



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Paul Cottingham Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

24/10/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1165753

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 24/10/2025.

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

Signed:

Mark Taylor

Date:

01 Jun 2026

Name:

Mark Taylor

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Paul Cottingham Trust

1165753

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	25/10/2024	To	24/10/2025
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	37,671		-	37,671	77,950
Gift Aid	2,723	-	-	2,723	7,816
Interest	934	-	-	934	1,148
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,328	-	-	41,328	86,914
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,328	-	-	41,328	86,914
A3 Payments					
Grants	52,110		-	52,110	46,600
Independent examination fees	1,359	-	-	1,359	1,236
Website expense	643	-	-	643	-
Event expense	-	-	-	-	1,935
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	54,112	-	-	54,112	49,771
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,112	-	-	54,112	49,771
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,784	-	-	- 12,784	37,143
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	88,930	-	-	88,930	51,787
Cash funds this year end	76,146	-	-	76,146	88,930

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	1	-	-
	Deposit Account	76,145	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	76,146	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Michael Cashman	Lord Michael Cashman CBE	28 May 2026	

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	Day 25	Month October	Year 2024		Day 24	Month October

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Paul Cottingham Trust

Other names charity is known by Paul's Trust

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Flat 4
94 Narrow Street
London
E14 8BP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lord Michael Cashman CBE			
2	Vanessa Bowcock			
3	Jane Hogarth			
4	Rebecca Wheatley			
5	Thomas Corcoran			
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mark Taylor	HW Fisher Professional Services Limited, Acre House, 11-15 William Road, London, NW1 3ER

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system

and procedures to manage them.

During the year, the Charity received voluntary donations of £nil from the trustee, Michael Cashman (2024: £20,000).

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

(a) For the public benefit, the promotion of equality and diversity on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity, through the awarding of grants to organizations (including charitable organisations) within England and Wales who are:

(i) Working to eliminate discrimination and inequality on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.

(ii) advancing education and raising awareness of issues relating to sexual orientation or gender identity, and discrimination in connection thereof.

(iii) Promoting activities to foster an understanding in relation to issues surrounding sexual orientation or gender identity;

(iv) conducting or commissioning research on equality or diversity in relation to issues surrounding sexual orientation or gender identity, and publishing the results to the public; and

(v) Cultivating a sentiment in favor of equality and diversity in relation to persons who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex.

(b) For the public benefit, the advancement of health and the saving of person's lives, through the awarding of grants to organizations (including charitable organizations) within England and Wales who are conducting or commissioning research into the treatment and eradication of cancers, including (but not limited to) angiosarcoma.

(c) For the public benefit, the relief of poverty, through the awarding of grants to persons (and organizations, including charitable organizations, working with such persons) within England and Wales who themselves (or whose families) are facing financial or other hardship during their treatment resulting from a diagnosis of cancer, including (but not limited to) angiosarcoma.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

As a small grant giving and grant receiving trust, we continue to keep our operating costs to a minimum. We work to ensure the financial support that we award makes a real difference to as many people as possible and across a range of different challenges, especially as we continue to witness even greater intolerance, repression, and hardship here and across the world. We take great care considering where funding will have the maximum impact and are also mindful of the need for a long-term approach in supporting some projects, research, organisations and events to enhance and protect the rights of LGBT+ people, awareness and support for cancer, notably Sarcoma. We will continue to abide by these principles as we continue throughout the years ahead.

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have borne this in mind when making grants during the year.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Trustees consider each application in accordance with the stated objectives of the Trust and mindful of the limited financial resources the Trust narrow their focus in the early years to diversity and inclusion and its wider social realm.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The projects and organizations that we have supported on this year are:

LGBTQI homelessness; The Albert Kennedy Trust is tireless in supporting LGBTQI homeless people (over 25% of youth homeless are LGBTQ+) and we were delighted to award them a grant for their Christmas appeal.

Cancer diagnosis and treatment can be overwhelming, so we are continuing our work with **Sarcoma UK** with our three-year commitment to their services, supporting and advising individuals and their families affected by these rare cancers.

We were proud to have established the **Paul Cottingham Scholarship** at the **University of Brighton**. This Masters scholarship was developed to help promote gender diversity in higher education and society, and to contribute to Social Research related to trans experiences, rights and to challenge institutional negativity in wider debates about gender. Building on our relationship with the university we have established a PhD to further develop understanding relating to sexual and gender(ed) diversities. **The PhD proposal** is a underway and a post graduate in place.

Mosaic LGBTQ+ young persons' trust offers a vital lifeline to LGBTQ+ young persons, many of whom experience family rejection, faith conflicts, and a lack of culturally competent support. The Paul Cottingham Trust will fund their **Resilient Minds** project, an initiative that will provide tailored, trauma informed mental health support to 48 LGBTQ+ young persons aged 12-18, who face significant challenges including social isolation, identity related distress and mental health struggles.

The Free Shop is a community lead project reaching extremely vulnerable families. Their work is currently focused on Lebanon where they are working to prevent and relieve poverty amongst families living in the Bekaa valley. They support over 26,000 individuals every year with clothing, food packs, and free menstrual health products. They also undertake individual case work, provide a menstrual health project and a free shop - a physical space where people browse, access clothes, shoes, bedding, hygiene items toys and more with freedom of choice.

Ditch the Label is a small UK wide charity providing an essential lifeline for children and young people aged 12-25 aimed at reducing the impact and prominence of bullying. All their support services, accessed through their website, are led by a clinical education psychologist and are completely free for young people to access, available with little to no waiting times, and can accommodate ongoing support where needed. Many of those who use their services live in the 20% most deprived neighborhoods in the country.

Inspire LGBTQ+ (It Gets Better) provide LGBTQ+ young people with hope and offers them examples of what life can look like for LGBTQ+ people and what they can achieve. They work across the UK delivering their message of strength and resilience both at local Pride events and workshops, and also online in the digital space. Interventions aim to allow young LGBTQ+ people to speak about and seek support around

issues they have faced. They also serve to support them to increase their confidence, resilience, and mental wellbeing whilst at the same time building a local support network around them.

SPECTRA offer community-based health and wellbeing services that aim to reduce stigma and improve the health and confidence of those who reach out to them. Their community led services are free at the point of access and include; Health advocacy and casework for trans, gender diverse and sex worker communities, sexual health education for neurodiverse, SEND young people and their carers, community-based HIV testing, outreach and education, sexual health and LGBTQ+ education for carers, teachers and healthcare staff. Additionally, there is Peer led counselling, social groups, mentoring and art therapy for trans adults, and mentoring and social groups for LGBTQIA+ young adults. Trans-specific services reach around 900 people per year.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity currently operates a surplus and is expected to continue to do so in perpetuity. The Charity had approximately GBP 76,146 on account at the end of 24 October 2025.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity's principal source of funds is donations, including donations from Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and The Woodward Charitable Trust.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *Michael Cashman*

Full name(s) Lord Michael Cashman CBE

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Trustee

Date 28 May 2026



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