

ROBERT PARKER'S CHARITY, BLOXWICH
Registered Charity Number: 224622

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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**ROBERT PARKER'S CHARITY, BLOXWICH
ANNUAL REPORT
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Reference and administrative information

Trustees:

The Charity trustees who served during the year are:

Reverend D Candlin	Chairman	Ex Officio
Mrs J A Annis		Co-opted
Mrs L A Harris		Co-opted
Mr R Jackson		Co-opted
Mr D Pitt		Co-opted
Miss D Titley		Co-opted

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**ROBERT PARKER'S CHARITY BLOXWICH
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity Commission Scheme dated 10 November 1981, 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 effective 1 January 2019.

Structure, Governance and Management

Robert Parker's Charity was established many years ago and is now governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 10 November 1981. The Charity is an unincorporated association.

The income which derives from investments and the letting of land is available for the following purposes after having paid costs incidental to the administration and management of the Charity:

1. One fifth for the repair of the Parish Church of All Saints, Bloxwich and the clock thereof;
2. Four fifths is available for meeting expenses and outgoings in respect of the Day Centre and secondly in relieving in such other ways as the trustees think fit aged persons resident in the Parish of All Saints, Bloxwich and in particular poor aged persons resident therein. Trustees shall not apply the income directly in relief of rates, taxes and other public funds.

Management and Governance

The Scheme was amended by Special Resolution dated 28 November 2007 and now provides for the appointment of ten trustees, three ex-officio and seven co-optative. The ex-officio trustees are the Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish of All Saints, Bloxwich. Co-optative trustees serve for a period of five years. New co-optative trustees are identified from people within the local community who have the necessary skills and interest and are appointed by the remaining trustees.

New trustees are provided with a copy of the governing document, a copy of the most recent annual report and accounts, copy minutes of previous trustees' meetings and a copy of the Charity Commission Guidance "The Essential Trustee".

The trustees normally meet four times a year to consider the broad strategy and area of activity for the Charity, including investments, reserves and risk management policies and performance. The day to day administration of the Charity is delegated to the Clerk.

Risk Review

The trustees have examined the major internal and external risks which the Charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to minimise these risks.

Financial Review

The trustees are pleased to report that the Robert Parker Charity through its Centre offers the elderly of Bloxwich and Blakenhall area, free of charge, a dementia cafe group for people living with dementia to provide reminiscence, stimulating activity and socialisation and bi-weekly groups providing cognitive stimulation therapy. The Centre is also hired by a range of group including church organisations and a model railway club, which generates revenue for the charity.

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Financial Review (continued)

Restricted income fund balances at 31 December 2025 totalled £116,566 and included £110,007 in respect of the Parker Centre Income Fund. The trustees aim to maintain free reserves of approximately £85,000 to finance working capital, planned improvements and cover any future contingencies. Funding is monitored by way of an annual forecast of income and expenditure with appraisals at quarterly intervals. Current reserves are above the agreed range, however, the trustees consider this to be prudent given the current economic situation.

The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing the permanent endowment of the Charity and have found that specialised unit trusts designed for the Charity sector meet their requirement to generate both income and capital growth. During the year the investments performed in line with expectations.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they 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 have complied with their duties under the Charities Act 2011.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

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 Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any 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 accounting records which 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. They 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.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



D Candlin
Date: 10 June 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ROBERT PARKER'S CHARITY, BLOXWICH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 5-9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 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 the 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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10 June 2026

ROBERT PARKER'S CHARITY, BLOXWICH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Income Funds Church Maintenance £	Parker Centre £	Other Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Investments					15,006	14,612
Income from Listed Investments		3,001	12,005		1,298	1,655
Deposit Interest		260	1,038		850	820
Rent Receivable		170	680			
Charitable Activities			8,310		8,310	6,601
Parker Centre Income						
Total		3,431	22,033		25,464	23,688
Expenditure on:						
Accountant's Fee		208	832		1,040	834
Professional fees					2,946	150
To PCC for Repairs		2,946			11,888	8,028
Parker Centre Expenditure	3		11,888		1,184	1,184
Amount written off Parker Centre	8			1,184	1,184	1,184
Total		3,154	12,720	1,184	17,058	10,196
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	6&8			(26,087)	(26,087)	12,838
Net Income/ (Expenditure)		277	9,313	(27,271)	(17,681)	26,330
Transfer to Recoupment Fund	9		(110)	110		
Net Movement in Funds		277	9,203	(27,161)	(17,681)	26,330
Reconciliation of Funds:						
Total funds brought forward		6,282	100,804	634,632	741,718	715,388
Total funds carried forward		6,559	110,007	607,471	724,037	741,718

