

Registered Charity No.
1138978

The Preston Family Charitable Settlement
Accounts
and
Financial Statements
for the year ended
5 April 2025

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The Preston Family Charitable Settlement Trust Information

Charity Number

1138978

Trustees

Anthony Charles Preston
Margaret Elizabeth Preston
Martin Charles Preston
Edward John Preston
Jennifer Elizabeth Hopkinson

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The Preston Family Charitable Settlement Trustees' Report for 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the Charitable Settlement for the year ended 5 April 2025. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of The Preston Family Charitable Settlement comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Trust's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to support charitable causes by the making of grants.

Requests for grants and donations are received by the trustees on an individual basis. The trustees consider the merits of each request and invest mainly in local charities, with particular emphasis on young people, health and social care.

Each year the trustees review the objectives and activities of the charity to ensure they continue to reflect the charity's aims and to provide a public benefit. The trustees are more than satisfied that they do.

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

Achievements and performance

The Charity made £352,370 of grants and donations to charitable causes during the year in line with its charitable objectives.

Financial Review

The results for the year ended 5 April 2025 are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 5. The trustees confirm that the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations as they fall due.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maximise unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, to ensure that sufficient funds are available to cover grants and donations payable, and management and administration costs for the foreseeable future. Free reserves at the year end were £251,136 (2024: £237,336)

Risk policy

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

Future plans

The trustees are aware that the need for aid seems never ending and they plan to continue doing what they can to assist. However, they realise that they must use the resources they have wisely. They therefore intend to continue their approach of funding a mix of local charitable institutions.

The Preston Family Charitable Settlement Trustees' Report for 2025

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established by a charitable trust deed, dated 12 March 2008 on the settlement of property by Mr AC Preston.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are shown on page 1. No trustees have any interest in the charity

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The first trustees will serve until they resign. Subsequent trustees are appointed by the board and are appointed for a term of three years.

When new trustees are appointed, they are given an introduction to the work of the trust and are provided with the information they need to fulfil their roles, including information about the role of a trustee and about charity law.

Organisation structure

The Preston Family Charitable Settlement is governed by a Board of Trustees, which meets at such times as circumstances require and covers all matters relating to policy and management. There are currently five trustees and all grants payable are approved by them.

Fundraising activities and income generation

The trust received £350,000 (2024 £nil) of donations in the year and made £335,000 (2024 £30,000) grants to organisations during the current year.

Funds held as custodian

There are no funds held as custodian Trustee on behalf of others.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable trust for the year. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) observe the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice;
- (c) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- (d) 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable Trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Trustee Act 2000. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

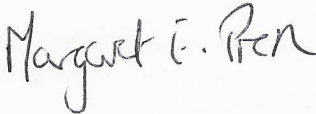
**The Preston Family Charitable Settlement
Trustees' Report for 2025**

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Anthony Charles Preston
Trustee



Margaret Elizabeth Preston
Trustee



Martin Charles Preston
Trustee



Edward John Preston
Trustee



Jennifer Elizabeth Hopkinson
Trustee



Date

The Preston Family Charitable Settlement
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Preston Family Charitable Settlement

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Preston Family Charitable Settlement

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Preston Family Charitable Settlement (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Graham Travis FCA

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Date

The Preston Family Charitable Settlement
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 5 April 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income				
Donations	2	352,370	352,370	-
Total income		<u>352,370</u>	<u>352,370</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditure				
Charitable expenditure				
Grants paid		335,000	335,000	30,000
Governance expenses				
Professional fees		3,570	3,570	240
Charitable expenditure			-	-
Total expenditure	3	<u>338,570</u>	<u>338,570</u>	<u>30,240</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments		13,800	13,800	(30,240)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-
Net movement in funds	5	<u>13,800</u>	<u>13,800</u>	<u>(30,240)</u>
Total funds brought forward	5	<u>237,336</u>	<u>237,336</u>	<u>267,576</u>
Total funds carried forward	5	<u><u>251,136</u></u>	<u><u>251,136</u></u>	<u><u>237,336</u></u>

The Preston Family Charitable Settlement
Balance Sheet
as at 5 April 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank		253,536	238,536
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(2,400)	(1,200)
Net current assets		<u>251,136</u>	<u>237,336</u>
Net assets		<u>251,136</u>	<u>237,336</u>
The Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	5	<u>251,136</u>	<u>237,336</u>
Total funds		<u>251,136</u>	<u>237,336</u>

The charitable Trust's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable Trusts.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Trustee Act 2000 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Anthony Charles Preston
Trustee

Margaret Elizabeth Preston
Trustee

Martin Charles Preston
Trustee

Edward John Preston
Trustee

Jennifer Elizabeth Hopkinson
Trustee

Date

The Preston Family Charitable Settlement

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 5 April 2025

1 Accounting policies

Company information

The Preston Family Charitable Settlement was established by a charitable trust deed dated 12 March 2008. The principal place of business is c/o Shepherd Private Clients Limited, Highfield House, Cheadle Royal Business Park, Cheadle, SK8 3GY.

1.1 Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". 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 accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, 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 accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

1.4 Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is a reasonable assurance of receipt.

The following accounting policies are applied to income:

Donations

Donations are accounted for when receivable, including Gift Aid tax recovery where applicable.

Investment income

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable relating to investment income is accounted for in the same period as the related income.

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for the year ended 5 April 2025

1.5 *Expenditure*

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be directly allocated to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grants and donations payable are accounted for when the trustees have accepted a legal or moral obligation to make the payment.

1.6 *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents include deposits held at call with banks.

1.7 *Financial instruments*

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors 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 financial 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.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments (for example, shares) are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure), except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

2 Donations

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations	<u>352,370</u>	<u>-</u>

The donations relate to a cash donation and legal fees and governance costs paid by AC Preston on behalf of the charity.

The Preston Family Charitable Settlement
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for the year ended 5 April 2025

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Manchester Grammar School	250,000	-
The Sutton Trust	50,000	-
Cheshire Connect	25,000	
Ark House Rehab	10,000	
Friends of Buxton International Festival	-	5,000
The University of Manchester	-	25,000
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	335,000	30,000
Governance costs	3,570	240
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	338,570	30,240
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4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	2,400	1,200
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5 Movement in reserves

	Unrestricted funds 2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£
Net movement in funds	13,800	13,800	(30,240)
Total funds brought forward	237,336	237,336	267,576
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Total funds carried forward	251,136	251,136	237,336

All funds are unrestricted funds.

6 Analysis of net assets between funds

Net assets relate wholly to unrestricted funds in this and the previous year.

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connection with them) received any remuneration or expenses from the charity during this or the previous year.

8 Employees

There were no employees during the year

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for the year ended 5 April 2025

9 Related Party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year other than those disclosed in note 2 (2024 - none).