



Trustees Annual Report 2025

Charity No. 271775

THE BRISTOL AREA KIDNEY PATIENTS' ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31st December 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report and financial statements for the charity for the year ending 31 December 2025.

Chair's report

As we prepared to say goodbye to 2025 we very sadly said farewell to BAKPA Trustee, Andy Strange. Andy sadly passed away in November after a short illness that led to further complications, Andy had worked tirelessly with his wife Anne for BAKPA as King and Queen of the Tombola. He is terribly missed by us all on the committee.

As a committee we have been working towards updating our constitution and policies, these all take time and a lot of effort from all involved and as Chairman I am very grateful for all the time that is given to these tasks voluntarily.

South Bristol dialysis unit have requested new TV's to replace the original ones that are now showing their age and some not working, to complete this takes a long time as it all has to go through the facilities provider to let us know what can be installed and when that is completed, BAKPA have agreed to cover the whole cost.

Some of the events we have held and supported in the last year are World Kidney Day in the atrium of Southmead hospital, two coffee mornings with bake sale and tombola table. The first was in July in Paulton near Bath and then at St Stephen's church Southmead in November. We also held an event at Stockwood market in October. These events enable us to engage with the general public about kidney issues, as well as fellow patients and staff of the renal department.

The Transplant Games team proudly wore their new kit which was sponsored by BAKPA and the subsidy to support team members to take part in the games continues to be gratefully received.

BAKPA supported the Transplant Games team with a table display and merchandise which we gave out at the live donor transplant event held at the BAWA sports ground in September. Two of the committee spoke about their personal journeys as a transplant recipient and as a kidney donor.

Both properties Hales House and McAllister House are still a great asset to BAKPA. Hales House enables us to provide a safe place for patients and family members to stay near the hospital. It is booked up and in very good demand. The online booking system works very well and the calendar fills up quickly. There is less demand for McAllister House in Torquay which offers the opportunity for a low-cost holiday in Torquay, so the decision was taken to extend the use of the property to Gloucestershire KPA members. We hope this will increase the bookings this year so more patients are able to afford a nice holiday.

Now it's time to look forward to what 2026 brings to us.

Vicky Gardner
Chair

Objectives and activities

Objects

The objects of the charity are:

1. To supplement the service provided by Southmead Hospital's Renal Units for the treatment, welfare and comfort of its patients by providing such facilities, buildings and equipment as the Association may decide are required from time to time for that purpose.
2. To provide recreational facilities, including holiday accommodation, and arrange social occasions for the Association's members, at the Management Committee's discretion.
3. To assist Southmead Hospital's Renal Department in any way that may be within the capacity of the Association to offer from time to time.
4. To arrange and provide for the holding of public exhibitions, meetings, lectures and other promotional events in support of the Association's work, the work of Southmead Hospital's Renal Units and kidney research and organ donation for transplantation.

Activities

We achieve these objects through our work in partnership with Southmead Hospital Renal Department and their five Renal Dialysis Units.

Our meetings are regularly attended by Medical Consultants from Southmead Hospital Renal Department, one of whom is our President. This keeps us updated on the Department's activity which includes transplant statistics for the unit which is currently leading the country in movement toward organ donation. Other issues reported relate to local and national policy updates, staffing changes, donor peer mentoring and collaborative ways in which we can support their work.

BAKPA has two properties purchased for the benefit of renal patients. Hales House, a two-bedroomed house in Bristol and McAllister House, a three-bedroomed house in Torquay. We continue to ensure these are well maintained and continue provide valued accommodation for patients and relatives. Use of the holiday accommodation at McAllister House has been less than anticipated and we have decided to extend the use of the house to our neighbouring KPA in Gloucester.

On World Kidney Day in March committee members manned a table at Southmead Hospital with BAKPA promotional items and renal disease educational information available to raise awareness of kidney disease. This was opportunity to speak with the public and NHS staff about renal disease and the importance of looking after one's kidneys. The event was well received with literature being taken for by patients and staff from the Outpatient department.

BAKPA continues to support those who participate in a team at the annual British Transplant Games. This year the Games were held in Oxford and for 2026, the planned venue is Sheffield. This year the World Transplant Games were held in Dresden with participants from the Bristol Team attending.

Details of the work we support are provided below under the heading *Achievements and Performance*.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We think that our work provides public benefit in many ways, because the work we do is open to all and makes a tangible difference to people's lives.

We acknowledge the work undertaken and achieved which could not be done without our volunteers. All BAKPA Trustees and Committee members are volunteers, and we are grateful for their contribution.

Achievements and Performance

Dialysis Units

BAKPA has been pleased to continue to support the five Dialysis Units under the medical care of Southmead Hospital Renal Unit.

Following last year's installations of televisions for the benefit of patients at Cossham Dialysis Unit, another unit have asked us about installing televisions and we are awaiting progress of this request which we are keen to support.

We provided greetings cards, gift cards and chocolates as seasonal Christmas gifts to all medical units under the care of the Southmead Renal Unit. The gift cards enable Dialysis Unit staff to buy festive food and drinks for those undergoing dialysis. These gifts have been well received.

