

# PENGUINS AGAINST CANCER

England & Wales - Charity number 1159905

## Details

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**Other names** PAC

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2015-01-12

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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## Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-06	£109,987	£105,000	-	-
2024-04-06	£147,236	£144,000	-	-
2023-04-06	£76,115	£69,000	-	-
2022-04-06	£47,116	£48,100	-	-
2021-04-06	£20,878	£22,000	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Charles Edward Beardmore</b>	Chair	2013-12-13
Benjamin James Challacombe		2014-12-13
Charlotte Anne Beardmore		2013-12-13
Charlotte Anne Gush		2016-10-15
DR Aan Mistlin		2014-12-13
David Gush		2023-12-02
Geraint Richard George Thomason		2013-12-13
Ian Abbs		2019-01-19
Louise Elizabeth Aaron		2019-01-19
Patrick Joseph Gush		2013-12-13
Peter Robert Davis		2019-01-19
Simon Richard Hughes		2014-12-13

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# Accounts

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Annual Report & Accounts

2024 - 2025

28<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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# Annual Report 06/04/2024 – 05/04/2025

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Grants are disbursed from funds raised to individuals and organisations nominated by PAC members, many of whom have had loved ones fall victim to cancer. **To-date (to April 2025) PAC has disbursed 139 grants totalling £550,000, to raising cancer awareness, cancer research, cancer treatment, and hospices.**

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### **Fergus Scholefield Paediatric Cancer Research:**

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### **Ruth Prosser Women's Cancer Research:**

The **£5,000 Ruth Prosser Women's Cancer Research** grant was awarded to Dr Stefania Maneta-Stavarakaki. The grant will support the research project - **Underpinning Metabolic Pathways Involved in Ovarian Cancer Drug Resistance**

### **Chris Howell Urological Cancer Research:**

A joint venture with The Urology Foundation. £25,000 specifically to be used to fund research into treatments to combat urological cancers. £5,000 of this should be used as PAC's contribution to the Chris Howell Urological Cancer Research Award (jointly funded with TUF) and £10,000 of it should be used to as PAC's contribution to the Small Projects Research Initiative (jointly funded with TUF)

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Constitution for Penguins Against Cancer was adopted on the 13 December 2014. A copy of our Constitution is available at all times for viewing on our website ([www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk](http://www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk)), under “**Governance**”.

The Charity is staffed entirely by its members, who are **all unpaid volunteers**.

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All details of grants disbursed to-date are viewable on the “**Grants**” section of our website ([www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk/grants](http://www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk/grants)), including PAC letters which accompanied the grant cheques. Letters of thanks from the grant recipients, confirming receipt of their grants as well as how the monies will be spent, are also published on our website, under “**Thanks**” ([www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk/thanks](http://www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk/thanks)).

## **Administrative Costs**

Penguins Against Cancer has **no** running costs or administrative costs to dilute the money donated by supporters, so every penny received from donations goes directly to the fight against cancer\*:

All administration time and skills are kindly donated free of charge by PAC members. Any associated admin costs are also funded by PAC members out of their own pockets.

*\* [Donations by supporters to PAC via the established online fundraising GoFundMe site (December 2021 onwards) have small levels of commission deducted at source, however this is more than offset by the amount of GiftAid (see below) PAC receives from such online donations.]*

## **Gift Aid**

This well-established government scheme allows UK charities like us to claim back the basic rate tax already paid on donations by the donor. This means we can legitimately claim back from the Government 25p for every £1 donated, **boosting the value of such donations by a quarter**, provided that the donor is a UK taxpayer and pays more in income tax annually than the amount we are claiming.

## **Communication**

Our website ([www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk](http://www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk)) is our main form of communication to our members, and to the wider public. It provides full details of our fundraising activities (both past and future), together with all relevant information about the charity, including compliance with governance and records of official meetings held. It is kept up to date by a dedicated volunteer Webmaster, we also have a volunteer Social Media Manager who creates posts for PAC on LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram.

We communicate regularly to Members who have joined a community WhatsApp group.

