

Charity registration number: 211528

Folkestone Municipal Charity

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mrs S Thorne
	Mr RC West
	Mr R C P Medlicott
	Mrs M Hunter
	Mrs R Braid
	Mr J Bonomy
	Cllr N Keen
	Cllr L McGirr
	Cllr B Walker
	Cllr A Lockwood
	Mr P West
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objective of the charity is to provide relief in need to residents of Folkestone by provision of grants to individuals or organisations and by payment of monthly awards to needy residents.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The charity receives referrals from social services and other sources. All cases are referred to the committee of trustees or, in cases of emergency, to such members of the executive committee as are available.

Relief in need, when sanctioned by the trustees, is made available wherever possible by payment direct to suppliers of goods and services.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Grant making policies

The trustees as a group meet in order to decide upon grant applications. Grants are made if the trustees feel the application has merit and is in line with the charity's constitutional aims.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The trustees maintain a reserve of £33,000 in order to fund any unanticipated expenditure or to cover the normal expenditure of the charity should there be a change in the incoming resources. Any other unrestricted funds are to be spent in accordance with the charity's constitution.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. Due to the present market conditions, the trustees consider their current investments to be the most appropriate in order to generate income to meet their anticipated expenditure.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees have considered the circumstances of Covid 19 and do not regard them having an impact on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity. It was registered with the Charity Commission with effect from 29th June 1984 under the charity number 211528.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed when a vacancy occurs by personal recommendation from existing trustees and elected at an annual general meeting.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities 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;
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the 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 and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19/6/25 and signed on its behalf by:

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~~Mrs S Thorne~~ NR P WEST
Trustee CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Folkestone Municipal Charity

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Folkestone Municipal Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Folkestone Municipal 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 Folkestone Municipal 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 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 Folkestone Municipal 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 accounting 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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Mr Daniel Payne FCCA
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Date: 20/6/25
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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		60,000	60,000
Investment income	3	136,877	136,877
Total income		196,877	196,877
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	(149,038)	(149,038)
Total expenditure		(149,038)	(149,038)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	10	(79,985)	(79,985)
Net expenditure		(32,146)	(32,146)
Net movement in funds		(32,146)	(32,146)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		4,604,130	4,604,130
Total funds carried forward	13	4,571,984	4,571,984
		Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Investment income	3	134,813	134,813
Total income		134,813	134,813
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	(160,289)	(160,289)
Total expenditure		(160,289)	(160,289)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	10	259,484	259,484
Net income		234,008	234,008
Net movement in funds		234,008	234,008
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		4,370,121	4,370,121
Total funds carried forward	13	4,604,129	4,604,129

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 13.

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(Registration number: 211528)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	4,389,395	4,469,380
Current assets			
Debtors	11	32,180	31,570
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>152,178</u>	<u>104,821</u>
		184,358	136,391
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(1,769)</u>	<u>(1,642)</u>
Net current assets		<u>182,589</u>	<u>134,749</u>
Net assets		<u>4,571,984</u>	<u>4,604,129</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>4,571,984</u>	<u>4,604,129</u>
Total funds	13	<u>4,571,984</u>	<u>4,604,129</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 13 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20.12.25 and signed on their behalf by:

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~~Mrs S Thorne~~
~~Trustee~~

MR PETER WEST
 CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Folkestone Municipal Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value, derived from the current market prices for comparable real estate determined annually by external valuers. The valuers use observable market prices, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £
Donations and legacies;		
Legacies	60,000	60,000
	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from dividends;			
Dividends receivable from other listed investments	120,478	120,478	117,510
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	2,770	2,770	2,543
Other interest receivable	9,579	9,579	10,710
Income from rents	4,050	4,050	4,050
	<u>136,877</u>	<u>136,877</u>	<u>134,813</u>

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Note			
Management	1,030	1,030	969
Staff costs	4,800	4,800	4,550
Grants and donations	13,418	13,418	22,850
Monthly grants	52,140	52,140	54,005
Relief in need	76,008	76,008	76,273
Governance costs	1,642	1,642	1,642
	<u>149,038</u>	<u>149,038</u>	<u>160,289</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	1,642	1,642	1,642
	<u>1,642</u>	<u>1,642</u>	<u>1,642</u>

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Mrs M Hunter

Mrs M Hunter received remuneration of £300 (2024: £300) and £129 (2024: £208) of expenses were reimbursed to Mrs M Hunter during the year.

Mrs M Hunter, the welfare officer, was reimbursed for travel expenses during the year. Mrs Hunter was also paid an honorarium during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Honoraria	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,550</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

Honoraria represents £4,500 (2024 - £4,250) for the Secretary's fee and £300 (2024 - £300) paid to a trustee.

8 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>1,642</u>	<u>1,642</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

10 Fixed asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Investment properties	168,500	168,500
Other investments	4,220,895	4,300,880
	<u>4,389,395</u>	<u>4,469,380</u>

Investment properties

	Investment properties £
Cost or Valuation	
At 1 April 2024	<u>168,500</u>
Provision	
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	<u>168,500</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>168,500</u>

There has been no valuation of investment property by an independent valuer.

Other investments

	Listed investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 April 2024	4,300,880	4,300,880
Revaluation	<u>(79,985)</u>	<u>(79,985)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,220,895</u>	<u>4,220,895</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,220,895</u>	<u>4,220,895</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>4,300,880</u>	<u>4,300,880</u>

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11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued income	<u>32,180</u>	<u>31,570</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	<u>1,769</u>	<u>1,642</u>

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	<u>4,604,130</u>	<u>196,877</u>	<u>(149,038)</u>	<u>(79,985)</u>	<u>4,571,984</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	<u>4,370,121</u>	<u>134,813</u>	<u>(160,289)</u>	<u>259,484</u>	<u>4,604,129</u>

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Fixed asset investments	4,389,395	4,389,395
Current assets	184,358	184,358
Current liabilities	<u>(1,769)</u>	<u>(1,769)</u>
Total net assets	<u>4,571,984</u>	<u>4,571,984</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	4,469,380	4,469,380
Current assets	136,391	136,391
Current liabilities	(1,642)	(1,642)
Total net assets	<u>4,604,129</u>	<u>4,604,129</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Cllr B Walker

(Cllr A Akuffo-Kelly (previously Cllr B Walker) was a trustee of the charity during the year and also the Town Mayor of Folkestone.)

During the year £8,000 (2024 - £8,000) was donated to the Town Mayor of Folkestone's Christmas Fund..

