

**Charity Registration No. 1019410**

**Company Registration No. 02803974 (England and Wales)**

**ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(AMENDED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr D Moss Dr M J Walker Ms J M Bray Ms M Bainbridge Ms M Wren Mr S Foster Ms J Williams Dr L Alcorn	(Appointed 14 January 2025) (Appointed 9 September 2025)
<b>Charity number</b>	1019410	
<b>Company number</b>	02803974	
<b>Registered office</b>	St Benedict's Hospice St Benedict's Way Ryhope Sunderland SR2 0NY	
<b>Auditor</b>	Inspire Compliance Limited 6 Queens Court Third Avenue Team Valley Trading Estate Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE11 0BU	
<b>Bankers</b>	HSBC	

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# **ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 of the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)".

#### **Objectives and activities**

St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland is a registered charity which supports St Benedict's Hospice and Centre for Specialist Palliative Care, an NHS run service offering care and support to people from Sunderland and surrounding districts.

The charity raised £678,355 in the year in voluntary and charitable donations for the Hospice, supporting a wide range of activities, equipment and specialist roles to support patients and families. The charity currently funds the Hospice counselling service, various medical and occupational therapy roles and provides a wide range of specialist and general equipment.

The last 12 months has seen the charity go through a period of restructure across our Retail department to reduce our cost base and secure the long term future of the charity. Our Retail income has grown over this period and contributes to around 45% of our overall income.

During the period, we have seen the connections with our local community grow and bring new opportunities to involve local schools and businesses in our income generation plans. Our corporate partners have volunteered in the grounds of the Hospice ensuring it is always safe, peaceful space for the patients and families and our plans to increase corporate opportunities across other areas are underway.

We continued to support the traditional requests for patient comforts; equipment to enable better patient care; training for staff; and funding for many of the Hospice posts. The charity continues to fully fund the bereavement counselling service which is a vital part of the care we offer.

We would like to thank our current Head of Retail and Fundraising and our income generation team, for their ongoing expertise and enthusiasm, ensuring the charity continues to grow and develop even in these challenging times.

The charity has continued to pursue its activities under five objectives:

- To provide patients those comforts which are necessary to ensure that they benefit from the special atmosphere which is unique to all Hospices, especially St Benedict's Hospice. Some of these are specific to individuals and their families
- To fundraise to meet the cost of the provision of Hospice services
- Support and provide financial assistance to the work in specialist palliative care with the range of services provided for in-patients and out-patients
- To continue to recruit and train volunteers
- To assist in the establishment of a range of educational programmes that will improve the services provided at and through the Hospice

The Charity considers that these objectives and activities demonstrate clear benefits to the public in the areas served by the Hospice based on the need for palliative care services.

In setting objectives and planning future developments the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that they meet those requirements.

# **ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The policies of the charity are determined by the Board of Trustees and ensure day to day decisions are consistent with these policies and associated procedures. Policies and procedures have been reviewed and revised, with new policies agreed where identified. Limits of expenditure by delegated authority are clear and the Board is involved in making spending decisions. Where requests for expenditure require clinical and technical advice, these are provided by the Hospice Clinical Management Team.

### **Fundraising Update**

Members of the Board, its staff, and the community served by St Benedict's Hospice continued to work hard to raise funds to support the Charity. The members of the fundraising team organise events, and also support members of the local community in raising funds in the name of loved family members and friends, who may have received the excellent care offered by the Hospice. There are other community organisations such as darts clubs, other sporting associations who have been longstanding supporters of the Hospice, and continue to raise much welcomed funds. We are grateful to all of these members of the communities we serve for their efforts.

The charity's primary source of income is voluntary money raised from the general public, local businesses and charitable trusts and foundations.

Effective fundraising enables the Hospice to ensure that patients receive the best possible care, not confined to clinical care, but also their comfort in being an inpatient at St Benedict's. The Hospice has been operating for over 15 years since its opening in Ryhope. Many things have changed during that time both in the manner in which the NHS organises services across the region and the way in which those services are delivered "on the ground." We have sought to ensure our services meet modern standards, including a thorough review of facilities in the inpatient ward and day services. This has included provision of new beds for patients and their families if they wish to stay at the Hospice, installation of smart televisions in each of the rooms so that patients can watch Sky TV services etc., and more modern eating arrangements for individuals attending Day Services through the purchase of new dining table and chairs and associated furniture.