ROBERT PARKER'S CHARITY, BLOXWICH
BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Restricted Income Funds £	Other Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Investment Property	5		6,240	6,240	6,240
Listed Investments	6		511,122	511,122	536,818
Recoupment Investment	7		20,060	20,060	20,231
Leasehold Property	8		27,433	27,433	28,617
			<u>564,855</u>	<u>564,855</u>	<u>591,906</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors and Prepayments		1,062		1,062	1,694
Balances at Bank:					
Deposit		116,750	42,616	159,366	148,561
Current		319		319	1,114
Total Current Assets		<u>118,131</u>	<u>42,616</u>	<u>160,747</u>	<u>151,369</u>
Liabilities:					
Creditors due within 1 year		<u>1,565</u>		<u>1,565</u>	<u>1,557</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>116,566</u>	<u>42,616</u>	<u>159,182</u>	<u>149,812</u>
Net Assets		<u>116,566</u>	<u>607,471</u>	<u>724,037</u>	<u>741,718</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Permanent endowment	11		559,978	559,978	585,674
Endowment Recoupment	11		20,060	20,060	20,341
Parker Centre Fund	11		27,433	27,433	28,617
Restricted Income Funds					
Church Maintenance		6,559		6,559	6,282
Parker Centre		110,007		110,007	100,804
		<u>116,566</u>	<u>607,471</u>	<u>724,037</u>	<u>741,718</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 June 2026
and signed on their behalf by:

Revd D Candlin

D. J. Candlin

Mrs L A Harris

L. A. Harris

ROBERT PARKER'S CHARITY, BLOXWICH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Accounting Policies

General

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 effective 1 January 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements comply with FRS 102.

The 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.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis.

Leasehold property is being depreciated on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

The Robert Parker Charity is not registered for VAT. In these financial statements, where applicable, expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

2 Taxation

The Robert Parker Charity, Bloxwich is a registered charity and its income and surplus are not liable to taxation.

3 Parker Centre Expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cleaning	1,974	1,900
Heating and Lighting	2,671	2,568
Insurance	1,181	1,002
Repairs and Maintenance	5,281	1,479
Water	465	515
Sundry Expenses	316	564
	<u>11,888</u>	<u>8,028</u>

4 Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

No Trustee has received, or is due to receive, any remuneration or expenses for the year, directly or indirectly, from the Charity's funds. (2024 -£nil)

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5 Investment Property

	2025	2024
	£	£
Land, Long Lane, Essington - at trustees' valuation	6,240	6,240

6 Listed Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Holding: 26,452.97 COIF Income Shares		
Market Value at 1 January 2025	536,818	524,959
Add net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(25,696)	11,859
Market Value at 31 December 2025	511,122	536,818

7 Recoupment Investment

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market Value at 1 January 2025	20,231	19,252
Addition at cost	220	
Add net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(391)	979
Market Value at 31 December 2025	20,060	20,231

The recoupment investment represents a holding of 78.50 COIF Accumulation shares.
(2024- 77.63 shares)

8 Leasehold Property

	2025	2024
	£	£
The Parker Centre		
Cost at 31.12.24 and 31.12.25	71,044	71,044
Accumulated Depreciation 01.01.25	42,427	41,243
Charge for the Year	1,184	1,184
Accumulated Depreciation 31.12.25	43,611	42,427
Net Book Value 31.12.25	27,433	28,617

The Parker Centre is built on land owned by the PCC of the Parish of Bloxwich. A lease between Lichfield Diocesan Trust and the Charity was executed on 1 February 1989, for a period of sixty years from 1 March 1989 at a peppercorn rent. The cost of the Centre is being written off against the Parker Centre Fund by equal instalments over the period of the lease.

9 Capital Recoupment

The construction cost of the Parker Centre was financed to the extent of £20,000 by a withdrawal from the Endowment Capital of the Charity. By an order of the Charity Commission dated 2 March 1988, this sum is being recouped to capital out of the Charity's income at the rate of £110 per annum over 50 years commencing in 1989. The recoupment investment is detailed in note 8 to these financial statements. At 31 December 2025 37 instalments of £110 had been paid.

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10 Breakdown of 2024 expenditure by fund

	Church Maintenance £	Income Funds Parker Centre £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Investments			
Income from Listed Investments	2,922	11,690	14,612
Deposit Interest	331	1,324	1,655
Rent Receivable	164	656	820
Charitable Activities		6,601	6,601
Parker Centre Income			
	3,417	20,271	23,688
Expenditure on:			
Independent Examiners Fee	167	667	834
Professional Fees	30	120	150
To PCC for Repairs		8,028	8,028
Parker Centre Expenditure (Note 3)		1,184	1,184
Amount written off Parker Centre			
	197	9,999	10,196

11 Other Funds

	Endowment Fund 2025 £	Endowment Recoupment Fund 2025 £	Parker Centre Fund 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Balances brought forward	585,674	20,341	28,617	634,632
Transfer Income Fund		110		110
Centre Depreciation			(1,184)	(1,184)
Net gain on revaluation	(25,696)	(391)		(26,087)
Fund balances carried forward	559,978	20,060	27,433	607,471

	Endowment Fund 2024 £	Endowment Recoupment Fund 2024 £	Parker Centre Fund 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Balances brought forward	573,815	19,252	29,801	622,868
Transfer Income Fund		110		110
Centre Depreciation			(1,184)	(1,184)
Unrealised Gains on revaluation	11,859	979		12,838
Fund balances carried forward	585,674	20,341	28,617	634,632