

INCE BLUNDELL HALL CARERS RESPITE

Registered Charity Number: 251782

**INCE BLUNDELL HALL CARERS RESPITE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025**

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Legal and administrative Information

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Chairs Report



I am pleased to present the Annual Report on behalf of the Trustee Board. The past year has marked a significant and transformative period for Ince Blundell Hall, culminating in the successful launch of our Carers' Respite programme. This represents a major milestone in the evolution of the Trust and a clear step forward in delivering our core mission to support those who care. During the year, we were saddened by the passing of Sr Laura Hughes, who served as a Trustee of the Trust. We extend our sincere thanks for her commitment and contribution over many years. We are grateful for the continued support of the Board, including Sr Francis Delahunt, who had joined the Trustees prior to this and continues to support the Trust's work.

Carer's Respite – From Vision to Reality

Following a substantial programme of renovation and upgrading works, the Hall has now been carefully adapted to provide a welcoming, comfortable, and restorative environment for carers. A key focus of these works has been to sensitively remove elements associated with its former use as a nursing facility, allowing the building to feel more like a home than an institution, while still maintaining the functionality required to support our guests.

We are delighted that the respite service is now fully operational. Early feedback from those who have stayed has been overwhelmingly positive, with many guests highlighting the unique setting, the peace and quiet of the estate, and the opportunity to properly rest and recharge. This response reaffirms the importance of what we are providing and the difference it can make.

Partnerships and Support

A particularly important development this year has been the establishment of a partnership with Sefton Carers. Through their support, we are able to offer funded stays for unpaid carers across the county, ensuring that those most in need can access respite regardless of their financial circumstances. This collaboration is a significant step in embedding the project within the wider care network and extending its reach.

In addition to this, we have received a number of smaller donations over the past year. While individually modest, collectively these contributions have been instrumental in helping to bring the project to fruition, and we are extremely grateful for the continued generosity shown towards the Trust.

Chairs Report

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Ince Benet – Part of the Ince Blundell Hall Trust

Ince Benet has continued to uphold its ethos as a place for prayer, retreat, and learning. However, it has faced a number of challenges over the past year, including the resignation of our manager. As a result, the house is currently under temporary guardianship while a new appointment is sought. Booking numbers have declined during this period. Nevertheless, it is our hope that, as the Carers' Respite programme develops, Ince Benet can be more closely integrated into this wider offer. Alongside its established role in providing religious and wellbeing retreats, it has the potential to form part of the respite provision, offering appropriate and complementary accommodation to support the rest and rejuvenation of carers.

Financial Position and Ongoing Challenges

Despite this progress, it is important to be clear that the Trust is not yet in a stable financial position. The scale and nature of Ince Blundell Hall mean that it carries considerable ongoing costs, and at present we continue to rely on reserves and capital to support operations.

The coming year will therefore be critical. Increasing occupancy and securing a steady flow of bookings will be essential if the respite offer is to become financially sustainable. Alongside this, we will continue to explore funding opportunities, partnerships, and other income streams to support the long-term viability of the project.

Looking Ahead...

The year ahead represents a pivotal phase for Ince Blundell Hall. With the respite service now established, our focus must shift towards consolidation, growth, and sustainability. The strength of early feedback gives us confidence in the model, but its long-term success will depend on our ability to build awareness, increase usage, and secure ongoing support.

We remain committed to our mission and to the vision that underpins this project. Ince Blundell Hall has always been a place of significance, and through this initiative it is once again becoming a place of care, support, and restoration for those who need it most as is the mission of the Augustinian Order.

On behalf of the Trustee Board, I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this achievement over the past year, and we look forward to building on this progress in the year ahead.

Mr Raymond Harrison,

Chair of the Trustee Board

Raymond Harrison, 29/04/2026

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ince Blundell Hall Carers Respite

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 June 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the trust 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 trust'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 Charily 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 trust 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 accounts to be reached.


Kevin Guy FCA

On behalf of Ashurst Accountancy Ltd

Chartered Accountants

Date: 29th April 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:				
Income from Charitable activities	98,070		98,070	129,412
Income from Investments	50,002		50,002	56,419
Total income and endowments	148,072		148,072	185,831
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	(320,372)		(320,372)	(234,195)
Total expenditure	(320,372)		(320,372)	(234,195)
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	(13,370)		(13,370)	144,909
Net expenditure				
Net movement in funds	(185,670)		(185,670)	96,545
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	4,203,893		4,203,893	4,107,348
Total funds carried forward	4,018,223		4,018,223	4,203,893

Income and expenditure relate to both restricted and unrestricted activities derived from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		1,752,220		1,784,562
Investments			<u>1,946,453</u>		<u>2,019,108</u>
			3,698,673		3,803,670
Current assets					
Debtors	16	2,310		2,311	
Cash at bank		<u>345,003</u>		<u>423,791</u>	
Total current assets		347,313		426,102	
Creditors					
Amounts due within one year	17	<u>(27,763)</u>		<u>(25,879)</u>	
Net current assets			319,550		400,223
Total assets less current liabilities			4,018,223		4,203,893
Creditors					
Amounts due after more than one year					
Net assets			<u>4,018,223</u>		<u>4,203,893</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds	8		4,018,223		4,203,893
Total charity funds			<u>4,018,223</u>		<u>4,203,893</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue on by the Board of Trustees and signed on 29/04/2026.

