

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
THE TOM BOWDIDGE YOUTH CANCER FOUNDATION

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Full Name

The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation

Registered Charity number

1156553

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Essex
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Trustees

R Bowdidge	Founder
N Walmsley	Trustee
M Osborn	Trustee
K Wells	Trustee
S Lines	Trustee (Appointed 26th of June 2024)
A Hildred	Trustee (appointed 10th of June 2024)

Chief Executive Officer

N Bowdidge	Founder
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Medical Advisor

Dr S Strauss FRCP PHD

Patron

Harry Redknapp

Bankers

Lloyds TSB Bank

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GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation operates under a governing document agreed by the trustees and dated the 28th of February 2014, as amended on the 13th of December 2017.

The Board of Trustees is made up of individuals with suitable experience from within the charitable sector and in business, who the founders believe will benefit the future success of The Foundation.

The Trustees meet every three months to review The Foundation's financial position and to consider funding projects that meet the criteria set out in our founding aims and objectives. In addition, the Trustees are responsible for approving expenditure to support The Foundation's fundraising activities.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

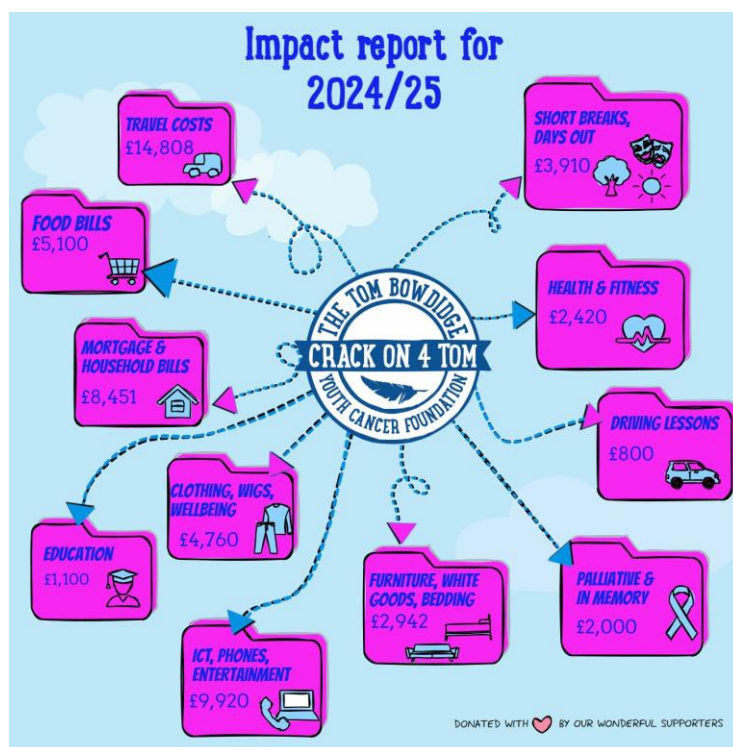
The principal objects of The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation are to promote the relief, care, well-being and rehabilitation of teenagers and young people suffering from cancer, and their families. To carry out research and publish any useful results on the causes and effects of cancer in teenagers and young people.

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

During the year, the Foundation continued to follow the principles laid down by Tom in its support of Teenagers and Young Adults with cancer.

Despite the challenging economic environment, this financial year was a pleasing one, as we secured additional income compared to the previous year. The Foundation successfully increased funds by 20%, which, in a continuously difficult financial situation for all our donors, both corporate and individual, is a fantastic achievement and a credit to the team and the Board of Trustees!

In this financial year, we provided over £57,200 in care and support grants directly to 165 young people and their families, up by over 43 compared to the last financial year! Thus, proving the huge demand there is for our support, when many charities are cutting back their support for this age group, especially those over 18 years old, the "Forgotten Generation".



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This map shows, geographically where we have supported young people across the country throughout the year.



Since the Foundation was established in 1994, we have

- Supported 694 Teenagers and Young Adults
- Made grants to a total of £290,999.48

We have continued to fund lifesaving treatment research projects. We maintained our funding of the Sheffield Children's Hospital research project, which is looking into the impact new drugs have on the genetic makeup of Desmoplastic Small Round Cell Tumours.

