

William Hill Saunders Fund
Annual report and unaudited financial statements
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees	J D A Leith	
	L W Potter	(resigned 10 September 2024)
	I McMinn	
	W Hall	
	A Ramsbottom	(appointed 10 September 2024)
Charity number	214198	
Registered office	c/o The Secretary D A Gault 8 Dawpool Drive Moreton CH46 0PH	
Independent Examiner	Mrs D D Lea DJH Chester Limited Ellesmere Port England CH65 9HQ	
Bankers	Santander Banking Operations Sunderland, SR43 4FP	
Solicitors	Bell, Lamb & Joynson Runcorn, WA7 2FT	
Investment advisors	Evelyn Partners Liverpool, L3 1NY	

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Trustees' report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

A bequest in the will of the late Mr W H Saunders led to the establishment of the Fund governed by a scheme approved by the Chancery Court. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the grant making policy for the year. Its specific purpose is to provide assistance to any past or present member of the staff of Ayrton Saunders, mainly in cases of hardship arising from sickness or infirmity. Applications are considered by the trustees and grants are discretionary. When Ayrton Saunders became part of AAH Pharmaceuticals Limited the trustees approached the Charity Commissioners with a view to varying the Fund objective and administration. A new deed was sealed by the Charity Commissioners on 25 April 1991. There were some administrative changes but the main variation was to open the scheme to employees or past employees of AAH Pharmaceuticals Limited.

Achievements and performance

Assistance was given to 115 people this year (121 last year). The total expenditure for grants made this year comprises payments made and payments resolved to be made amounting to £46,143 (last year £31,284). The market value of the investments has increased, showing that the Fund is still financially strong. Note 12 to the accounts discloses the movements on fixed asset investments within the year and highlights an increase in market value of £17,709 to £1,572,097 allowing for share purchases and disposals (last year market value was £1,554,388). Only the net income of the Fund is available for distribution. Income exceeded expenditure for the year by £7,142 (last year income exceeded expenditure by £11,064).

Financial review

The Fund's work is entirely reliant on income returns from its Investments. The investments held as restricted funds are invested with the guidance of Investment Managers.

Grant making policy

The Fund has established its grant making policy to achieve the objectives of the Fund. The beneficiaries are those suffering hardship. Applications for grants are invited to complete a standard form to ensure transparency in the grant processes.

Investment policy and performance

The custodian of the investments is Evelyn Partners Investment Services Ltd. The Investments are under the management of Evelyn Partners and is governed by the Trustees Act 2000. The investment advisors (Evelyn Partners) are instructed to invest to maximise the total return within the constraints of a medium to low risk investment. The returns are reviewed bi-annually against recognised bench marks.

Risk management

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believes that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Reserves policy

In accordance with guidelines issued by the Charity Commissioners, the trustees have adopted a policy regarding reserves to ensure the charity is able to meet all current and known future liabilities. The level of reserves is considered and reviewed by the trustees.

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Plans for the future

The trustees are aware that in recent years the level of resources expended has exceeded incoming resources. Should the unrestricted funds reduce further, steps will be taken to use the restricted funds.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is a registered charity, number 214198 and now governed under a new deed sealed by the Charity Commission on 25th April 1991.

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for 5 years after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. The Trust deed provides for 5 competent persons, 3 of which have special knowledge of the Companies or an associated company, as trustees. A minimum of 3 trustees are required to be present to hold a meeting. Meetings are held twice a year or more frequently if required.

