

**THE DREW BARKER-WRIGHT
CHARITY
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

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For the year ended 31 March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J V Wright -	Treasurer
	Ms M Barker-	Secretary
	Mr H A D Barker	
	Mrs G Barker	

Address of the Trustees	6 Regent Street Talgarth Brecon Powys LD3 0DB
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Registered Charity Number	1176680
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Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number	CEO12932
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Independent Examiners	W J James & Co Bishop House 10 Wheat Street Brecon Powys
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Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc 70-71 Cheapside London EC2V 6EN
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**THE DREW BARKER-WRIGHT CHARITY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees are pleased to present their seventh report together with the sixth financial statements for The Drew Barker- Wright Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted entirely of volunteers. Trustees are appointed when an office falls vacant.

Governing Document

The charity functions in line with the Charities Commission guidance.

The charity is governed by its constitution dated 16 January 2018.

Organisation

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year-end are set out on page 1.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The objectives of the charity are: -

- To relieve the needs of sufferers of paediatric chordoma, their family and carers, as a result of the same.
- The relief of sickness and the preservation of health by the funding of research into paediatric chordoma through the provision of grants and the publication of useful result from such research: and
- To advance education of the general public into paediatric chordoma.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Under each of our objects, our main activities have included:

To relieve the needs of sufferers of paediatric chordomas, their family and carers, as a result of the same;

- i. Maintenance and updating of a website with a full range of information for families of patients with paediatric chordoma
- ii. Provision of a private Facebook group to support parents of sufferers of paediatric chordoma, providing emotional support.
- iii. Information on different aspects of living with and being treated for this rare form of cancer
- iv. Signposting to other useful organisations through the website and through email/phone contact from those affected by paediatric chordoma
- v. Providing grants for those affected by paediatric chordoma to help ease the financial burden associated with frequent hospital visits/loss of ability to work and earn during their loved one's illness and to help with travel and accommodation costs for families
- vi. Providing of 'Drew's Gift', a bedside package for the newly diagnosed child, offering items to help relieve the monotony of treatment, such as fictional literature.
- vii. Sponsoring a room in DBW Charity's name at RMH in Birmingham, a facility providing accommodation for the families of children undergoing treatment at Birmingham Children's Hospital; in turn allowing families to stay together during difficult times

The relief of sickness and the preservation of health by the funding of research into paediatric chordoma through the provision of grants and the publication of useful results from such research;

- i. Joining forces with the Chordoma Foundation to facilitate the characterization of paediatric chordoma models and the testing of promising drugs in these models.
- ii. Supporting Chordoma UK in continued operation of the UK Chordoma Cohort.

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To advance education of the general public into paediatric chordoma;

- i. Through awareness raising activities, such as national running events
- ii. The creation of Drew's Garden, a community project to highlight and raise awareness of childhood cancer, specifically paediatric chordoma.
- iii. Local running events promoting the cause – New Year's Eve Fun Run
- iv. Up to date website and active social media platforms to raise awareness.
- v. Through sponsorship of a family room at RMH Birmingham and having the charity logo, its aims and website details clearly posted for residents of the facility.

Achievements and performance

The period 2024 to 2025 has been another fulfilling year for DBW Charity.

Our donations have included:

- £5,000 to The Chordoma Foundation to ensure that we continue to support the ground-breaking work they are achieving in the development of new treatments for paediatric chordoma
- £500 to a family in North Wales whose son was diagnosed with chordoma and is being treated at BCH.
- £100 worth of vouchers to the child directly
- £500 to a family in the Midlands whose son was diagnosed with chordoma and is being treated at BCH.
- £100 worth of vouchers to the child directly
- £5,000 to RMH Birmingham where the charity has sponsored a family room for the year allowing families of children in treatment free accommodation during their time at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

In 2024/25 we awarded our first two grants to families in North Wales and the Midlands. The processes put in place worked successfully and allowed the families to apply with ease, and for us to facilitate payments in a prompt manner. Both families received a payment of £500, a copy of Drew, Moo and Bunny, Too and a £100 voucher.

For 2025 we made the decision to support Ronald McDonald House Birmingham, a facility which provides accommodation for families with children in treatment at Birmingham Children's Hospital. We were fortunate to have a room at the house for the duration of our stay at BCH and fully understand the support this offers to those in need. As a charity, we have sponsored a family room in our name for the year, enabling families to have free accommodation during their stay at the hospital.

2025 marked the charity's first legacy donation. A substantial sum was donated which will allow the charity to continue with its research funding, support of families with children in treatment, and to raise awareness of chordoma, rare childhood cancer and the early signs and symptoms.

Excluding donations, our focus has been on events surrounding the promotion of Drew's Gift, a children's book which earns royalties for the charity and Drew's Garden, a local space which raises awareness of chordoma and rare childhood cancer.

The book itself has been very well received and we have been fortunate to have been included in many literary events over the past 12 months, including Abergavenny Writer's Festival, The Children's Bookshow, Llandeilo Lit Fest and in particular, Hay Festival.

All events have seen families engage in activities related to the themes of the book and those present have been informed of the genesis of the story and the charity behind the project. This has helped raise awareness of chordoma and rare childhood cancer in general.

