

Charity registration number: 1172296

Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Legal and Administrative Details

Trustees	Jeremy Rupert Arnold Harry James Leeper Dunlop James Maurice Percy Eustace Paul Foster James Given (appointed 31 December 2024)
Principal Office	9 High Street Lambourn Hungerford Berkshire RG17 8XL
Charity Registration Number	1172296
Solicitors	Burges Salmon One Glass Wharf Bristol BS2 0ZX 6 New Street Square London EC4A 3BF
Bankers	Weatherbys Bank Sanders Road Wellingborough Northants NN8 4BQ Co-operative Bank P.O. Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
Independent Examiner	Peter William Treadgold FCA RB (PWT) LLP Chartered Accountants 2 Old Bath Road Newbury Berkshire RG14 1QL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 and comply with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities; the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The principal objective of the charity is the relief of poverty and financial hardship by way of monetary grants or funding programmes for such racehorse trainers and ex-racehorse trainers who are or were licensed by the British Horseracing Authority and their widows, widowers and dependents.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The charity makes discretionary grants to individuals and organisations, in the furtherance of the charitable objectives.

The mental health pilot scheme, now known as the Trainer Support Network, launched in 2023 has extended its reach across the country with the recruitment in 2024 of three additional members of the team, providing support in Scotland, the Midlands and the South West. The scheme has been able to expand due to the generous financial grant from the Sir Peter O'Sullivan Charitable Trust. After an initial grant of £28,000 towards 2024 costs a further £28,000 has been donated for 2025.

During the year, the Trainer Support Network team had over 200 interactions with trainers in the form of conversations taking place on the racecourse, bloodstock sales, telephone calls and requested visits to the trainer's home. These conversations led to more than 30 in depth follow up conversations to provide support to enable trainers to manage emotional/psychological issues. The support network is now an established part of British horseracing's people welfare provision. The trustees intend to build on these outcomes by extending the support network and attracting additional funding from other sources.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant-making policy for the year.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The charity aims to hold sufficient reserves to fund grant applications as and when they arrive and to ensure that grant applications can be funded, should there be a significant downturn in income generated as a result of a temporary cessation of horse racing in Great Britain, for example through an outbreak of equine disease or pandemic.

The trustees are also aware of the likelihood that an economic downturn or cost of living crisis either or both of which could have the impact of reducing income and increasing grant applications. Reserves are therefore maintained to cover both an increased number of applications and reducing income should these arise.

The charity only has one source of regular income and so is mindful that if it ceases, then there will be no income to cover any costs that arise.

The reserves policy is not determined by holding a number of months of expenditure. Given that expenditure can fluctuate depending upon the number of grants made and applications received, the trustees do not believe a fixed approach such as this is appropriate. Equally, income can fluctuate depending upon external circumstances beyond the trustees control and as such with no income guaranteed in future periods a prudent approach to maintaining reserves is taken and all grants are at the Trustees' discretion.

In 2022, the trustees decided that £150,000 is an appropriate maximum level of reserves. The trustees estimate that total forecast expenditure on grants and continuing the mental health support scheme can be met from annual income. At the year end, reserves had increased above anticipated levels due to a run of exceptional results for trainers based outside Great Britain leading to higher prize money income and costs of the trainer Support Network being lower than forecast because the recruitment of additional team members was not completed until the fourth quarter.

The trustees divide the cash reserves across multiple banking organisations to protect against the risk of a bank closing down.

In 2019 an interest free loan of £4,000 was made to a beneficiary and, as at 31 December 2024 , £3,400 (2023 : £3,400) was due to the Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund ("RTBF") is a Registered Charity administered under a Trust Deed dated 9 December 2016, as amended on 20 August 2018, 29 April 2022, 1 August 2022 and 17 April 2023 and lodged with the Charity Commission. The Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund was registered as a charity on 28 March 2017.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees are empowered to appoint additional trustees at their discretion subject to the right of the National Trainers Federation and the British Horseracing Authority each to appoint a nominated trustee in accordance with the trust deed.

Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of between two and three years by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

There must be at least three trustees and no more than five trustees at any time. No trustee appointment may be made in excess of these provisions.

The Trustees that served during the period were as follows,

Jeremy Rupert Arnold
Paul Foster
Harry James Leeper Dunlop
James Maurice Percy Eustace
James Given (appointed 31 December 2024)

Induction and training of trustees

Each trustee is given a copy of CC1 Charity Commission Publications and CC3 Responsibilities of a Trustee on appointment as well as a copy of the latest set of accounts. Trustees are also circulated with copies of the Charity Commissioners' newsletters.