We have directly supported young people and their families through care grants. We know these can make a huge difference to families by helping to cover travel costs when they cannot use public transport, helping to keep a roof over their heads, and supporting with food bills. By purchasing laptops, tablets, and mobile phones, people can continue their studies and stay in touch with friends, and provide end-of-life support, enabling them to live life to the full during palliative care.

We know that mental health and wellbeing are major benefits of the support we give, making a huge difference to the lives of these young people, especially as they try to maintain their social and academic connections with friends, family, and school.

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The Foundation's work is becoming increasingly important. We are now one of the very few organisations still willing and able to provide direct support to young people of this age group with cancer and their families. What drives us is the ability to help young people, save lives, and know that it makes a difference.

“I’m writing on behalf of my family to express our deepest gratitude for the support you provided during one of the most challenging times of our lives.

Earlier this year, our 16-year-old son – a passionate football player and fan – was diagnosed with cancer. After being told he would no longer be able to play due to the surgery required to remove the cancerous bone, our world was turned upside down. Between the shock of the diagnosis, long nights in hospital during his chemo and radiotherapy, and trying to hold ourselves together as a family, it was an incredibly tough time.

We’re from Leeds, but his surgery had to be done in Birmingham. As seen in the X-ray below, there was an extensive reconstruction of his pelvis.

Since his recovery would take around four weeks, both my husband and I decided to stay there with him so we could take turns staying overnight. The emotional toll was one thing, but the financial burden of accommodation and extended stays began to mount quickly.

That’s when your foundation stepped in.

Thanks to your support, we were able to focus on our son and his recovery without the added stress of how we would manage the costs. Your help with accommodation gave us not just financial relief, but peace of mind. We genuinely don’t know what we would have done without it.

It’s hard to put into words just how grateful we are. Knowing there are charities like yours out there, helping families during the darkest times, means more than I can say.

From the bottom of our hearts – thank you.”

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FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

As in every year the Foundation has been in existence, the highlight of the year has traditionally been the Feather Ball. 2025 was a very successful evening, and we were so pleased to have the amazing ROL Cruise Ltd as our headline sponsor and to welcome the CEO, Gemma Cairns, and her colleagues on the night.

Braxted Park has been our venue for several years now, and every year we see a fantastic turnout of supporters and their guests. Every year is themed, and the 2025 theme was The Great Gatsby. Guests threw themselves into the theme, dressed in Prohibition Era glamour.

The evening raised a fantastic £61,000, which is an incredible result and a record for the event!

The ever-popular Golf Day at Benton Hall was attended by over 80 players, and, once again, TP Group stepped up as the main sponsor, as they have been from day one. The event was a huge success and raised £11,000, which is a fabulous amount for this event and a record result for the event!

Our challenge events programme was very successful as well. We had a skydiving team, individual runners, walkers, and teams completing various challenges. Combined, they raised over £11,500.

As in previous years, the Foundation is keen to increase the amount raised via monthly giving. This remains a regular source of funding and has proved an easy way for people to support the Foundation's work. The Brighter Future campaign continued, with every new sign-up receiving a packet of Beebombs, resulting in a 30% increase in funds raised this way to £9,200 per annum.

All these and more meant we could still provide the support so desperately needed.

CORPORATE AND TRUST SUPPORT

Every year, one of the main targets Trustees set for the Foundation and themselves is to increase the level of corporate and trust support it receives.

This kind of support can have a huge impact on the funds we have available, and when a company or grant-endowed trust engages with the Foundation, they know they are making a huge difference and potentially have more impact on the Foundation than they would on a larger charity.

Funding we received from grant-making foundations included:

- Albert Hunt Charitable Trust
- Essex Youth Trust
- Fowler Smith & Jones
- Charles S French
- Colchester Borough Homes
- The Barbara Ward Children's Foundation
- National Lottery COL Community Fund for Wales
- The Batchworth Trust
- Arnold Clark Community Fund
- Spar Community Cashback

We are pleased with the success in this area, especially as many of these foundations are receiving hundreds of donations from across the country.

We are also hugely indebted to our amazing Patron, Harry Redknapp, who appeared on the TV show You Bet, won it, and donated the £10,000 prize to us! Thank you so much Harry!

