**THE FRIENDS OF**

**BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

**Founded 1948**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**2025**

**MEMBER GROUP OF “ATTEND”**

**(Formerly THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

**OF HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY FRIENDS)**

**Registered Charity No. 800482**

**Notice of Meeting**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL will be held at The Hospital, Milldown Road, Blandford Forum, Dorset on 2nd July 2025 at 6.30pm for the following purposes:

(1) To receive and adopt the Report of the Council on the Association’s activities and the examined Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

(2) Elections to Council:

Under the provisions of rule 11(B) of the Constitution the following members of the Council retire at the end of this meeting.

Mr P Richell

Mr T Bridle

Mrs A Brown

Mrs K Pluck

Being eligible Mr P Richell, Mr T Bridle, Mrs A Brown and Mrs K Pluck offer themselves for re-election.

Mr Roger Bradshaw has been nominated for election to the Council.

Steve Hayward has offered his resignation from the Council.

Under the provisions of rule 11(C) a public notice was advertised on 19 May 2025 calling for any nominations for the Council to be delivered to the Secretary by 20 June 2024. No nominations have been received.

The following will be duly elected:

Mr P Richell

Mr T Bridle

Mrs A Brown

Mrs K Pluck

(3) To appoint an Independent Examiner of the Accounts and to authorise the Council to determine their remuneration.

(4) To transact any other ordinary business of the Association.

**Light refreshments will be served after the meeting**



By order of the Council Mr J Hickish

5 June 2025 Secretary

Patron The Viscount Portman

President Mr W McLaughlin FRICS

Council Mr T Bridle AIB Mrs K Pluck

Mrs A Brown Mrs L Prior

Mr S Cole Mr P Richell

Mrs Y Thorne Mr C Marjoram Mr W McLaughlin FRICS Mr M Wood

Mr J Hickish (Secretary) Ms N Brown

Mr R Bradshaw – Co-Opted

Management Board Mr S Cole (Chairman)

Mrs K Pluck (Treasurer)

Mr Joe Hickish (Secretary)

Mr P Richell (Chair of Community Service Working Group)

Mr W McLaughlin FRICS (President & Project Manager/

Chair of Finance and Projects Working Group)

Mrs L Prior (Chair of Shops Support Group)

In attendance at Meetings Hospital Matron

Bankers Barclays Bank plc

National Westminster Bank plc

Virgin Money

Accountant Mr J N Butt A.C.A.

Secretary Mr J Hickish

Treasurer Mrs K Pluck FCMA CGMA ICSA

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**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL**

The members of Council (who are also Trustees of the charity) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

# Reference and Administrative information

Details under this heading are contained on Page 2 and should be read as part of this report.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The charity’s governing document is “The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital Constitution, Objects and Rules” (as amended 2008 & 2019).

The Trustees are elected by members at the Annual General Meeting. Council may appoint additional or replacement Trustees to fill vacancies until the next AGM. Officers are appointed by Council from those elected by members. New trustees meet with officers and are made fully aware of their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the Constitution and all relevant aspects of the Friends’ operations.

The full Council consists of a maximum of 20 members from whom the Management Board, as shown on page 2, is drawn. All members of Council are expected to serve on at least one of the working groups specialising in a specific aspect of our work. The Management Board decide on how to allocate the funds raised by the Charity at their committee meetings, with the staff only being involved with clerical roles.

The Management Board are the charity’s key management personnel and are not remunerated for their services

# Objectives and Activities

It is expected that Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust will fund the provision and replacement of standard hospital equipment, fixtures and fittings.

The objects of the Friends shall be to provide support and assistance to patients of the hospital and preserve and protect the health of the community by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities, support services and equipment not normally provided by the NHS or statutory authorities. In pursuing these activities, the Council confirms that it has complied with its duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission’s public benefit guidance

In pursuance of these objects the Council continued to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from individuals and organisations by way of subscriptions, donations or otherwise. Efforts are made to enlist the support of a broadly based substantial membership to keep in touch with the actual needs of the population, and existing members are encouraged to assist in this respect. Although it had been quite a quiet year the Friends continued to supplement the service provided by the hospital management for the health, welfare and comfort of patients and also provided amenities and support in the hospital and the community for patients, staff and others, including increases of funding for the Blandford Opportunities Group, who provides a day facility for disabled children and Blandford School for their Counselling Facilitator.