Sr G M Hughes (Trustee)

Sr. Gemma Maria Hughes

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

Ince Blundell Hall Carers Respite is a Registered Charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

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

The trust 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 trust. 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 trust 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 trust.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the trust 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 trust 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 trust 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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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

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 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	0%
Leasehold improvements	10% straight line
Plant and equipment	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Non-current 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.

1.8 Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting end date, the trust reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 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.

1.10 Financial instruments

The trust 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 trust's balance sheet when the trust 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables 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,

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables 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 payables 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 payables 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 trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the trust is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and Judgements

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates,

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods,

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other	0	0

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Trust		
Charitable rental income	26,405	27,580
Other income	66,816	101,832
	93,221	129,412

5 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Income from unlisted investments	50,002	50,595
Interest receivable	4,849	5,824
	54,851	56,419

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets		

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Trust 2025 £	Trust 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	143,320	78,939
Depreciation and impairment	32,342	15,721
General expenses of the Order	9,528	22,776
Motor expenses	2,104	557
Sundry expenses	0	0
Bank charges	453	385
Rent, rates and water	2,334	6,602
Insurance	28,464	25,940
Light and heat	52,372	42,806
Telephone and Internet	5,615	4,933
Repairs and renewals	17,452	7,523
Subscriptions	457	574
PPS	9,088	1,494
General	5,591	7,898
Professional Fees	11,252	18,047
	320,372	234,195
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Governance		0
	320,372	234,195
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	320,372	234,195

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Governance costs		0
Analysed between:		
Trust		

9 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned property, plant and equipment	32,342	15,721

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year.

11 Employees

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	127,916	77,961
Social security costs	0	0
Other pension costs	2,397	978
	130,313	78,939

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Sale of investments	(13,370)	144,586
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13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

14 Property, plant and equipment	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold Improvements	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 July 2024	1,800,194	439,928	109,142	22,574	2,371,838
Additions					
At 30 June 2025	1,800,194	439,928	109,142	22,574	2,371,838
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 July 2024	145,000	311,604	108,098	22,574	587,276
Depreciation charged in the year		32,081	261		32,342
At 30 June 2025	145,000	343,685	108,359	22,574	619,618
Carrying amount					
At 30 June 2025	1,655,194	96,243	783		1,752,220
At 30 June 2024	1,655,194	128,324	1,044		1,784,562

Freehold land and buildings were valued, by Garside Waddingham, Chartered surveyors, on 29 January 2015, on an asset valuation basis, in accordance with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Statement of Asset Valuation Practice.

The trustees do not believe the current value of the land and buildings is materially different from the valuation within the financial statements.

15 Fixed asset Investments

	Unlisted Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 July 2024	2,019,108
Movements	(109,256)
Valuation changes	(13,401)
Income	50,002
At 30 June 2025	1,946,453
Carrying amount	
At 30 June 2025	1,946,453
At 30 June 2024	2,019,108

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16 Trade and other receivables

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade receivables		
Other receivables	1,827	1,827
Prepayments and accrued income	483	483
	<u>2,310</u>	<u>2,310</u>

17 Current liabilities

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade payables	11,261	11,261
Other payables	4,641	2,757
Accruals and deferred income	11,861	11,861
	<u>27,763</u>	<u>25,879</u>

18 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>2,397</u>	<u>978</u>

The trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the trust in an independently administered fund.

19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and granters as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 30 June 2025 £
General fund	2,542,876	148,072	(333,742)	109,256		2,646,462
Investment revaluation fund	524,353			(109,256)		415,097
Property revaluation fund	836,664					836,664
Future care fund	300,000					300,000
	<u>4,203,893</u>	<u>148,072</u>	<u>(333,742)</u>			<u>4,018,223</u>

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Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

	Previous year: At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	2,541,806	185,831	(234,195)	49,434		2,542,876
Investment revaluation fund	428,878			(49,434)	144,909	524,353
Property revaluation fund	836,664					836,664
Future care fund	300,000					300,000
	4,107,348	185,831	(234,195)		144,909	4,203,893

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 "none").