

GESS CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1151954

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2013-05-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE TO APPLY THE INCOME, AND SUCH PART OR PARTS OF THE CAPITAL, TO OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUCH EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES, AND TO MAKE DONATIONS TO SUCH CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, AT SUCH TIMES AND IN SUCH MANNER AS THE TRUSTEES MAY IN THEIR DISCRETION THINK FIT.

Activities: To apply the charity's income for the benefit of exclusively charitable purposes, and to make donations to charitable institutions, at the discretion of the trustees.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£31,250	£23,882	-	-
2024-04-05	£36,225	£35,070	-	-
2023-04-05	£19,900	£26,280	-	-
2022-04-05	£25,000	£34,489	-	-
2021-04-05	£20,000	£33,075	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GEORGE EDWARD SPENCER SELIGMAN	Chair	2013-03-18
Mark Donald SELIGMAN		2013-03-18
VERONIQUE SYBILLE SELIGMAN		2013-03-18

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**GESS Charitable Trust
Annual Accounts and Trustees' Report
Year Ended 5 April 2025**

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**GESS Charitable Trust
Trustees' Annual Report
Year Ended 5 April 2025**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025. They are satisfied that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Trust Deed as described below and the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

Charitable Objects

The Foundation's objects are to apply its income for the benefit of exclusively charitable purposes, and to make donations to charitable institutions, at the discretion of the trustees.

Public Benefit

The Trustee Board has complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Review of Activities and Achievements

At 5 April 2025 the Trust had cash reserves of £33,763, represented by its bank account at National Westminster Bank plc. It plans to make further charitable donations in the year to April 2026.

Financial Review

During the period the Trust paid charitable donations, in accordance with its charitable objects, of £23,882. The Trust received donations of £25,000.

Risk Management

The Trustee Board is committed to the identification and management of the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Trust faces. The Trustee Board is tasked with identifying the likelihood and impact of any risks, together with such actions as may be necessary to mitigate such risks.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' objective that the Trust should maintain a positive level of reserves at all times. Free reserves currently stand at £33,732, which is the bank balance at 5 April 2025.

Plans for the Future

The Trust expects to continue to make grants broadly in line with previous history. The focus will include local charities.

**GESS Charitable Trust
Trustees' Annual Report (continued)
Year Ended 5 April 2025**

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Trust was created by a deed dated 6 February 2013. It was registered with the Charity Commission (Registration No. 1151954) on 18 March 2013.

Organisation

The Trustee Board sets and oversees the Trust's strategy and objectives, monitors its effectiveness, and awards grants.

The Trust has no employees.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees are members of the Seligman Family.

Trustees are appointed by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees. Apart from the first Trustees of the Trust, every Trustee must be appointed for a term of three years.

**GESS Charitable Trust
Trustees' Annual Report (continued)
Year Ended 5 April 2025**

Reference and Administration Information

Official name of Charity:	GESS Charitable Trust
Charity registration number:	1151954
Registered office:	Awbridge Mead Dunbridge Lane Awbridge Hampshire SO51 0GQ
Trustees:	Mr G Seligman Mr M Seligman Ms V Seligman
Bankers:	National Westminster Bank Plc 15 Bishopsgate London EC2P 2AP
Accountants:	Francis Clark LLP Chartered Accountants Centenary House Peninsula Park Rydon Lane Exeter EX2 7XE

George Seligman
on behalf of the Trustees

05 February 2026

GESS Charitable Trust
Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 5 April 2025

Receipts and Payments Account	Total and Unrestricted funds	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>		
Donations	25,000	25,000
Gift aid	6,250	11,225
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	31,250	36,225
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Payments		
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Charitable donations	23,882	34,500
Administration costs	-	570
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	23,882	35,070
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Excess of receipts over payments	7,368	1,155
Total funds brought forward	26,395	25,240
Bank balance at 5 April 2025	33,763	26,395
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities		
As at 5 April 2025		
<i>Current assets</i>		
Bank balance at 5 April 2025	33,763	26,395
	=====	=====

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 05 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

George Seligman

Trustee

**GESS Charitable Trust
Independent Examiner's Report
Year Ended 5 April 2025**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of GESS Charitable Trust for the Year
Ended 5 April 2025**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of GESS Charitable Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Sharon Austen FCCA
Francis Clark LLP
Chartered Accountants
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DATE: 05 February 2026

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Public Benefit

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Review of Activities and Achievements

At 5 April 2024 the Trust had cash reserves of £26,395, represented by its bank account at National Westminster Bank plc. It plans to make further charitable donations in the year to April 2025.

Financial Review

During the period the Trust paid charitable donations, in accordance with its charitable objects, of £34,500. The Trust received donations of £25,000.

Risk Management

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Plans for the Future

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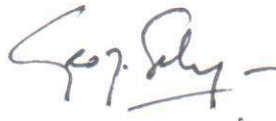
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28 Jan 2025

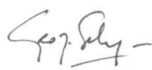
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Payments		
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Charitable donations	34,500	25,500
Administration costs	570	780
	<u>35,070</u>	<u>26,280</u>
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Excess of receipts over payments	1,155	(6,380)
Total funds brought forward	25,240	31,620
Bank balance at 5 April 2024	26,395	25,240
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities		
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