The transport team consisting mainly of volunteers, provides an invaluable service to individuals attending either the day provision as well as the lymphoedema service or other clinics, and they ensure that individuals are picked up promptly from their home to attend appointments, and returned home as soon as possible afterwards. The investment in the new purpose built mini bus which we are scheduled to take delivery of in May 2025 will support the team in enabling us to continue to meet the needs of our patients.

Volunteers are at the core of delivery, whether that be the transport team, volunteers working in the Hospice Bistro or delivering activities such as raffles and other activities in the community, or indeed the Trustees themselves. We are always keen to welcome new Trustees, so that we can expand our team and bring the broadest possible set of skills to oversee the operations of the charity.

The charity is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and all our fundraising activities comply with their Code of Fundraising Practice. The organisation has a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) database in place which ensures monitoring and support activities of people fundraising for us. The CRM also ensures accurate financial record keeping and that we comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which is regulated by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Volunteers who represent and raise funds for the charity on a regular basis are provided with appropriate training and support to ensure they maintain our fundraising standards. This includes sharing guidelines from the Code of Fundraising Practice, the Charity Governance Code, regular meetings and oversight from the fundraising team.

The charity is committed to supporting everyone who fundraises for the charity and understand that some people may be classed as vulnerable due to their personal circumstances or the circumstances of their loved ones. The charity ensures all of our staff are trained and able to recognise someone who may be vulnerable and work closely with the Hospice clinical team to ensure the individual gets the most appropriate support.

The charity remains committed to growing and nurturing the support we receive from people who commit to fundraise for the charity, often for very personal reasons. The charity remains incredibly grateful for all the support it receives.

# **ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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### **Financial review**

The charity reported a deficit during the financial year of £314,983 (2024: £429,078). A contribution from the retail operation of £195,804 (2024: £196,975) reduced the overall deficit.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Reserves Policy set by the Board of Trustees follows the guidelines as laid out by the Charity Commission. The Trustees have reviewed the charity's Reserves Policy in line with those guidelines and in doing so, have considered the impact of a number of potential financial risks, including the loss of key staff, reduced fundraising and trading performance as well as the impact of future plans. The Trustees are satisfied that there are sufficient reserves in place to cover these funds as of 31 March 2025, as laid out in their Reserves Statement for the year.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on their legal duty on public benefit, and are satisfied that the Charity delivers worthwhile public benefit. Due regard is paid to the guidance on public benefit when deciding on what new projects the Charity should undertake.

### **Investment**

#### **Policy**

Barclays Private Bank & Wealth Management advise the Trustees in respect of its investments. The charity is a long term investor and seeks to obtain a reasonable investment return. In placing funds the level of stock market volatility and the continuing uncertainty regarding world economic prospects have been taken into account and balanced against an environment of low returns on cash funds. The investment brief is broadly defined but ethical criteria prevent investment in companies that manufacture arms, alcohol or tobacco. The Trustees also invests other funds via a platform providing a base for cash savings. The Trustees ensure that such investments are at levels which obtain FSCS protection.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have a regularly reviewed Risk Register in place to assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Trustees have overall responsibility for the system of internal control for the charity, such a system, however, can provide only a reasonable, but not absolute assurance against fraud and error. Whilst palliative care services are largely funded by the NHS and the Foundation Trust, the major risk to which the Charity is exposed is a change in government or NHS policies which may result in reconfiguration of service provision or reduction of funding to Hospice services. Policies and procedures have been reviewed and revised in order to mitigate risk.

### **Future Policy**

The charity is to continue developing its strategy to maximise the funding of Hospice services including cost control, expansion of fundraising activity and retail operations.

# **ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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### **Structure, governance and management**

St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland is a charitable company limited by guarantee, which was incorporated on 18 March 1993 as Sunderland Cancer Relief (Registered Charity No 1019410), with its Registered Office St Benedict's Hospice & Centre for Specialist Palliative Care, St Benedict's Way, Ryhope, Sunderland, SR2 0NY.

The overall objective of the Charity is to "promote the relief of sickness of persons from Sunderland and other parts of the North East of England suffering from cancer or any terminal illness or intractable pain, and in particular but without limiting the foregoing by the provision of Hospice and day centre facilities."

The Charity works with the Sunderland and South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust through a Partnership Agreement.