## **Details of Relevant Organisations to the Charity**

**Our Bank:**

NatWest Bank  
45 Park Street  
Camberley  
Surrey  
GU15 3PA

New Account Opened Feb 2025:  
THE CO-OPERATIVE BANK PLC  
Business Direct

**Our Independent Examiner:**

Wayne Harris  
THB Accountants  
1 & 2 Studley Court Mews  
Studley Court  
Guildford Road  
Chobham  
Surrey  
GU24 8EB

## **Public Benefit Statement**

We hereby confirm that the charity's Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

## 2024-2025 Financial Review

### Bank Accounts:

NatWest decided to start charging PAC fees for every transaction, due to PAC's income going above their £100,000 per annum threshold. A new current account is up and running at the Co-op Bank, who have an income threshold of £1m. An error on the part of the Co-Op has delayed the automated switch from NatWest, so PAC is still liable for fees for donations made into the old NatWest account. Savings accounts have also been set up at the Co-Op.

The signatory situation is as with NatWest: there are three signatories, with two required to sign any disbursements.

### Receipts:

- i. PAC's receipts for the year totalled **£109,987.21** (down from £147,235.87 FY23-24).
- ii. Of this, £51,513.89 came via GoFundMe (after their 1.9% fee was deducted) and £49,008.12 came direct to the PAC NatWest account, £9,239.66 came from HMRC for Gift Aid (4 years catch up) and there was £225.54 of interest from an interest-paying account with NatWest.
- iii. One very significant and generous donation of £25,000 was made during the year by The Graham Kirkham Foundation.

### Payments:

- i. A total of **£105,000** was disbursed as outgoing payments by PAC during this reporting year as grants to cancer research, cancer treatment and cancer care hospices. (£144,000 disbursed in the previous year, 2023-24)
- ii. All 2024-25 grants are detailed in **Appendix 2** of this report.

### Reserves to Carry Forward at Year-End:

- i. **£4,987.21** is the net residual amount from this year's financial activities (£109,987.21 of receipts, less £105,000 disbursed);
- ii. **£18,677.29** of cash reserves were carried forward from the previous year (2023-24);
- iii. Giving total reserves to carry-forward into 2024-25 of **£23,664.50**.
- iv. Reserves policy: the charity has no administrative (staff) costs and so operates on a "zero reserves" policy, but typically with a cash buffer of around £5,000.

# Independent Examiner's Report

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Penguins Against Cancer

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Penguins Against Cancer ('the Charity')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> 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'). The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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**

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.

THB LLP  
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Date: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# Receipts and payments accounts. Form CC16a



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from 06/04/2024 To 05/04/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	24,008	-	-	24,008	13,603
GoFundMe	51,514	-	-	51,514	
The 10th Anniversary Ball					42,113
The Graham Kirham Foundation.	25,000			25,000	20,000
Raffles, GKTWRFC, etc					21,059
Interest	226	-	-	226	42,003
Gift aid	9,240	-	-	9,240	8,457
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>109,987</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,987</b>	<b>147,236</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Net residual amount		-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>109,987</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,987</b>	<b>147,236</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
grants to cancer research, cancer treatment and cancer care hospices.	105,000	-	-	105,000	144,000
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>144,000</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>144,000</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,987</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,987.21</b>	<b>3,235.78</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,678	-	-	18,678	15,442
Cash funds this year end	23,665	-	-	23,665	18,678

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	23,665	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>23,665</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Funds	23,665	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

## Appendix 1

### List of Trustees in post at the date of signing this Report

- C E Beardmore *President*
- P Gush *Vice-President*
- G Thomason *Treasurer*
- C Gush *Social Secretary*
- D Gush *Secretary & Webmaster*
- L Aaron *Social Media Manager*
- C A Beardmore
- A Mistlin
- P Davis

### Trustees with specific responsibility for the PAC Research Committee:

- S Hughes *Lead Trustee*
- B Challacombe
- I Abbs
- C E Beardmore

## Appendix 2

### Monies Disbursed as Grants: 2024 - 2025

CoppaFeel	£5,000.00
HASAG	£5,000.00
Lymphoma Action IV	£5,000.00
Institute of Cancer Research - Fergus Award	£5,000.00
Imperial College London - Ruth Prosser award	£5,000.00
The Urology Foundation - CHUCR & Small Projects	£25,000.00
Katherine House Hospice	£5,000.00
The Urology Foundation	£5,000.00
Farleigh Hospice	£5,000.00
St. Luke's Hospice, Plymouth	£5,000.00
Pancreatic Cancer	£5,000.00
Sarcoma UK	£5,000.00
Princess Alice Hospice	£5,000.00
Hospice In The Weald	£5,000.00
Lymphoma Action	£5,000.00
Jersey Hospice Care	£5,000.00
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The **£5,000** 2023 Fergus Scholefield Cancer Research grant has been awarded to Dr Joanna Selfe of the Institute of Cancer Research.

