

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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By order of the Executive Committee

Professor Joanne Edwards, Honorary Treasurer, BACR,
30th October 2024.

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Registered Charity No.289297

Accounts for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

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28 November 2024

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Period Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
From generated funds;					
Voluntary income		-	6,476	6,476	5,999
Activities for generating funds		-	70,607	70,607	84,097
Investment income		-	31,543	31,543	21,112
From charitable activities		-	44,079	44,079	55,847
Total incoming resources		<u>-</u>	<u>152,705</u>	<u>152,705</u>	<u>167,055</u>
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds;					
Costs of generating funds		-	138,398	138,398	124,290
Charitable activities		13,856	61,770	75,626	71,896
Governance costs	2	<u>-</u>	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,586</u>
Total resources expended		<u>13,856</u>	<u>202,628</u>	<u>216,484</u>	<u>198,773</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(13,856)	(49,923)	(63,779)	(31,718)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before holding gains and losses		(13,856)	(49,923)	(63,779)	(31,718)
Transfers between funds					
Holding gains/(losses)-(realised and unrealised)					
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	3	<u>-</u>	<u>64,523</u>	<u>64,523</u>	<u>(76,981)</u>
Net movements in funds		(13,856)	14,600	744	(108,699)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>37,366</u>	<u>1,476,870</u>	<u>1,514,236</u>	<u>1,622,935</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>23,510</u>	<u>1,491,470</u>	<u>1,514,980</u>	<u>1,514,236</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS	4		
Investments		1,104,029	1,039,506
Intangible assets		-	-
Tangible assets		-	-
		<u>1,104,029</u>	<u>1,039,506</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	7,030	4,808
Cash at bank and in hand	6	<u>448,169</u>	<u>510,422</u>
		455,199	515,230
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>44,248</u>	<u>40,500</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/ (LIABILITIES)		<u>410,951</u>	<u>474,730</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,514,980</u>	<u>1,514,236</u>
INCOME FUNDS			
Restricted funds	8	23,510	37,366
Unrestricted funds		<u>1,491,470</u>	<u>1,476,870</u>
		<u>1,514,980</u>	<u>1,514,236</u>

The accounts were approved by the Honorary Treasurer on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Joanne Edwards - Honorary Treasurer
5 November 2024

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 the Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity rounded to the nearest pound.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

The accounts include the results of the charities operations, which include unrestricted and restricted funds.

Restricted funds

The association has the following restricted fund;

The AstraZeneca Fund, which combines the Tom Connors AstraZeneca Fund with the Frank Rose Fund. This fund provides support for both annual BACR AstraZeneca Young Scientist Frank Rose Award Lecture.

Movements in this fund are detailed in Note 8 to the accounts.

Fixed assets investments

Investments are included at market value.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixtures and fittings are written off on a 15% reducing balance basis.

Intangible assets and amortisation

The website development cost has been amortised in full.

Future meetings

Payments made and income received in respect of meetings to be held in a future year are carried forward to be brought into account in the year in which the meetings are held.

Deficit and surpluses on joint meetings

The association makes provision for the receipt, from third party organisers of meetings held during the year, and for payments to third party organisers for the Association's share of any deficits arising on such meetings, only when the sums involved can be accurately quantified, or have been either received or paid, as appropriate.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024, continued

		2024	2023
		£	£
2. SUPPORT COSTS	Allocation		
Committee travel expenses	} Governance	-	246
Accountancy	} Costs	2,460	2,340
University of Leeds - Employee costs	} 50% Charitable activities	82,162	78,082
Bank and PayPal charges		973	703
		<u>85,595</u>	<u>81,371</u>
3 Investment gains/(losses)			
Market value carried forward		1,104,029	1,039,506
Funds invested in the year		-	(200,000)
Market value brought forward		<u>(1,039,506)</u>	<u>(916,487)</u>
Gain/(loss) for the year		<u>64,523</u>	<u>(76,981)</u>
4. FIXED ASSETS			
Investments			
Market Value at 1st April 2023		1,004,987	916,487
Acquisitions at cost		100,201	351,661
Disposals at cost		(97,346)	(129,414)
Gains/(losses) in the period		157	28,238
Unrealised gains/(losses) in the period		<u>78,017</u>	<u>(161,985)</u>
Market Value at 31st March 2024		1,086,016	1,004,987
Cash holding at 31st March 2024		<u>18,013</u>	<u>34,519</u>
		<u>1,104,029</u>	<u>1,039,506</u>
Historical cost at 31st March 2024		<u>855,707</u>	<u>852,851</u>
The Association's investments are managed by Quilter Cheviot Limited.			
Intangible Assets - Website			
Cost at 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024		<u>20,304</u>	<u>20,304</u>
Depreciation at 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024		<u>20,304</u>	<u>20,304</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2024		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Tangible Assets			
Cost at 1st April 2022		-	1,971
Disposals in year		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,971)</u>
At 31 March 2023		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Depreciation at 1st April 2023		-	1,625
Charge for period		-	
Eliminated on disposal		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,625)</u>
Accumulated depreciation at 31st March 2024		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2024		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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	2024	2023
	£	£
5. DEBTORS		
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>7,030</u>	<u>4,808</u>
6. CASH AT BANK		
Current account	100	100
Reserve account	448,069	493,464
Astra - Zeneca	-	13,602
Hamilton - Fairley	-	781
Translational Award	<u>-</u>	<u>2,475</u>
	<u>448,169</u>	<u>510,422</u>
7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
Creditors and accrued expenditure	<u>44,248</u>	<u>40,500</u>
8. RESTRICTED FUNDS	Astra - Zeneca	Total
Balance at 1st April 2023	37,366	37,366
Awards and costs	<u>(13,856)</u>	<u>(13,856)</u>
Balance at 31st March 2024	<u>23,510</u>	<u>23,510</u>
9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		
The Charity is controlled by it's Trustees.		
There have not been any material transactions with any related party during the year.		
10. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS		
The market value of Investments stated in note 4 as at 27 November 2024 was in the sum of £1,139,150 including cash holdings of £26,339.		

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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Income				
Voluntary income				
Donations and Legacies	-	6,476	6,476	5,999
Activities for generating funds				
Tumour Microenvironment and 3D Model Workshop	-	49,946	49,946	84,097
Trailblazers in Cancer Research	-	20,661	20,661	-
Investment income				
Interest and dividends receivable	-	31,543	31,543	21,112
From charitable activities				
Subscriptions	-	43,532	43,532	50,347
Astex Therapeutics contribution to Roger Griffin award	-	-	-	2,000
Astra Zeneca contribution to travel awards	-	-	-	-
Provisions no longer required	-	547	547	3,500
Total income	<u>-</u>	<u>152,705</u>	<u>152,705</u>	<u>167,055</u>
Expenditure				
Costs of generating funds				
BACR conferences	-	85,515	85,515	75,686
Recharged employee costs	-	41,081	41,081	39,041
EACR Membership	-	7,649	7,649	6,391
Printing, postage, stationery, advertising and publications	-	3,666	3,666	2,821
Bank and PayPal charges	-	487	487	352
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities				
Travel awards and bursaries	13,856	20,024	33,880	32,329
National Council for Volunteer Organisations	-	179	179	175
Recharged employee costs	-	41,081	41,081	39,041
Bank and PayPal charges	-	487	487	352
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
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Committee travel and other expenses	-	-	-	246
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