

**THE HANDSWORTH CHARITY**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

***Registered Charity No 216603***

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**Charity registration**

The Trust is an unincorporated charity under registration number 216603.

**The Charity's trustees consist of:**

Ex-officio Trustees: The Rector and Church Warden of St Mary's Parish, Handsworth

Nominative Trustees: Appointed by Birmingham City Council or the Trustees and each holding office for four years.

Co-optive Trustees: Appointed by the Trustees and each holding office for five years.

The Charity's Trustees during the year ended 31 December 2025 were:

**Ex-officio Trustees:**

Mrs Kim Brom (Chairman)  
Keith Hemmings – retired 10 September 2025  
Rev'd Lizzie Longhurst (Junior Vice Chairman)  
Chris Perry – retired 2025  
Councillor Waseem Zaffar – appointed 12 March 2025

**Nominative:**

Parmala Mehay Hydes – retired 2025  
Balbinder Doulay  
Tonia Clark  
Helga Edstrom

**Co-optive:**

Mrs Doreen Hemmings – retired 10 September 2025  
Rosemarie Seadon

**Secretary:**

Ms Dipali Chandra  
c/o 109 Court Oak Road  
Harborne  
Birmingham  
B17 9AA

**Bankers:**

Royal Bank of Scotland Plc  
1 Hardman Boulevard  
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**Investment Managers:**

Canaccord Genuity Wealth Ltd  
Saggar House  
Princes Drive  
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**Independent Examiner:**

Malcolm Willcox, FCCA  
Chartered Certified Accountant  
Hagley House  
93 Hagley Road  
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The Trustees present their Report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes thereto, and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP (FRS102).

## Structure, governance and management

The Handsworth Charities (the 'Charities') were constituted by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 13 April 1977. The Charities consisted of The Handsworth Charity, registered charity number 216603 and The William Stevenson Charity, registered charity number 212721. By a Resolution dated 15 March 2006 all property belonging to The William Stevenson Charity was to be transferred to The Handsworth Charity. The Charity Commission concurred with the Trustees' resolution and the transfer of assets was completed on 5 August 2006. The William Stevenson Charity was subsequently deleted from the Charity Commission register.

All matters of policy are determined by the Trustees who meet regularly.

The Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which the charity faces and are satisfied that systems have been established so that the necessary steps can be taken to minimise these risks.

## Objectives and activities

- To make fixed annual payments of £250 to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Handsworth, for the benefit of the music of the parish church.

- To relieve need, hardship or distress amongst those living within the Ancient Parish of Handsworth by making grants or paying for services or facilities calculated to reduce need, hardship or distress.

- To make payments to pensioners already awarded pensions by the Charities; and

- To make payments to visually impaired persons living within the Ancient Parish of Handsworth.

The Charity receives applications both from individuals and referrals organisations. Applications should be made to the Clerk.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives set.

## Achievements and performance

Grants distributed by the Charity amounted to £26,900 (9 organisations), compared with £12,330 (4 organisations) less grants rescinded of £8,720 relating to the previous year.

## Financial review and investment policy

The Charity's financial statements are set out on pages 5 to 11. Income received amounted to £37,851 (2024: £36,756). The sum of £26,900 (2024: £12,330) was expended on grants less grants and a pension rescinded of £8,835 relating to prior years, £250 on the annual payment to the PCC of St Mary's Handsworth, whilst support and governance costs totalled £11,443 (2024: £10,596). Investment manager's fees were £10,065 (2024: £9,574). The Market Value of the Investments at the year end was £1,291,999 (2024: £1,148,501). Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2025 were £105,436 (2024: £116,080).

There are no restrictions on the Charity's power to invest. The investment strategy is set by the Trustees for a period of five years. The Trustees consider the income requirements, the risk profile and the investment managers' review of the market prospects in the medium term. The unrestricted and restricted funds may be invested in any type of investment.

**Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, at a level which equates to at least two years' income. This provides sufficient funds to cover governance and support costs and to respond to emergency applications for grants which arise from time to time. As at 31 December 2025 unrestricted income funds were £105,436 (2024: £116,080) which is in excess of the reserves policy.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements**

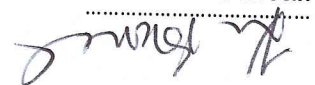
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to Charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Trust's affairs and of the incoming resources of the Trust for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and 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 a going concern basis unless it is considered inappropriate to assume that the Trust will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the Trust Deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 18 March 2026  
and signed on their behalf by

**KIM BROM**

Chairman



# TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HANDSWORTH CHARITY

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

## Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the financial statements did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns, and I 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.



**MALCOLM H J WILLCOX FCCA**

Malcolm Willcox & Co

Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Birmingham

18 March 2026


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THE HANDSWORTH CHARITY

BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2025

Notes	2025	2024
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Investments	1,291,999	1,148,501
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank:		
Royal Bank of Scotland – Deposit Account	40,077	119,924
Royal Bank of Scotland – Current Account	4,200	500
Dividends and uninvested cash held by Investment Managers	9,917	25,412
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES – amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Sundry creditors	( 1,450)	( 1,450)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	52,744	144,386
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	1,344,743	1,292,887
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Capital Funds (restricted):		
Handsworth Charity	(8/9)	
William Stevenson Charity		
	1,218,324	1,154,770
	20,983	22,037
	1,239,307	1,176,807
Income Fund (unrestricted)	(8/9)	
	105,436	116,080
	1,344,743	1,292,887

The financial statements on pages 5 to 11 were approved by the Trustees on 18 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by

  
KIM BROM  
Chairman

(a) **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011, and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: *Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102), also known as Charities SORP (FRS102).