The charitable company is governed by its Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet monthly at which a full agenda and financial statements are presented.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr D Moss	
Dr M J Walker	
Ms J M Bray	
Mr C H Trivedy	(Resigned 11 November 2025)
Mr R A Collings	(Resigned 18 March 2025)
Ms M Bainbridge	
Mrs C Parry	(Resigned 12 November 2025)
Ms M Wren	
Mr S Foster	
Mr T Mallon	(Appointed 14 January 2025 and resigned 11 November 2025)
Ms J Williams	(Appointed 14 January 2025)
Dr L Alcorn	(Appointed 9 September 2025)

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

New Trustees are provided with a full induction process and a pack which provides full information regarding all they need to know about the charity as well as their responsibilities as Trustees.

### **Auditor**

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Inspire Compliance Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

### **Looking Forward**

Our focus now is to continue to deliver against our 5-year plan and build on our new corporate and community connections. By working closely with our community we can support St Benedict's now and into the future.

As our income generation plans grow and our team continue to be dedicated to raising the income needed to support the Hospice we understand the need to invest in our current team to enable our plans to be actioned and are committed in doing this.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

# **ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Mr D Moss**

Chairman

Dated: 10 December 2025





# **ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025***

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The Trustees, who are also the directors of St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland for the purpose 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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 Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity 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 charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# **ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND**

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#### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

The Trustees have elected for the financial statements to be audited in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 rather than the Companies Act 2006. Accordingly we have been appointed auditors under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with Trustees and our management;
- We assessed the extent of compliance with laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence;
- Identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by;

- Making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- Understanding the design of the charity's remuneration policies.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- Tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- Assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

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In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- Agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- Reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- Reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Richard Tait BFP ACA FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of Inspire Compliance Limited

10 December 2025

**Chartered Accountants**  
**Statutory Auditor**

6 Queens Court  
Third Avenue  
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Inspire Compliance Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>						
Donations and legacies	3	675,880	-	2,475	678,355	1,305,515
Charitable activities	4	33,186	-	-	33,186	81,167
Other trading activities	5	1,090,347	-	-	1,090,347	1,087,429
Investments	6	77,430	-	-	77,430	50,361
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,876,843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,475</b>	<b>1,879,318</b>	<b>2,524,472</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>						
Raising funds	7	265,761	-	-	265,761	294,420
Charitable activities	8	1,155,983	-	78,270	1,234,253	2,010,477
Other	13	694,287	-	-	694,287	648,653
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>2,116,031</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,270</b>	<b>2,194,301</b>	<b>2,953,550</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfers</b>		<b>(239,188)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(75,795)</b>	<b>(314,983)</b>	<b>(429,078)</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfers</b>		<b>(239,188)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(75,795)</b>	<b>(314,983)</b>	<b>(429,078)</b>
Gross transfers between funds		56,620	(50,000)	(6,620)	-	-
<b>Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(182,568)</b>	<b>(50,000)</b>	<b>(82,415)</b>	<b>(314,983)</b>	<b>(429,078)</b>
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		1,213,486	600,000	364,821	2,178,307	2,607,385
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2025</b>		<b>1,030,918</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>282,406</b>	<b>1,863,324</b>	<b>2,178,307</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		36,401		52,556
Investments	16		1		1
			<u>36,402</u>		<u>52,557</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	17	1,582		5,627	
Debtors	18	125,400		82,711	
Investments	19	463,805		448,915	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,334,455		1,734,500	
		<u>1,925,242</u>		<u>2,271,753</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	20	(98,320)		(146,003)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>1,826,922</u>		<u>2,125,750</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>1,863,324</u>		<u>2,178,307</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Designated funds	21	550,000		600,000	
Restricted funds	22	282,406		364,821	
Unrestricted funds	23	1,030,918		1,213,486	
			<u>1,863,324</u>		<u>2,178,307</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 December 2025

Mr D Moss  
Trustee



Company registration number 02803974 (England and Wales)

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operations	26		(477,475)		(302,203)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of investments		-		(448,827)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		-		448,827	
Investment income received		77,430		50,361	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			77,430		50,361
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(400,045)		(251,842)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,734,500		1,986,342
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			1,334,455		1,734,500

The notes on pages 13 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and as such has no share capital. The registered office is St Benedict's Hospice, St Benedict's Way, Ryhope, Sunderland, SR2 0NY.

In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the Members would be required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Although the organisation has shown a deficit this year the Trustees still consider the going concern basis to be appropriate due to the cash reserves and investments held. The organisation has taken measures to improve the position by seeking more funding, pushing more retail through e-commerce and reducing costs where possible.