A request was received from one of the units for small pocket keyring travel tablet containers for patients. We were happy to help the unit with the provision of these. They were required to help patients with their medication compliance whilst dialysing.

We continue to seek to provide and purchase, when requested, specialist hospital and recreational equipment for the benefit of patients.

Properties

Hales House our property located close to Southmead Hospital enables patients and relatives to stay near to the hospital when they are away from home. This has become more useful with the expansion of the geographical area covered by Southmead Renal Department. The online booking system commenced last year continues to work well.

Hales House provides a very welcome resource for patients and their families, who live outside the Bristol area and who are being treated at the Southmead Hospital Renal Unit. We continue to receive positive comments from patients and relatives using Hales House who leave their comments in the visitors book. A selection of recent entries:

"Truly thankful to all who make this house happen! Having family to support you through this experience is invaluable and Hales house makes that all possible, by having them close to the hospital. We had family visit from all over the UK, Ireland and Australia to support my brother and I in our live donor/transplant journey. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

"Thank you so much for this wonderful house, a lovely calming homely place after long days at the hospital. We are truly grateful. Your work with back power and keeping everything running smoothly is inspiring for those who are involved in transplantation at Bristol. Thank you!"

"We have just had another enjoyable stay at Hales house. It is so convenient for clinic appointments and is always a warm cosy and friendly place to stay. Thank you so much."

"We have used Hales House a couple of times now. It makes early morning appointments at the hospital 'do-able'. The house has always been clean and welcoming."

"Thank you so much for making a difficult staying less stressful! The house is so warm and welcoming, making me less stressed. Thank you again."

We continue to maintain Hales House and have made necessary improvements and changes as these are required.

McAllister House, our second property, purchased in July 2022, provides much needed holidays for patients and their families. It is close to a dialysis unit and use of this will enable patients to continue this treatment whilst on holiday.

We continue to ensure the house is well maintained with necessary improvements implemented and there has been positive feedback and appreciation from those who have used McAllister House.

Transplant Games

The 2025 the British Transplant Games took place in Oxford with the Bristol Team sending 19 competitors. They amassed a total of 34 medals - 14 gold, 15 silver and five bronze!

In August, the World Transplant Games were also held in Dresden, Germany. Nine of the Bristol team were chosen to participate with six of them achieving medals!

BAKPA continue to support both teams and help with the provision of sports kit for competitors.

Partnerships

We work in close relationship with the NHS Southmead Hospital Renal Department's medical and nursing staff. We also continue to work in partnership with the Southmead Hospital Charity (SHC), the charitable department of the hospital, to help meet patient needs. They held their annual SHC Donors' event in June which was attended by our Chair and when BAKPA was well and truly thanked!

Other NHS partnerships include NHS Kidney Peer mentoring and we were pleased to welcome their representatives to a BAKPA committee meeting where we were able to hear about their work and offer our support for the organisation.

We continue to participate in the NHS Kidney Disease Health Integration Team (HIT) (www.bristolhealthpartners.org.uk/health-integrationteams/kidney-disease), a team of clinical staff and patients working together to improve patient outcomes and care pathways for patients with kidney disease.

We were pleased to hear that our campaign and support for a dedicated social worker for renal patients has been successful. We are encouraged that this post will be able to provide the support which renal patients need and look forward to working with the newly appointed social worker.

We have significant partnerships with other Renal organisations including the National Kidney Federation (NKF) who represent UK Kidney Patient Associations (KPA's). We have representation with Trustees and Committee members participating in NKF events and meetings. This year these included the NKF National Conference, KPA Chairs' meeting and the NKF KPA Day. These events provide opportunities to discuss and share with other KPA members on a range of relevant topics. BAKPA is represented each year in the annual NKF KPA's promotional calendar. BAKPA members participate in and contribute to the South West Renal Network a collaboration of NHS organisations, and the South West Patient Voice meeting.

Following attendance at these partnership events, members and trustees report details of the events to BAKPA committee meetings.

Social events and Fundraising

Coffee mornings were hosted by BAKPA at Paulton and St Stephens Church, Southmead where a craft stall was also provided. This was run by church members with all proceeds going to BAKPA.

Following the success of our stall at Stockwood market, this event was repeated again with equal success and was a useful platform to raise awareness of kidney health and to discuss the work BAKPA carries out on behalf of renal patients

Website

We maintain a website (www.bakpa.org.uk) which contains news and information about BAKPA, Hales House, McAllister House, the Transplant Games. This is regularly updated and available to all.

Newsletter

We provide a regular Newsletter for all members. An online version is published on our website, and we also sent paper copies of the newsletter, to best suit our membership.

Membership

We have again made provision for online and paper membership applications.

We are grateful for the help of those voluntarily working behind the screens to ensure the website, newsletter and membership lists are up to date.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

BAKPA's income in 2025 was increased over 2024's income with donations from our many kind and generous donors, individual fundraisers and companies who have contributed to our income. We also received a generous legacy and Gift Aid on eligible donations.

Other fundraisers have kindly donated their time and effort in raising donations for us through charitable giving platforms with social and fundraising events. We receive kind donations in memory of family members, many anonymous donations and regular gifts through standing orders, for which we are grateful.