In considering applications for financial support the following priorities are adopted:

1. Major projects that add to the well-being and/or treatment of patients and/or the working conditions of the staff.
2. Additional equipment that would extend or enhance work carried out by consultants in the hospital.
3. Additional equipment to facilitate treatment given in the wards and outpatient clinics.
4. Grants for further training of hospital staff, especially nursing staff.
5. Improvements to the hospital environment.

Equipment for improved care in

1. Equipment for improved care in the community and health related community projects.

**Achievements and Performance**

The key performance indicators used to assess the performance of the Charity are a comparison of income generated from all sources compared with prior years. In addition, all expenditure is closely monitored in comparison with prior years and previous similar activities. At each Committee/ Board meeting detailed reports and analysis are prepared on the performance of the investments held.

Our shops continue to be very successful, with a group of dedicated volunteers, managed by our Charity Shop Manager. The shops have recently been refurbished causing some disruption and closure, but income remained very similar to the previous year.

The Community Transport Services remains extremely busy, and patients are very grateful for our services. To make the minibus more accessible we invested in a new wheelchair. This has greatly assisted people who find it difficult to leave their home and participate in stroke groups, shopping and outing trips. These trips are supported by an escort and the drivers.

The Friends’ volunteers manned a stall at the Sturminster Newton Cheese Festival and helped to raise the Friends’ profile and generated income for the charity.

The Friends invited volunteers to a post-Christmas dinner which was held in the dining room of the hospital which was again a great success. This was followed by a Cream Tea in the summer

In the community we have again continued to fund a counsellor at Blandford School, a valuable service helping children who are experiencing difficulties. We also supported the Blandford Opportunities Group who provide day facilities for disabled children and their parents, and increased funding to incorporate specific equipment as well as their running costs. We continue to employ a hospital gardener and supply hanging baskets where appropriate. The hospital ward is supplied with daily newspapers by the Friends.

An Ultra Scanner was requested by the MSK department, and the Friends invested £35,000 in this piece of equipment. This saves Blandford patients the need to travel to other hospitals for this scan.

Funds were made available for staff development which included training for one nurse to train in Parkinson’s enabling that nurse to use those skills within the hospital. We funded places for the Community Hospital Annual Conference and for nurses to do a palliative care course.

**Financial Review**

The Council is aware of its responsibility to invest funds prudently to achieve both income and capital growth and this aspect is reviewed regularly by the Management Board. It is Council policy to maintain in normal circumstances, a core reserve of liquid funds, which, with the income generated, will provide sufficient funding to meet requests for support without undue delay.

The core reserve is based on the funding needed to cover staff salaries, charitable activities, and reasonable project costs for a period of one year. The Management Board has authority to spend £100,000 on any one project within a total of £200,000 for a six-monthly-period without reference to Council.

As of 31 March 2025, the charity’s unrestricted reserves exceed the targeted core reserves, and the surplus will be used to support charitable projects in future periods.

Incoming resources for the year to 31 March 2025 was £196,052 against expenditure totalling £244,308 resulting in an operating loss of £48,256. This, together with Investment gains of £207,894 generated a net income figure of £159,638.

Shop income remained at the same level as last year, despite the Blandford shop being closed for refurbishment for 4 weeks in February and the Sturminster shop during the last week in March. A £6K deficit in Other Trading Activities because of the Autumn Fair not taking place, was offset by an increase in income from Donation and Legacy, leaving total income at 196K as in 2024.

Expenditure in the community comprised the increased funding of £15K for Blandford School for two years and £7K for Blandford Opportunity Group for 3 years.

Support for the hospital included staff training, along with garden maintenance and the supply of newspaper to the ward as in previous years. A final payment of £50K was made to Dorset Healthcare for the £300k grant committed for the MSK unit. An amount of £35K has been authorised for an Ultrasound Scanner for the MSK department to support their expanding back/spinal pain clinics.

