

**The Brown Swiss Cattle
Society (UK)**

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

30 April 2025

Charity registration number: 266143



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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	The Brown Swiss Cattle Society (UK)	
Charity registration number	266143	
Principal office	Rose Cottage Little Fencote NORTHALLERTON DL7 0RR	
Registered office	FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW	
Trustees	S Williams, Chairman J Coulter, Vice Chairman K B Thomas R McColm E Bruce B Crothers A Davies J Lochhead J West (Resigned 27 July 2024) H Gibbon (Resigned 27 July 2024) R Smith J Stevenson D Reynolds (Appointed 27 July 2024)	
Accountant	Dodd & Co Limited FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW	

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, 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.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity registered with the Charity Commission on 19 September 1973. Its governing document is its memorandum and articles of association, which were amended on 1 March 1991 and 17 November 1992.

The Trustees are appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting and are recruited based on the society's needs. New Trustees are trained by their fellow Trustees to understand their role within the society.

The trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are actively developing procedures to manage those risks and improve Governance within the Society. In the last twelve months with the assistance of Dodd and Co (Accountants) the Society has successfully converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as the trustees continue to futureproof and safeguard the Society and its entire operation.

Objectives and Activities of the Brown Swiss Cattle Society (UK)

The primary objectives of the charity are to encourage, promote and improve the breeding of Brown Swiss Cattle in the UK and to prepare, maintain, and make available a genealogical record through the Society Herdbook. As a member organisation the Society promotes and represents the interests of breeders and owners of all registered Brown Swiss Cattle in the UK.

In doing so, the Society helps to maintain the diversity of dairy breeds available for milk production in the UK in a way that enhances animal welfare and brings sustainable benefits to the environment.

The principal activity of the charity has been the recording and maintenance of pedigree records and actively promoting the Brown Swiss breed for the benefit of our charity members. The Society has been actively involved in promoting sales and shows of registered cattle in the UK.

The Society uses the services of NBDC (National Bovine Data Centre) to administer the Registration herdbook and provide type classification inspections.

In setting their objectives, the charity has paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The running of the Society continues to operate efficiently, due to the work of the Trustees and The Farm Organisation and the ongoing service provision provided by NBDC.

This year membership numbers have fallen slightly to 120 (from 136 members in the previous year), although pleasingly we continue to recruit new members throughout the year. There were 426 animals registered between January and December 2024 (compared to 494 animals in 2023), with 220 animals classified in the same 12 month period. We continuously review Society fees and costs and continue in a stable financial position.

The annual Chimes magazine and email newsletters throughout the year continue to keep members updated with breed results and Council decisions.

Financial Review

The charity held unrestricted reserves of £29,082 at the year end, all of which were free reserves.

Reserves policy

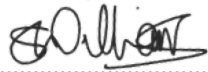
The reserves policy is to retain sufficient resources to ensure continuity of operation under all circumstances and to demonstrate sound financial management practise. This means operating with a cash balance of between £10,000 and £15,000 at the current level of operation. At the year end the cash balance held was £27,629 and this therefore exceeds the current reserves policy.

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Plans for the Future

Moving forward we aim to do more to promote the Brown Swiss breed here in the UK, reminding Dairy Farmers of the breeds strengths. We hope to see numbers of Swiss at shows increase to aid with this promotion. As a breed society maintaining the membership and registrations in the herdbook will remain a priority alongside providing a full service provision available to all members.

Approved by the Board on 23 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



S Williams
Trustee

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Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to 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.

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 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 as amended by the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year
Ended 30 April 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	Note	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Other trading activities	2	5,105	5,105	1,153
Investment income	3	221	221	251
Charitable activities	4	16,513	16,513	14,421
Total income and endowments		<u>21,839</u>	<u>21,839</u>	<u>15,825</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		21,713	21,713	16,796
Total expenditure		<u>21,713</u>	<u>21,713</u>	<u>16,796</u>
Net movements in funds		126	126	(971)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		28,956	28,956	29,927
Total funds carried forward		<u>29,082</u>	<u>29,082</u>	<u>28,956</u>

All of the Charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above periods.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

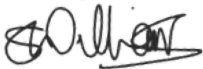
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Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2025

		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	8	4,948		3,375	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>27,629</u>		<u>30,324</u>	
			32,577		33,699
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9		<u>(3,495)</u>		<u>(4,743)</u>
Net current assets			<u>29,082</u>		<u>28,956</u>
Net assets			<u><u>29,082</u></u>		<u><u>28,956</u></u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			<u>29,082</u>		<u>28,956</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>29,082</u></u>		<u><u>28,956</u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved by the Board on 23 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



S Williams
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

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. 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 as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Basis of preparation

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting policy

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

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 11.

Income and endowments

Income from Government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

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.

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.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Trade Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

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.

Liabilities

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the Charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

2 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Calf show entries	655	655	318
Advertising income	4,450	4,450	750
Clothing sales	-	-	85
	<u>5,105</u>	<u>5,105</u>	<u>1,153</u>

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Interest on cash deposits	221	221	251

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4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Member subscriptions	5,879	5,879	5,225
Parentage and DNA testing	364	364	156
Fees and supplies	180	180	160
Registrations	7,657	7,657	6,415
Classifications	2,433	2,433	2,465
	<u>16,513</u>	<u>16,513</u>	<u>14,421</u>

5 Expenditure

	Membership £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Direct costs			
Parentage and DNA testing	150	150	165
Contract services	126	126	127
Registrations	2,271	2,271	2,740
Classifications	1,841	1,841	2,758
Administration costs	8,970	8,970	7,544
AGM Contribution	1,000	1,000	-
Computer software and maintenance costs	357	357	357
Travel and subsistence	-	-	757
Breed publication/advertising	1,500	1,500	110
Bad debts written off	-	-	181
	<u>16,215</u>	<u>16,215</u>	<u>14,739</u>
Support costs			
Insurance	254	254	255
Printing, postage and stationery	1,549	1,549	234
Sundry expenses	1,694	1,694	309
Accountancy fees	2,001	2,001	1,259
	<u>5,498</u>	<u>5,498</u>	<u>2,057</u>
	<u>21,713</u>	<u>21,713</u>	<u>16,796</u>

6 Governance costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Accountancy fees	2,001	1,259
	<u>2,001</u>	<u>1,259</u>

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7 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year.

8 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	<u>4,948</u>	<u>3,375</u>

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	1,530	2,968
Taxation and social security	792	710
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,173</u>	<u>1,065</u>
	<u>3,495</u>	<u>4,743</u>

10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year.

11 Analysis of funds

	At 1 May 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	<u>28,956</u>	<u>21,839</u>	<u>(21,713)</u>	<u>29,082</u>

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Prior period

	At 1 May 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	29,927	15,825	(16,796)	28,956

12 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Current assets	32,577	32,577	33,699
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(3,495)	(3,495)	(4,743)
Net assets	29,082	29,082	28,956

Prior period

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Current assets	33,699	33,699	34,270
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(4,743)	(4,743)	(4,343)
Net assets	28,956	28,956	29,927