

BROOKVALE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
Registered charity No: 526086

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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BROOKVALE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their annual report and the audited financial statements of Brookvale (the "charity") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative information

Charity name	Brookvale
Charity registration number:	526086
Registered office and operational address:	Simister Lane, Prestwich, Manchester, M25 2SF

Trustees

Mr S Pollock	
Mr S Larah	(deceased July 2025)
Mr D Savage	
Mr M Walters	(deceased June 2024)
Mr A Waldman	
Mr A Krauza	(appointed October 2024)
Mr L Taylor	(appointed July 2025)

Principal staff members

Carl Richmond	Chief Executive Officer
Lynne Richmond	Executive Director
Gareth Richmond	Director of Service
Georgia McHugh	Registered Manager

Statutory auditor

Barlow Andrews LLP, Carlyle House, 78 Chorley New Road, Bolton

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc, 8 High Street, Manchester, M60 4AJ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)".

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Brookvale is a registered charity. The organisation was founded in 1951 and is governed by a trust deed adopted on 5 July 1992.

Organisational structure

Brookvale is governed by a board of trustees which meets monthly. The trustees, along with the principal staff members, are responsible for the strategic direction of the charity. They review wages and salaries annually and the remuneration of the key management personnel.

The day to day responsibility and management of the charity rests with the principal staff members. The executive director has overall responsibility for delivering the aims and objectives of Brookvale.

Trustees

The trustees who have served during the year and up to the date of this report are as listed on page 1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees and board

The recruitment and appointment of trustees at Brookvale follows the conditions established within the trust deed.

The board is made up of executives (minimum 5, maximum 8) and committee members (maximum 6 members).

The executive trustees are able to propose and appoint trustees who in their opinion would benefit the objectives of the organisation.

Trustee induction and training

All trustees undergo an induction process into the workings of Brookvale. The induction covers the obligations of board members and their responsibilities, main documents setting out the organisation's mission, vision and values, financial background and key strategic priorities.

Risk management

The trustees are continuing to review major strategies, business and operational risks which the charity faces, and consider that the existing systems in place are adequate to manage identified risks to an acceptable level.

Objectives and activities

Principal objectives

The principal object of the charity is the relief and care of persons with mental handicap learning disabilities.

In furtherance of the above object, the organisation shall have the power:

- (a) To establish and maintain residential homes and day centres for people and therein to provide remedial, occupational and social training.
- (b) To establish and maintain holiday homes for the benefit of residents of such residential homes.
- (c) To raise funds from public and private sources for the efficient performance of these objects.

Each year the trustees review the objectives and activities of the charity to ensure they continue to reflect our aims and to provide a public benefit. The trustees are more than satisfied that they do.

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Achievements, performance and future plans

As we entered 2024 there was trepidation as to what the year ahead would bring us here at Brookvale in view of the challenges we have faced over the last few years.

The charity is almost fully reliant on the fees received from Local Authorities (the rates of which increase at a far lower percentage than increases in essential expenditure) and the rental income from our investment properties, as donations continue to diminish.

In this ongoing cost of living crisis challenges to all involved in Social Care continue to be significant.

To the credit of Management, with their robust budgeting review some substantial cost cutting has been made, which has placed the charity on an even keel.

There have been cost reductions in laundry and food costs, due to our strong relationships with our suppliers and being able to negotiate better deals, together with utilities generally. We have also renegotiated three long-standing care packages for residents whose needs have changed significantly with age, the new fees being a more current reflection of the care and time required.

Despite the reduction in running costs the Charity was hit by a huge blow in relation to our water costs. Out of the blue at the end of 2024 we received the notification from our water supplier that a 'Smart Meter', which had been fitted 5 years previously, had been faulty and did not match up with the actual water meter. In short, we were told that we had under paid for the water supply to the tune of £345,000 during that 5 year period. Of course, this came as a huge shock and it highlighted that there was a considerable issue with leakage. As the fault lay with the water supplier, we were able to negotiate a substantial allowance, reducing the amount owing to £225,000. This was still a considerable burden to the charity, despite the fact it was agreed that the amount be paid back in monthly instalments.

The size of the bill prompted investigation into leakages on the site. After a long period of investigation it was established that there was a considerable leak due to a burst pipe deep underground in the area outside of North View. A large amount of ground works were necessary to reach and replace the damaged water pipe. This again was at great cost to the Charity. Following replacement of the water pipes the monthly bills have reduced dramatically.

There are also the constant costs of repairs and renewals, of course, which is to be expected in view of the size of the complex.

Regardless of the sizeable running costs, we continue to strive to provide outstanding care for our residents. The robust and supportive Management, together with a very loyal team of care staff, ensures that high quality care continues to be provided to all. Morale amongst our staff remains high and they are looked after by the charity by paying them a real living wage.

