

Trustee Annual Report 2026: The GEM Appeal
Registered Charity Number 1040083

30 May 2026

GEM Appeal Trustees annual Report 01/01/2025 – 31/12/2025

The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Genetic Trust (GEM Appeal) is constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered charity, number 1040083. Its address is 6 Yealand Close, Bamford, Rochdale. OL11 4DL.

The charity trustees at the start and end of the year were as follows:

Mrs Karen Johnson	(Chairperson)
Mrs Katie Duxbury	(Vice Chairperson)
Mr Garry Whitworth	(Treasurer)
Mrs Wendy Mills	(Secretary)
Mr Peter Johnson	
Mrs Joy Whitworth	
Mr David Howles	
Mrs Lynn Howles	
Mrs Judith Paraschack	
Mr Robert Rawsthorne	

Our annual AGM took place, as usual in January (2026) and all the officers of the charity were re-elected to the positions they held the previous year.

Due to ill health both Mr and Mrs Howles tendered their resignations which were reluctantly accepted by the remainder of the trustees who thanked them both for their long and outstanding contributions to the charity.

The charity is currently looking to replace them but by constitution it is still well within the requisite number of trustees and confirmation of the resignations will be in the annual report next year.

The year ending 31 December 2025 was discussed at length and the fundraising activities were reviewed. These included the following events:

- Karen's 10k sponsored walk
- The Strawberry Sparkle Ladies Lunch
- The Annual Quiz night
- The Welders Ball
- The Christmas Afternoon Tea

As mentioned in our previous report, Denise Welch, our patron, decided that she was unable to continue to host the Winter Ball and be involved with the charity to the extent she had previously and 2025 was the first year without the ball for 21 years.

The effect this had on the charity was discussed at length and is very noticeable in the revenue and income generated for the year.

We are still looking for potential replacements for Denise but are realising that finding somebody to do what she did is going to be very difficult and time consuming.

That said we were invited to be 1 of 4 charities to be beneficiaries of a ball taking place in early March 2026 which proved to be very successful and will be reported on in the TAR for 2026. Whilst the funds that came our way did in no way match what we raised at our own

ball they did replace some of the missing funds and we were invited back to be beneficiaries in March 2027.

We are also pleased to be able to say that our fundraising efforts did enable us to continue the funding of the research scientist and in February 2025 we paid out the sum of £49650 which allows her to continue her research for another 12 months.

The other great news discussed was the stem cell therapy developed and administered at the Willink Unit seemed to have cured a boy from America of Hunter Syndrome. There is still a long long way to go but this is absolutely fantastic news.

We have had a conversation with the Willink and confirmed that they would like us to continue fundraising to pay for another 12 months for the research scientist. This would run from the start of July 2026 to the end of June 2027 at which point, even though the scientist will still be in the employ of the Willink Unit, they will be in a position to charge for her work and findings and thereby fund her own job.

Her work has proved to be really successful and is adding to the works of the Willink Unit and benefitting patients greatly.

With this in mind the charity will keep its aims the same and with a carry over balance at 31/12/2025 of £56383.77 we are confident of being able to fund the scientist for the period requested.

Our chairperson Karen ended the meeting by once again thanking all the unpaid trustees and volunteers for the amount of time and effort donated to the charity and the undoubted effect it has on its ability to continue raising the funds it does.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1040083

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Trustees

Mrs Karen Johnson	Chair
Mrs Lynn Howles	Secretary (Resigned)
Mr Garry Whitworth	Treasurer
Mr Peter Johnson	Trustee
Mrs Joy Whitworth	Trustee
Mr David Howles	Trustee (Resigned)
Mr Robert Rawsthorne	Trustee
Mrs Judith Paraschack	Trustee
Mrs Wendy Mills	Trustee
Mrs Katie Duxbury	Trustee

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1040083

Accountants and Independent Examiners

RAA Thompson Jones Business Solutions Limited, 2 Heap Bridge, Bury, BL9 7HR

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

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

The charity is registered, No. 1040083, with the Charity Commission in England and Wales.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The Gem Appeal was established in 1994 with the purpose of providing relief to children and young people suffering metabolic disease. The charity's governing document is its deed dated 8 August 1994 which gives the trustees the power to apply the funds in such a manner as they think fit for the benefit of any charitable objective or purpose.

The aim of the charity is to fund research and support at the Manchester Children's Hospital and as such the charity does not make grants to people or organisations whom apply speculatively.

To meet this aim the charity hosts a number of charitable fundraising events throughout the year.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities and setting the policies for the year.

Structure, governance and management

The charity deed now provides for a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 11 trustees. Where there is a requirement for new trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the remaining trustees. The trustees used the Powers of Amendment in Section 6 of the Trust Deed to vary the maximum number of trustees to 11.

The chair of the trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee. This involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, the history and philosophical approach of the charity.

Achievements and performance

During the year the charity has generated funds of £43,112 (2024 - £107,806). Total costs in generating these funds amounted to £65,408 (2024 - £89,613) resulting in a deficit of £22,296 (2024 – surplus of £18,193).