Expenditure on fixed assets amounted to £21K, which included a wheelchair for the minibus and extensive refurbishment of the Blandford shop. As at 31 March 2025, work at the Sturminster shop had commenced and £16K has been accrued in the accounts, completion to take place in April 2025.

In August, £100K was re-invested in M & G, split between Charifund and Charibond units in the same proportion (75:25) as our holdings in these funds.

On 31 March 2025 the value of investments held with M&G amounted to £2,668,973. The

bank balance was £150,055 which included £1,832 of Tarrant Ward funds.

The combined total of the cash in our bank accounts and the M&G investments gives

£2,819,028 of rapidly realisable funds, which is £173K higher than last year. At 31st March 2025,

the total value of unrestricted reserves stood at £3,067,810. Unrestricted reserves in 2024 were £2,908,172.

# Trustees’ responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees’ annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
2. Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP.
3. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
4. State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
5. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and for the maintenance and the integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity’s website.

# Staff and Volunteers

The Council has been well supported as usual by the four members of staff, Leonne Hughes – Charity Team Manager, Lisa Deverell – Community Transport Manager, Becca Norris – Charity Shops Manager and Lucy Collin, Charity Admin Support.

All officers and members of the Council are honorary and did not receive any remuneration during the year or other sums except by way of reimbursement of expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity.

Signed on behalf of the Council by:



5 June 2025 Mr J Hickish

Co-opted Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

**THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

I report on the financial statements of the Friends of Blandford Community Hospital for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity’s trustees, who are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 Commissioners (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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking 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 given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent examiner’s statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Jeff Butt

Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Broadacres, The Ridge, Woodfalls, Wiltshire, SP5 2LQ.

6 June 2025

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  | **2025**  **£** | **2024**  **£** |
| **Incoming Resources** |  |  |  |  |
| Donations and legacies | 3 |  | 63,858 | 50,706 |
| Other trading activities | 3 |  | 116,382 | 122,332 |
| Investments | 3 |  | 15,812 | 16,305 |
| Other income | 3 |  | 0 | 6,500 |
|  |  |  | 196,052 | 195,843 |
| Resources expended |  |  |  |  |
| Raising funds | 4 |  | 69,896 | 66,489 |
| Charitable activities | 4 |  | 93,454 | 101,033 |
| Other | 4 |  | 80,958 | 73,420 |
|  |  |  | 244,308 | 240,942 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Net Income before investment Gains/(Losses)** | | | (48,256) | (45,099) |
|  | | |  |  |
| Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments | 9 |  | 207,894 | 99,778 |
| Net Income |  |  | 159,638 | 54,679 |
| Net movement in funds |  |  | 159,638 | 54,679 |
| **Reconciliation of funds** |  |  |  |  |
| Total funds bought forward |  |  | 2,908,172 | 2,853,493 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Funds carried forward** |  |  | 3,067,810 | 2,908,172 |

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|  | **BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2025** | | | | |
|  | |  |  | **2025**  **£** | **2024**  **£** |
| Tangible Assets | | 8 |  | 321,737 | 329,705 |
| Investments | | 9 |  | 2,668,973 | 2,361,079 |
| **Total Fixed Assets** | |  |  | 2,990,710 | 2,690,784 |
|  | |  |  |  |  |
| **Current Assets** | |  |  |  |  |
| Debtors | | 10 |  | 28,541 | 62,037 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | |  |  | 150,055 | 285,304 |
| **Total Current Assets** | |  |  | 178,596 | 347,341 |
|  | |  |  |  |  |
| **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year** | | 11 |  | 79,496 | 129,953 |
| **Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)** | |  |  | 99,100 | 217,388 |
|  | |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Assets less Current Liabilities** | |  |  | 3,089,810 | 2,908,172 |
| **Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year** | | 12 |  | 22,000 |  |
| Total net assets | |  |  | 3,067,810 | 2,908,172 |
|  | |  |  |  |  |
| **Funds of the charity** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Unrestricted Funds** | |  |  | 3,067,810 | 2,908,172 |

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts. These accounts were approved by the Council on