Both properties saw similar income this year with Hales House expenditure increasing due to work on the garden and house maintenance.

We were pleased to support the Kidney Care UK's annual Young Adults Renal Group residential weekend which is an event held for young people who have a kidney condition to try new activities, make friends, and have fun.

The charity holds a reserve of £30,000 as at the end of the financial year which enables us to meet any commitments or contingencies and hold funds in investment bonds.

At our present levels of income and regular commitments we have no concerns about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees consider that under the Charities Act 2011, the receipts of the charity fall within the range for which an independent examination of the charity's accounts is required, but an audit is not required.

Structure, Governance and Management

BAKPA is governed by a Constitution, version 14, amended 2016. It is an Unincorporated Association. New Trustees may be appointed by the Trustees and members of the charity. Executive Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) are elected at the Annual General Meeting and the Chair holds office for a maximum of three years and may then stand for re-election at each subsequent Annual General Meeting.

The Charity operates in the South West of England, serving all patients under the care of Southmead Hospital Renal Department and is comprised of Trustees and Management Committee members. All Trustees and Committee members work for the Association on a voluntary basis and do not receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than legitimate trustee expenses and there are no paid staff.

BAKPA works on behalf of renal patients under the care of Southmead Hospital North Bristol NHS Trust Renal Department and in partnership with the Southmead Hospital Charity (1055900) through whom some donations are disbursed.

Reference and administrative details


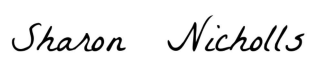
Charity Name	Bristol Area Kidney Patients' Association
Other name the charity uses	BAKPA
Registered Charity Number	271775
Charity's principal address	9 Medina Close, Thornbury, Bristol, BS35 2DJ

Names of the Trustees who manage the charity

Trustee	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
John Gardner	Hales House	
Vicky Gardner	Chair	
Sharon Nicholls	Secretary	
Steve Nicholls	Membership Secretary	
Lesley McAllister	Treasurer	
Colin Marrs	-	
Andy Strange	Fundraiser	Served until his death on 25 November 2025
Anne Strange	Fundraiser	

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	Vicky Gardner	Sharon Nicholls
Position	Chair	Secretary
Date	2nd April 2026	2nd April 2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bristol Area Kidney Patients' Association..

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol Area Kidney Patients' Association for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 2011 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
1. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.

Joshua Kingston

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Date: ~~2nd April 2026~~

BRISTOL AREA KIDNEY PATIENTS ASSOCIATION

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS		
Cash received		
Donations received	79,538	20,059
Donations - Hales House, Bristol	99	394
Accommodation receipts - McAllister House, Torquay	1,210	1,364
Membership subscriptions	327	190
Fundraising	836	358
Bank interest received	5,250	8,454
Gift Aid claims received	2,407	983
TOTAL RECEIPTS	89,667	31,802
PAYMENTS		
Fundraising costs	291	280
Costs of charitable activities		
Hospital funding	2,014	12,093
Hales House Bristol expenses	7,648	13,530
McAllister House Torquay expenses	6,168	4,937
Purchase of laptop	1,011	-
Fees	2,485	5,501
Newsletter	-	99
Website	379	733
Stationery and postage	407	421
Room Hire	300	-
Travel expenses	358	374
Transplant and World Games Subsidy	4,318	3,500
Independent Examiner's fee	100	-
Sundry expenses	236	24
	25,424	41,212
TOTAL PAYMENTS	25,715	41,492
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	63,952	(9,690)

BRISTOL AREA KIDNEY PATIENTS ASSOCIATION**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets		
Freehold property - McAllister House	305,000	305,000
Freehold property - Hales House	52,000	52,000
	<u>357,000</u>	<u>357,000</u>
Current Assets		
Barclays- Community account	7,559	1,984
Barclays - Business premium account	106,672	83,295
Cambridge and Counties bank	120,000	85,000
	<u>234,231</u>	<u>170,279</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>591,231</u></u>	<u><u>527,279</u></u>
Liabilities		
Accounts preparation and Independent Examination	1,380	-
Total Liabilities	<u><u>1,380</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
CASH RESERVES		
Unrestricted funds		
Brought forward	170,279	179,969
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	63,952	(9,690)
	<u>234,231</u>	<u>170,279</u>
Total Reserves	<u><u>234,231</u></u>	<u><u>170,279</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on ~~2nd April 2026~~

Chair of Trustees



Secretary

BRISTOL AREA KIDNEY PATIENTS ASSOCIATION

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

2 All of the charity's funds are Unrestricted.

3 Properties

The charity purchased 'Hales House', a freehold property in Bristol for the use of members undergoing treatment at Southmead Hospital Renal Unit.

The property was purchased in 1998 at a cost of £52,000.

In 1992 the charity purchased McAllister House in Torquay for patients and their families to enjoy a holiday, at a cost of £305,000.

The properties are shown at their original purchase price.

All refurbishment, repair and maintenance costs of the properties are written off as expenditure when they are incurred. It is the opinion of the trustees that the market values of the properties is not less than the values shown in the accounts.