

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1178352

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
The Anne Robson Trust

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For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Report of the Trustees

For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and Aims

We are a charity working to help people receive the support, companionship and comfort they need at the end of their life.

Far too many people face the end of life in isolation, and many thousands of people die each year in hospitals without the comfort of a single visitor. Tens of thousands more are struggling with the fear, silence and ignorance that surrounds death and dying.

Our vision is for everyone to receive the support they need to face the end of life – whether their own or that of someone close to them. No one deserves to die alone.

We aim to help improve people's experience of death through compassion, companionship and education, by:

- Helping healthcare organisations to build teams of trained volunteers who give their time to people who are dying, and those close to them.
- Educating and encouraging people to better understand death and dying.
- Bring fresh ideas to the discussion of mortality, to foster new thinking and break Conventional taboos.

Achievement and Performance

Help provided to Healthcare organisations

In 2024 the charity significantly increased its reach and impact. By the end of the year, we had established **16 partnerships** with acute NHS Trusts, doubling the **8** we were working with at the end of 2023.

Through the efforts of our team, working closely with healthcare partners, **220 trained volunteers** provided comfort and companionship to **5,200 patients** and **9,800 visitors**, delivering **6,643 hours** of support in patients' final days. This represents a doubling of activity and support provided from 2023, ensuring fewer people face their final moments alone.

Additionally, we are proud to have forged new partnerships with **3 community NHS Trusts and hospices**, further extending our reach and deepening our commitment to getting compassionate end-of-life care to as many people as we can.

Impact on Patient and Family Experience:

We continue to receive feedback from families, healthcare professionals, and sometimes patients themselves before they die, that confirms the significant impact of the volunteer teams. Families have consistently and frequently shared their gratitude for the compassionate support of volunteers and the often describing them as their key source of comfort and strength through an incredibly difficult time. Here are just some of their experiences:

"The volunteers supported Mrs G who was admitted at the end of her life, visiting her twice daily, and making sure her family had everything they needed. The volunteers arranged a camp bed and care boxes for visiting family members and encouraged them to get fresh air and go for coffee to aid their own wellbeing."

"One of the Butterfly Volunteers came to talk to my mother. She spoke in my mother's first language, which helped to stimulate her as she had had a stroke. Thank you so much."

Volunteers visited a patient who was dying – and supported her children who were visiting. The room was crowded, and emotions were high. Her children were praying for a miracle. "The Butterfly volunteers spent time with us, helping to explain why mum couldn't be fed at this point, and that now was the time to be with her and look after each other. The volunteer gave mum a gentle hand massage with oil that we had brought in, which she found very comforting. Thank you to the volunteers who stayed with us all day."

We have extended our digital footprint, more than doubling our reach and connection compared with 2023. We achieved a total of **45,000 website views** from **21,600 active users** and **330,000 combined online impressions** across our social channels.

Looking ahead to 2025 we intend to further expand the reach of the charity and help more people than ever before. We will do this in three ways:

- **Enabling healthcare organisations:** continuing to grow our work with healthcare organisations who are working with people approaching the end of their life.
- **Education and learning:** build on our work to help provide education and learning through our digital resources, workshops and social media.
- **Being exceptional and innovative:** further enhance our culture and stakeholders by continuing to create an exceptional and innovative environment to work.

These achievements would not be possible without the dedication of the specialist volunteers, the support of our partners, and the generosity of our donors.

