

THE FELLOWSHIP OF FAITHS FOR ONE RACE TRUST
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity No. 1179855

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present their annual report and audited financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's trust deed and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102) and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts.

Trustees

The trustees in the period were:

Clifford Card
Gian Marwaha
Bal Saini (Chair)

There is a minimum of three and a maximum of five trustees.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT - continued

Report of the Trustees for the Period Ended 31 December 2024

The challenges of loneliness, isolation, and food insecurity continue to weigh heavily on communities across the UK, particularly among older people. While the acute impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has eased, its lasting effects on mental health and social wellbeing remain evident. Many older individuals have yet to regain the confidence to return to their pre-pandemic routines, and the cost-of-living crisis has only intensified these difficulties. Rising food and energy costs disproportionately affect vulnerable groups, further increasing the risk of poverty, isolation, and ill health.

Throughout 2024, our small charity has remained committed to supporting grassroots community groups in the West Midlands, with a strong focus on reducing loneliness and social isolation among older people. We have continued to back initiatives that foster companionship and mutual support, particularly through community meals. Eating together has proven to be one of the simplest yet most effective ways of building connections, reducing stigma, and creating welcoming spaces where people of all backgrounds feel valued and included. These shared meals have also been crucial in promoting understanding between different groups, challenging stereotypes, and helping older people to regain a sense of belonging.

In addition to communal meals, we have supported a range of social and wellbeing activities, including befriending services, telephone companionship, tea parties, coffee mornings, and group outings. These activities have given older people opportunities to reconnect, enjoy meaningful conversations, and participate in their communities. We remain mindful that many older people continue to feel uncertain about the future, particularly with the ongoing pressures of high living costs. As such, our support is not just about providing social activities but about helping older people rebuild their confidence, restore their independence, and rediscover joy in everyday life.

A key part of our work in 2024 has been the continuation of our grant-making programme. While we were able to support several organisations delivering vital community services, the level of funding we provided—£500 per grant—was not sufficient to meet the growing needs of local groups. Many organisations that share our mission to reduce isolation and food poverty require greater resources to deliver meaningful impact. This has highlighted the importance of strengthening our grant programme so that more groups can benefit from sustained and effective support.

Looking ahead, we are committed to enhancing this aspect of our work. From 2025, we will be increasing our grant awards to between £750 and £1,000 per organisation. We also intend to prioritise grants for initiatives that provide support during the winter months, when the cost of living typically rises and the cost of fuel places additional burdens on older people. By targeting support during these difficult periods, we hope to help reduce hardship and ensure that older people remain connected, supported, and warm during the coldest months of the year.

Our long-term vision is to establish a dedicated venue that will act as a hub for older people to meet, eat, and enjoy activities together. Such a space would provide continuity and a sense of stability, enabling us and our partners to expand the range of activities on offer and ensure that older people are never left to face loneliness in silence.

The Trustees remain committed to championing the dignity, health, and wellbeing of older people. While challenges remain, we are optimistic about the future and determined to continue building partnerships, supporting grassroots groups, and offering direct help to those most in need.

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Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The objects of the charity are, for the benefit of the public, to relieve the needs of older people who are struggling with isolation and loneliness and to promote racial harmony between them, in particular, but not exclusively, by:

- (1) coordinating visits to places of worship and providing other opportunities for individuals to learn about different faiths while developing friendships and building a sense of community;
- (2) supporting, co-ordinating and giving information to minority ethnic groups and charitable organisations, including the production of a newsletter; and
- (3) making grants to other organisations (in particular, faith organisations) which tackle loneliness among older people by organising social and leisure activities for them in each case, in Birmingham and the surrounding areas.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Organisational structure

The trustees meet two times a year in May and November and give detailed consideration to monitoring the progress of the Charity in achieving its performance and quality objectives. This includes reporting on returns from investments as well as the identification and management of risk. All trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration was paid in the year.

Induction and training

All trustees receive induction upon appointment to their respective roles. Trustees receive a copy of a range of documents including the Annual Report and Accounts and the charitable deed. Training is provided on a variety of topics relevant to the work conducted by the FOFOR Trust.

Investment powers and policy

The charity is looking to maximise the return in terms of both income and capital. The trustees have unrestricted powers of investment. As permitted by the charity's constitution, the trustees have given the investment managers discretion to manage the portfolio within an agreed risk profile.

The charity operates an ethical investment policy whereby it does not invest in companies which derive a significant proportion of their turnover from any of the following activities:

- Gambling
- The production or sale of alcohol, tobacco or armaments
- The publication and distribution of pornography

The investment managers, Quilter Cheviot are monitored by the trustees by reference to a number of indices and benchmarks including the performance achieved by other similar funds.

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Activity and financial review

Gross income for the year was £11,482. After net expenditure of £1,917 for costs of raising funds and charitable activities of £1,683 net incoming resources for the year amounted to £7,882 (2023: £7,988).

