

**Albinism Fellowship**  
(Registered charity, number 1196004)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**Albinism Fellowship  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Full name** Albinism Fellowship

**Organisation type** Charitable incorporated organisation

**Registered charity number** 1196004

**Principal address** PO Box 2535 Ilford, LG1 9NY

**Trustees**

Eshita Unadkat, Co-chair

Kristinna Venning-Rose, Co-chair

Joanne Bennett, Treasurer

Helen Ward, Secretary

Danielle Lawrence

Rosaleen Dempsey

Jenny Wensley, from 01/02/25

Laura Edwards, from 01/03/25

Karina Lear, until 01/02/25

Helen Letseka, until 31/12/24

**Independent examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

**Governance and management**

The Charity was registered in England and Wales on 1 October 2021 under number 1196004.

**Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects are to:

- To preserve and protect the health of people with Albinism and their families and carers.
- Providing information about Albinism, including to Professionals working with and advising people with Albinism and other appropriate interested parties.
- Raising positive awareness of the condition.
- Arranging opportunities for people with Albinism and their families to meet for support and encourage the sharing of experiences.
- Providing such other information, advice and support as the Trustees deem appropriate.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

The services we offer include:

- Virtual support for specific groups of people where albinism is part of their lives: Adults with albinism, New Parents, BAME
- Yearly magazine, Albinism Life.
- Website resource.
- Local support and events through Contact Persons.
- Email support at [info@albinism.org.uk](mailto:info@albinism.org.uk)
- Conference every two years or so.

## **Albinism Fellowship**

### **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

### **Summary of the main achievements during the period**

The past year has been one of change, planning, and renewed drive to move the Albinism Fellowship forward in an exciting new direction.

Like many small charities, we have faced financial hardship. Much of our energy has been devoted to securing funding, with a particular focus on applying for grants to support our 2025 conference.

In June 2024, for International Albinism Awareness Day, we recorded and released a series of short videos across our social media platforms. These were well-received and generated encouraging levels of interaction and engagement.

We also continued to run a variety of online Zoom sessions to support people with albinism, including:

- Teen sessions
- New parent sessions
- BAME community sessions
- Adults with albinism sessions

In September 2024, we hosted a London family event which welcomed 101 attendees from across the country. Families enjoyed a wide range of activities for children, while parents benefited from a Q&A session with ophthalmologist Miss Maria Theodorou from Moorfields Eye Hospital.

During the year, my co-chair was unfortunately absent for much of her term due to illness. In response, we began planning a trustee recruitment campaign to strengthen our board. In January 2025, trustees met in person to review and revise our membership programme, ensuring it remains fit for purpose and relevant to our community's needs.

One of our most ambitious projects this year has been our collaboration with Dr Jay Self. Together, we have recorded and edited a series of 70 MythBusters and Q&A videos about albinism. This significant body of work, produced in the first part of the year, will be released on social media later in 2025.

Our work in Ireland has also grown. We held an event in Portlaoise, Republic of Ireland, in June 2024, attended the Féach conference in September 2024, and ran an event in Belfast in October 2024. Our work in Ireland has also grown.

Despite the challenges, this year has laid strong foundations for growth, innovation, and community connection. I am deeply grateful to our members, volunteers, and trustees who continue to give their time, energy, and expertise to support people with albinism and their families.

## **Albinism Fellowship**

### **Financial review**

Although we have a surplus of funds in our bank account, we will be focussing on raising as much as possible in the coming months to fund the conference in November 2025.

### **The charity's policy on reserves**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The major part of unrestricted funds is built up to support the cost of running the conference. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

### **Financial risks**

Reduction in donations/fundraising in current economic climate. Increased competition for grants to support our work. As a volunteer led charity, time restrictions on trustees to source grants and actively fundraise.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Kristina Venning-Rose Date 18th Aug 2025  
Kristinna Venning-Rose, Co-chair of Trustees

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
Albinism Fellowship  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Albinism Fellowship (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

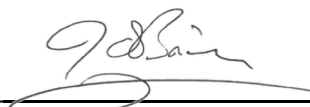
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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.

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.

Signed  Date 18/08/2025  
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Albinism Fellowship**  
**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

2024				2025
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£		£	£	£
	<b>Receipts</b>			
3916	Subscriptions	3463	-	3463
8701	Donations	4986	-	4986
18783	Conference fees 2023	-	-	-
-	Conference fees 2025	7304	-	7304
399	Other income	181	-	181
<u>31799</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>15934</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15934</u>
	<b>Payments</b>			
11	Baby information boxes	37	316	353
147	Bank charges	249	-	249
36603	Conference costs 2023	80	-	80
4259	Conference costs 2025	6191	-	6191
216	Fundraising	216	-	216
339	Governance	50	-	50
510	IE fee	570	-	570
156	Insurance	175	-	175
197	IT costs	198	-	198
778	Magazine costs	743	-	743
253	Other costs	50	-	50
1106	Regional & national events	1718	-	1718
330	Stationery & office costs	353	-	353
<u>44905</u>	<b>Total payments</b>	<u>10630</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>10946</u>
(13106)	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	5304	(316)	4988
16240	Cash funds at start of this period	2818	316	3134
<u>3134</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>	<u>8122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8122</u>

**Albinism Fellowship**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**at 31 March 2025**

<i>2024</i>		<i>2025</i>
£	<b>Cash assets</b>	£
3134	Bank accounts	8122
<u>3134</u>		<u>8122</u>
	<b>Other monetary assets</b>	
<i>As restated</i>	Prepayments - Insurance	124
110		<u>124</u>
<u>110</u>		
	<b>Liabilities</b>	
(570)	Creditors - Independent Examination fee	(594)
<u>(570)</u>		<u>(594)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Joanne Bennett Dated 18/8/25  
Joanne Bennett, Trustee

# Albinism Fellowship

## Notes to the accounts

### for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

#### 2. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Baby boxes information	316	-	(316)	-
	<b>316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(316)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	2818	15934	(10630)	8122
	<b>2818</b>	<b>15934</b>	<b>(10630)</b>	<b>8122</b>

We had a restricted fund to provide Baby Boxes to all new parents who are members with children with albinism, aged two years and under.

#### 3. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

#### 4. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.

#### 5. Glossary of terms

**Creditors:** These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

**Prepayments:** These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

**Restricted funds:** These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.