

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1178352

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
The Anne Robson Trust

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The Anne Robson Trust

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For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Report of the Trustees

For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. 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 increasing need to support and empower those facing death is undeniable, with the rising number of deaths in the UK projected to reach 750,000 annually by 2030. This highlights the growing demand for better palliative care and emotional support for individuals in their final stages of life. The fact that over 70% of people fear helplessness and dependence more than death itself reflects profound concerns about losing autonomy and dignity as they approach the end of life.

This is a call to action for health care providers, families, and society to prioritise dignified death, fostering environments where individuals can maintain autonomy and emotional well-being until the very end.

This underscores the necessity of improving end-of-life care systems, ensuring that psychological, social, and spiritual support is available alongside the fulfilment of medical needs.

Empowering individuals through better communication, advanced directives, and compassionate care can help alleviate the fears and anxieties many feel about losing control in their final days. The Anne Robson Trust vision is to ensure every person receives the compassion, comfort, and companionship they wish for at the end of their life.

Significant activities

The Anne Robson Trust plays a critical role in addressing a profound gap in end-of-life care by providing emotional support for people who are dying, as well as for their families and carers. Currently almost 700,000 deaths occur annually in the UK with many individuals spending their final days frightened and alone in hospital wards. The charity's mission is vital: no one should face death alone.

By partnering with acute hospitals, the charity helps set up volunteer teams to work alongside palliative care and nursing staff. These volunteers offer much-needed companionship to patients in their final days, ensuring that people are not left to die in isolation. This work brings dignity, comfort, and a sense of humanity to a profoundly difficult experience.

In addition to helping those directly facing death, the charity recognises the emotional toll on families and carers. Anticipatory grief, the emotional strain felt by loved ones before a death, is often overlooked. While there are many resources for people who are bereaved, support for those who anticipate a loss is scarce. The Anne Robson Trust fills this void with its national support service, offering a compassionate space for individuals to turn to when death is imminent, helping not only the dying but also their friends, families, carers, and colleagues.

The work of the Anne Robson Trust is about more than just comfort, it's about empowering individuals to navigate one of life's most challenging and inevitable moments with dignity, care, and compassion.

Public benefit

The charity and trustees believe that no one deserves to die alone. They believe that everyone deserves to have the comfort and companionship of another human being as they die, and the support to prepare for the end of their life. They believe that providing these services enables a more compassionate and productive society.

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Report of the Trustees

For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

At the end of 2023 the charity had 11 partnerships with acute NHS Trusts stretching from Cornwall to Rotherham, Milton Keynes to Great Yarmouth. This is an increase of 6 NHS Trusts since the end of 2022.

The charity has enabled 140 trained volunteers to support just over 2,500 patients, as well as 4,700 visitors, providing 3,429 hours of comfort and company to people in the last days and hours of their life. Many of whom would otherwise be alone. This is an impressive 71% increase on people supported during 2022.

The charity's helpline provided support for 52 people who were either facing death themselves or caring for someone at the end of their life. This figure was lower than forecasted and the operating costs for the helpline were significantly reduced during this period.

The charity developed new training and workshop packages designed to provide valuable insights and practical tools for anyone seeking to improve their understanding of death and dying, and better equip themselves to have important conversations. These packages were delivered to 161 people during the last 3 months of the year.

Looking ahead to 2024 the charity plans to increase the number of partnerships with acute NHS trusts and expand their services to provide support to people who are dying in the community, further increasing the number of people who will receive support and compassion as they face death.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Trust's reserves policy focuses on the level of free reserves, defined as net assets excluding restricted funds and designated funds.

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. The trustees take a risk-based approach to reserves and therefore aim to retain sufficient free reserves to meet working capital requirements and manage the risks that the charity is exposed to in the course of its business.

Trustees aim to retain four to eight months of planned unrestricted expenditure as free reserves, recognising the unpredictable nature of many of the funding sources. At 31st December 2023, the charity held funds of £150,459 of which £26,240 were restricted and £124,219 were unrestricted general reserves.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

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Report of the Trustees

For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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 2 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 trustee.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on9/10/2024..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
R P Cotton - 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 31 December 2023.

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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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: 9 OCTOBER 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	242,754	51,067	293,821	337,570
Investment income	3	2,238	-	2,238	-
Total		244,992	51,067	296,059	337,570
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General expenditure		201,845	34,829	236,674	265,189
Raising funds		54,063	-	54,063	46,395
Total		255,908	34,829	290,737	311,584
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(10,916)	16,238	5,322	25,986
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		135,135	10,002	145,137	119,151
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		124,219	26,240	150,459	145,137

