

GESS Charitable Trust

Annual Report

Year ended 5 April 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1151954

**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.

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**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.

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**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**

<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>	<b>Total and Unrestricted funds</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
<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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<b>Payments</b>		
<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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<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<b>7,368</b>	<b>1,155</b>
Total funds brought forward	26,395	25,240
<b>Bank balance at 5 April 2025</b>	<b>33,763</b>	<b>26,395</b>
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<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>		
<b>As at 5 April 2025</b>		
<i>Current assets</i>		
Bank balance at 5 April 2025	33,763	26,395
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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