5 June 2025. Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Note** |  |  | **2025**  **£** | **2024**  **£** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Net cash used in operating activities** | **15** |  |  | **(30,142)** | **(313,564)** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash flows from investing activities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Investment income |  |  |  | 15,812 | 16,305 |
| Profit on sale of Asset |  |  |  |  | 6,500 |
| Sale/ (Purchase) of equipment |  |  |  | (20,919) | (6,726) |
| Sale of Investments |  |  |  |  | 300,000 |
| Purchase of investments |  |  |  | (100,000) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Net cash provided/(used) in investing activities** | | |  | **(105,107)** | **316,079** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the period | | |  | (135,249) | 2,515 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalent brought forward |  |  |  | 285,304 | 282,789 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cash and Cash equivalent carried forward** | | |  | **150,055** | **285,304** |

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Basis of preparation
   1. Basis of accounting

The accounts 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 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The accounts have been prepared to give a ‘true and fair’ view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a ‘true and fair view’. This departure has involved following 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 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional and presentational currency of the Charity. The financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

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

1.2 Changes to accounting estimates

The most significant judgements affecting these financial statements relate to the timing of the recognition of legacy income in the accounts. The policy for legacy recognition is set out below. In the trustees’ opinion there are no significant sources of estimation uncertainty affecting the financial statements. No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

1.3 Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

1. Accounting policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when

* The charity becomes entitled to the resources.
* It is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
* The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenses, unless required or

permitted by the FRS102SORP.

Grant and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the general income recognition criteria

are met. Government grants are recognised using the performance model and grants which have specified future performance-related conditions are initially recognised as a liability and are released to income only when the related conditions are met. Grants which have no performance-related conditions are recognised when the proceeds are received or receivable.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is when there has been a grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Donated goods

Donated goods are recognised as income upon sale.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees’ annual report.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable, and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year. All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise.

## 2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Allocation of costs

Governance and support costs have been allocated between raising funds, charitable activities and other costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by usage.

During the current and previous years all expenditure incurred by the Charity has related to the single activity of providing support and assistance to patients of the hospital and preserving and protecting the health of the community

Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation is recognised.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

## 2.3 Assets

Investments

Fixed asset investments are in Charifund and Charibond – Accumulation Shares and Units. They are valued initially at cost and subsequently at their market value at the year end.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity.

The charity owns a mixed-use property which comprises a shop used by the charity and a flat which is let out to provide investment income. This entire property is included within tangible fixed assets as the investment property component cannot be measured reliably.

The fixed assets are capitalised at cost if they can be used for more than one year. The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 8.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently that are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

1. **Analysis of income**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  | **2025**  **£** | | **2024 £** |
| Donations and legacies |  |  |  | |  |
| Donations and gifts |  |  | 38,111 | | 32,208 |
| Gift Aid |  |  | 3,491 | | 3,054 |
| Legacies |  |  | 19,456 | | 12,454 |
| Membership subscriptions |  |  | 2,800 | | 2,990 |
|  |  |  | 63,858 | | 50,706 |
| Other trading activities |  |  |  | |  |
| Shop income |  |  | 115,530 | | 116,145 |
| Christmas cards |  |  | 117 | | 2,023 |
| Autumn Fair |  |  | 0 | | 1,929 |
| Raffle |  |  | 0 | | 1,600 |
| Other events |  |  | 735 | | 635 |
|  |  |  | 116,382 | | 122,332 |
| Other income |  |  |  | |  |
| Profit on sale of Asset (Minibus) |  |  |  | | 6,500 |
| Income from investments |  |  |  | |  |
| Rental income |  |  | 13,936 | | 14,548 |
| Bank Interest |  |  | 1,876 | | 1,757 |
|  |  |  | 15,812 | | 16,305 |
| 1. **Analysis of expenditure** | | | | | |
| **Expenditure on raising funds** |  |  | **2025**  **£** | | **2024**  **£** |
| Shop expenditure |  |  | 26,986 | | 24,717 |
| Christmas cards |  |  | 0 | | 1,620 |
| Raffle |  |  | 0 | | 407 |
| Autumn Fair |  |  | 0 | | 411 |
| Staff costs |  |  | 28,373 | | 26,612 |
| Motor vehicle running costs |  |  | 1,611 | | 1,580 |
| Storage Unit costs |  |  | 12,926 | | 11,142 |
| **Total Expenditure on raising funds** |  |  | 69,896 | | 66,489 |
|  |  |  |  | |  |
|  | |  |  |  | |
| NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 | | | | | |
| **Note 4 Continued**  **Expenditure on Charitable Activities** |  |  | **2025**  **£** | | **2024 £** |
| Hospital Equipment and Amenities  Hospital Equipment and Amenities – grant written off  Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities |  |  | 91,206  (59,000)  32,206 | | 46,494  46,494 |
|  |  |  |  | |  |
| Hospital Equipment and Amenities include grants payable to third parties and details of these can be found in Note 7 | | | | | |
| Community |  |  |  | |  |
| Community Volunteers Expenses |  |  | 21,791 | | 17,883 |
| Minibus Running Costs |  |  | 4,695 | | 3,827 |
| Staff costs |  |  | 34,762 | | 32,829 |
|  |  |  | 61,248 | | 54,539 |
|  |  |  |  | |  |
| **Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities** | | | 93,454 | | 101,033 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Other Support costs** |  |  | **2025**  **£** | **2024 £** |
| Office salaries |  |  | 33,052 | 31,263 |
| Printing and stationery |  |  | 1,969 | 2,417 |
| Postage |  |  | 1,020 | 1,049 |
| Accounts Examiner’s Fee |  |  | 870 | 1,230 |
| Attend Subscription |  |  | 944 | 995 |
| Travelling, conference and meeting |  |  | 2,135 | 3,107 |
| Property costs |  |  | 9,277 | 5,673 |
| Depreciation of assets |  |  | 28,887 | 25,400 |
| Miscellaneous |  |  | 2,804 | 2,286 |
| **Total Other expenditure** |  |  | 80,958 | 73,420 |

