

CHARITY NUMBER: 298127

GATWICK TRAVEL-CARE

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Lauren McDaniel (Chair)
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Trust Deed and the Charities Act 2011.

Structure, governance and management

Gatwick Travel-Care is an Association governed by a constitution adopted 27th October 1987 and is a registered Charity (Charity number 298127).

The Charity is governed by its Management Committee who set the policy of the Charity and who are the Trustees for the purposes of Charity Law.

The Trustees who served during the year, along with changes prior to the date of signing this report, were as follows:

Julie Ayres
Linda Comber (Resigned 30 June 2025)
Lyndsay Siantonas
Lauren McDaniel (Chair)
Karen Edwards
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Noel Turner (Appointed 30 June 2025)

New Trustees are appointed on the basis of relevant knowledge and experience and with the approval of the existing Trustees.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The Charity's mission statement, as agreed by the Trustees, is to offer support to Gatwick passengers in need, ensuring they receive assistance when they have exhausted all other options, thereby enabling their onward journey.

The objectives of the Charity as set out in its governing document are:

To relieve poverty and sickness and advance religion among persons travelling through Gatwick Airport, Gatwick, West Sussex without distinction of sex or political, religious or other options whose problems are outside the scope of the normal services provided by the Airports Authority, Airline Firms and Control Authorities.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 and have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning the activities of the Charity.

Details of how the Charity has achieved this are provided below.

Achievements and performance in the year

It has been positive to see the Airport continue to recover to almost pre-covid levels this year. A total of 11,280 clients including Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office referrals were assisted by Gatwick Travel-Care, compared to 6,886 in 2023/24.

Gatwick Travel-Care continued to benefit from ongoing financial support, with two key grants received from the FCDO and Gatwick Airport Limited. FCDO funding reduced from £20,000 to £15,000 in the year whilst Gatwick Airport Limited remained consistent with the prior year at £27,500.

Donations received during the period were £57,662 (2023/24: £36,405).

Together with the dedicated team of staff, our volunteers continue to be a critical part of Gatwick Travel-Care, bringing a variety of skills and expertise to the charity and providing additional support to Gatwick passengers in need. As at 31 March 2025 volunteer numbers were at 25 (31 March 2024: 22). The team of staff and volunteers, with the support of the Trustees and committee, remain dedicated to providing an excellent service to those most in need whilst travelling through the airport.

Financial Review

In 2024/25 the Charity operated with a financial surplus of £26,369 (2023/24: £10,406). Receipts, primarily from donations and grants, provided an income of £103,630 (2023/24: £87,947). Expenditure of £77,261 (2023/24: £77,541) was incurred during the year on charitable activities.

At the year end this left the Charity with reserves of £200,482 (2023/24: £174,113) comprising the balances carried forward in the bank accounts.

Reserves Policy

Unrestricted funds are funds raised, or grants awarded, to the Charity with no restriction on use other than they must be used in furtherance of the Charity's objectives and comply with the Charity's normal financial management requirements. These represent the Charity's free reserves.

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Charity's needs. This is based on the Charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Risk assessment

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.

The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they are continuing to improve the systems in place to mitigate the significant risks.

Approved by the Trustees on 2/12/25 and signed on their behalf by:



Lauren McDaniel
Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF GATWICK TRAVEL-CARE**

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

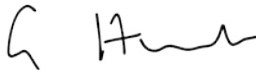
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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
2. 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.



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Date: 8 December 2025

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
RECEIPTS			
Donations, grants and legacies	2	100,162	84,929
Investments	2	<u>3,468</u>	<u>3,018</u>
Total receipts		<u>103,630</u>	<u>87,947</u>
PAYMENTS			
Charitable activities	3	<u>77,261</u>	<u>77,541</u>
Total payments		<u>77,261</u>	<u>77,541</u>
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS			
		26,369	10,406
Fund balance brought forward		<u>174,113</u>	<u>163,707</u>
FUND BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		<u>200,482</u>	<u>174,113</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
ASSETS		
Cash Funds		
Current Accounts	158,569	134,178
Deposit Account	41,913	39,935
	<u>200,482</u>	<u>174,113</u>
Represented by:		
General Fund	200,482	174,113
	<u>200,482</u>	<u>174,113</u>
Assets retained for the Charity's own use		
Fixed Assets		
Equipment	9,524	9,524
Liabilities		
Independent Examiner's fees	1,950	1,880
Accounts preparation fees	1,250	1,200
	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,000</u>

Approved by the Trustees on *2/12/25* and signed on their behalf by:



Lauren McDaniel
Chair

GATWICK TRAVEL-CARE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and these accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners.

All payments and liabilities include VAT where applicable.

2. RECEIPTS

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations, Grants and Legacies		
Gifts and donations	57,662	37,429
Grants	42,500	47,500
	<u>100,162</u>	<u>84,929</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest	3,468	3,018
	<u>3,468</u>	<u>3,018</u>

3. PAYMENTS

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Costs of Charitable Activities		
Direct Costs		
Client loan or grant:	2,751	4,577
Support Costs		
Staff wages, NI and pensions	59,787	56,291
Volunteer expenses	5,123	4,849
General expenses	1,131	1,301
Insurance	1,489	1,506
Office expenses	-	185
IT costs	689	625
Legal and professional fees	4,676	4,044
Advertising and Marketing	293	654
Management expenses	1,287	3,509
Interest expenses	35	-
	<u>77,261</u>	<u>77,541</u>

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4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Charity held no restricted funds during the current or previous financial period.

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No payments were made to Trustees during the current or previous financial period.

6. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions in the current or previous financial period.