The grant awarded to Dr Selfe will contribute specifically to a project identifying the therapeutic strategies to combat the aggressive MYOD1 (L122R) mutation in paediatric Rhabdomyosarcoma.

### **Ruth Prosser Women's Cancer Research:**

The inaugural (2023) **£5,000 Ruth Prosser Women's Cancer Research** grant has just been awarded to Ms Sarah Savaridas, a Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Dundee.

The subject of Ms Savaridas's research work is in breast cancer and the title of her project is "**Abbreviated MRI vs full protocol breast MRI for monitoring response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy. A pilot study**".

#### **Chris Howell Urological Cancer Research:**

The inaugural (2023) **£5,000 Chris Howell Urological Cancer Research** grant was awarded to Mr Max Stewart, an MRC Clinical Research Training Fellow at the University of Oxford. This is a joint venture with The Urology Foundation.

The subject of Mr Stewart's research work is "**Reducing the Morbidity of Radical Prostatectomy: Feasibility of intra-operative stimulation of the cavernous nerve**".

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We communicate regularly to Members who have joined a community WhatsApp group.

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## 2023-2024 Financial Review

### Receipts:

- i. PAC's receipts for the year totalled **£147,235.87** (up from £76,115.25 FY22-23).
- ii. Of this, £56,609.21 (38% of the total) came via GoFundMe (after their 1.9% fee was deducted £1,116.13) and £88,310.74 (60% of the total) came direct to the PAC NatWest account, £2,303.74 came from HMRC for Gift Aid (none had been collected for 5 years) and there was £20.09 of interest from a new interest-paying account with NatWest.
- iii. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball raised £42,113.43 and the Penguin Peloton £42,003.11
- iv. Included in the GoFundMe total is £6,153.50 of Gift Aid that PayPal Giving claim from HMRC automatically on behalf of PAC.
- v. Of the donations direct to the NatWest account, a total of £13,603.00 came from monthly standing order donations. The other direct donations are from such things as one-offs, raffles, GKTWRFC, etc.
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### Payments:

- i. A total of **£144,000** was disbursed as outgoing payments by PAC during this reporting year as grants to cancer research, cancer treatment and cancer care hospices. (versus £69,000 disbursed in the previous year, 2022-23)
- ii. All 2023-24 grants are detailed in **Appendix 2** of this report.

### Reserves to Carry Forward at Year-End:

- i. **£3,235.87** is the net residual amount from this year's financial activities (£147,235.87 of receipts, less £144,000 disbursed);
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- iii. Giving total reserves to carry-forward into 2024-25 of **£18,677.29**.
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# Receipts and payments accounts. Form CC16a

	Penguins Against Cancer		1159905	<b>CC16a</b>
	<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
	For the period from	06/04/2023	To	05/04/2024

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	13,603	-	-	13,603	36,664
Virgin giving	-	-	-	-	-
The 10th Anniversary Ball	42,113	-	-	42,113	-
The Graham Kirkham Foundation	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Raffles, GKTWRFC, etc	17,823	-	-	17,823	-
Tower to Tower	-	-	-	-	23,474
Four penguins tackle Inbourne Trainholn 2022	-	-	-	-	3,144
The Penguin Pelathone	42,003	-	-	42,003	8,056
Gift aid	8,457	-	-	8,457	4,778
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>144,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144,000</b>	<b>76,116</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Net residual amount	3,236	-	-	3,236	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,236</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>147,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,236</b>	<b>76,116</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
grants to cancer research, cancer treatment and cancer care hospices	144,000	-	-	144,000	69,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>144,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144,000</b>	<b>69,000</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>144,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144,000</b>	<b>69,000</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,236.78</b>	<b>7,116.00</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,442	-	-	15,442	8,326
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>18,678</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,678</b>	<b>15,442</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	18,678	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>18,678</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Funds	18,678	-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

