	

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