Governance costs, included in the above, totalled £2,275 (2024: £2,865)

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| **5. Details of certain items of expenditure** | | | **2025**  **£** | **2024**  **£** |
| Fees for examination of accounts | | | 960 | 900 |
| Operating Lease expenses |  |  | 11,369 | 10,455 |

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| NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 |

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| **6. Paid employees** |  |  | **2025** | **2024** |
| 6.1 Average head count in this year |  |  | 3 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.2 Staff Costs |  |  | **2025**  **£** | **2024**  **£** |
| Salaries |  |  | 83,431 | 79,097 |
| National Insurance |  |  | 4,440 | 3,954 |
| Pension costs |  |  | 8,316 | 7,654 |
| Total |  |  | 96,187 | 90,705 |

No employees received employment benefits of more than £60,000 in either the current or

previous year

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **7**. **Analysis of grants committed** |  |  | **2025**  **£** | **2024 £** |
| MSK – Ultrasound scanner |  |  | 35,000 |  |
| Blandford Opportunity Group |  |  | 21,000 |  |
| The Blandford School Pupil Support |  |  | 30,000 | 15,000 |
| The Forum Centre |  |  |  | 9,065 |
| Other grants made below £4,000 |  |  | 838 | 2,280 |
|  |  |  | 86,838 | 26,345 |

Of the grants disclosed above, no grants were paid to individuals in FY 2025

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| **8. Tangible Fixed Assets** | **Freehold Land and Buildings** | **Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment** | | **Motor Vehicles** | | Total | |
|  | **£** | **£** | | **£** | | **£** | |
| At the beginning of the year | 278,441 | 24,202 | | 91,770 | | 394,413 | |
| Additions | 0 | 20,919 | | 0 | | 20,919 | |
| Disposals | 0 | (5,147) | | 0 | | (5,147) | |
| Balance carried forward | 278,441 | 39,974 | | 91,770 | | 410,185 | |
|  |  |  | |  | |  | |
| **Depreciation** |  |  | |  | |  | |
| Basis | Straight line – buildings only | | Straight  Line | | Straight Line | | Total | |
| Rate | 2% | | 25% | | 25% | |  | |
|  | **£** | **£** | | **£** | | **£** | |
| At the beginning of the year | 12,458 | 16,370 | | 35,881 | | 64,709 | |
| Depreciation | 1,569 | 8,687 | | 18,630 | | 28,886 | |
| Disposals | 0 | (5,147) | | 0 | | (5,147) | |
| At the end of the year | 14,027 | 19,910 | | 54,511 | | 88,448 | |
|  |  |  | |  | |  | |
| **Net Book Value** |  |  | |  | |  | |
| At the beginning of the year | 265,983 | 7,832 | | 55,889 | | 329,704 | |
| At the end of the year | 264,414 | 20,064 | | 37,259 | | 321,737 | |
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| NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 |