When making their assessment the organisation has prepared detailed forecasts to 31 March 2026. The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes that the organisation will continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values as stated in the notes to the accounts.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.



# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

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

### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.4 Income

All incoming reserves are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when receivable
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Cost of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income
- 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
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity
- All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis eg floor areas, per capita or estimated usage as set out in the notes to the financial statements

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	15% Reducing balance
Computers	25% Reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings (shops)	Written off over the term of the first lease

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

(Continued)

#### **1.7 Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charity. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The organisation owns 1 share in the company North East Hospices Lottery Limited (Company registration Number 03540674).

#### **1.8 Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### **1.9 Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### **1.10 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### **1.11 Financial instruments**

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

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

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### **1.12 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### **1.13 Reserves policy**

The Charity recognises its important role in fundraising to support Sunderland and South Tyneside Foundation Trust in dealing with palliative care, to that extent financial provision by way of establishing a reserve to ensure the continuance of this support. This position will be reviewed at each accounts year end and adjusted accordingly to meet any additional financial demands in the support given by the Charity. Above all the Charity must remain flexible in its commitments for the benefit of patients either directly or indirectly. It is the intention of the Charity to expand each year an amount at or equal to its income on its charitable objectives. Any surplus will be invested at minimum risk so as to produce investment income to supplement the Charity's ability to meet the demand of the support sought.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees 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 period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Donations and gifts	388,520	-	388,520	300,143
Legacies receivable	260,360	-	260,360	304,360
Grant income	-	2,475	2,475	686,012
Trust Fund	27,000	-	27,000	15,000
	<u>675,880</u>	<u>2,475</u>	<u>678,355</u>	<u>1,305,515</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>				
Donations	307,274	-	307,274	244,436
In Memory	17,969	-	17,969	15,760
Gift Aid	63,277	-	63,277	39,947
	<u>388,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>388,520</u>	<u>300,143</u>

### 4 Charitable activities

	Merchandise	Education Income	One Wish Lottery	Total	Total
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Other income	9,021	19,840	4,325	33,186	81,167

### 5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	157,704	201,543
Shop income	887,912	845,627
Other income	44,731	40,259
Other trading activities	<u>1,090,347</u>	<u>1,087,429</u>

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other income	77,430	50,361

### 7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Fundraising travel costs	23,954	27,384
Staging fundraising events	31,147	31,731
Fundraising requests	20,205	33,389
Other fundraising costs	18,140	19,122
Staff costs	59,632	66,386
Fundraising and publicity	153,078	178,012
<u>Operating costs</u>		
Merchandising	8,694	3,810
IT and other office costs	18,824	31,825
Training activities	3,593	3,794
Staff costs	81,572	76,979
Operating costs	112,683	116,408
	265,761	294,420

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 8 Charitable activities

	Hospice operations 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Complementary therapy	-	-	816,012
Variable NHS support	546,076	546,076	489,985
Special NHS support	508,724	508,724	508,875
Transport services	56,511	56,511	54,047
Sky	6,899	6,899	6,584
Counselling services	74,722	74,722	71,781
Telephone	1,422	1,422	1,129
	<u>1,194,354</u>	<u>1,194,354</u>	<u>1,948,413</u>
Share of support costs (see note 9)	34,874	34,874	56,784
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	5,025	5,025	5,280
	<u>1,234,253</u>	<u>1,234,253</u>	<u>2,010,477</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>			
Unrestricted funds	1,155,983	1,155,983	1,145,099
Restricted funds	78,270	78,270	865,378
	<u>1,234,253</u>	<u>1,234,253</u>	<u>2,010,477</u>

### 9 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	16,155	-	16,155	23,884
Professional fees	18,719	-	18,719	32,900
Audit fees	-	5,025	5,025	5,280
	<u>34,874</u>	<u>5,025</u>	<u>39,899</u>	<u>62,064</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>34,874</u>	<u>5,025</u>	<u>39,899</u>	<u>62,064</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £5,025 (2024- £5,280) for audit fees.