Walker Books have also announced that they will release a paperback version on the book in late 2025 which will allow the charity to organise more awareness events and fundraisers.

Locally, we have continued with annual fundraising events including the Santa Run – Hay-on-Wye, and our NYE Fun Run – Talgarth. The NYE Fun Run was a sell out event and wonderful evening was had by all those who attended. We also raised funds and awareness through the event.

Moving forward for 2025 our charity is placing strong focus on using Drew's Garden as a platform to raise awareness and engage the community.

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We have been fortunate to receive support from BBC television's gardening experts Harry and David Rich who are donating their services to design and help plant the space. With their help and guidance and the social media coverage this may bring, we hope to continue to work with the community and fulfil our charitable objectives.

We feel that we have had another successful year and continue to fulfil our objectives. We look forward to 2025/2026 and hope to continue to help other families in Drew's memory.

Financial review

The Trustees regularly review the finances, budgets and spend against budget together with cash flow analysis as part of the effective governance of the charity. Our future plans will be financed primarily from our reserves plus our regular fundraising initiatives.

As a Board of Trustees, we feel it important to maintain a level of reserves which will allow us to provide up to 15 grants to families over the coming 5 years and to sustain our commitment to fund research into pediatric chordoma to the tune of £50,000 over the next 5 years.

Risk Management

The Trustees are aware of the need to have stringent internal financial controls and procedures to help the charity Trustees meet their legal duties to safeguard the charity's assets.

At least two people are involved in the handling and recording of money received and collection boxes are sealed and individually numbered with their issue and return being recorded.

Trustees have each been given a copy of The Charities Commission Guidance titled Internal Financial Controls for Charities CC8.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 2015 (FRS 102);
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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 trust deed. They 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.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr J V Wright

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Date

THE DREW BARKER-WRIGHT CHARITY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DREW BARKER-WRIGHT CHARITY

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 the charity 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.



K R Saunders-Jones BSc, FCA
W J James & Co
Chartered Accountants
Bishop House
10 Wheat Street
Brecon
Powys

Date. 21 July 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	31 Mar 2025 Total £	31 Mar 2024 Total £
INCOME				
Donations and legacies	2	52,794	52,794	13,583
TOTAL INCOME		<u>52,794</u>	<u>52,794</u>	<u>13,583</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Costs of raising funds	3	856	856	1,090
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Grants payable	4	11,000	11,000	15,000
Governance costs	5	633	633	591
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>12,489</u>	<u>12,489</u>	<u>16,681</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>40,305</u>	<u>40,305</u>	<u>(3,098)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total fund balances brought forward at 1 April		37,368	37,368	40,466
Total fund balances carried forward at 31 March		<u>77,673</u>	<u>77,673</u>	<u>37,368</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	8		8	
Cash at bank and in hand		78,265		37,936	
		<u>78,273</u>		<u>37,944</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
	8	(600)		(576)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			77,673		37,368
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>77,673</u>		<u>37,368</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	9		77,673		37,368

Approved by the Board of Trustees on.....21st July.....2025 and signed on its behalf by

.....
Mr J V Wright
Trustee

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and 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) (issued in October 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments to market value.

Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt.

Donations and collections

Donations, collections and all voluntary income is accounted for gross when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for gross, and when incurred.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in running events to raise funds and in seeking donations. They do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Direct costs are allocated on an actual basis to the activities. Governance costs include the costs that relate to meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements and included within the support costs.

Funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and collections	2,590	13,218
EasyFundraising.org.uk	204	365
Legacy donation	50,000	-
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	52,794	13,583
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3. FUNDRAISING COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Advertising	-	214
Running vests and entry fees	-	134
Registration fee – The Small Lotteries Regulations 2007	20	20
Other Fundraising costs	836	722
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	856	1,090
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4. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Unrestricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£
The Chordoma Foundation 1 grant (2024:1 grant)	5,000	5,000	15,000
Ronald McDonald House	5,000	5,000	-
Patient grants	1,000	1,000	-
Total institutional grants	11,000	11,000	15,000
Total Grants payable	11,000	11,000	15,000

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£
Independent examination fee	600	600	570
Bank charges	33	33	21
	633	633	591

6. TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	8	8
	8	8

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued expenses	600	576
	600	576

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 Apr 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers In/(out)	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	37,368	52,794	(12,489)	-	77,673
	<u>37,368</u>	<u>52,794</u>	<u>(12,489)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,673</u>

Prior year comparative

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers In/(out)	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	40,466	13,583	(16,681)	-	37,368
	<u>40,466</u>	<u>13,583</u>	<u>(16,681)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,368</u>

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

At 31 March 2025

	Current Assets £	Current Liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	78,273	(600)	77,673
	<u>78,274</u>	<u>(600)</u>	<u>77,674</u>

At 31 March 2024

	Current Assets £	Current Liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	37,944	(576)	37,368
	<u>37,944</u>	<u>(576)</u>	<u>37,368</u>

11. REMUNERATION OF TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS

No remuneration has been paid to Trustees or connected persons during the year.

Nothing has been paid to any Trustees in respect of expenses reimbursed for expenditure incurred on behalf of The Drew Barker-Wright Charity during the year.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions that require disclosure in these financial statements.