

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
FOR
THE ANNE ROBSON TRUST**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

TRUSTEES

M J Bentall
R J Gill (resigned 29/10/20)
J A Corbisiero
R N Mawle
J A Holding (appointed 30/9/20)
P J Carter (appointed 10/11/20)
R P Cotton (appointed 10/11/20)
F K McKenzie (appointed 10/11/20)
A Ranchod (appointed 10/11/20)

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. 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

For the public benefit, to relieve the needs and suffering of individuals and their families through the provision of end of life care, by offering presence, companionship, comfort and attention to those individuals who have been identified as being at the end of life.

Significant activities

The Anne Robson Trust works in partnership with acute Hospitals to help them create, embed and sustain teams of specially selected, trained volunteers who provide support and companionship to patients facing their final days, many of whom have no other visitors.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The global pandemic has drawn national attention to the challenging issues of death and dying. The expert and compassionate service that the Anne Robson Trust provides has never been more important - supporting people in their final days and hours of life and working to ensure that No One Dies Alone. However, with hospitals closed to volunteers due to the pandemic, the Trust's traditional delivery model has needed to transform and Liz and the team have had tremendous success in launching several new and innovative services which have ensured that the delivery of the Trust's vital work could continue in spite of the restrictions. Highlights include: the launch of the Time to Talk podcasts with Bill Turnbull; the extension of the Time to Talk workshop offering; the creation of Family Hubs in hospital grounds to provide practical help and support to the friends and relatives of those who are dying; and the Anne Robson Trust Helpline. The latter is a long term strategic undertaking which has been accompanied with a full relaunch of our website and online presence.

Our activities have been somewhat restricted this year, but in anticipation of an upcoming period of significant growth we have strengthened the governance of the charity by recruiting 5 new trustees bringing a broad range of knowledge and experience from the healthcare, charity and commercial sectors. We are delighted to welcome these new trustees who have made a huge impact on the strategic focus and oversight of the Trust's operations.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Trust's financial position continues to be robust. Through a combination of careful management of expenses and effective fundraising, the Trust has maintained a positive cash position, fully able to resource all charitable objectives as well as operational overheads, while retaining an appropriate level of reserves. The success of this approach will facilitate the continued planned expansion of the Trust's charitable activities.

Through the generosity of supporters, we have increased our income from £104,000 in 2019 to £193,438 in 2020. The charity's expenditure rose from £52,115 in 2019 to £139,401 in 2020.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

At 31st December 2020, the charity held total (unrestricted) funds of £119,009 and restricted funds of £14,157.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain sufficient funds to cover all agreed future commitments and at a level which considers inflationary fluctuation.

FUTURE PLANS

As we look ahead we are incredibly optimistic for the future of the charity. Demand for our services from Hospital Trusts has never been greater and thanks to the ongoing development of our service offering, combined with the strong team that Liz has built, our highly engaged Trustees and our sound financial position, we feel ready to extend our work even further in the year ahead.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

In accordance with the governing document:

There must be at least 3 trustees. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of two 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 skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity;

The trustees must keep a record of the name and address and dates of appointment, re-appointment and retirement of each trustee;

The trustees must make available to each new trustee, on his or her first appointment both a copy of the deed of trust and any amendments made to it and a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts; and

The Trustees shall agree at the special meeting the length of office held by each individual.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Implications for The Anne Robson from the Covid-19 Pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the Charity's operating model. Primarily, due to the access restrictions in place across all hospitals within the NHS, no volunteers have been able to be present on hospital wards, and so our ability to meet our principle charitable aims has been systemically altered.

However, the Charity has continued to work with hospital partners in creative ways to improve that last experience in hospitals for patients and their families. This work has been delivered alongside a campaign, 'Time to Talk', which aims to better enable people to have those difficult conversations around death and dying. We believe there to be an opportunity to integrate elements of this response work into our core activity in future.

From a financial perspective, it is well understood that the level of charitable donations across all sectors has been impacted as a result of the pandemic and the resultant economic recession. The Anne Robson Trust has been overwhelmed by the generosity and flexibility of our supporters and we have now accessed sufficient appropriate funds to support our Covid-19 response work until December 2021.

As a result, the overall financial position remains secure and the Trustees do not anticipate that the Covid-19 pandemic will impact the Charity's short to medium term sustainability, and may actually result in increasing the scope of the Anne Robson Trust's charitable activities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



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M J Bentall - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE ANNE ROBSON TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Anne Robson Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Anne Robson Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2020.