The charity has been able to continue its support of the Manchester Children's Hospital. The support of Manchester Children's Hospital remains the focus of the ongoing work of trustees.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to secure sufficient regular income and a reserve balance to be able to meet its objectives.

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The charity makes little use of financial instruments other than operational bank accounts with reputable banks, so its exposure to price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk is not material for the assessment of the assets, liabilities, financial position and net movement of funds of the charity.

Plans for the future

The trustees are committed to continue providing support to the Manchester Children's Hospital and in particular placing emphasis on providing further donations for new capital expenditure and vital research to the Willink Unit.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departure 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.

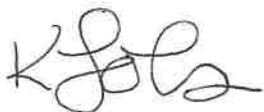
The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 breaches of law and regulations.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate 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.

By order of the Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Johnson', written in a cursive style.

**K Johnson
Chairperson**

Date: 01.06.2026

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of RMCH GENETICS TRUST (GEM APPEAL)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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

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:

- 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 Charities (Accounts and Report) 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.



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Date: 01.06.2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from generated funds:			
Voluntary income	2	6,910	4,639
Activities for generating funds	3	36,202	103,167
Total incoming resources		43,112	107,806
Resources expended			
Cost of activities generating funds	4	11,473	37,872
Cost of generating voluntary income	4	1,405	1,084
Charitable activities	4	49,650	48,147
Governance costs	4	2,880	2,510
Total resources expended		65,408	89,613
Net movement in funds		(22,296)	18,193
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2024		76,112	57,919
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2025		53,816	76,112

No activity was discontinued during the year ended 31 December 2025.
There were no gains or losses other than those reported above.
All the above represent unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	313	313
Cash at bank		56,383	78,619
		<u>56,696</u>	<u>78,932</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,880)	(2,820)
		<u></u>	<u></u>
Total assets		<u>53,816</u>	<u>76,112</u>
Funded by:			
Unrestricted funds		<u>53,816</u>	<u>76,112</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 11 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 01 June 2026



K Johnson
Trustee



G Whitworth
Trustee

The notes on page 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income from donations and other similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable.

Donations

Donations are accounted for when approved for payment by the trustees.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category.

The costs of generating funds in relation to charitable activities include all those resources incurred by the charity in undertaking its work to meet those charitable activities. Such costs include the direct costs of the charitable activity together with those support costs incurred to enable those activities to be undertaken.

Governance costs include the costs of arrangements which relate to the general running of the charity as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds.

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Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by donors. The permitted use of the restricted funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Voluntary labour

The charity benefits from the many hours of voluntary labour donated by its supporters in relation to fundraising and administration. The value of these goods has not been evaluated.

2 Voluntary Income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and gifts	<u>6,910</u>	<u>4,639</u>

3 Activities for generating funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Event fundraising	<u>36,202</u>	<u>103,167</u>

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

4 Total resources expended

	Basis of allocation	Activities for generating funds £	Charitable activities £	Governance £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Costs directly allocated to activities						
Costs of organising events	Direct	11,473	-	-	11,473	37,872
Promotional activities	Direct	1,405	-	-	1,405	1,084
Charitable Activities						
	Direct - Donation to Manchester Children's Hospital for Band 6 Healthcare Scientist	-	49,650	-	49,650	48,147
Support costs allocated to activities						
Independent examiner's remuneration	Direct	-	-	2,880	2,880	2,510
Total		12,878	49,650	2,880	65,408	89,613

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

5 Trustee remuneration

Trustees received no remuneration (2024 - £Nil).

6 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Fundraising debtors	-	-
Prepayments	313	313
	<u>313</u>	<u>313</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	2,880	2,640
Trade creditors	-	180
	<u>2,880</u>	<u>2,820</u>

8 Trustees Indemnity insurance

The charity does not pay any indemnity insurance on behalf of the trustees.

9 Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities of a material amount for which provision has not been made in the financial statements.

11 Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at 31 December 2025 (2024 - £Nil).

12 Ultimate controlling party

The charity's ultimate controlling party is its board of trustees.

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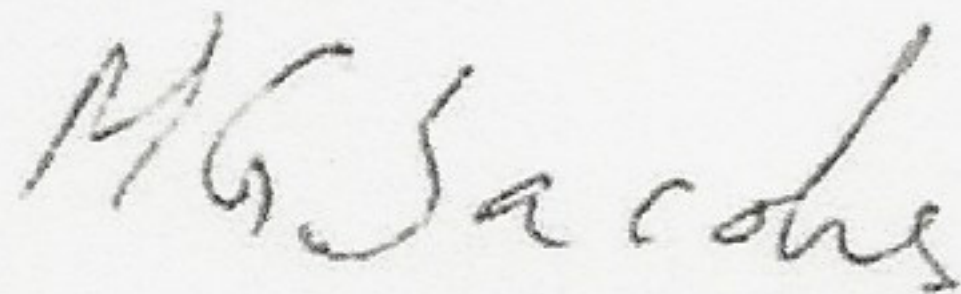
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