

Hospice Aid UK

Trustees' report and unaudited financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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Charity Number	1092575
Company Number	04400127
Trustees	S Boyle B Cherryman D Duhaney M Gratze R Meakin (appointed 14 May 2024) J Meegan (appointed 14 May 2024)
Secretary	J Gratze
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Solicitors	Keystone Law LLP 48 Chancery Lane London WC2A 2SF

HOSPICE AID UK REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable for charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are:

- To facilitate and promote the relief, care, and treatment of the sick, especially the dying, and the support and care of their families and carers and of the bereaved.
- To facilitate and promote the charitable activities of independent hospices.

Our Aim

Hospice Aid UK's aim is to donate to hospices, in areas where funding is not readily available to them from other sources.

Hospice Aid UK raises funds for UK hospices only, complementing other hospice funding sources. We aim to help fill the gap that would otherwise mean hospices going without needed equipment/support, in areas that would directly improve the quality and patients' comfort and wellbeing and that of their close relatives. Our focus is Emergency funding which we have identified as something that really does help hospices, saving them time and money, sourcing the funding, and providing funding for that vital piece of equipment immediately.

Public benefit

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

From April 2024 – March 2025, we gave 16,704 to 9 hospices.

A few quotes from Hospices:

I am writing on behalf of the children, families and staff at Claire House Children's Hospice to thank Hospice Aid UK for your kind donation towards the purchase of a new Klearside bed for the hospice. We are sincerely grateful to Hospice Aid UK for your longstanding support of the hospice, and I hope you feel a great sense of pride knowing the difference you are continuing to make to the lives of the children and families we care for.

Thank you very much for your email and thank you so much for your generosity, we are so grateful that people like you are part of our community and support our work.

Thank you once again, we are so grateful to have Hospice Aid UK's continued support.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the trustees of Hospice Aid UK for supporting Shooting Star Children's Hospices once again. I can confirm safe receipt of your gift towards the purchase of the memory candles; we are so grateful for the support this year.

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Your gift will help towards the design and purchase of the new memory candles which will be sent to bereaved families ahead of their child's birthday each year – to help them mark this anniversary and remember the special moments they had as a family. These hand painted candles ensure families know we are here, at a time when they need us most.

Thank you once again for your continued supporting and helping us to make every moment count for babies, children, young people, and their families.

Grant Making

During the financial year, the charity has given grants to 9 hospices in the UK. The grants we have provided have helped hospices around the UK with vital core costs, and equipment funding.

Hospice AID UK relies on several different fundraising approaches to raise funds from a range of sources, increasing awareness of our work and allowing supporters to contribute in ways that are most appropriate for them. This includes fundraising through digital and online campaigns, emails, letters and press advertising from legacies, events, and community fundraising. This complements support from our donors and other regular supporters.

We continue to encourage and promote Legacy gifts and In Memory donations. We continue to find new ways to generate income. Our new mailing programme covered all the costs of producing the mailshots and response handling.

Reserves policy

The Trustees intend to hold sufficient funds in reserve so as to ensure the charity can meet its long-term objectives. The minimum amount to be held in reserve is £50,000. However an exception has been made this year due to the unstable cost of living crisis.

Financial review

Hospice AID UK received £114,142 from individual donations & legacies. Along with funds carried over from last year, this enabled Hospice AID UK to carry out its charitable activities. This resulted in a surplus of £21,901 to be carried over to the next financial year. The Trustees considered this to be satisfactory given the unstable cost of living crisis.

Fundraising Standards

Hospice Aid UK pays a levy to the Fundraising Regulator, and, as such, abides by the Code of Fundraising Practice. We also abide by the Fundraising Regulator's Fundraising Promise, and strive to ensure our fundraising is open, honest, legal, and respectful. We are registered with the Fundraising Preference Service which enables members of the public to control the nature and frequency of direct marketing approaches that they receive, including fundraising communications. Through the Fundraising Preference Service website, members of the public can choose to stop email, telephone, post and/or text messages from a selected charity. During the financial year 8 members of the public opted out of contact with Hospice Aid UK via the Fundraising Preference Service.

