

Cedar House Charitable Trust

Trustees' report and accounts for the period ended 31 March 2025

Registered charity number 1198944

Cedar House Charitable Trust

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the accounts of the Cedar House Charitable Trust ('CHCT'). These are the accounts for the 12 months ended 31 March 2025 prepared to meet the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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Objectives and activities

CHCT exists, in large part, to support men and women who are, or who have been, in custody, or who are at risk of offending. This is achieved by identifying and appraising relevant UK registered charities or CICs whose focus is aligned with that of CHCT and selectively awarding financial grants. In addition, CHCT can and will engage in the direct delivery of charitable support.

Public Benefit

The CHCT Trustees confirm that, in managing all the charity's activities, they have had regard to guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. In order to achieve CHCT's objectives, the Trustees have set CHCT the remit of concentrating much of its focus on supporting small UK registered charities and CICs (usually, but not in every case, taken to mean those with annual income of less than £0.3 million).

Achievements and performance

CHCT has now been registered for three years. CHCT was registered on 12 May 2022 and between that date and 31 March 2023 the Trustees established the operational capacity of the charity. Since then, CHCT has funded 14 charities and 1 CIC and has often done so on an annual repeat basis.

The charities/CIC supported to-date are as follows:

BACO	BACO (Bucks Association for the Care of Offenders) helps prisoners serving sentences in prisons in Buckinghamshire by meeting and advising them, and by supporting them with small financial grants.
Better Justice Partnership	Better Justice Partnership aims to improve responses for young people before they get caught up in offending and when they first have contact with the justice system.
Cardinal Hume Centre	The Cardinal Hume Centre, located in Westminster, helps people facing poverty and the threat of homelessness with support. It also provides immigration and asylum advice.
Fine Cell Work	Fine Cell Work trains prisoners and prison leavers in skilled textiles production and provides prison leavers with work experience and mentoring, employment and resettlement support on release.

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Food Behind Bars	Food Behind Bars helps to improve the food served in prisons across England & Wales by delivering holistic food education, training prison catering teams, and developing healthier recipes and menus.
The Glasshouse	The Glasshouse aims to reduce reoffending by training and employing women with lived prison experience in horticulture, installing and maintaining indoor plants for clients across London.
The Hardman Trust	The Hardman Trust supports men and women on long sentences to take their next step in life by making financial awards and by publishing a Directory of support services.
Haven Distribution	Haven Distribution buys books for those attending courses in prison, dictionaries for prisoners whose first language is not English, and large print books for those with dyslexia.
Not Beyond Redemption	Not Beyond Redemption provides free family law advice and representation to mothers in prison, or who have left prison, and helps them to preserve relationships with their children.
Onwards & Upwards	Onwards & Upwards helps free those who have been in prison from the cycle of reoffending. O&U's first project, XO Bikes, trains men to refurbish, refinish and sell used bikes.
3Pillars Project	3Pillars Project aims to deliver the world's leading sports-based mentoring programme for young men in the criminal justice system.
ReGenerate	ReGenerate's Good Jobs Project aims to transform ways businesses consider the recruitment of marginalised groups - including those who have been in prison.
StandOut	StandOut supports men in prison in London via intensive courses which help in the development of key life skills, communication, leadership, CV preparation, and mock job interviews.
Suited & Booted	Suited & Booted helps vulnerable men, including those who have been in prison, get into employment by providing suitable interview clothing, interview advice, and mentoring.

SVP Ely Bridge Centre The Ely Bridge Centre's Men Changing Lives programme is a community-based initiative supporting men involved in criminal justice in Cardiff. This is achieved via confidence, addiction recovery, and wellbeing initiatives.

Structure, governance, and management

Trustees' activities and processes:

Decisions on grants, and on any other material initiatives, are made by the Trustees at their Board meetings or at other times by the Chair after consultation and agreement with the other Trustees. All grants or other decisions which are not determined by a meeting of Trustees are subsequently reported to the Trustees for formal confirmation that they fall under the terms of the CIO Constitution and charity law.

Reference and administrative information

The name of the charity is the Cedar House Charitable Trust (herein also referred to as 'the CHCT' or 'CHCT'). CHCT's registration number is 1198944.

The registered address of CHCT is 1 Highbury Road, Wimbledon, London, SW19 7PR.

CHCT's email address is cedarhousetrust@gmail.com

The Trustees during the period 2024/25 were: Hugh Lenon (Chair), Peter Ellis (appointed: 8 July 2024), and Julie Lenon.

Advisor:

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Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA.

Financial review

Cedar House Charitable Trust
Receipts and Payments Accounts
 For the periods ended 31 March 2024 and 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Receipts						
Donations	120,900	0	120,900	120,000	0	120,000
Investment income	31	0	31	86	0	86
Total	120,931	0	120,931	120,086	0	120,086
Payments						
Grants made	85,000	0	85,000	95,000	0	95,000
Other expenses	7,724	0	7,724	12,283	0	12,283
Bank charges	60	0	60	60	0	60
Total	92,784	0	92,784	107,343	0	107,343
Net receipts /(payments)	28,147	0	28,147	12,743	0	12,743
Cash funds brought forward	19,984	0	19,984	48,131	0	48,131
Cash funds carried forward	48,131	0	48,131	60,874	0	60,874
Statement of Assets held as at 31st March:						
Cash held in CAF account	48,131	0	48,131	60,874	0	60,874

Policy on reserves

The Trustees aim to keep reserves of 3 times monthly running costs and potential winding up costs which for the current period is approximately £3,000.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and for ensuring that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the CHCT CIO Constitution. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or any other irregularities.

The Trustees have determined that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above:

Hugh Lenon, Chair; Peter Ellis, Trustee; Julie Lenon, Trustee.

Signed: *Hugh Lenon*

Date: 7th July 2025

Cedar House Charitable Trust
Charity number: 1198944
Accounts to 31st March 2025

2nd June 2025

The Trustees
The Cedar House Charitable Trust
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Trustees of The Cedar House Charitable Trust

On accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The Board of Trustees considers that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Diaconate has not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - a. proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - b. accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:*SueW*

Date: ...2/6/2025.....

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Cedar House Charitable Trust Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015). The basis of accounting is the Receipts & Payments basis as permitted for (unincorporated) charities with gross income not more than £250,000 per year.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for the charity's ordinary purposes.

2 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No payment has been made to Trustees for remuneration or reimbursement of expenses.

3 Related Party Transactions

There have been no related party transactions.

4 Trustee Donations

The aggregate value of unconditional donations made by trustees during the year has been £120,000