

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**  
**for**  
**The Barbara Curtis Charitable Trust**

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**The Barbara Curtis Charitable Trust**

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## **The Barbara Curtis Charitable Trust**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objects for which the Charity is established are to further the education and training of persons resident in England and Wales in the baking, confectionery, butchery or catering trades by such means as the trustees determine including the following;

- Providing grants to individuals to enable them to receive better training and education to include assistance with the costs of living, equipment and books.
- Liaising with various institutions who are already well established in the training of people with the above mentioned trades to establish the most effective way to supplement their budgets for training and education.

##### **Significant activities**

The Trust currently furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through the following activities:

- Providing funding to assist students attending the School of Artisan Food in Welbeck, Nottinghamshire, with fees, equipment and other training needs. Students are appraised by the school allowing the charity to offer financial support to students who otherwise would not be able to attend.
- Providing financial assistance for former students of the School of Artisan Food to assist in their training needs when commencing business or employment in baking, confectionery, butchery or catering trades.
- The charity also invites applications from individuals for assistance with training costs relating to baking, confectionery, butchery or baking from other institutions.

##### **Public benefit**

In determining the Charity's activities the Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

##### **Grantmaking**

Grants will be made by the charity to qualifying individuals in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Education providers propose individuals that meet the criteria for grants to the Board of Trustees. The Board consider the applications on a case by case basis and decide which individuals to support.

Applications for grants can be made via the website of the charity at [www.barbaracurtis.org](http://www.barbaracurtis.org). These applications are discussed by the board before deciding on whether to support the application.

All applicants are notified of the decision of the Board.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

The charity committed to paying the academic bursaries totalling £19,180 (2024: £14,700) to assist students with the costs of the Diploma courses at the School of Artisan Food.

##### **Investment performance**

During the period the income from investments totalled £26,498 (2024: £24,613). This represents an income return of 4.57% (2024: 4.55%) on the cost of investments, which is just above the targeted 4% income return target of the charity.

There has been losses of £2,127 on investments in the period with a realised gain on the sale of investments totalling £2,923 (2024: loss of £10,293) and unrealised losses of £5,050 (2024: gains of £29,972).

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

At the year end the charity had unrestricted reserves of £552,666 (2024: £559,986). £579,288 of these funds are held within investments in order to generate a return for the charity to distribute as grants with £41,572 held as cash within the portfolio. The charity has negative free reserves of £26,622 which represents the excess of committed expenditure over the liquid assets of the charity.

This is considered reasonable giving the potential timing of the payments, the projected investment income prior to the payments and the ability to draw-down on the capital of the investments prior to the funding commitments.

## The Barbara Curtis Charitable Trust

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

Our investment advisors (Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management) are instructed to invest to maximise the income return on the funds invested in order to create a sufficient income stream to allow the charity the necessary funds to achieve its charitable objectives. The trustees have set a target rate of income of 4% without taking large risks. A risk option of 5 (low/medium) has been adopted which will allow the investment manager to access higher yields within the FTSE 250 market whilst balancing risk and retaining control through investment in lower risk collective investments.

Although there is a primary objective of income return, the trustees recognise the importance of capital growth. Therefore if the income generation is achieving targeted levels, the trustees will look to capital growth assets to preserve the longevity of the charity and avoid the build up of large cash reserves.

##### **Reserves policy**

The trustees feel that the charity should maintain a prudent level of reserves of £30,000 in order to be able to react to requests for grants.

At 5 April 2025, the charity held negative free reserves of £26,622 (2024: £19,456).

This is currently below the reserves policy of the charity but the commitments to the Lincoln College are over a four year period and to the Artisan School over a one month period with no fixed payment dates. This allows for investment income to be generated and where necessary investments to be realised to facilitate commitments.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust signed on 23 May 2016 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

New trustees will be appointed by the existing trustees of the charity based on the expertise that they will offer to the board. The trustees regularly review the skill sets of the board and where there is a need for certain skills to be added will approach appropriate candidates to join the board.

The governing document describes the eligibility for trusteeship and any new trustee application to the board will be reviewed in line with these requirements.

##### **Organisational structure**

The charity is governed by its Board of Trustees who decide on the overall running and governance of the charity. The board meet on a quarterly basis to review matters facing the charity with decisions being taken based on an overall majority.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

All Trustees receive reference material from the Charity Commission website. Specific items relating to the Charity are discussed as a Board in the Trustee meetings.

##### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1169993

##### **Principal address**

C/o Sills and Betteridge Solicitors  
Aquis House  
18-28 Glasketgate  
Lincoln  
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##### **Trustees**

K Dukes  
N Curtis  
R Bussell  
K A O'Meara

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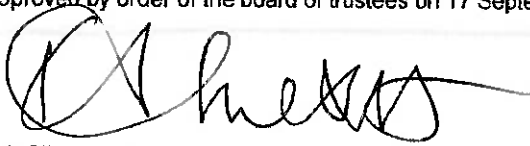
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**for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Investment manager**

Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K A O'Meara', written over a horizontal line.

K A O'Meara - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**The Barbara Curtis Charitable Trust**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Barbara Curtis Charitable Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Barbara Curtis Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 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').

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.



Paul Colcomb FCCA

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17 September 2025

**The Barbara Curtis Charitable Trust**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Investment income	2	26,498	24,613
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	3	5,911	3,752
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Bursaries		19,180	14,700
Other		6,600	2,325
<b>Total</b>		31,691	20,777
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(2,127)	19,679
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(7,320)	23,515
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		559,986	536,471
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		552,666	559,986

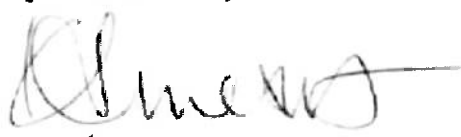
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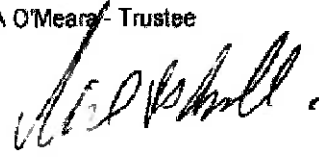
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**Balance Sheet**  
**5 April 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	5	579,288	579,442
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	6	-	6,466
Cash at bank		24,993	32,410
		<hr/> 24,993	<hr/> 38,876
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(51,615)	(58,332)
		<hr/> (26,622)	<hr/> (19,456)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<hr/> 552,666	<hr/> 559,986
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<hr/> 552,666	<hr/> 559,986
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>FUNDS</b>	8		
Unrestricted funds		552,666	559,986
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<hr/> 552,666	<hr/> 559,986

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
K A O'Meara - Trustee

  
R Busseil - Trustee



**The Barbara Curtis Charitable Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The charity is an unincorporated trust operating in England and Wales. Details regarding the address of the charity are shown within the Reference and Administration section of the Trustees Report.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Investments**

Investments are originally recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at their fair value at the balance sheet date using the quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment income	<u>26,498</u>	<u>24,613</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

**Investment management costs**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Portfolio management	5,911	3,752

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2025 nor for the year ended 5 April 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2025 nor for the year ended 5 April 2024.

**5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	<b>Canaccord Investments</b>
	£
<u>Analysis of movements on investments in the year</u>	
Market value at 6 April 2024	579,442
Investments purchased in year	73,099
Disposal of investments sold in year	(102,288)
Other cash movements	31,162
Unrealised gains/(losses) in value	(5,050)
Realised gain/ (loss) on disposal	2,923
	<u>579,288</u>
Market value at 5 April 2025	
	<u>£</u>
<u>Analysis of fund composition at 5 April 2024</u>	
Cash	41,572
Listed investments	537,716
	<u>579,288</u>

**6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	-	6,466

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	51,615	58,332

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 6.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	559,986	(7,320)	552,666
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>559,986</u>	<u>(7,320)</u>	<u>552,666</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	26,498	(31,691)	(2,127)	(7,320)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>26,498</u>	<u>(31,691)</u>	<u>(2,127)</u>	<u>(7,320)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 6.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	536,471	23,515	559,986
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>536,471</u>	<u>23,515</u>	<u>559,986</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	24,613	(20,777)	19,679	23,515
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>24,613</u>	<u>(20,777)</u>	<u>19,679</u>	<u>23,515</u>

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 5 April 2025.

**The Barbara Curtis Charitable Trust**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Investment income</b>		
Investment income	26,498	24,613
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	26,498	24,613
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Investment management costs</b>		
Portfolio management	5,911	3,752
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants to individuals	19,180	14,700
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent examination fee	2,033	-
Accountancy	3,308	2,325
Website costs	1,259	-
	6,600	2,325
<b>Total resources expended</b>	31,691	20,777
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before gains and losses</b>	(5,193)	3,836
<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	2,923	(10,293)
<b>Net expenditure</b>	(2,270)	(6,457)