Monitoring of fundraising activities and protecting people in vulnerable circumstances

Hospice AID UK is committed to ensuring that we always treat the public sensitively and respectfully, taking special care to protect people who may find themselves in vulnerable circumstances.

HOSPICE AID UK
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
For the year ended 31 March 2025
Social Media Policy

The Charity has adopted the Charity Commission's approved social media policy and is applying it to its social media activities. The full policy is available to view on our website.

Complaints

Hospice Aid UK did not receive any complaints from members of the public about our fundraising activities in 2024/2025. This does not include expressions of dissatisfaction relating to our use of specific fundraising methods which most charities face.

For the future

Our in-house fundraising database is a vital plank of our future fundraising programme. It is key to our response handling centre and enables our Head of Fundraising to gain an excellent knowledge of the supporters of Hospice AID UK.

Risk management

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

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. 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:

Ms S Boyle
Mr B Cherryman
Mr D Duhaney
Mr M Gratze
Mr R Meakin (appointed 14/5/2024)
Mrs J Meegan (appointed 14/5/2024)

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Under the new Articles of Association, the Trustees are the sole members and have the power to appoint new Trustees. We are very pleased to say that we have recruited two more Trustees. Robert Meakin and Jayne Meegan. Robert has been involved with our charity for over 24 years, bringing his expertise as a lawyer specialising in charity law. Jayne brings over 30 years of organisational and operational expertise with extensive experience in coordinating complex projects and fundraising events.

Recruitment is undertaken as necessary through identification of skills gaps at trustee level. None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. New members of the Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of

Association, the Board of Trustees, the strategies, and recent financial performance. All the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

HOSPICE AID UK
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
For the year ended 31 March 2025
Governing document

The charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Organisational Structure

The Chief Executive Officer oversees the day-to-day running of the charity but is supervised and supported by the trustees in her role.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees deal with the overall pay and reward of the Chief Executive Officer. All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of Trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 11 and 16 to the accounts.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report (including the Strategic 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 situation of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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 2015 (FRS 102);
- 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.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 / 11 / 25 and signed on its behalf by:



R Meakin - Trustee

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 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 Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

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

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:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statements of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I have no other 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.



Adam Fullerton, FCA
On behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP
Chartered Accountants

9 Appold Street
London
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Date: 2 December 2025

Hospice Aid UK (A Company Limited by Guarantee)
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Year ended 31 March 2025 Unrestricted Funds £	Year ended 31 March 2024 Unrestricted Funds £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	114,142	140,604
Other income	4	603	50,353
Total Income		114,745	190,957
Expenditure on:			
Fundraising costs	5	14,387	20,351
Charitable activities	7	135,078	191,978
Total Expenditure		149,465	212,329
Net Expenditure		(34,720)	(21,372)
Transfers between funds		-	-
Net movement in funds		(34,720)	(21,372)
Reconciliation of Funds:			
Total Funds brought forward		56,621	77,993
Total Funds carried forward	14	21,901	56,621

The Statement of Financial Activities reflects the results of continuing activities for the year.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Hospice Aid UK (A Company Limited by Guarantee)
Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors	12	1,000		1,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>31,802</u>		<u>66,095</u>	
		32,802		67,095	
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(10,901)		(10,474)	
Net Current Assets			<u>21,901</u>		<u>56,621</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	14		<u>21,901</u>		<u>35,248</u>
			<u>21,901</u>		<u>35,248</u>

For the financial year in question, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on **26 November 2025**

Signed on their behalf by:



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R Meakin
Trustee

Company Number: 04400127

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

Hospice Aid UK is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The registered address is 1st Floor 48 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1SF.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charitable Company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemptions available not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The principal accounting policies, which are applied consistently, are set out below.

b) Going Concern Basis

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of the financial statements. In particular, the trustees have considered the charitable company's forecasts and projections and have taken into account the pressures on donation and grant income.