## Appendix 1

### List of Trustees in post at the date of signing this Report

- C E Beardmore *President*
- P Gush *Vice-President*
- G Thomason *Treasurer*
- C Gush *Social Secretary*
- D Gush *Secretary & Webmaster*
- L Aaron *Social Media Manager*
- C A Beardmore
- A Mistlin
- P Davis

### Trustees with specific responsibility for the PAC Research Committee:

- S Hughes *Lead Trustee*
- B Challacombe
- I Abbs
- C E Beardmore

## Appendix 2

### Monies Disbursed as Grants: 2023-2024

Bowel Cancer UK	£5,000.00
Guy's Cancer Charity	£5,000.00
Princess Alice Hospice	£5,000.00
Pancreatic Cancer UK	£5,000.00
St Luke's Hospice	£5,000.00
Lymphoma Action	£5,000.00
The Urology Foundation	£25,000.00
Institute of Cancer Research	£5,000.00
University of Dundee	£5,000.00
Action Bladder Cancer	£5,000.00
Macmillan Cancer Support	£5,000.00
St Christopher's Hospice	£5,000.00
Target Ovarian Cancer	£5,000.00
Pancreatic Cancer UK	£5,000.00
The Urology Foundation	£5,000.00
Breast Cancer Now	£5,000.00
Neuro Endocrine Cancer	£5,000.00
Birmingham Hospice	£5,000.00
St Luke's Hospice	£5,000.00
Velindre Cancer Centre	£5,000.00
Velindre Cancer Centre	£4,000.00
Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice	£5,000.00
OddBalls Foundation	£5,000.00
Royal Marsden Cancer Charity	£5,000.00
Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice	£5,000.00

**PENGUINS AGAINST CANCER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1159905

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# Accounts

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Annual Report & Accounts

2022 - 2023

30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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# Annual Report 06/04/2022 – 05/04/2023

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## Introduction & Background

Penguins Against Cancer (“PAC”) is a charity which was set up on 6th Nov 2013 simply to combat cancer. Its distinctive name can be explained by the fact that the charity’s founders were drawn from **Guy's Hospital Penguins**, the oldest team (the “veterans”) in the oldest rugby club in the world (Guy’s Hospital Rugby Football Club).

But now its members come from a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and professions, all uniting to raise money in support of:

- cancer awareness
- cancer research
- cancer treatment
- hospices

Our motto is "Dare Quam Accipere", which translates from Latin into "It is better to give than to receive".

## Scope of This Document

The scope of this document is to provide succinct, relevant information on our charity during our financial year to 5 April 2023, in accordance with Section 7 of the Charity Commission’s document “Charity reporting and accounting: the essentials” (January 2013) to these key stakeholders:

- A.** The Charity Commission
- B.** Our members and fundraisers
- C.** The recipients of our grants

It also serves to provide information to the wider general public, which may stimulate interest in becoming a PAC Member.

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## Summary Description of the Purposes (Objects) of the Charity

### D. The Aim of PAC

Our aim is the advancement of health and the saving of lives of people affected by cancer.

### E. Our Mission Statement

Penguins Against Cancer (PAC) is to raise **£1 million**, in order to make a significant contribution to the fight against cancer.

### F. Our Objectives

Our objectives are:

- i. raising awareness of cancer.
- ii. making grants to individuals and organisations involved in cancer research.
- iii. making grants to individuals and organisations involved in cancer treatment and hospices.

## Main Activities of the Charity

### G. Fundraising

PAC fundraising activities are many and diverse and include (but are not limited to): sponsored cycle rides, formal fundraising dinners, charity golf days, raffles, auctions of donated items, charity runs and occasional sales of “Penguins” merchandise (e.g., Christmas cards).

All PAC fundraising events are designed to be both altruistic and fun, celebrating memories and achievements, rather than mourning loss.

We also encourage members to support us through regular (monthly) standing order donations, direct to the charity bank account.

In addition to these regular monthly donations, other funds, such as one-off donations, or fund-raising events, have been facilitated via an established online fundraising system in this 2022-23 reporting year: **GoFundMe**. There are further details under **Administrative Costs**.