On behalf of the charity, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who contribute to our mission. Together, we are making a real difference to those who need it most.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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R P Cotton – Chair of Trustees

**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 2024.

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:

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Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	236,925	85,701	322,626	293,821
Investment income	3	<u>4,527</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,527</u>	<u>2,238</u>
Total		<u>241,452</u>	<u>85,701</u>	<u>327,153</u>	<u>296,059</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General expenditure		147,430	111,941	259,371	236,674
Raising funds		<u>67,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,906</u>	<u>54,063</u>
Total		<u>215,336</u>	<u>111,941</u>	<u>327,277</u>	<u>290,737</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		26,116	(26,240)	(124)	5,322
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>124,219</u>	<u>26,240</u>	<u>150,459</u>	<u>145,137</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>150,335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,335</u>	<u>150,459</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Anne Robson Trust

Balance Sheet

31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	6	5,173	5,173	1,504
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	7	7,449	7,449	573
Investments	8	5,827	5,827	5,679
Cash at bank and in hand		150,820	150,820	151,898
		164,096	164,096	158,150
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(18,934)	(18,934)	(9,195)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		145,162	145,162	148,955
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		150,335	150,335	150,459
NET ASSETS		150,335	150,335	150,459
FUNDS	10			
Unrestricted funds			150,335	124,219
Restricted funds			-	26,240
TOTAL FUNDS			150,335	150,459

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements **For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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
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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Individuals, companies and other donations	24,557	52,391
Trust and Foundations	<u>298,069</u>	<u>241,430</u>
	<u>322,626</u>	<u>293,821</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>4,527</u>	<u>2,238</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	242,754	51,067	293,821
Investment income	<u>2,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,238</u>
Total	<u>244,992</u>	<u>51,067</u>	<u>296,059</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General expenditure	201,845	34,829	236,674
Raising funds	<u>54,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,063</u>
Total	<u>255,908</u>	<u>34,829</u>	<u>290,737</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(10,916)	16,238	5,322
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>135,135</u>	<u>10,002</u>	<u>145,137</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	124,219	26,240	150,459

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 January 2024	8,655
Additions	<u>5,970</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>14,625</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2024	7,151
Charge for year	<u>2,301</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>9,452</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2024	<u>5,173</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,504</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,160	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>5,289</u>	<u>573</u>
	<u>7,449</u>	<u>573</u>

8. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unlisted investments	<u>5,827</u>	<u>5,679</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,142	-
Taxation and social security	9,706	5,606
Other creditors	4,086	3,589
	<u>18,934</u>	<u>9,195</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted	124,219	26,116	150,335
Restricted funds			
Restricted	26,240	(26,240)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	150,459	(124)	150,335

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

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	171,452	(145,336)	26,116
The Alborada Trust	50,000	(50,000)	-
Garfield Weston	20,000	(20,000)	-
Restricted funds			
Trusts and Foundations	42,741	(42,741)	-
National Lottery	69,200	(69,200)	-
Various other small unnamed restricted funds	(26,240)	-	(26,240)
	85,701	(111,941)	(26,240)
TOTAL FUNDS	327,153	(327,277)	(124)

Comparatives for 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			
Trust and Foundations	-	26,240	26,240
National Lottery - Reaching communities	10,002	(10,002)	-
	10,002	16,238	26,240
TOTAL FUNDS	145,137	5,322	150,459

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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	244,992	(255,908)	(10,916)
Restricted funds			
Trust and Foundations	50,236	(23,996)	26,240
National Lottery	831	(10,833)	(10,002)
	<u>51,067</u>	<u>(34,829)</u>	<u>16,238</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>296,059</u>	<u>(290,737)</u>	<u>5,322</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Anne Robson Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Individuals, companies and other donations	24,557	52,391
Trust and Foundations	<u>298,069</u>	<u>241,430</u>
	322,626	293,821
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>4,527</u>	<u>2,238</u>
Total incoming resources	327,153	296,059
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Staff salary costs	270,699	192,653
Subcontractor	-	30,496
Advertising	2,737	-
Fundraising costs	-	6,677
Bank charges	257	223
Insurance	1,212	1,419
IT and marketing	10,113	11,944
Office expenses	10,362	10,672
Training	-	266
Staff recruitment	7,335	6,708
Rent and rates	16,019	15,963
Professional fees	6,242	9,666
Sundry expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>1,612</u>
	324,976	288,299
Support costs		
Finance		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,301	2,344
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>94</u>
	2,301	2,438
Total resources expended	327,277	290,737
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(124)</u>	<u>5,322</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