When investment losses of £(2,243) are taken into account, the fund increased in value by £5,639 leaving funds as at 31 December 2024 of £439,213 (2023 : £433,574).

Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed a reserve policy to hold between 3 and 6 months of running costs, **(running costs in 2024 were estimated at £12,000)** to ensure sufficient cashflow for day-to-day activities, meet opportunities that arise over time, and mitigate any unforeseen events that could come up over the next 12 months.

Plans for future periods

The trustees wish to increase:

- More collaboration and building partnership with charities and organisations working in Birmingham and surrounding areas to prevent loneliness and isolation amongst older people.
- Organise day trips, walks and shared lunches to bring generations together in friendship and shared experiences.
- Walking tours of places of worships.
- To introduce a small grant scheme to award grants to charities or organisations to prevent loneliness and isolation amongst older people in Birmingham and surrounding areas.

The trustees are responsible for reviewing major strategic, financial and operational risks to which the charity is exposed. The principal risks faced by the charity lie in the performance of investments. We minimise investment risk through the maintenance of a diverse stock market portfolio.

The trustees consider variability of investment returns on the expendable endowment to constitute the charity's major financial risk. This mitigated by retaining expert investment advisors and having a diversified investment portfolio.

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 (FRS102);

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- 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 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 Charity (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.

Independent Examiners

A resolution to appoint Kingston Burrowes as independent examiners of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

The annual report was approved by the trustees on *16 October* 2025 and is signed on their behalf by:



Bal Saini
Chair

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF FAITHS FOR ONE RACE TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I 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 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.



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Date: 23 October 2025

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations	2	-	-
Investments	3	11,482	13,145
Total		<u>11,482</u>	<u>13,145</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds – investment management fees		1,917	2,817
Charitable activities	4	1,683	2,340
Total		<u>3,600</u>	<u>5,157</u>
Net income before gains on investments		7,882	7,988
Gain / (Loss) on investment assets		(2,243)	21,472
Net income		<u>5,639</u>	<u>29,460</u>
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		433,574	404,114
Total funds carried forward		<u>£439,213</u>	<u>£433,574</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these Financial Statements

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	6		353,421		355,251
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	4	87,808		81,251	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>2,016</u>		<u>2,928</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>85,792</u>		<u>78,323</u>
Net Assets			<u><u>£439,213</u></u>		<u><u>£433,574</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted			<u><u>£439,213</u></u>		<u><u>£433,574</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on *16 October* 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Bal Saini
Bal Saini
Chair

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

b) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is earned through holdings of listed investments and includes dividends and interest. Income from listed investments is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established. Bank interest is recognised on a receivable basis.

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing and it is probable that the donor will fulfil their stated obligations. If these conditions are not met the donation is recognised when received.

c) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise investment management fees
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the cost incurred in the furtherance of the charity's objects

Expenditure includes those costs which relate directly to each activity and also indirect costs, including governance costs that are necessary to support those activities.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted general funds are those funds which are freely available for use in furtherance of the objects of the charity and which have not been designated for a particular purpose.

e) Financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

f) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value (quoted market value on a recognised stock exchange) with changes recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities if the investments are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably.

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2. DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Donations	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£Nil</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Bank interest and dividends	9,565	10,328
Management fees deducted from Unit Trust	<u>1,917</u>	<u>2,817</u>
	<u>£11,482</u>	<u>£13,145</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £
Donations & grants paid	500	1,250
Office expenses	175	-
Governance (Note 5)	<u>1,008</u>	<u>1,090</u>
	<u>£1,683</u>	<u>£2,340</u>

Analysis of grants paid:

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £
Grants to institutions	500	1,250
Grants to individuals	-	-
Other donations	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>£500</u>	<u>£1,250</u>

The Trustees have taken advantage of the concession in the SORP to adopt a natural analysis of resources expended on charitable activities.

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5. GOVERNANCE

	2024 £	2023 £
Legal fees	-	-
Independent examination	1,008	1,090
	<u>£1,008</u>	<u>£1,090</u>

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

The types of investment held at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2024 and the market values were:

	2024 £	2023 £
Unit Trusts	£353,421	355,251
Historical cost	<u>£288,504</u>	<u>£288,091</u>

The movement in the market value during the year was:

2024	Unit Trust
Brought forward at 1 January 2024	355,251
Disposals at valuation	-
Acquisitions at cost	413
Unrealised (loss)	(2,243)
Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>£353,421</u>

Comparative information for the movement in the market value in the previous accounting year is as follows

2023	Unit Trust	Investment Loan	Total
Brought forward at 1 January 2023	371,315	-	371,315
Disposals at valuation	(32,747)	-	(32,747)
Acquisitions at cost	-	-	-
Unrealised gain	16,683	-	16,683
Market value at 31 December 2023	<u>£355,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£355,251</u>

7. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Accruals	<u>£2,016</u>	<u>£2,928</u>