Having carried out a detailed review of the Charity's resources and the current economic challenges facing both the Charity and its members the Trustees are satisfied that the Charity has sufficient cash to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements and that it is appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on the going concern basis.

c) Critical Accounting Estimates and Areas of Judgement

In the view of the trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

d) Income

All income is accounted for when there is evidence of entitlement, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income including donations is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

For legacies, entitlement is taken at the earlier of the date on which either; the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executors to the charity that a distribution will be made, or where a distribution has been received from an estate.

Donations are received via legacies and postal donations and credit card processed through CAF.

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation for payment to be made.

Costs are disclosed in the following categories

- Governance costs are the costs associated with the strategic direction of the organisation and with meeting regulatory requirements.
- Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued.

f) Tangible Fixed Assets

All fixed assets with a value over £250 are capitalised at cost, being their purchase cost together with any incidental expenses at acquisition, and depreciated to their estimated residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Computer equipment	Straight line over 3 years
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A review of fixed asset lives and impairments is undertaken on an annual basis.

g) Pension Benefits

The charity makes contributions on behalf of employees to their individual personal pension schemes during their period of service, at a rate fixed by the Trustees.

h) Operating leases

Operating lease and rental costs, where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor have been charged to expenditure as they arise.

i) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are received and applied for the general objects of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to such restrictions as specified by donors and are utilised in accordance with donors' wishes.

j) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with a maturity date of three months or less.

k) Financial Instruments

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined by FRS 102. Financial instruments receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently at amortised cost.

With the exceptions of prepayments and deferred income all other debtor and creditor balances are considered to be basic financial instruments under FRS 102.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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3 Donations and legacies

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Donations Received	109,142	103,870
Legacies	5,000	36,734
	114,142	140,604
	114,142	140,604

4 Other income

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Interest income from Bank deposits	380	1,081
Income from sponsorship	-	6,500
Other income	223	42,772
	603	50,353
	603	50,353

5 Raising Funds

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Other fundraising costs	14,387	20,351
	14,387	20,351
	14,387	20,351

6 Grants Payable

	Grants made to provide facilities to hospices 2025 £	Grants made to provide facilities to hospices 2024 £
Grants to institutions:		
Bluebell Wood Hospice	1,264	-
Childrens Hospice South West Emergency Funds	-	4,995
Claire House Childrens Hospice	1,987	2,729
Cope Chldrens Hospice	461	-
Demelza Hospice	-	2,000
Earl Mountbatton Hospice	-	750
East Anglis Childrens Hospice	1,000	-
Five Towns Hospice	1,600	-
Hartlepool Hospice	-	5,090
Hospice Of the Good Shepherd	-	1,925
Kirkwood Hospice	-	2,000
Lewis Manning Hospice	-	2,000
Lindsay Lodge Hospice	-	2,000
Pilgrims Hospice Grant	2,346	-
Queens Court Hospice	3,675	-
St Catherines Hospice	-	2,000
Shooting Star childrens Hospice	750	-
St J Hospice	3,621	2,295
St Michaels Hospice	-	4,244
St Vincents Hospice	-	2,000
The Hospice Charity	-	2,000
The Mary Stevens Hospice	-	2,000
The Norfolk Hospice	-	2,000
The Northumberland Hospice	-	2,000
Western Hospice care	-	1,600
Wigan Hospice	-	3,780
	16,704	47,408