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| **9. Investments Assets** | |  | |  | | **2025**  **£** | | **2024**  **£** | |
|  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Carrying (fair) value of Charifunds and Charibonds at 31 March | |  | |  | | 2,361,079 | | 2,561,301 | |
|  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Value of Charifund Units at 31/03/2024 | |  | |  | | 1,794,842 | | 1,947,357 | |
| Add: Purchase of additional units | |  | |  | | 75,000 | |  | |
| Deduct: Sale of additional units | |  | |  | |  | | (225,000) | |
| Deduct: Loss on sale of units | |  | |  | |  | | (3,126) | |
| Add: Re-investment of distributions | |  | |  | | 106,821 | | 106,471 | |
| Add/(Deduct) net gain/(loss) on revaluation | |  | |  | | 87,770 | | (30,860) | |
| Carrying (fair) value at 31/03/2025 | |  | |  | | 2,064,433 | | 1,794,842 | |
|  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Charibond Income Shares | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Value of Charibond Shares at 31/03/2024 | |  | |  | | 566,237 | | 613,944 | |
| Add: Purchase of additional units | |  | |  | | 25,000 | |  | |
| Deduct: Sale of additional units | |  | |  | |  | | (75,000) | |
| Add: Gain on Sale of Units | |  | |  | |  | | 2,237 | |
| Add: Reinvestment of distribution | |  | |  | | 25,878 | | 20,809 | |
| Add net gain on revaluation | |  | |  | | (12,575) | | 4,247 | |
| Carrying (fair) value at 31/03/2024 | |  | |  | | 604,540 | | 566,237 | |
|  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Total of Charifunds & Charibonds at 31/03/2025 | | | | | | 2,668,973 | | 2,361,079 | |
|  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| **10. Debtors and prepayments** | |  | |  | | **2025**  **£** | | **2024**  **£** | |
|  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Prepayments and accrued income | |  | |  | | 21,078 | | 6,209 | |
| Accrued Income | |  | |  | | 4,963 | | 53,828 | |
| Other debtors | |  | |  | | 2,500 | | 2,000 | |
|  | |  | |  | | 28,541 | | 62,037 | |
|  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **11. Creditors and accruals falling due in one year** |  |  |  | **2024**  **£** | **2023**  **£** | | |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **2025**  **£** | **2023**  **£** | | | **2024**  **£** | |
| Grants payable | |  | |  | | 57,000 | | 126,280 | |
| Accruals and deferred income | |  | |  | | 22,496 | | 3,673 | |
|  | |  | |  | | 79,496 | | 129,953 | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **12. Creditors and accruals falling due in more than one year** |  |  | **2024**  **£** | **2023**  **£** | | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Grants payable | |  | |  | | 22,000 | |  | |

**Movement in recognised provision and funding commitments during the year**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2025** | **2024** |
|  | **£** | **£** |
| Commitments recognised at the start of the year | 126,280 | 429,776 |
| New grant commitments charged to SoFA in year | 86,838 | 26,345 |
| Grants paid in year or no longer required | (134,118) | (329,841) |
| Amount of grant commitments recognised as at 31 March 2025 | 79,000 | 126,280 |
|  |  |  |
| **Grant Commitments**  Due within one year  Due in more than one year | 57,000  22,000  79,000 |  |

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| NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 |

**13. Transactions with trustees and related parties**

Members of the board give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other benefits for the work that they undertake in relation to the Charity. However, they can claim expenses to reimburse them for costs that they incur in fulfilling their duties relating to the Charity-these include travelling specifically for charitable funds committee meetings and charity related business meetings.