## **B. Disbursement of Grants**

Grants are disbursed from funds raised to individuals and organisations nominated by PAC members, many of whom have had loved ones fall victim to cancer. **To-date (to April 2023) PAC has disbursed 96 grants totalling £301,000, to raising cancer awareness, cancer research, cancer treatment, and hospices.**

Organisations supported in this reporting period: **Institute of Cancer Research, The Urology Foundation, Sarcoma UK, St. Christopher's Hospice, Pancreatic Cancer UK, Sam Beare Hospice, North Dorset Marie Curie Cancer Care Centre, Target Ovarian Cancer, St. Raphael's Hospice, Prostate Cancer UK, and Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.**

Our approach enables support to be targeted to particular individuals and organisations which makes the process of staging events to raise money personal, vivid and special. It allows those bereaved and otherwise affected to contribute directly and tangibly to the memory of the cancer victim.

## **C. Research Grants**

### **The Fergus Scholefield Cancer Research Award ("The Fergus Fund")**

In 2016 Penguins Against Cancer announced the establishment of The Fergus Scholefield Cancer Research Fund, in memory of a brave young man who, at the tender age of 2, battled through the treatment of his brain tumour with the support of family and friends. Sadly, it was not possible to cure him of the disease and Fergus died before his third birthday. His journey and strength has inspired PAC members and supporters, and many more, to improve the lives of others and continue the search for better understanding and treatments for cancer.

This PAC Research Award is granted annually, through a rigorous vetting process, to support researchers to keep pushing the boundaries in cancer research and to ensure that Fergus's short life will continue to motivate people for many years to come.

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Dr Man's grant will contribute to funding research into Desmoplastic Small Round Cell Tumours (DSRCT) which are a rare and aggressive cancer that affects young people between 10 and 30 years old.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Constitution for Penguins Against Cancer was adopted on the 13 December 2014. A copy of our Constitution is available at all times for viewing on our website ([www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk](http://www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk)), under “**Governance**”.

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	<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from		06/04/222	To	05/04/2023

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	36,664	-	-	36,664	29,358
virgin giving		-	-	-	13,214
Cygnnet Distillery				-	2,573
Cash deposits (raffle)				-	527
Tower to Tower	23,474			23,474	1,445
Four Penguins tackle Ironbourne Triathlon 2022	3,144			3,144	
The Penguin Peloton	8,056			8,056	
Git aid	4,778			4,778	
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>76,115</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,115</b>	<b>47,116</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>76,115</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,115</b>	<b>47,116</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
grants to cancer research, cancer treatment and cancer care hospices.	69,000	-	-	69,000	48,100
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>48,100</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>48,100</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,115.31</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,115.31</b>	<b>(984.38)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>8,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,326</b>	<b>9,310</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>15,441</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,441</b>	<b>8,326</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	15,441	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>15,441</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Funds	15,441	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

## Appendix 1

### List of Trustees in post at the date of signing this Report

- C E Beardmore *President*
- P Gush *Vice-President*
- G Thomason *Treasurer*
- C Gush *Social Secretary*
- D Gush *Secretary & Webmaster*
- L Aaron *Social Media Manager*
- C A Beardmore
- A Mistlin
- P Davis

### Trustees with specific responsibility for the PAC Research Committee:

- S Hughes *Lead Trustee*
- B Challacombe
- I Abbs
- C E Beardmore

### Trustees who have resigned since date of last report:

- C Small
- D Littlejohns
- B Thorpe
- P Johnson

## Appendix 2

### Monies Disbursed as Grants: 2022-2023

*(Dates shown are when the grant monies were encashed by the recipient)*

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Grant to:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
08/05/22	Institute of Cancer Research	£5,000.00
27/08/22	The Urology Foundation	£25,000.00
27/08/22	Sarcoma UK	£5,000.00
27/08/22	St Christopher's Hospice	£3,000.00
27/08/22	Pancreatic Cancer UK	£5,000.00
27/08/22	Sam Beare Hospice	£3,000.00
27/08/22	North Dorset Marie Curie Cancer Centre	£1,000.00
24/01/23	Target Ovarian Cancer	£3,000.00
30/01/23	St Christopher's Hospice	£5,000.00
30/01/23	St Raphael's Hospice	£5,000.00
30/01/23	Prostate Cancer UK	£5,000.00
03/02/23	Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice	£4,000.00
	Total:	£69,000.00