The Members and trustees keep in touch by regular meetings and through the Newsletter. This enables the trustees to understand the needs of the beneficiaries and plan for the future. The trustees, who are appointed for a period of 5 years, and serve in accordance with the terms of the deed, administer the Fund.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr John Leith

Dated: 21 August 2025

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Independent examiner's report

To the Trustees of William Hill Saunders Fund

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of William Hill Saunders Fund (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Mrs D D Lea FCA, FCCA

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Dated: 29 October 2025

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Statement of financial activities Including income and expenditure account

For the year ended 5 April 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Investments	2	68,917	-	68,917	65,568	-	65,568
Total income		68,917	-	68,917	65,568	-	65,568
Expenditure on:							
<u>Raising funds</u>							
Investment management	6	3,788	-	3,788	3,568	-	3,568
<u>Charitable activities</u>							
Grants	3	53,252	-	53,252	39,330	-	39,330
Charity Events	3	4,735	-	4,735	3,006	-	3,006
Hampers	3	-	-	-	8,600	-	8,600
Total charitable expenditure		57,987	-	57,987	50,936	-	50,936
Total expenditure		61,775	-	61,775	54,504	-	54,504
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	-	17,709	17,709	-	63,434	63,434
Net income and movement in funds		7,142	17,709	24,851	11,064	63,434	74,498
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 6 April 2024		54,923	1,561,950	1,616,873	43,859	1,498,516	1,542,375
Fund balances at 5 April 2025		62,065	1,579,659	1,641,724	54,923	1,561,950	1,616,873

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet

As at 5 April 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		1,572,098		1,554,388
Current assets					
Debtors	11	220		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		86,061		65,509	
		<u>86,281</u>		<u>65,509</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(16,655)		(3,024)	
Net current assets			69,626		62,485
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,641,724</u>		<u>1,616,873</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	14		1,579,659		1,561,950
Unrestricted funds	15		62,065		54,923
			<u>1,641,724</u>		<u>1,616,873</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 21 August 2025

Mr John Leith

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Notes to the financial statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

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Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from listed investments	68,917	65,568

3 Charitable activities

	Grants £	Charity Events £	Hampers £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Direct expenditure	46,143	4,103	-	50,246	43,763
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	7,109	632	-	7,741	7,173
	53,252	4,735	-	57,987	50,936

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4 Net movement in funds	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging:		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,718	1,630
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Trustees

During the year, none of the trustees received any benefits (2024: One trustee received benefits during the year in the form of a winter fuel payment and a hamper. These were received due to their service at Ayrtons and not as a result of them being a trustee).

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment management	3,788	3,568
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>3,788</u>	<u>3,568</u>

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Total	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8 Gains and losses on investments

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Gains arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	17,709	63,434
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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9 Governance costs

	Support and Governance costs £	2025 £	2024 £	Basis of allocation
Professional fees	1,718	1,718	1,630	Governance
Accountancy	2,384	2,384	2,486	Governance
Ex Gratia payments	450	450	450	Support
Other	3,189	3,189	2,607	Support
	<u>7,741</u>	<u>7,741</u>	<u>7,173</u>	
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>7,741</u>	<u>7,741</u>	<u>7,173</u>	

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>220</u>	<u>-</u>

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 6 April 2024	1,554,388
Valuation changes	<u>17,709</u>
At 5 April 2025	<u>1,572,097</u>
Carrying amount	
At 05 April 2025	<u>1,572,097</u>
At 05 April 2024	<u>1,554,388</u>

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Notes to the financial statements (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	16,655	3,024

14 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of income held on trust subject to specific conditions as to how they may be used.

	At 6 April 2024 £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2025 £
	1,561,950	17,709	1,579,659
Previous year:	At 6 April 2023 £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2024 £
	1,498,516	63,434	1,561,950

15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of income which is not subject to specific conditions as to how they may be used.

	At 6 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2025 £
General funds	54,923	68,917	(61,775)	62,065
Previous year:	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	43,859	65,568	(54,504)	54,923

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Notes to the financial statements (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 5 April 2025:			
Investments	1	1,572,097	1,572,098
Current assets/(liabilities)	62,064	7,562	69,626
	<u>62,065</u>	<u>1,579,659</u>	<u>1,641,724</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 5 April 2024:			
Investments	-	1,554,388	1,554,388
Current assets/(liabilities)	54,923	7,562	62,485
	<u>54,923</u>	<u>1,561,950</u>	<u>1,616,873</u>

17 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2024: One trustee received benefits in the year based on their service at Ayrtons, as disclosed in note 5).