



**RUGBY AGAINST CANCER
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Rugby Against Cancer
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Trustees	Mr Aaron Beesley - Chair Mr Jeremy Cracknell Mr Bryn Roberts Ms Suzanne Le Voi Mr James Pearce
Charity Number	1192284
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Rugby Against Cancer

Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

The rugby family is a tribe. It is built on trust, teamwork, care and support. Rugby Against Cancer exists to support that family when it needs it most.

Cancer does not discriminate and can affect anyone. Rugby Against Cancer harnesses the power of the rugby community to raise funds, provide practical support, and deliver meaningful awareness to enhance the lives of individuals and families affected by cancer.

Significant Activities

Throughout the reporting period, the charity delivered support, awareness and fundraising activity through:

- Direct support to individuals and families affected by cancer
- Fundraising events and endurance challenges
- Community-led awareness campaigns
- Rugby-based events and partnerships across grassroots and elite levels

Strategic Development - The 7 Pillar Approach

During the 2024–2025 year, the trustees undertook a strategic review of how Rugby Against Cancer delivers support. Feedback from beneficiaries, volunteers, clubs and partners highlighted the need for a clearer, more structured approach to ensure no one faces cancer alone.

As a result, the trustees agreed a new 7-Pillar Strategy, which will guide the charity's work from 2025 onwards. While some pillars are already well-established, others will be developed further in the coming years.

The Seven Pillars

1. Direct Support

Providing immediate, human support to individuals and families affected by cancer, including respite stays, support packs and regular check-ins.

2. Fitness, Movement and Recovery

Encouraging physical activity and confidence-building movement to support recovery, wellbeing and mental health during and after treatment.

3. Family and Carer Support

Supporting not just the individual with cancer, but also the families, carers and loved ones who support them through diagnosis, treatment and beyond.

4. Mental Health and Community

Creating safe spaces for conversation, peer support and connection, recognising the emotional impact cancer has on individuals and their wider support network.

5. Practical Support

Offering practical help where possible, including small acts of support that reduce pressure during treatment, recovery or bereavement.

6. Awareness and Education

Delivering ongoing awareness campaigns focused on cancer education, early detection, and reducing stigma around asking for help.

7. Signature Events and Fundraising

Using the power of rugby, endurance challenges and community events to raise funds, awareness and long-term sustainability for the charity.

Rugby Against Cancer Trustees' Report (continued) For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

Direct Support – The RAC Shack

The charity continues to own and operate The RAC Shack, a luxury holiday home located at Haven Rockley Park in Poole, Dorset. The property is offered free of charge to individuals and families currently affected by cancer, providing a space to rest, recharge and create positive memories together.

During the reporting period, over 18 families were supported with either weekend or week-long respite stays. All stays were provided free of charge thanks to donations and fundraising support.

Support Kit Bags

Rugby Against Cancer continued to distribute support kit bags to adults and children undergoing cancer treatment. These kits are designed to provide both practical and emotional comfort during hospital visits and treatment sessions. Each kit includes items from the charity range, alongside wellbeing and distraction resources.

Rugby and Community Engagement

The charity continued to strengthen its presence within the rugby community. Fundraising rugby matches, club partnerships and ambassador involvement remained central to activity throughout the year.

Elite Rugby Sevens

Building on entry into elite rugby sevens in 2023, Rugby Against Cancer competed successfully during the period, including:

- Two National Cup wins
- One National Cup runners-up finish

The charity expanded to include both men's and women's squads, increasing visibility, reach and engagement across the rugby community.

Awareness Campaigns

Awareness remained a key focus throughout the year. The charity delivered regular campaigns highlighting different cancers, the importance of early detection, and the support available to those affected. Trustees believe awareness activity is now a core strength of the organisation and will continue to be expanded.

Financial Review

Financial Position

During the reporting period, Rugby Against Cancer remained financially stable and continued to direct funds toward charitable activities and support delivery.

Reserves Policy

The charity does not currently operate a formal reserves or restricted funds policy. The trustees recognise the importance of establishing such policies and intend to address this as part of future governance development.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Rugby Against Cancer is governed by its trustees, who are responsible for setting strategy, ensuring good governance, and overseeing the charity's activities and finances.

The charity is run entirely by volunteers. Trustees and committee members give their time freely, motivated by personal experiences of cancer affecting themselves, their families, friends, or teammates. Day-to-day operations are delivered through a small volunteer committee, supported by a growing network of ambassadors and club partners within the rugby community.

Other Information

Plans for the Future

Looking ahead, the trustees are committed to:

- Embedding and developing the 7-Pillar Strategy
- Expanding support reach while maintaining quality and personal connection
- Growing the club partner and ambassador network
- Strengthening governance, financial planning and sustainability
- Ensuring Rugby Against Cancer remains a trusted pillar of support within the rugby community and beyond

**Rugby Against Cancer
Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Aaron Beesley (Jan 28, 2026, 12:58pm)

Mr Aaron Beesley
Trustee
28th January 2026

Rugby Against Cancer
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rugby Against Cancer
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rugby Against Cancer (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 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 contents 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.