**PENGUINS AGAINST CANCER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1159905

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# Accounts

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# Penguins Against Cancer

Annual Report & Accounts

2021 - 2022

21 February 2023

Registered Charity Number: 1159905

Contact Address: FARRS, CLAPPERS LANE, CHOBHAM, WOKING, GU24 8DD

# Annual Report 2021 - 2022

Penguins Against Cancer

Annual Report & Accounts 2021-2022

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## 1. Introduction & Background

Penguins Against Cancer (“**PAC**”) is a charity which was set up on 6th Nov 2013 simply to combat cancer. Its unusual (and slightly quirky) name can be explained by the fact that the charity’s founders were drawn from **Guy’s Hospital Penguins**, the oldest team (the “veterans”) in the oldest rugby club in the world (Guy’s Hospital Rugby Football Club). But now its members come from a wide range of ages, backgrounds and professions, all uniting to raise money in support of:

- cancer awareness
- cancer research
- cancer treatment
- hospices

Our motto is “*Dare Quam Accipere*”, which translates from Latin into “*It is better to give than to receive*”.

## 2. Scope of This Document

The scope of this document is to provide succinct, relevant information on our charity during our financial year to 5 April 2022, in accordance with Section 7 of the Charity Commission’s document “Charity reporting and accounting: the essentials” (January 2013) to these key stakeholders:

- A. The Charity Commission
- B. Our members and fundraisers
- C. The recipients of our grants

It also serves to provide information to the wider general public, in order to garner interest, thereby creating future additional members.

## 3. Charity Registration Number & Registered Office

Our charity registration number is 1159905 and our contact address is:

FARRS, CLAPPERS LANE, CHOBHAM, WOKING, GU24 8DD

## 4. Summary Description of the Purposes (Objects) of the Charity

### A. The Aim of PAC

Our aim is the advancement of health and the saving of lives of people affected by cancer.

### B. Our Mission Statement

Penguins Against Cancer (PAC) is to raise **£1 million**, in order to make a significant contribution to the fight against cancer.

### C. Our Objectives

Our objectives are:

- i. raising awareness of cancer
- ii. making grants to individuals and organisations involved in cancer research
- iii. making grants to individuals and organisations involved in cancer treatment and hospices

## 5. Main Activities of the Charity

### A. Fundraising

PAC fundraising activities are many and diverse and include (but are not limited to): sponsored cycle rides, formal fundraising dinners, charity golf days, auctions of donated items, charity runs (marathons and half-marathons) and sales of “Penguins” merchandise (e.g. Christmas cards), as well as fundraising “veterans” rugby matches.

All PAC fundraising events are designed to be both altruistic and fun, celebrating memories and achievements, rather than mourning loss.

We also encourage members to support us through regular (monthly) standing order donations. These regular monthly donations (as well as ‘one-off’ donations, and/or donations in support of our members undertaking fund-raising events) have been facilitated via two established online fundraising vehicles in this 2021-22 reporting year: **Virgin Money Giving** (which closed its doors at end of November 2021) and **GoFund Me** (from December 2021 onwards). These are both explained in more detail under **Administrative Costs** on page 7.

## **B. Disbursement of Grants**

Grants are disbursed from funds raised at regular intervals to individuals and organisations nominated by PAC members, many of whom have had loved ones fall victim to cancer. **To-date (to April 2022) PAC has disbursed 83 grants totalling £232,000, to raising cancer awareness, cancer research, cancer treatment, and hospices.**

Organisations supported thus far include (amongst others): **Cancer Research UK, Prostate Cancer UK, The Prostate Cancer Research Centre, The Urology Foundation, Sarcoma UK, Myeloma UK, Breakthrough Breast Cancer, The Princess Alice Hospice, St Christopher's Hospice, Bowel Cancer UK, and The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity Melanoma Research Fund.**

Our approach enables support to be targeted to particular individuals and organisations, and makes the process of staging events to raise money personal, vivid and special. It allows those bereaved and otherwise affected to contribute directly and tangibly to the memory of the cancer victim.