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Anne Robson Trust

Balance Sheet

31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	1,504	-	1,504	4,042
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	573	-	573	1,565
Investments	8	5,679	-	5,679	-
Cash at bank and in hand		125,658	26,240	151,898	148,321
		<u>131,910</u>	<u>26,240</u>	<u>158,150</u>	<u>149,886</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(9,195)	-	(9,195)	(8,791)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>122,715</u>	<u>26,240</u>	<u>148,955</u>	<u>141,095</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>124,219</u>	<u>26,240</u>	<u>150,459</u>	<u>145,137</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>124,219</u>	<u>26,240</u>	<u>150,459</u>	<u>145,137</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				124,219	135,135
Restricted funds				26,240	10,002
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>150,459</u>	<u>145,137</u>

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


.....
R P Cotton - Trustee

9/10/2024

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements **For The Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Individual and In Memory Donations	52,391	29,796
Trust and Foundations	241,430	307,774
	<u>293,821</u>	<u>337,570</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2,238</u>	<u>-</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	<u>300,653</u>	<u>36,917</u>	<u>337,570</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General expenditure	209,398	55,791	265,189
Raising funds	<u>46,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,395</u>
Total	<u>255,793</u>	<u>55,791</u>	<u>311,584</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	44,860	(18,874)	25,986
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	90,275	28,876	119,151
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>135,135</u>	<u>10,002</u>	<u>145,137</u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 January 2023	9,321
Disposals	(666)
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At 31 December 2023	8,655
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DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2023	5,279
Charge for year	2,344
Eliminated on disposal	(472)
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At 31 December 2023	7,151
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2023	1,504
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At 31 December 2022	4,042
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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	-	803
Prepayments and accrued income	573	762
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	573	1,565
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8. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unlisted investments	5,679	-
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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and social security	5,606	6,982
Other creditors	3,589	1,809
	<u>9,195</u>	<u>8,791</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted	135,135	(10,916)	124,219
Restricted funds			
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	-	10,000	10,000
DWF Foundation	-	2,240	2,240
Elise Pilkington Trust	-	5,500	5,500
Harry Bottom Community Trust	-	2,500	2,500
Medicash Foundation	-	2,500	2,500
Simon Gibson Community Trust	-	3,000	3,000
Torus Foundation	-	500	500
National Lottery - Reaching communities	10,002	(10,002)	-
	<u>10,002</u>	<u>16,238</u>	<u>26,240</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>145,137</u>	<u>5,322</u>	<u>150,459</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted	244,992	(255,908)	(10,916)
Restricted funds			
Anton Jurgen Charitable Trust	3,000	(3,000)	-
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	10,000	-	10,000
The Churchill Foundation	2,000	(2,000)	-
Milton Keynes Community Foundation	3,000	(3,000)	-
Stevenage Borough Council	937	(937)	-
DWF Foundation	2,240	-	2,240
Elise Pilkington Trust	5,500	-	5,500
Harry Bottom Community Trust	2,500	-	2,500
Medicash Foundation	2,500	-	2,500
Simon Gibson Community Trust	3,000	-	3,000
Torus Foundation	500	-	500
Cornwall Community Foundation	4,533	(4,533)	-
James Tudor Foundation	6,979	(6,979)	-
Norman Community Trust	1,161	(1,161)	-
Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation	2,386	(2,386)	-
National Lottery - Reaching communities	-	(10,002)	(10,002)
National Lottery - Award for all	831	(831)	-
	<u>51,067</u>	<u>(34,829)</u>	<u>16,238</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>296,059</u></u>	<u><u>(290,737)</u></u>	<u><u>5,322</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted	90,275	44,860	135,135
Restricted funds			
Restricted	18,874	(18,874)	-
National Lottery - Reaching communities	10,002	-	10,002
	<u>28,876</u>	<u>(18,874)</u>	<u>10,002</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>119,151</u></u>	<u><u>25,986</u></u>	<u><u>145,137</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. 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			
Unrestricted	300,653	(255,793)	44,860
Restricted funds			
Restricted	36,917	(55,791)	(18,874)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>337,570</u>	<u>(311,584)</u>	<u>25,986</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Anne Robson Trust**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Individual and In Memory Donations	52,391	29,796
Trust and Foundations	241,430	307,774
	<u>293,821</u>	<u>337,570</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	2,238	-
Total incoming resources	<u>296,059</u>	<u>337,570</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Staff salary costs	192,653	232,997
Subcontractor	30,496	-
Fundraising costs	6,677	8,356
Bank charges	223	206
Insurance	1,419	1,290
IT and marketing	11,944	6,883
Office expenses	10,672	22,836
Training	266	-
Staff recruitment	6,708	14,208
Rent and rates	15,963	12,139
Professional fees	9,666	6,826
PR expenses	-	3,639
Sundry expenses	1,612	-
	<u>288,299</u>	<u>309,380</u>
Support costs		
Finance		
Computer equipment	2,344	2,204
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	94	-
	<u>2,438</u>	<u>2,204</u>
Total resources expended	<u>290,737</u>	<u>311,584</u>
Net income	<u>5,322</u>	<u>25,986</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements