

**THE LORD MAYOR OF BRISTOL'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CHILDREN
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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The Lord Mayor Of Bristol's Christmas Appeal For Children Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 30 June 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

The policy of the charity is to assist in the relief of poverty for disadvantaged children living within the Bristol City Boundary during the Christmas season. The charity also aims to raise sufficient funds to issue food, clothes and toy vouchers just prior to Christmas to circa 1,650 identified disadvantaged children.

Significant Activities

The main activities used by the charity to raise funds are appeal letters, donations, street collection and fund raising events. In addition the charity maintains its reserves to meet its future obligations.

Public Benefit

The main activities used by the charity to raise funds are appeal letters, donations, street collection and fund raising events. In addition the charity maintains its reserves to meet its future obligations.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Mrs Joy Simmonds - Banking executive
Mr Timothy Stringer - Company director
Mrs Leigh Mitchell - Retired

Charity Number

288262

Principal Address

5 West Leaze Place
Bradley Stoke
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Independent Examiner

Christopher Ford FCA Chartered Accountant
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Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

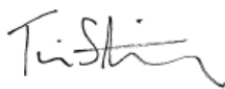
The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Joy Simmonds

Trustee

26 November 2025



Mr Timothy Stringer

Trustee



Mrs Leigh Mitchell

Trustee

**The Lord Mayor Of Bristol's Christmas Appeal For Children
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Lord Mayor Of Bristol's Christmas Appeal For
Children
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Lord Mayor Of Bristol's Christmas Appeal For Children (the Trust) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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 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 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 contents 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.

Chris Ford

Christopher Ford FCA Chartered Accountant
26 November 2025
41 High Street
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**The Lord Mayor Of Bristol's Christmas Appeal For Children
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

		2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	Notes	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	83,971	50,800
Charitable activities:			
Providing food, clothes and toy vouchers to underprivileged children within Bristol		3,973	8,710
Investments	4	-	12
		<u>87,944</u>	<u>59,522</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities:	5		
Providing food, clothes and toy vouchers to underprivileged children within Bristol		(71,140)	(113,150)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>16,804</u>	<u>(53,628)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>16,804</u>	<u>(53,628)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
Total funds brought forward		<u>147,730</u>	<u>201,358</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	10	<u><u>164,534</u></u>	<u><u>147,730</u></u>

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

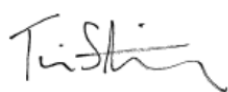
The Lord Mayor Of Bristol's Christmas Appeal For Children
Statement of Financial Position
As At 30 June 2025

		2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		165,728	148,876
		<u>165,728</u>	<u>148,876</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	9	<u>(1,194)</u>	<u>(1,146)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		<u>164,534</u>	<u>147,730</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>164,534</u>	<u>147,730</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>164,534</u>	<u>147,730</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted Funds		<u>164,534</u>	<u>147,730</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	10	<u>164,534</u>	<u>147,730</u>

On behalf of the board



Mrs Joy Simmonds
Trustee
26 November 2025



Mr Timothy Stringer
Trustee



Mrs Leigh Mitchell
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

**The Lord Mayor Of Bristol's Christmas Appeal For Children
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

1. General Information

The Lord Mayor Of Bristol's Christmas Appeal For Children is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 288262. The principal address is 5 West Leaze Place, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 8AF.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "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)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is entitled to the income, the amount can be measured reliably, and receipt is probable.

Donations and legacies

- Donations, gifts, and legacies are recognised when the charity has confirmation of entitlement, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.
- Donated goods and services are recognised as income at their estimated fair value when received, with a corresponding expense for the related use or distribution.

Grants receivable

- Grants are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.
- Where a grant is performance-related, income is recognised only when the conditions attached to its receipt have been met.
- Grants received in advance of entitlement are deferred and recognised as a liability until the conditions for recognition are satisfied.

Charitable activities income

- Income from charitable activities includes fees, contractual payments, and performance-related grants. Such income is recognised when the charity has provided the relevant service or met the performance conditions.

Income from other trading activities

- Income from fundraising events and trading activities is recognised when the event has taken place or the goods have been supplied, net of any related direct costs.

Investment income

- Interest and dividends are recognised on an accruals basis when the right to receive payment is established.

Other income

- Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when receivable.

Deferred income

- Income received in advance of entitlement is deferred until the charity becomes entitled to the income.

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2.3. Donated Goods and Services

Donated goods, facilities, and services are recognised as income when the charity has entitlement to the donated item, it is probable that the economic benefit will be received, and the value can be measured reliably.

- **Donated goods for resale** (e.g. through charity shops or fundraising events) are recognised as income when they are sold, as it is not practical to measure their fair value on receipt. The proceeds from sale are included as income from other trading activities.
- **Donated goods distributed or used by the charity are recognised as income at their fair value upon receipt, with a corresponding expense recorded in the period of use or distribution.**
- **Donated facilities or services** (such as professional advice, volunteer time, or use of premises) are recognised as income at the estimated value to the charity where this can be measured reliably. Where measurement is not practicable, the contribution is described in the Trustees' Annual Report rather than included in the financial statements.
- **Volunteers** - The value of time provided by volunteers is not included in the financial statements, as it cannot be reliably measured, but the contribution of volunteers is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

2.4. Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate costs related to the category. The following accounting policies are applied to each expenditure heading:

- **Expenditure on Raising Funds** - Includes the costs of fundraising events, trading activities carried out to raise income, and the costs of managing investments. These costs include both direct costs and support costs where applicable.
- **Expenditure on Charitable Activities** - Includes all costs incurred in the fulfilment of the charity's objectives. This comprises direct costs of activities undertaken together with associated support costs. Grants payable are recognised when a commitment has been made that cannot be withdrawn, or when the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant.
- **Support Costs and Allocation** - Support costs, which include the central functions such as governance, finance, HR, and IT, are allocated to activity cost categories based on an appropriate cost driver, such as staff time, direct expenditure, or headcount.
- **Governance Costs** - Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. This includes audit fees, legal advice for trustees, and costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

2.5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	£	£
Donations and gifts:		
Donations from individuals	35,199	8,114
Bristol Port Company	17,333	17,333
Barratt Homes	-	3,790
John Lewis	-	2,000
Carol Concerts	4,490	4,897
Member subscriptions and sponsorships	10,000	10,500
DJM Coaching	-	600
Burges Salmon	750	750
Grants:		

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Grants	30	1,531
Donated goods, facilities and services:		
Rotary Club	350	1,285
Dings Crusaders	2,010	-
Ashton Court Mansion	400	-
BB Networking	350	-
Kingston Barnes Pledge	11,059	-
Guild of the Guardians	2,000	-
	<u>83,971</u>	<u>50,800</u>

4. Investment Income

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	-	12

5. Analysis of Expenditure

		2025
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 6)
	£	£
Providing food, clothes and toy vouchers to underprivileged children within Bristol	65,420	5,720
	<u>65,420</u>	<u>5,720</u>

		2024
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 6)
	£	£
Providing food, clothes and toy vouchers to underprivileged children within Bristol	110,160	2,990
	<u>110,160</u>	<u>2,990</u>

6. Support Costs

	2025
	Providing food, clothes and toy vouchers to underprivileged children within Bristol
	£
Premises expenses:	
Rent	400
General administration:	
Insurance	486
Advertising and marketing costs	2,895
Networking	210
Independent examiner's fees	1,194

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Sundry expenses	530
Interest payable:	
Bank charges	5
	5,720
	5,720

	2024
	Providing food, clothes and toy vouchers to underprivileged children within Bristol
	£
General administration:	
Insurance	450
Stationery	551
Advertising and marketing costs	180
Independent examiner's fees	1,146
Sundry expenses	663
	2,990
	2,990

7. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	1,194	1,146
	1,194	1,146

8. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2024: NIL)

9. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	1,194	1,146
	1,194	1,146

10. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 July 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	147,730	87,944	(71,140)	164,534
	147,730	87,944	(71,140)	164,534
Total funds	147,730	87,944	(71,140)	164,534

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	As at 1 July 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	201,358	59,522	(113,150)	147,730
Total funds	<u>201,358</u>	<u>59,522</u>	<u>(113,150)</u>	<u>147,730</u>

11. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

12. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations from individuals	35,199	8,114
Bristol Port Company	17,333	17,333
Barratt Homes	-	3,790
John Lewis	-	2,000
Carol Concerts	4,490	4,897
Bristol Round Table	4,000	5,500
Bristol Masonic Charities	6,000	5,000
DJM Coaching	-	600
Burges Salmon	750	750
Grants	30	1,531
Rotary Club	350	1,285
Dings Crusaders	2,010	-
Ashton Court Mansion	400	-
BB Networking	350	-
Kingston Barnes Pledge	11,059	-
Guild of the Guardians	2,000	-
	83,971	50,800
Charitable Activities:		
Providing food, clothes and toy vouchers to underprivileged children within Bristol		
Gala Dinner (net)	(1,862)	407
Forum for the Built Environment	5,018	6,123
Santa's Sleigh	817	1,133
Street, Supermarket & Bucket Collections	-	1,047
	3,973	8,710
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	-	12
	-	12
	87,944	59,522
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Charitable Activities:		
Providing food, clothes and toy vouchers to underprivileged children within Bristol		
Food/Clothing/Toy Vouchers	(65,045)	(110,160)
Carol Concert costs	(375)	-
Rent	(400)	-
Insurance	(486)	(450)
Stationery	-	(551)
Advertising and marketing costs	(2,895)	(180)
Networking	(210)	-

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (continued)
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Independent examiner's fees	(1,194)	(1,146)
Sundry expenses	(530)	(663)
Bank charges	(5)	-
	<u>(71,140)</u>	<u>(113,150)</u>
	(71,140)	(113,150)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>16,804</u>	<u>(53,628)</u>



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