



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 **Period start date** **To** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 **Period end date**

**Charity name:** Oxfordshire Oesophageal and Stomach Organisation

**Charity registration number:** 1152733

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	We promote the treatment and care of persons suffering from oesophageal or stomach cancer and to provide support to those caring for such persons or who are affected by oesophageal or stomach cancer amongst their families or friends.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>(a) Listening services, support, advice (including 7day/week telephone line), education and information not normally provided by the statutory authorities.</p> <p>(b) Listening and other support to the family and friends of patients and to those who have been bereaved.</p> <p>(c) Host online zoom group support sessions, and regular local lunch gatherings.</p> <p>(d) Education in relation to these illnesses.</p> <p>(e) Facilitation of meetings between patients and their carers, family and friends with members of the clinical team involved in treatment.</p> <p>(f) Representation of the patient voice on medical committees and similar forums.</p> <p>(g) Raise awareness of the public in relation to stomach and oesophageal cancers including the provision of lectures, forums, websites, newsletters and other publicity and educational material.</p> <p>(h) Engage with a small group of volunteers to help with our Charitable activities, such as hosting events, supporting the website and representing</p>

		OOSO on clinical trial boards and research projects
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees are fully aware and compliant with regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Because we are a mix of surviving ex-cancer patients, family to previous sufferers, and medical clinicians, we offer a range of support, reassurance and advice to those at different stages of their illness, treatment and recovery.</p> <p>We continue to work, as in previous years, closely with the Churchill Hospital Upper GI clinical team in Oxford to ensure our support services are complimentary and appropriate.</p> <p>During 2024/25 we maintained an active network supporting newly diagnosed patients through their treatment and into recovery.</p> <p>We continue to receive steady numbers of telephone conversations and online 1:1</p>

		<p>zoom chats, and have established regular social lunchtime events around the county.</p> <p>Our communications include ongoing fortnightly e-newsletter keeping all of our contacts informed of what we were doing, inviting engagement, voluntary support and feedback.</p> <p>Our regular 6-weekly zoom group sessions are very popular, inviting panels of clinician experts and patients to share knowledge and experiences. Our attendee list has steadily grown with up to c.200 people invited to join in.</p> <p>During the year, we estimate we had contact by telephone with approximately 110 patients and their family members, plus over 600 patients, carers and clinicians via our zoom sessions.</p> <p>We have been further developing our new website, produced and designed by former patients, with input from clinicians. All the content has been reviewed by third parties with direct experience of these cancers, and is deemed to be current and up to date. We are receiving visitors from all over the world who credit and value the information we share with patients.</p> <p>Funds are raised through donations and events and ringfenced for running costs and towards specialised equipment identified by the clinical team.</p> <p>We have further reduced our running costs by utilising the help and skills of our volunteers. We have no paid members of staff and only pay expenses in exceptional circumstances. Our running costs are kept to an absolute minimum.</p> <p>In addition, this year we have input to and supported several clinical research projects, assisting with bids for funds and commenting as patients on trial management boards.</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our measures of success include (1) offering support to 100% of patients and carers contacting us (yes) (2) supporting projects and initiatives led by the Churchill Hospital (yes) (3) receiving 95% positive
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		<p>feedback (100%) (4) maintain a steadily growing newsletter circulation list (yes), (5) increasing numbers visiting our website (yes) and (6) raising sufficient funds to maintain the charity (yes)</p> <p>We continue to be most proud to have achieved our core patient and carer focussed objectives, by meeting or corresponding with, and supporting all those that have contacted us or those we have proactively met online. It is vital that we maintain strong links with patients so that we can support them.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Due to increasing costs of living we believe this has marginally impacted the numbers and monetary values of donations to us, hence our income this year has been a little less than in previous years. We do not actively seek donations in the same way other charities might do, we rely on people's own generosity and will to donate to our charity. Because we are volunteers and our overheads are low, we can operate and achieve our primary goals without needing to ask for donations. People give generously when they can.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<p>We met our investment objectives by purchasing various bits of kit for the UGI ward and the Dietitians team at the Churchill hospital, for example bespoke adjustable bed-chairs, and food blenders to be given free to patients who cannot afford them.</p> <p>This year we spent more on our charitable donations to the hospital than income received through our activities. We – the Trustees expected this, from purchases made outstanding from previous years, effectively catching up on what we had planned to spend.</p>
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our closing balance on 31 March 2025 was £75,987
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Trustees agree that we aim to maintain a reserve balance of £30,000. This is to ensure that if we (1) suffer a period of reduced fund raising, we are able to sustain the charity for a period of up to 6 years, and (2) if required, cover the costs of unforeseen expenses that might arise in extraordinary circumstances
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£30,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	none