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SUMMARY

After another challenging year, it is important to recognise and celebrate our achievements, while remaining mindful of the work still ahead. We never take for granted that the Foundation continues to operate during such difficult times for the charity sector.

As we move forward, the collective skills of our Board will be essential in meeting the challenges facing the young people we support and the organisation.

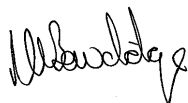
My sincere thanks go to our Trustees, Chief Executive, staff and our incredible volunteers and fundraisers for their ongoing commitment and hard work. As always, I am deeply grateful.

THE CHARITY'S POLICY ON RESERVES

It is always the Foundation's priority to ensure that it remains on a strong financial footing and does not commit funding beyond its financial capabilities.

The trustees agreed that as soon as it is viable that 10% of the annual funds raised would be deposited in a reserve account.

Approved on behalf of the charity's trustees on 19th of January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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R Bowdidge - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE TOM BOWDIDGE YOUTH CANCER FOUNDATION**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 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 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination that should be drawn to the attention of those seeking a proper understanding of the accounts.



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Date: 19th January 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

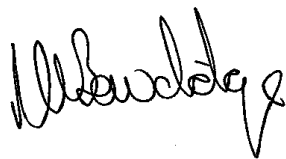
		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
RECEIPTS					
Donations	2	171,518	48,000	219,518	183,917
Investment Income	3	-	302	302	285
		<u>171,518</u>	<u>48,302</u>	<u>219,820</u>	<u>184,202</u>
PAYMENTS					
Cost of Fundraising Activities		114,797	-	114,797	94,858
Insurance		459	-	459	434
Printing, Postage and Stationery		3,820	-	3,820	1,760
Computer Costs		2,580	-	2,580	5,856
Donations Paid		4,688	-	4,688	7,152
Grants		15,501	41,052	56,553	42,284
Travel		426	-	426	452
Total Payments		<u>142,271</u>	<u>41,052</u>	<u>183,323</u>	<u>152,796</u>
Asset and Investment Purchases etc		<u>485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>485</u>	<u>748</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>142,756</u>	<u>41,052</u>	<u>183,808</u>	<u>153,544</u>
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		<u>28,762</u>	<u>7,250</u>	<u>36,012</u>	<u>30,658</u>
Transfers Between Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) AFTER TRANSFERS		<u>28,762</u>	<u>7,250</u>	<u>36,012</u>	<u>30,658</u>
Cash Funds Last Year End		<u>105,158</u>	<u>58,863</u>	<u>164,021</u>	<u>133,363</u>
Cash Funds This Year End		<u><u>133,920</u></u>	<u><u>66,113</u></u>	<u><u>200,033</u></u>	<u><u>164,021</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
CASH FUNDS				
Current Account	133,878	38,720	172,598	136,887
Reserve Account	-	27,393	27,393	27,091
Stripe	-	-	-	-
Petty Cash	42	-	42	43
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	<u>133,920</u>	<u>66,113</u>	<u>200,033</u>	<u>164,021</u>
ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITIES OWN USE				
Laptop	964	-	1,343	1,343
Stock	672	-	672	672
Lighting	516	-	516	516
Gazebo's	1,456	-	1,456	1,456
TV's	543	-	543	543
Laptop Aspire	379	-	379	379
Laptop	509	-	509	509
Office Chair	239	-	239	239
Vivo book Laptop	400	-	400	-
Keyboard & Mouse	38	-	38	-
LTE Adapter	47	-	47	-
	<u>5,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,763</u>	<u>5,278</u>

The financial statements were accepted on 19th of January 2026 on behalf of the charity by:



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R Bowdidge -Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year.

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift Aid	6,852	5,439
Other	<u>212,666</u>	<u>178,478</u>
	<u>219,518</u>	<u>183,917</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank Interest Received	<u>302</u>	<u>285</u>
	<u>302</u>	<u>285</u>

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REMUNERATION

There were no committee members' remuneration for the year ended 31 March 2025.

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance B/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance C/fwd £
Restricted Funds	31,772	48,000	41,052	38,720
Reserve Account	27,091	302	-	27,393
	<u>58,863</u>	<u>48,302</u>	<u>41,052</u>	<u>66,113</u>