## **C. Research Bursaries**

### **The Fergus Scholefield Cancer Research Fund (“The Fergus Fund”)**

In 2016 Penguins Against Cancer announced the establishment of The Fergus Scholefield Cancer Research Fund, in memory of a brave young man who, at the tender age of 2, battled through the treatment of his brain tumour with the support of family and friends. Sadly, it was not possible to cure him of the disease and Fergus died before his third birthday. His journey and strength has inspired PAC members and supporters, and many more, to improve the lives of others and continue the search for better understanding and treatments for cancer.

This PAC Research Bursary is awarded annually, through a rigorous vetting process, to support researchers to keep pushing the boundaries in cancer research and to ensure that Fergus’s short life will continue to motivate people for many years to come.

The awarding of the 2020 Fergus Fund Bursary was postponed due to the prevailing Covid restrictions, so in this financial reporting year (2021-22), two Fergus Fund Bursaries were awarded in June 2021: the **2020 Award** of £5,000 went to Dr Stella Man of the **Institute of Cancer Research** and the **2021 Award** (£2,500) went to Mr Charles West at the **Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust**.

Dr Man's grant will contribute to funding research into Desmoplastic Small Round Cell Tumours (DSRCT) which are a rare and aggressive cancer that affects young people between 10 and 30 years old. Mr West's grant will contribute to funding research into Quality of Life for patients undergoing extended margin cancer surgery for abdominopelvic cancers.

## 6. Structure, Governance and Management

The Constitution for Penguins Against Cancer was adopted on the 13 December 2014. A copy of our Constitution is available at all times for viewing on our website ([www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk](http://www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk)), under "**Governance**".

The Charity is staffed entirely by its members, who are **all unpaid volunteers**.

A selection of members are elected each year as Officers and Trustees at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Officers and Trustees wishing to stand for a term greater than one year require annual re-election via the AGM.

One Annual General Meeting, plus (at least) three Trustees' Meetings take place in the course of each year. Each meeting is attended by at least four Trustees in order to be quorate and to vote on motions put forward.

A list of Trustees in post as at the date of this Report & Accounts being approved (21 February 2023) is published as **Appendix 1** in this document.

Monies raised by the charity are disbursed as grants according to nominations made by members; such nominations are usually made by two members and approved by a majority of Trustees expressing an opinion, and in all cases by at least four Trustees.

All details of grants disbursed to-date are viewable on the "**Grants**" section of our website ([www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk/grants](http://www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk/grants)), including PAC letters which accompanied the grant cheques. Letters of thanks from the grant recipients, confirming receipt of their grants as well as how the monies will be spent, are also published on our website, under "**Thanks**" ([www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk/thanks](http://www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk/thanks)).

## **Administrative Costs**

Penguins Against Cancer has **no** running costs or administrative costs to dilute the money donated by supporters, so every penny donated goes directly to the fight against cancer\*:

All administration time and skills are kindly donated free of charge by PAC members. Any associated admin costs are also funded by PAC members out of their own pockets.

*\* [Donations by supporters to PAC via the established online fundraising vehicles of Virgin Money Giving (to end of November 2021, when it ceased to exist) and GoFundMe (December 2021 onwards) have small levels of commission deducted at source by these websites, however this is more than offset by the amount of GiftAid (see below) PAC receives from such online donations.]*

## **Gift Aid**

This well-established government scheme allows UK charities like us to claim back the basic rate tax already paid on donations by the donor. This means we can legitimately claim back from the Government 25p for every £1 donated, **boosting the value of such donations by a quarter**, provided that the donor is a UK taxpayer and pays more in income tax annually than the amount we are claiming.

## **Communication**

Our website ([www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk](http://www.penguinsagainstcancer.org.uk)) is our main form of communication to our members, and also to the wider public. It provides full details of our fundraising activities (both past and future), together with all relevant information about the charity, including compliance with governance and records of official meetings held. It is kept up-to-date by a dedicated volunteer Webmaster, who provides these services 'pro bono' to the charity.

We also have a volunteer Social Media Manager who creates posts for PAC on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

We communicate regularly by electronic newsletter to our member base, using the MailChimp proprietary email platform, which provides us with secure, reliable communication. This is also managed by our volunteer Webmaster.

