

**The Rotary Club of East Grinstead Meridian Trust Fund
(Registered Charity No 1044142)**

Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 30 June 2025

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Trustees	Margaret King Michael Haynes Anthony Beevor Ian King Martin Craddock
Charity Reg No	1044142
Examiners	Alan Collinge Bellsfield Oakley Close East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3UG Robert Shaw 22 Overton Shaw East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 2HN
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Report of the Trustees

Constitution and objects

The Rotary Club of East Grinstead Meridian is constituted by the Trust Deed dated 14 December 2004, and its objects are to support general charitable purposes.

Trustees

The Trustees are members of the Rotary Club of East Grinstead Meridian. Their appointment is governed by the Trust Deed of the Charity and they are authorised to appoint new Trustees to fill vacancies arising through death or resignation of existing Trustees.

Investment Powers

The Trust Deed empowers the Trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the Charity. No investments, apart from the holding of cash in the Trust Bank accounts were made in the year under review.

Activities and Achievements

The Club's principal fundraising activities continued as before. The Golf day proved successful. Christmas collections were less than the previous year, arising from poor weather. The Tree of Light Appeal again raised considerable funds. During the year the Club commenced to raise funds along with other Rotary Clubs in our District for the Cutout Cancer campaign to raise funds to equip new cancer treatment facilities for the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford. That fundraising continues into the following Rotary year.

Generally donations and grants made were higher than the previous year, but the total was less as there had been a one off donation to St. Catherine's Hospice in the previous year.

All appeals and requests for donations are carefully scrutinised by the Club before the Trustees are asked to make any donations.

Financial Review

Funds in hand at the year end are adequate to enable the Club to respond to requests for support in the ensuing year. All management and administration costs are met by volunteers or the Club.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are required under UK charity legislation to prepare financial statements each year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities for the year and of its financial position at the end of the financial year. The Trustees consider that a simple Receipts and Payments Account is the most appropriate form of financial statement having regard to the very straightforward and transparent way in which the Club operates. However, in preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to follow best practice and:

Adopt suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

Disclose and explain in the Financial Statements any departures from applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice.

Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and also enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with applicable law and regulations. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps to prevent fraud and other irregularities as well as for the risk management of the Charity.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2025

		Notes	
All funds are unrestricted			
		2025	2024
		£	£
Receipts			
Fundraising activities		12,927	13,120
Donations, gifts and other		13,430	8,824
Total receipts	2	<u>26,357</u>	<u>21,944</u>
Less fundraising costs	3	3,769	4,336
		<u>22,588</u>	<u>17,608</u>
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Payments			
Donations and grants		15,968	19,508
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Net movement in year		6,620	-1,900
Funds brought forward		12,398	14,298
		<u>19,018</u>	<u>12,398</u>
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Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities

1 Accounting policies

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and include the results of the Charity's operations described in the Trustees' Report, all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charity Accounts where applicable.

Fundraising and donations are accounted for as such receipts are received and fundraising costs and donations and grants are accounted for when such payments are made.

Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the Charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the accounts.

2 Receipts

	2025 £	2024 £
Christmas collections	9,001	10,740
Other donations	781	416
Gift aid	3,039	1,964
Crawley Down Fayre	106	
Fundraising activities		
Golf day	7,640	8,377
Cutout cancer (net)	5,358	-
200 Club (net)	228	266
May fair	204	150
Other	0	31
	<u>26,357</u>	<u>21,944</u>

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3 Fundraising costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Christmas collections	573	529
Other fundraising costs		
Golf day	3,166	3,807
May fair	30	-
	<u>3,769</u>	<u>4,336</u>

4 Donations and Grants

Christmas Appeal Donations	3,500	1,956
Shelterbox	1,000	1,000
Melanoma Fund	2,125	
East Grinstead Foodbank		841
Bloomin Arts		1,500
Ukranian Orphanage Generator	1,000	
Rotary Foundation - general		1,000
Rotary Foundation - End Polio Now	1,150	500
Christians Against Poverty		500
Marathon sponsorship - Street Child		500
Loiyangalini		250
St John WRCDT Bakita House		250
Griffyn Scouts		150
Donations to PTAs etc ex Christmas Collections	2,200	2,310
Meridian fm - general	240	240
Meridian fm - computer		500
Estcots School		400
West Hoathly School Association		250
Family Support Work	250	1,500
Being Neighbourly		1,500
SEDS Connective		400
East Grinstead VIP Club	650	400
EG and District Mental Health Group	300	200
EG Mayor's Charity	500	
QVH Charity and Peanut Ward	170	308
RYLA		1,260
Ashurst Wood PTFA - library	350	
Youth sponsorships		
Young people	1,253	372
Sponsored flowerbed	480	480
Royal British Legion	300	250
Champion Chanzige		250
East Grinstead Community Bonfire		243
Advance Centre		250
Donations written back		-350
EG Lions - needy family	300	
Others - all under £200	200	298
	<u>15,968</u>	<u>19,508</u>

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5 Funds carried forward

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at Bank		
Lloyds Bank plc	19,018	12,398
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Report of the Independent Examiners

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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.

In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act or accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

We have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date 3rd Dec 2025

Robert Shaw
Examiner

Alan Collinge
Examiner

Ian King
Hon Treasurer