

Charity registration number 1091919 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 04339368

OUCH (UK)

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

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D Chapman
P Goadsby
E Kelly
A Turner
V Hobbs
D Nolan
N Silver
A Bahra

Secretary

D Chapman

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Companies Act 2006 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

OUCH (UK), the Organisation for the Understanding of Cluster Headache, provides online and telephone advice and support to cluster headache sufferers and promotes awareness and understanding of the disease. Cluster headache is a rare and debilitating neurological disorder that is poorly understood and excruciatingly painful. It has been described as one of the most painful conditions known, with the intensity of the pain often reported to give rise to suicidal thoughts.

The charity aims to benefit the public by its objects and activities namely by:

- a) relieving the distress of people suffering from cluster headaches particularly, but not exclusively, by
 - i) providing support and information for sufferers and their families
 - ii) liaising with the medical profession to improve diagnosis and treatment;
- b) conducting and supporting research into cluster headaches and disseminating the results of such research for the public.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The charity had another successful year. Invaluable support and information to cluster headache sufferers continued to be provided through our Advice Line, website and social media. Patient community forums provided with over 5000 members. Annual Conference held with world-leading speakers and patient forums. Key support and advocacy relationships maintained with related charities.

In summary, total incoming resources for the year amounted to £33,297 (2024 - £48,525) and total resources expended amounted to £28,586 (2024 - £30,864) resulting in a net surplus of £4,711 (2024 - £17,661).

At 31 May 2025 general unrestricted funds stood at £115,942 (2024 - £111,231).

Financial review

Historically, the trustees established a policy that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considered that a reserve at this level would ensure that, in the event of a significant fall in income, the charity will be able to continue current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. However, a more flexible approach is now being exercised to reflect the current levels and activities of the charity.

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate those risks.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Members liability in the event of winding up is limited to £10 per member. It was incorporated on 13 December 2001 and registered as a charity on 8 May 2002. The company is permitted to omit the word "Limited".

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

The trustees , who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

C Allen

D Chapman

P Goadsby

E Kelly

A Turner

V Hobbs

D Nolan

N Silver

A Bahra

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the company.

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



D Nolan

Trustee

26 August 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF OUCH (UK)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Ouch (UK) (the charity) for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

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26 August 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		31,750	48,209
Bank interest received	3	1,547	316
Total income		33,297	48,525
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	28,586	30,864
Total expenditure		28,586	30,864
Net income and movement in funds		4,711	17,661
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 June 2024		111,231	93,570
Fund balances at 31 May 2025		115,942	111,231

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

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MAY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		2,717		4,076
Current assets					
Stocks	10	550		550	
Cash at bank and in hand		118,133		110,902	
		<u>118,683</u>		<u>111,452</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(5,458)</u>		<u>(4,297)</u>	
Net current assets			113,225		107,155
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>115,942</u>		<u>111,231</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	12		115,942		111,231
			<u>115,942</u>		<u>111,231</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 May 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 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 26 August 2025



D Nolan
Trustee

Company registration number 04339368 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Ouch (UK) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Pyramid House, 954 High Road, Finchley, London, N12 9RT.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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. 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.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

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.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

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, fittings & equipment	33.3% reducing balance
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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.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.8 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	1,547	316

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

4 Charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation and impairment	1,358	2,037
Donations paid	11,300	13,000
National conferences and trustee meeting expenses	6,237	6,284
Promotion and booklets	666	-
Printing, postage and stationery	1,435	4,356
Helpline telephone	781	561
Insurance	780	529
Website costs	2,971	1,200
Subscriptions	86	-
Training costs	193	185
Accountancy fees	1,716	1,273
Sundry expenses	712	1,137
Bank charges	351	302
	<u>28,586</u>	<u>30,864</u>
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5 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,716	1,273
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>1,358</u>	<u>2,037</u>

6 Trustees

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

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Taxation

The company is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 June 2024	24,470
At 31 May 2025	24,470
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 June 2024	20,395
Depreciation charged in the year	1,358
At 31 May 2025	21,753
Carrying amount	
At 31 May 2025	2,717
At 31 May 2024	4,076

10 Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	550	550

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Bank overdrafts		3,959	3,024
Accruals and deferred income		1,499	1,273
		5,458	4,297

12 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 June 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 May 2025 £
General funds	111,231	33,297	(28,586)	115,942

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

12 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 June 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 May 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	93,570	48,525	(30,864)	111,231
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13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).