Anouska James (Jan 28, 2026, 12:25pm)
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28th January 2026
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**Rugby Against Cancer
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

		2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	Notes	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	91,827	50,520
Charitable activities	4	9,891	-
		<u>101,718</u>	<u>50,520</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	6	(60,598)	(66,891)
Charitable activities	6	(17,010)	(9,444)
		<u>(77,608)</u>	<u>(76,335)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		24,110	(25,815)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>24,110</u>	<u>(25,815)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
Total funds brought forward		67,696	93,511
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	12	<u><u>91,806</u></u>	<u><u>67,696</u></u>

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Rugby Against Cancer
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 March 2025

		2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Total
	Notes	funds	funds
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	9	42,733	41,602
		<u>42,733</u>	<u>41,602</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	22,257	-
Cash at bank and in hand		24,818	26,094
		<u>47,075</u>	<u>26,094</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	11	1,998	-
		<u>1,998</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		49,073	26,094
		<u>49,073</u>	<u>26,094</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		91,806	67,696
		<u>91,806</u>	<u>67,696</u>
NET ASSETS		91,806	67,696
		<u>91,806</u>	<u>67,696</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted Funds		91,806	67,696
		<u>91,806</u>	<u>67,696</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	12	91,806	67,696
		<u>91,806</u>	<u>67,696</u>

On behalf of the board



Aaron Beesley (Jan 28, 2026, 12:58pm)
Mr Aaron Beesley

Trustee
28th January 2026

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Rugby Against Cancer

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. General Information

Rugby Against Cancer is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1192284. The principal address is 13 Fearon Road, Portsmouth, PO2 0NJ.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements 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 charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold	Nil
Computer Equipment	25% Straight line

2.3. Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Work in progress is reflected in the accounts on a contract by contract basis by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses.

At the end of each reporting period stocks are assessed for impairment. If an item of stock is impaired, the identified stock is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell and an impairment charge is recognised in the statement of financial activities. Where a reversal of the impairment is required the impairment charge is reversed, up to the original impairment loss, and is recognised as a credit in the statement of financial activities.

2.4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
Donations and gifts	91,827	50,520

4. Income from Charitable Activities

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
RAC Shack	9,891	-

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5. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	122	-

6. Analysis of Expenditure

			2025
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 7)	Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	22,288	38,310	60,598
RAC Shack	689	16,321	17,010
	<u>22,977</u>	<u>54,631</u>	<u>77,608</u>

			2024
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 7)	Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	22,843	44,048	66,891
RAC Shack	159	9,285	9,444
	<u>23,002</u>	<u>53,333</u>	<u>76,335</u>

7. Support Costs

			2025
	Raising funds	RAC Shack	Total
	£	£	£
Premises expenses	6,929	16,321	23,250
General administration	31,259	-	31,259
Depreciation	122	-	122
	<u>38,310</u>	<u>16,321</u>	<u>54,631</u>

			2024
	Raising funds	RAC Shack	Total
	£	£	£
Premises expenses	2,913	9,285	12,198
General administration	41,135	-	41,135
	<u>44,048</u>	<u>9,285</u>	<u>53,333</u>

8. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2024: NIL)

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9. Tangible Assets

	Land & Property Leasehold	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 April 2024	41,602	-	41,602
Additions	-	1,253	1,253
As at 31 March 2025	41,602	1,253	42,855
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2024	-	-	-
Provided during the period	-	122	122
As at 31 March 2025	-	122	122
Net Book Value			
As at 31 March 2025	41,602	1,131	42,733
As at 1 April 2024	41,602	-	41,602

10. Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Stock	22,257	-

11. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	(1,998)	-

12. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	67,696	101,718	(77,608)	91,806
Total funds	67,696	101,718	(77,608)	91,806
	As at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	93,511	50,520	(76,335)	67,696
Total funds	93,511	50,520	(76,335)	67,696

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13. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

During the year the expenses reimbursed to the trustees or paid directly to third parties were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Travel	670	220
Other Expenses	3,402	2,680
	<u>4,072</u>	<u>2,900</u>

Number of trustees reimbursed for expenses during the year was 3 (2024: 2)

14. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure, except for those disclosed in the Transactions with Trustees note.

Rugby Against Cancer
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	91,827	50,520
	<u>91,827</u>	<u>50,520</u>
Charitable Activities:		
RAC Shack		
Rental income	9,891	-
	<u>9,891</u>	<u>-</u>
	101,718	50,520
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Raising funds		
Travel and subsistence expenses	(2,820)	(1,820)
Marketing and advertising costs	(19,395)	(21,023)
Bank charges	(73)	-
Rent	(6,505)	(1,688)
Laundry	(424)	(1,225)
Computer software, consumables and maintenance	(363)	(169)
Insurance	(1,037)	(800)
Printing, postage and stationery	(733)	(454)
Advertising and marketing costs	(26,802)	(34,622)
Telecommunications and data costs	(149)	-
Accountancy fees	(1,920)	(3,840)
Subscriptions	(63)	(99)
Charitable donations	-	(1,000)
Sundry expenses	(192)	(151)
Depreciation	(122)	-
	<u>(60,598)</u>	<u>(66,891)</u>
Charitable Activities:		
RAC Shack		
Consumable items	(689)	(159)
Rates	(13,926)	(7,930)
Light and heat	(439)	-
Repairs and maintenance	(1,657)	(1,073)
Premises insurance	(299)	(282)
	<u>(17,010)</u>	<u>(9,444)</u>
	<u>(77,608)</u>	<u>(76,335)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>24,110</u>	<u>(25,815)</u>