

Registered Charity Number: 282592

The Trustees of the Redlynch Charitable Trust

**Annual report and
unaudited financial statements
for the year ended 5 April 2025**

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Charity information

Trustees	The Hon Mrs Townshend DL J R Townshend
Registered Charity Number	282592
Principal address	The Estate Office Melbury Sampford Dorchester Dorset DT2 0LF
Solicitors	Charles Russell Speechlys LLP 5 Fleet Place London EC4M 7RD
Bankers	National Westminster Plc 2 Hendford Yeovil Somerset BA20 1TN
Independent examiner	Saffery LLP Midland House 2 Poole Road Bournemouth Dorset BH2 5QY

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Annual report For the year ended 5 April 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 5 April 2025.

The Redlynch Charitable Trust is constituted by Deed of Trust dated 14 April 1981 and is a registered charity, No. 282592. The principal address is at The Estate Office, Melbury Sampford, Dorchester, DT2 0LF. The Trustees during the year and at the date of this report were:

The Hon Mrs Townsend DL
Mr J R Townsend

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is managed by the Trustees, who meet regularly to determine the level and destination of donations to be made. The Trustees have power to appoint new Trustees, who are selected on the basis of their relevant skills.

The administration of the Trust is delegated to K T Jutson, the Head of Finance, with all instructions passed to him from the Trustees.

Objectives and activities

The main object of the Trust is to apply income for the benefit of such charity or charities from time to time in existence or for such charitable purposes as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion select.

These objectives are met by making grants to charitable organisations and grants to individuals for the relief of poverty; a full list of donations made is included in note 3 to the accounts.

The Trust is funded mainly by donations from Ilchester Estates.

We have referred to the guidance contained within the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives. We seek to ensure the range of recipients of donations from the Trust ensures that we do meet our obligations in respect of the public benefit of our charitable activities.

Achievements and performance

The results of the charity's activities are summarised on page 5. During the year the charity received donations of £37,210 (2024: £23,600) and grants of £36,418 (2024: £23,835) were distributed across a range of charities as detailed on page 8.

The aim for 2025 is to continue providing grants for the benefit of other charities in order to support their objectives and grants to individuals for the relief of poverty.

The Trust plans to continue providing grants in the future in line with incoming resources.

Investment policy

The Trustees have power to make investments as they see fit. The strategy for investments is one of low risk and as such the assets are held in liquid funds.

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Reserves policy

At 5 April 2025 the unrestricted reserves of the Trust stood at £833 (2024: £67). The Trustees consider the level of the Trust's reserves to be sufficient to meet its charitable objectives. In doing so, they recognise the importance of donations received and will not make grants in excess of the funds available. The Trustees have absolute discretion when making grants and as such the reserves can be maintained at a level to safeguard the future of the Trust.

Risk Management

The Trustees have made an assessment of the major risks to which the Trust is exposed and taken action to mitigate such risks.

Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and its income and expenditure for the financial year. In doing so, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have prepared them from the books and records of the Trust.



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The Hon Mrs Townshend DL
(for the Trustees)

17 September 2025

The Trustees of the Redlynch Charitable Trust

**Annual report
For the year ended 5 April 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Redlynch Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 Trust 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 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.

Hannah Mazrae
Saffery LLP

17 September 2025

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**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 5 April 2025**

		2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Income	Notes		
Donations received:			
Ilchester Estates		36,500	23,500
Sundry donations		710	100
		<u>37,210</u>	<u>23,600</u>
Bank charges		(26)	(8)
		<u>37,184</u>	<u>23,592</u>
Total income			
		37,184	23,592
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Grants payable in furtherance of the charitable objects	3	(36,418)	(23,835)
		<u>(36,418)</u>	<u>(23,835)</u>
Total expenditure			
		(36,418)	(23,835)
Net profit/ (deficit)		766	(243)
Total funds brought forward		67	310
Total funds carried forward		<u>833</u>	<u>67</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these accounts.

All activities are classed as continuing. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included.

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Balance Sheet
For the year ended 5 April 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets		
Other debtors	542	-
Cash at bank	292	69
	834	69
Current liabilities		
Other creditors	(1)	(2)
Net assets	833	67
Represented by		
Unrestricted funds	833	67

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 17th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



The Hon Mrs Townsend DL
Trustee

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Notes to the accounts For the year ended 5 April 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: 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) effective from 1 January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Redlynch Charitable Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity 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.

Preparation of a cash flow statement

The charity has taken the exemption provided in Update Bulletin 1 updating Statement of Recommended Practice: 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) allowing small charities not to prepare a cash flow statement.

Income

Income is recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period when the Trust becomes fully entitled to receipt or if recognition of the receipt is probable. Income is deferred only when the Trust has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Fund accounting

Funds that may be held by the Trust are either:

Unrestricted general funds – these are funds which can be used by the charity in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Designated funds – these are funds set aside by the Trustees out of the unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds – these are funds that can only be used for a particular restricted purpose within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds have been raised for particular restricted purposes.

2 Staff costs

No expenses or reimbursements were paid to the trustees during the year (2024: £nil). No trustees received any remuneration during the year for their services as trustees (2024: £nil).

The Trust has no employees (2024: nil).

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3 Grants payable in furtherance of the charitable objects

The following donations were made:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Abbotsbury PCC	500	500
Cancer Research UK Fundraising Sponsorship	250	-
Chalke Valley History Trust	1,500	1,500
Charlie Waller Trust re CWT Carol	-	500
Countryside Learning (schools day)	2,750	2,750
Dorset Community Foundation	6,000	6,000
Escapeline	-	500
Evershot PCC (St Osmond's Church)	-	500
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust	10,800	1,225
Heather Trust	-	200
Hunt Servants Fund	-	1,500
James' Place	-	500
Kensington and Chelsea Foundation	5,000	5,000
Melbury Osmond PCC	-	500
National Gardens Scheme	900	900
Outland Opera	500	-
Rev Tim Greenslade (Melbury Sampford Church)	400	400
Sherborne Voluntary Ambulance	-	1,000
Strangways Village Trust	360	360
Ukraine Housing	7,458	-
	<u>36,418</u>	<u>23,835</u>