

**Rotary Club of St Helens Trust Fund**  
**Trustees' Report for year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

During the Rotary year the Rotary Club of St Helens continued its programme of community service, fundraising and charitable support across St Helens and the surrounding area. The year built upon the strong foundations established in recent years, including the Club's Centenary celebrations and the award of the King's Award for Voluntary Service in March 2024.

The Trust's income was primarily generated through established fundraising activities including the Rainford Bonfire and Fireworks event, the Santa's Sleigh programme and the Royal Birkdale Charity Golf Day. These events were well supported by members, volunteers and the wider community and enabled the Trust to provide financial assistance to local charities, voluntary organisations and Rotary international activities.

The Club continued to support Rotary's global End Polio Now campaign through awareness including the planting of crocus bulbs for World Polio Day.

Supporting young people remained an important focus. Members volunteered in three local primary schools to assist children with reading and literacy development and delivered a careers and education awareness event designed to broaden employment aspirations. Intergenerational initiatives also took place during the year, including projects linking primary schools with care homes where pupils created and shared Christmas cards with residents.

Youth leadership was further encouraged through the RotaKids programme at Holy Cross Primary School, helping children develop confidence, teamwork and community service values.

The Trust also supported community wellbeing initiatives including Unzip The Silence, a project approved by the Director of Health for St Helens Council and the Merseyside & Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group. The project forms part of the borough's mental health and wellbeing strategy and uses QR code technology to connect individuals directly with appropriate support services.

A highlight of the year was the Community Impact event held at The Living Well where local charities and community groups presented their work and outlined how Rotary support could strengthen their impact. Following the event the Trust made several direct grants to support community initiatives across the borough.

Throughout the year the Trustees ensured that the Trust's resources were applied in accordance with Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, supporting projects that alleviate hardship, promote wellbeing, support education and strengthen community cohesion.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Rotary Club of St Helens Trust Fund remains financially sound and well positioned to continue delivering charitable benefit to the local community.

Lead Trustee: Steve Lawson

Trustee: Joel Wood

Date: March 2026

**Rotary Club of St Helens - Trust Fund Accounts**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 30th June 2025**

<b>Expenditure</b>		£	<b>Income</b>		£
Local Donations		20987	Donations Members		1050
Overseas Donations					
Rotary Foundation	3338		District Grant		
Other	<u>3665</u>	7003	Feed The Hungry		1000
Unzip The Silence		-77	Rainford Bonfire Event		12087
Heritage Trail		252	Santa's Sleigh		3750
Schools/Family Projects		323	Royal Birkdale Golf Day		12838
Lenndwithcare		243	Gift Aid 2024/25	1235	
Youth Speaks		60	2023/24 shortfall	-253	982
Gazebo purchase (promotion)		1345			
Central Station Project					
Aluminium Signage	2478				
Planters/Materials	314				
Northern Trains	-1000				
2023/24 Accrual	<u>-2007</u>				
Over accrued		-215			
Transfer to Reserves		1786			
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Rotary Club of St Helens

On accounts for the year  
ended

June 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 23 March 2026

Name:

Cyril Barratt

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

FCMA

(if any):

**Address:**

## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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