Expenses were incurred by committee members, as detailed below. And these were wholly in fulfilment of charity business. There are no other related party transactions in the reporting period that require

disclosure.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  | **2025**  **£** | **2024**  **£** |
| Travel and subsistence |  |  | 215 | 182 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Number of trustees paid expenses |  |  | 12 | 12 |

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **14. Operating Lease Commitments** |  |  | **2025**  **£** | **2024**  **£** |
| The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid | | | |  |
| Expiring: |  |  |  |  |
| In less than one year |  |  | 20,008 | 10,807 |
| Between one and five years |  |  | 19,037 | 8,065 |
| Within more than five years |  |  | NIL | NIL |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**15. Reconciliation of Net Movement in funds to net cash flow from Operating Activities**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | | **2025**  **£** | **2024**  **£** |
| Net Movement in funds |  |  | 159,638 | 54,679 |
| Add back depreciation charge and loss on sale of assets |  |  | 28,887 | 25,400 |
| Deduct Investment income shown in investing activities |  |  | (15,812) | (16,305) |
| Deduct/(Add) Investment revaluation gains |  |  | (207,894) | (99,778) |
| Deduct/ Add profit on sale of assets |  |  |  | (6,500) |
| Decrease/(Increase) in debtors and Accrued income | |  | 33,496 | 54,414 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in creditors |  |  | (28,457) | (325,474) |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Net Cash used in Operating Activities** |  |  | (30,142) | (313,564) |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **16. Analysis of changes in net debt** | | |  |  |
|  |  | At Start of Year | Cash Flows | At End of Year |
| Cash at Bank and In Hand |  | 285,304 | (135,249) | 150,055 |

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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| **17. Analysis of Charitable Funds** | | | |  |  |
| **Analysis of Fund Movements** | **Fund b/f** | **Income** | **Expenditure** | **InvestmentGains and (Losses)** | **Fund c/f** |
|  | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
| Unrestricted Funds | 2,908,172 | 196,052 | 244,308 | 207,894 | 3,067,810 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Analysis of Charitable Funds – Prior Year** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unrestricted Funds | 2,853,493 | 195,843 | 240,942 | 99,778 | 2,908,172 |

**FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**For the years ended 31 March**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2025** | **2024** | **2023** | **2022** | **2021** |
|  | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Charitable Expenditure** | 93,454 | 101,033 | 86,583 | 192,599 | 60,639 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Operating Surplus/(Deficit)** | (48,256) | (45,099) | 57,372 | (69,825) | 1,174,904 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Funds** | 3,067,810 | 2,908,172 | 2,853,493 | 2,842,280 | 2,770,912 |

**ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2025** | **2024** |
|  |  |  |
| BLANDFORD FORUM | 179 | 177 |
| BLANDFORD ST MARY | 20 | 21 |
| BROAD OAK | 4 | 2 |
| BRYANSTON | 5 | 6 |
| CHARLTON MARSHALL | 32 | 33 |
| CHILD OKEFORD | 56 | 57 |
| DURWESTON | 17 | 17 |
| FARRINGTON | 2 | 2 |
| HAZELBURY BRYAN/IBBERTON | 3 | 3 |
| IWERNE MINSTER | 16 | 17 |
| LANGTON LONG | 3 | 3 |
| OKEFORD FITZPAINE | 15 | 15 |
| PIMPERNE/LETTON | 13 | 13 |
| SHILLINGSTONE | 30 | 30 |
| SPETISBURY | 11 | 6 |
| SHROTON | 8 | 12 |
| STOURPAINE | 14 | 14 |
| STURMINSTER NEWTON AREA | 61 | 61 |
| TARRANT GUNVILLE | 5 | 6 |
| TARRANT HINTON | 6 | 6 |
| TARRANT KEYNSTON | 5 | 4 |
| TARRANT MONKTON & LAUNCESTON | 4 | 5 |
| TARRANT RUSHTON & RAWSTON | 1 | 3 |
| WINTERBORNE HOUGHTON | 3 | 3 |
| WINTERBORNE KINGSTON | 1 | 1 |
| WINTERBORNE STICKLAND & TURNWORTH | 2 | 2 |
| WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH | 2 | 2 |
| OTHER AREAS | 42 | 77 |
|  | 560 | 598 |

**Joint subscriptions of £10 or more have been counted as 2 individuals.**

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