Organisational structure

The Trust Deed requires the Trustees to meet at least biannually, to review the investment strategy and agree any grants to beneficiaries

All grants are discretionary.

Other meetings may be held as circumstances dictate, and formal approval for any action on behalf of the Trustees between meetings is typically obtained by letter or email. No grants are made without the approval of a majority of the Trustees.

Related party transactions

The office of the National Trainers Federation administers the Charity on behalf of the Trustees and meets the costs of so doing. The RTBF does not have a relationship with any other charity.

Major risks and management of those risks

Reserves

The charity is exposed to risks associated with the management of its reserves. In view of the relatively small sum of money held in reserve, the trustees have chosen to hold the funds on bank deposit.

The Trustees believe that the charity's financial systems are adequate to address any risks to which it is exposed.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr Jeremy Rupert Arnold
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr Jeremy Rupert Arnold
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As trustees of Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund 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 Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund 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 accounting 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.

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Peter Treadgold FCA
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Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	39,103	28,000	67,103	29,609
Other income	2,958	-	2,958	2,317
	<u>42,061</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>70,061</u>	<u>31,926</u>
Total income	<u>42,061</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>70,061</u>	<u>31,926</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	(6,931)
Charitable activities	(7,614)	(22,924)	(30,538)	(17,862)
	<u>(7,614)</u>	<u>(22,924)</u>	<u>(30,538)</u>	<u>(24,793)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(7,614)</u>	<u>(22,924)</u>	<u>(30,538)</u>	<u>(24,793)</u>
Net income	<u>34,447</u>	<u>5,076</u>	<u>39,523</u>	<u>7,133</u>
Net movement in funds	34,447	5,076	39,523	7,133
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	<u>154,549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,549</u>	<u>147,416</u>
Total funds carried forward	9 <u>188,996</u>	<u>5,076</u>	<u>194,072</u>	<u>154,549</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

All of the above funds are unrestricted and further details are shown in note 9.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	6	3,400	3,400
Cash at bank and in hand	7	<u>221,092</u>	<u>152,737</u>
		224,492	156,137
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(30,420)</u>	<u>(1,588)</u>
Net assets		<u>194,072</u>	<u>154,549</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		5,076	-
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>188,996</u>	<u>154,549</u>
Total funds	9	<u>194,072</u>	<u>154,549</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr Jeremy Rupert Arnold
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund ("RTBF") meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

The charity's principal source of funding is via deductions from prize money as prescribed by the rules of racing.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to incur a cost, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregates similar costs to that category.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due to the charity arising from its agreed sources of funding under The Rules of Racing, which have not been received at the financial year-end.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment is established when there is objective evidence that they will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income

	Unrestricted		Total	Total
	General	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;				
Legacies	-	28,000	28,000	-
Grants, including capital grants;				
Deductions from prize money				
receivable from				
The British Horseracing				
Authority under the rules of				
racing	39,103	-	39,103	29,609
	<u>39,103</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>67,103</u>	<u>29,609</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Other income

	Unrestricted		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Bank interest	2,958	2,958	2,317

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted		
	Note	General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants made to beneficiaries		6,782	6,782	17,230
Governance costs	5	832	832	632
		<u>7,614</u>	<u>7,614</u>	<u>17,862</u>
			Unrestricted funds General	Total 2024
	Note		£	£
Grant funding of activities			6,782	6,782
Governance costs			832	832
			<u>7,614</u>	<u>7,614</u>

All of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds.

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted		
	General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Independent Examiner's fees	832	832	832
Other governance costs	-	-	(200)
	<u>832</u>	<u>832</u>	<u>632</u>

6 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Loan to a beneficiary	<u>3,400</u>	<u>3,400</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

7 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	<u>221,092</u>	<u>152,737</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	2,420	1,588
Deferred income	<u>28,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>30,420</u>	<u>1,588</u>

9 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	154,549	42,061	(7,614)	188,996
Restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>(22,924)</u>	<u>5,076</u>
Total funds	<u>154,549</u>	<u>70,061</u>	<u>(30,538)</u>	<u>194,072</u>
	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>147,416</u>	<u>31,926</u>	<u>(24,793)</u>	<u>154,549</u>

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2023: None).

11 Taxation

The RTBF is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Controlling Party

The Trustees, as a body, govern the Trust in accordance with the Trust Deed. There is no single individual who can, or does, control the Charity.