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

<b>10 Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	5,025	5,280
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	16,156	23,884
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 11 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Full time	16	14
Part time	10	10
Total	<u>26</u>	<u>24</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

### 13 Other

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Cost of selling donated goods	694,287	648,653
	<u>694,287</u>	<u>648,653</u>

### 14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 15 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2024	103,209	16,600	123,233	243,042
At 31 March 2025	103,209	16,600	123,233	243,042
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 April 2024	76,356	15,848	98,281	190,485
Depreciation charged in the year	9,270	648	6,238	16,156
At 31 March 2025	85,626	16,496	104,519	206,641
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 March 2025	17,583	104	18,714	36,401
At 31 March 2024	26,852	752	24,952	52,556

### 16 Fixed asset investments

	Other investments
	£
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2024 & 31 March 2025	1
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2025	1
At 31 March 2024	1
Other investments comprise:	
	<b>Notes</b>
	<b>2025</b>
	£
Investments in subsidiaries	1
	<b>2024</b>
	£
	1

The organisation owns a single share in North East Hospices Lottery Limited (Company Registration Number 03540674). On the 11 February 2025 liquidators were appointed to close the company.

### 17 Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	1,582	5,627



# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 18 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	86,287	44,209
Prepayments and accrued income	39,113	38,502
	<u>125,400</u>	<u>82,711</u>

### 19 Current asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Unlisted investments	<u>463,805</u>	<u>448,915</u>

The market value of the unlisted investments at 31 March 2025 was £551,842 (2024: £563,540), which included an unrealised gain of £88,126 (2024: £87,714).

### 20 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	8,545	6,973
Trade creditors	76,251	128,875
Other creditors	2,149	1,770
Accruals and deferred income	11,375	8,385
	<u>98,320</u>	<u>146,003</u>

### 21 Endowment funds - Designated funds

These are endowment funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
	600,000	(50,000)	550,000
	<u>600,000</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>550,000</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>			
	At 1 April 2023 £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
	600,000	-	600,000
	<u>600,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,000</u>

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 21 Endowment funds - Designated funds

(Continued)

At the balance sheet date the charity had a commitment to make a further £500,000 contribution to the NHS as it has done in previous years. In addition the charity has made a further £50,000 available for the garden project if needed.

### 22 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers
	£	£	£	£
MacMillan	22,538	-	-	-
National Lottery Grant	2,194	-	-	-
Bereavement Children	6	2,475	-	-
Hospice UK	6,620	-	-	(6,620)
Chairs	526	-	-	-
NHS Funding Request	8,015	-	-	-
Garden Project	96,971	-	(221)	-
NHS Seed Funding - Staff	227,951	-	(78,049)	-
	<u>364,821</u>	<u>2,475</u>	<u>(78,270)</u>	<u>(6,620)</u>
				<u>282,406</u>

### 23 Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>1,213,486</u>	<u>1,876,843</u>	<u>(2,116,031)</u>	<u>56,620</u>	<u>1,030,918</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>1,463,198</u>	<u>1,838,460</u>	<u>(2,088,172)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,213,486</u>

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	36,401	-	-	36,401	52,556
Investments	1	-	-	1	1
Current assets/(liabilities)	994,516	550,000	282,406	1,826,922	2,125,750
	<u>1,030,918</u>	<u>550,000</u>	<u>282,406</u>	<u>1,863,324</u>	<u>2,178,307</u>

### 25 Related party transactions

The organisation owns a share in North East Hospices Lottery Limited. During the year donations were made to the organisation of £4,325 (2024: £40,654). This income is shown in other income.

### 26 Cash generated from operations

	2025 £	2024 £
Deficit for the year	(314,983)	(429,078)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(77,430)	(50,361)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	16,155	23,885
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in stocks	4,045	571
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(42,689)	672,804
(Decrease) in creditors	(47,683)	(612,194)
Decease/(increase) in investments	(14,890)	92,170
<b>Cash absorbed by operations</b>	<u>(477,475)</u>	<u>(302,203)</u>

# ST BENEDICT'S HOSPICE, SUNDERLAND

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

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### 27 Revision of defective financial statements

These accounts have been amended to correct the list of trustees for the financial year ended 31 March 2025. No other changes have been made to the accounts of the financial information.

#### **Approval statement**

With regard to this revision of the financial statements by supplementary note:

- This note revises in certain respects the original annual financial statements of the company and is to be treated as forming part of those financial statements; and
- The annual financial statements have been revised as at the date of the original annual financial statements and not as at the date of revision and accordingly do not deal with events between those dates.

The revised financial statements were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 14 January 2026 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr D Moss  
Trustee