## **Details of Relevant Organisations to the Charity**

**Our Bank:** NatWest Bank  
45 Park Street  
Camberley  
Surrey  
GU15 3PA

**Our Independent Examiner:** Wayne Harris  
THB Accountants  
1 & 2 Studley Court Mews  
Studley Court  
Guildford Road  
Chobham  
Surrey  
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### **7. Public Benefit Statement**

We hereby confirm that the charity's Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

## 8. 2021-22 Financial Review

### Receipts:

- i. PAC's receipts for the year totalled **£47,116**.
- ii. This total of £47,116 is a sizable increase of £26,238 (= **+126%**) over PAC's previous year's receipts figure (**£20,878** – 2020-21).

This can be attributed to more fundraising activities being able to take place, once government-imposed Covid restrictions had been relaxed.

### Payments:

- i. A total of **£48,100** was disbursed as outgoing payments by PAC during this reporting year as grants to cancer research, cancer treatment and cancer care hospices. (versus £22,000 disbursed in the previous year, 2020-21)
- ii. All 2021-22 grants are detailed in **Appendix 2** of this Report on page 16.

### Reserves to Carry Forward at Year-End:

- i. **-£984** is the net residual amount from this year's financial activities (£47,116 of receipts, less £48,100 disbursed);
- ii. **£9,310** of cash reserves were carried forward from the previous year (2020-21);
- iii. Giving total reserves to carry-forward into 2022-23 of **£8,326**.
- iv. Reserves policy: the charity has no administrative (staff) costs and so operates on a "zero reserves" policy, but typically with a cash buffer of around £5,000.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Penguins Against Cancer**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Penguins Against Cancer ('the Charity')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**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'). The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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**

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.

THB LLP  
ACCA  
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Studley Court  
Guildford Road  
Chobham

Surrey  
GU24 8EB

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "THB LLP". The letters are stylized and connected, with a large loop for the 'B' and a distinct 'LLP' at the end.



**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period  
from

06/04/2021

To

05/04/2022

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	29,358	-	-	29,358	8,191
virgin giving	13,214	-	-	13,214	12,687
Cygnnet Distillery	2,573	-	-	2,573	
Cash deposits (raffel)	527	-	-	527	
Tower to Tower	1,445	-	-	1,445	
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>47,116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,116</b>	<b>20,878</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>47,116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,116</b>	<b>20,878</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
grants to cancer research, cancer treatment and cancer care hospices.	48,100	-	-	48,100	22,000
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>48,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,100</b>	<b>22,000</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>48,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,100</b>	<b>22,000</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(984.38)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(984.38)</b>	<b>(1,122.00)</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,310	-	-	9,310	10,432
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>8,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,326</b>	<b>9,310</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	8,326	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>8,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Funds	8,326	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

## Appendix 1

### List of Trustees in post at the date of signing this Report

(21 February 2023)

- C E Beardmore *President*
- P Gush *Vice-President*
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- C A Beardmore
- G Thomason
- A Mistlin
- P Davis
- B Thorpe
- D P Johnston

### Trustees with specific responsibility for the PAC Research Committee:

- S Hughes *Lead Trustee*
- B Challacombe
- I Abbs
- C E Beardmore

## **Appendix 1 (cont.)**

### **Trustees who have resigned since the date of the last Report**

**(21 February 2023)**

- T Gibson
- C Howell
- A Schaub
- B Scholefield

## Appendix 2

### Monies Disbursed as Grants: 2021-22

*(Dates shown are when the grant monies were encashed by the recipient)*

1	May 2021	Prostate Cancer Research	<b>£ 4,000</b>
2	May 2021	Frimley Health Charity [Frimley Park Hospital]	<b>£ 3,000</b>
3	July 2021	Institute of Cancer Research (Fergus Fund Award)	<b>£ 5,000</b>
4	July 2021	Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust (Fergus Fund Award)	<b>£ 2,500</b>
5	Aug 2021	The Urology Foundation	<b>£ 10,000</b>
6	Aug 2021	The Pelvic Radiation Disease Association	<b>£ 5,000</b>
7	Aug 2021	The Princess Alice Hospice	<b>£ 5,000</b>
8	Aug 2021	Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care	<b>£ 5,000</b>
9	Nov 2021	Pancreatic Cancer UK	<b>£ 5,000</b>
10	Nov 2021	Richard House Trust Children's Hospice	<b>£ 3,600</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 48,100</b>