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds are raised principally through private donations and fundraising events, such as plant sales, our annual BBQ, sponsored walks, cycle events, sky dives and runs
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Organisation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed on 1, 2 and 3 year cycle

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Oxfordshire Oesophageal and Stomach Organisation
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1152733
Charity's principal address	Walled Cottage Thame Road Great Milton OX44 7NU

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity at the time of making this report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nicholas David Maynard			
2	Anne-Margrethe Phillips			
3	Matthew Carter	Contact & Chair		
4	Ann Dennis			
5	Richard Owen			
6	Liz Ward			
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## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Brian Molyneux	TaxAssist, 2a Cope Road, Banbury, Oxon, OX16 2EH

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

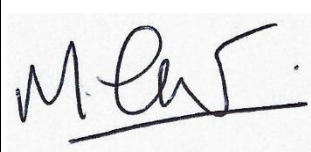
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	MR MATTHEW CARTER	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	
Date	09/12/25	

**Charity No. 1152733**

**OXFORDSHIRE OESOPHAGEAL  
AND  
STOMACH ORGANISATION  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**FOR YEAR ENDED**

**31 March 2025**

# OXFORDSHIRE OESOPHAGEAL AND STOMACH ORGANISATION

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025


	2025 £	2024 £
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Grants		
Donations and fundraising	12,341	12,064
Gift aid	833	1,298
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>13,174</b>	<b>13,361</b>
<b>PAYMENTS:</b>		
Donations to hospital	4,552	14,047
Promotional events	3,701	4,995
Accountancy fees	894	894
Insurance	157	118
Subscriptions and fees	848	1,042
Postage and Stationery	833	213
Advertising and website maintenance	171	1,526
Sundry admin costs	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>(11,155)</b>	<b>(22,835)</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>(9,474)</b>
assets b/f	73,968	85,827
Deposit account monies reimbursed to J. Beaumont	-	(2,385)
Petty Cash top up	-	-
<b>Total Bank Account balances as at end of year</b>	<b>75,987</b>	<b>73,968</b>


OXFORDSHIRE OESOPHAGEAL AND STOMACH ORGANISATION


STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2025

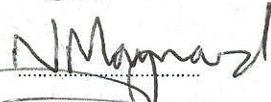
	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>MONETARY ASSETS:</b>		
Bank Current Account	75,938	73,919
Bank Deposit account		
Petty cash float	101	49
<b>Total Cash</b>	<u>76,039</u>	<u>73,968</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Capital Equipment	-	3,814
Debtors		
Deficit b/f	-	3,814
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Other Creditors</b>	(52)	-
	<u>(52)</u>	<u>-</u>


The accounts were approved by the Trustees on .....

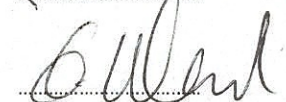
  
 Ann Dennis

  
 Anne-Margrethe Phillips

  
 Matt Carter

  
 Nicholas Maynard

  
 Richard Owen

  
 Liz Ward



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity name
OXFORDSHIRE OESOPHAGEAL AND STOMACH ORGANISATION

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2025	Charity no (if any)	1152733
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Respective responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's  
statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

*af Khan*

Date:

13-May-25

Name: TaxAssist Accountants

Address: 2A Cope Road

Banbury