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

The financial statements have also been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain investment assets, to show a true and fair view of the Charity's financial position.

(b) **Funds**

The Trustees consider the going concern basis to be valid because no material uncertainties exist.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity, and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds that are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the Charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Charity, and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

(c) **Investments**

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised as 'net gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFAs), if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

(d) **Income recognition**

Income is included in the SOFA when the Charity becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(e) **Expenditure recognition**

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to pay out resources.

(f) **Grants**

Since the Charity is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the relevant expenses.

(g) **Debtors**

Grants made by the Charity from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Charity accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

(h) **Creditors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking into account any settlement discounts available.

(i) **Taxation**

Creditors are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a payment to a third party and where the amount of the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

The Charity is exempt from taxation.



2025	2024	
£	£	
2025	2024	
36,404	34,173	Dividends and bond income
616	600	COIF deposit interest
831	1,983	Royal Bank of Scotland deposit interest
37,851	36,756	
GRANTS		
Age UK		
Birmingham Settlement		
Charity Awards		
Grosvenor Recording Studios		
Handsworth Association of Schools		
Natasha Alexander		
Nishkam Civic Association		
Prior year grants rescinded		
St Mark's Community Hub		
St Mary's Choir		
St Michael's Food Bank		
Tyrone Carter		
1,550	-	
10,000	3,000	
-	1,500	
4,500	-	
2,200	-	
350	-	
4,200	-	
-	( 8,720)	
3,000	3,000	
400	-	
-	4,830	
700	-	
26,900	3,610	
TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES		
No remuneration and expenses were paid to the Trustees during the year.		
EMPLOYEES		
There were no full or part time employees during the year.		
Ms Dipali Chandra is Clerk to the Trustees, and she received an honorarium of £9,600 (2024: £8,800) during the year.		

INVESTMENTS	2025	2024
<b>Cost:</b>		
At 1 January 2025	804,773	822,478
Additions	315,893	72,506
Cost of sales	(147,742)	(90,211)
At 31 December 2025	972,924	804,773
<b>Surplus on revaluation:</b>		
At 1 January 2025	343,728	308,205
Valuation adjustment	( 24,653)	35,523
At 31 December 2025	319,075	343,728
<b>Market value at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>1,291,999</b>	<b>1,148,501</b>
<b>Investments at fair value represented:</b>		
Fixed interest and equivalent	233,277	179,115
Equities	934,613	834,058
Unit and Investment Trusts	32,683	45,078
Charities Deposit Fund	91,426	90,250
Cash not invested	1,291,999	1,148,501
	9,917	25,412
	1,301,917	1,173,913

At 31 December 2025 the Charity held the following investments which individually represented in excess of 5% of the total value of the portfolio:

Charities COIF deposit - market value £70,422 = 5.3%

The fair value of listed investments is shown at market value at the balance sheet date.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. Holdings in common investment funds, unit trusts and open-ended investment companies are at the bid price. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at their transaction values. The main risk to the Charity from financial instruments lies in the combination of uncertain investment markets and volatility in yield. The Charity is reliant on dividend yield to finance its work. Liquidity risk is anticipated to be low as all assets are traded. The Charity's investments are mainly traded in markets with good liquidity and high trading volumes. The Charity manages these investment risks by retaining expert advisors and operating an investment policy that provides for a high degree of diversification of holdings within investment classes that are quoted on recognised stock exchanges. The Charity does not make use of derivatives and similar complex financial instruments, as it takes the view that investments are held for their longer-term yield, total return, and historic studies of quoted financial instruments have shown that volatility in any particular 5 year period will normally be corrected.

7	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
	Independent Examiner's fee accrued	1,200
	PCC St Mary Handsworth	250
		1,450
		2025
		2024
		£

8	ANALYSIS OF ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS	
	Handsworth	Capital Fund
	Stevenson	Capital Fund
		Undistributed Income
		Total
		£

31 December 2025

Listed investments	1,271,016	20,983	-	1,291,999
Uninvested cash	7,800	-	-	7,800
Cash at bank	( 60,492)	-	-	44,276
Dividends held by Investment Managers	-	-	-	2,118
	1,218,324	20,983	106,886	1,346,193
Less: Current liabilities	-	-	( 1,450)	( 1,450)
	1,218,324	20,983	105,436	1,344,743

31 December 2024

Listed investments	1,126,464	22,037	-	1,148,501
Uninvested cash	23,554	-	-	23,554
Cash at bank	4,752	-	-	120,424
Dividends held by Investment Managers	-	-	-	1,858
	1,154,770	22,037	117,530	1,294,337
Less: Current liabilities	-	-	( 1,450)	( 1,450)
	1,154,770	22,037	116,080	1,292,887

9 FUNDS

The Capital Funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income arising thereon can be used in accordance with the objects of the Charity, and any undistributed income represents the Income Fund.

10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year (2024: £Nil).