The total number of grants made in the year were

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7 Charitable Activities

		Promoting & raising awareness of activities 2025	Grants made to provide facilities to hospices 2025	Total 2025
Year to 31 March 2025				
Staff costs		30,006	-	30,006
Data processing		15,690	-	15,690
Direct mail appeals		18,469	-	18,469
Event expense		6,159	-	6,159
		<u>70,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,324</u>
Grant funding of activities	(see Note 6)	-	16,704	16,704
Share of support costs	(see Note 8)	-	38,169	38,169
Share of governance costs	(see Note 8)	819	9,062	9,881
		<u>71,143</u>	<u>63,935</u>	<u>135,078</u>
Charitable Activities				
		Promoting & raising awareness of activities 2024	Grants made to provide facilities to hospices 2024	Total 2024
Year to 31 March 2024				
Staff costs		29,931	-	29,931
Data processing		-	-	-
Direct mail appeals		15,093	-	15,093
Event expense		14,688	-	14,688
Postage and other costs		11,361	-	11,361
Other costs		1,131	-	1,131
		<u>72,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,204</u>
Grant funding of activities	(see Note 6)	-	47,408	47,408
Share of support costs	(see Note 8)	-	44,383	44,383
Share of governance costs	(see Note 8)	20,183	7,800	27,983
		<u>92,387</u>	<u>99,591</u>	<u>191,978</u>

8 Support Costs - 2025

	Support Costs £	Governance Costs £	Total 2025 £
Staff costs	16,157	-	16,157
Rent	9,600	-	9,600
Bank and Cr card charges	1,355	-	1,355
Postage, packaging and stationary	2,988	-	2,988
Telephone	1,880	-	1,880
Meeting expense	384	-	384
Advertising	1,655	-	1,655
Computer & IT expenses	190	-	190
Insurance	317	-	317
Other support costs	3,643	-	3,643
Independent Examiner fees	-	6,750	6,750
Accountancy	-	2,312	2,312
Legal and professional	-	819	819
	<u>38,169</u>	<u>9,881</u>	<u>48,050</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>38,169</u>	<u>9,881</u>	<u>48,050</u>

Support Costs - 2024

	Support Costs £	Governance Costs £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs	16,116	-	16,116
Rent	9,600	-	9,600
Bank and Cr card charges	133	-	133
Postage, packaging and stationary	323	-	323
Telephone	1,263	-	1,263
Meeting expense	824	-	824
Advertising	7,383	-	7,383
Computer & IT expenses	5,328	-	5,328
Insurance	617	-	617
Other support costs	2,796	-	2,796
Independent Examiner fees	-	6,495	6,495
Accountancy	-	1,305	1,305
Legal and professional	-	20,183	20,183
	<u>44,383</u>	<u>27,983</u>	<u>72,366</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>44,383</u>	<u>27,983</u>	<u>72,366</u>

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9 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Fees payable to the charity's Independent Examiners	<u>6,750</u>	<u>6,495</u>

10 Trustees

None (2024: None) of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year, however the CEO and relative of trustee M Gratze received remuneration disclosed in the note below.
None of the trustees were reimbursed for any expenses in respect of the charity in the year (2024: none).

11 Employees

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Gross salaries	45,000	45,000
Social security costs	4,955	4,955
Pension costs	1,163	1,163
	<u>51,118</u>	<u>51,118</u>

Staff Numbers

The average monthly number of employees during the year was: 1 1

No employees earned over £60,000 during the year (2024: None).

Key Management Personnel

During the year there was one staff member who was deemed to be Key Management Personnel. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of key management personnel were £51,118 (2024: £51,118).

In addition to one full time paid employee, the charity also used a separate source paid on a consultancy basis.

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12 Debtors	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Other debtors	1,000	1,000
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Social security and other taxation	2,503	2,428
Other creditors	1,648	1,494
Accruals	6,750	6,552
	<u>10,901</u>	<u>10,474</u>

Included within Other creditors are pension contributions payable of £0 (2024: £227).

14 Analysis of funds

	Balance at 01/04/2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31/03/2025 £
Unrestricted fund	56,621	114,745	(149,465)	21,901
Total 2025	<u>56,621</u>	<u>114,745</u>	<u>(149,465)</u>	<u>21,901</u>

15 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £1,163 (2024: £1,163)

16 Related party transactions

The Charity rents an office from the Chief Executive Officer for an amount of £800 pm. This agreement has been authorised by the trustees on the basis that an office is required for the charity to function and an alternative office in the local area would cost thousands more than the agreed amount, especially when one includes the ancillary costs of running the office and storage. The Chief Executive Officer was also reimbursed £9,419 (2024: £2,272) for expenditure on behalf of the charity.