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.



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Date: 29th June 2021
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	107,379	86,059	193,438	104,034
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
General expenditure		66,301	73,100	139,401	52,115
NET INCOME		41,078	12,959	54,037	51,919
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		77,931	1,198	79,129	27,210
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		119,009	14,157	133,166	79,129

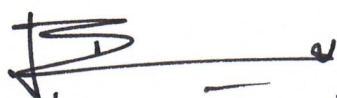
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	3,842	-	3,842	1,286
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	5,351	-	5,351	5,000
Cash at bank		115,614	14,157	129,771	76,751
		120,965	14,157	135,122	81,751
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(5,798)	-	(5,798)	(3,908)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		115,167	14,157	129,324	77,843
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		119,009	14,157	133,166	79,129
NET ASSETS		119,009	14,157	133,166	79,129
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				119,009	77,931
Restricted funds				14,157	1,198
TOTAL FUNDS				133,166	79,129

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



M J Bentall - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The Anne Robson Trust is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The charity registration number, together with the principal address, can be found within the reference and administrative details on page 1.

2. 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.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

No significant judgements or estimates have had to be made by the trustees in preparing these financial statements.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

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.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Individual and In Memory Donations	6,530	16,738
Trust and Foundations	173,558	60,401
The February Foundation	-	6,000
The Foyle Foundation	-	5,000
The Inman Charity	-	5,000
Other Income	13,350	10,895
	<u>193,438</u>	<u>104,034</u>

Included in Trusts & Foundations are grants received from, but not exclusive to: The Follett Trust, The National Lottery Community Fund, The Albert Hunt Trust, Essex Community Foundation, The Grocers Charity, The Postcode Community Trust, The National Lottery - Covid Emergency Fund, 29th of May 1961 Charitable Trust and the Sobell Foundation.

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 5) £	Support costs £	Totals £
General expenditure	<u>138,297</u>	<u>1,104</u>	<u>139,401</u>

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5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff costs	101,532	18,765
Fundraising	2,110	4,417
Bank charges	181	197
Insurance	601	1,102
IT and marketing	12,013	4,017
Office expenses	5,202	1,558
Travel expenses	952	3,205
Staff expenses	-	4,319
Uniforms and training	-	2,059
Rent	5,108	-
Professional Fees	10,598	11,914
	<u>138,297</u>	<u>51,553</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average number of employees in the period ended 31st December 2020 was 5 (2019: 1).

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	80,791	23,243	104,034
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General expenditure	30,070	22,045	52,115
NET INCOME	<u>50,721</u>	<u>1,198</u>	<u>51,919</u>

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	27,210	-	27,210
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>77,931</u>	<u>1,198</u>	<u>79,129</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1st January 2020	1,583
Additions	3,659
At 31st December 2020	5,242
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st January 2020	297
Charge for year	1,103
At 31st December 2020	1,400
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2020	3,842
At 31st December 2019	1,286

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10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors	4,674	5,000
Prepayments and accrued income	677	-
	<u>5,351</u>	<u>5,000</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	2,174
Taxation and social security	4,222	749
Other creditors	1,576	985
	<u>5,798</u>	<u>3,908</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/20	Net movement	At
	£	in funds	31/12/20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,931	41,078	119,009
Restricted funds			
East of England	1,198	(1,198)	-
National Lottery	-	14,157	14,157
	<u>1,198</u>	<u>12,959</u>	<u>14,157</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>79,129</u>	<u>54,037</u>	<u>133,166</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	107,379	(66,301)	41,078
Restricted funds			
East of England	7,059	(8,257)	(1,198)
National Lottery	79,000	(64,843)	14,157
	<u>86,059</u>	<u>(73,100)</u>	<u>12,959</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>193,438</u>	<u>(139,401)</u>	<u>54,037</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,210	50,721	77,931
Restricted funds			
East of England	-	1,198	1,198
	<u>27,210</u>	<u>51,919</u>	<u>79,129</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>27,210</u>	<u>51,919</u>	<u>79,129</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	80,791	(30,070)	50,721
Restricted funds			
East of England	17,243	(16,045)	1,198
The February Foundation	6,000	(6,000)	-
	<u>23,243</u>	<u>(22,045)</u>	<u>1,198</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,034</u>	<u>(52,115)</u>	<u>51,919</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2020.