Residents remain fit and well and we were happy to welcome our newest and youngest resident, Harley Dudson in July 2024. Harley is just 18 and has significant needs; nonetheless, he has settled in very well indeed.

Sadly, in June 2024 we lost one of Brookvale's stalwarts: Maurice Walters could be described as "Mr Brookvale" as he was one of the co-founders of the charity whose daughter was a resident at Brookvale until her early passing. He was the Finance Director for Brookvale until his late 80's, before becoming a Trustee. His innovative style future-proofed Brookvale far into the future, with his canny investments and setting up of a solar field and wind turbines on site. The income these renewables produce offsets the cost of the utilities significantly. Maurice continues to be greatly missed by all.

It is also with deep sadness that we announce the passing of one of our longest standing Trustees, Sid Larah. He committed a large amount of his personal time for the benefit of Brookvale and its smooth running. He will be sadly missed by all.

On a brighter note, we were delighted to welcome Andrew Krauza as a new Trustee. Andrew has a wealth of experience in the world of banking and we expect him to be a considerable asset to our charity. Since the year end, we have had another addition to the Board of Trustees by way of Lee Taylor. We are very much looking forward to working alongside him.

In conclusion, 2024 was another challenging year for us, as it was for all in the care sector; however, there appear to be shoots of recovery. We are optimistic for the year ahead and with the continued hard work of the management and the support of a strong Board of Trustees the future is bright.

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Financial review

The results for the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9 and our financial position at the end of the year is shown in the Balance Sheet on page 10.

We had net expenditure of £711,285 for the year. After net gains of £288,479 on revaluation of investments and investment properties our net reduction in funds was £422,806. Expenditure on charitable activities exceeded income from charitable activities by over £1m, again underlining the importance of having strong income streams from our investments and investment properties. We are also grateful, as ever, for the donations and bequests received each year.

The financial position of Brookvale remains healthy and there are no going concern issues.

Principal funding sources

The majority of our income is generated from the provision of services to local authority social services departments, who are meeting the needs of individuals (most are fully funded).

Investment policy

The trustees are of the opinion that investments must be as safe as possible and therefore monies are placed with various banks in longer term fixed interest deposit accounts and checked on a regular basis. We also have monies invested with National Savings and Investments. In addition, we have some shares that were bequeathed to Brookvale over the years by various people and these have been retained to increase in value or to add the dividends to our income.

We also have our investment property portfolio. The rates of return are generally much better than can be achieved on bank deposits and other traditional investment types, and the investment is in properties which are unlikely to decrease in value.

Reserves policy

We are in a strong financial position, but the review of the year on page 3 demonstrates that we dare not be complacent and we must maintain our sound reserves base. There continues to be pressure on fees from local authorities, as discussed earlier. The ongoing difficult economic climate underlines the soundness of our policy to build a healthy reserves position, which enables us to withstand potential falls in income which might otherwise compromise the high quality of our services. We aim to maintain sufficient reserves (excluding the net book value of our tangible fixed assets) to cover up to 2 years' full running costs of over £8m. At 31 December 2024 the balance of our unrestricted funds, less the net book value of our tangible fixed assets, totalled £7,441,634.

The Building and Subsidy Fund stands at £5,270,408 at 31 December 2024. It is a designated fund which the trustees believe is required to maintain the buildings and other tangible fixed assets of the charity to a high standard for the long term and to underpin our charitable activities should funding be significantly hit at any stage. The fund will be used as and when required.

Our free reserves at year end stand at £2,171,226. This represents approximately 6 months of current annual expenditure on charitable activities and is below the target level of 2 years' full running costs per above.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the trustees have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

A resolution for the reappointment of Barlow Andrews LLP as auditor is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The trustees recommend that Barlow Andrews LLP remain in office until further notice.

Approved by the trustees on and signed on its behalf:

S Pollock
Trustee

15 August 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BROOKVALE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Brookvale for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BROOKVALE

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities including fraud. Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience;
- we focussed on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
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To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions; and
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

David Kay (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Barlow Andrews LLP
Statutory Auditor
Carlyle House, 78 Chorley New Road, Bolton

15 August 2025

Barlow Andrews LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

BROOKVALE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	15,585	39,550
Investments	4	333,708	321,185
Charitable activities	5	3,343,762	3,099,294
Total Income		3,693,055	3,460,029
Expenditure on:			
Cost of generating funds	7	51,037	48,613
Charitable activities	8	4,353,303	4,185,598
Total expenditure		4,404,340	4,234,211
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses on investments		(711,285)	(774,182)
Net gains/(losses) on investments and investment properties	6	288,479	337,550
Net movement in funds		(422,806)	(436,632)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		10,778,933	11,215,565
Total funds carried forward	19	10,356,127	10,778,933

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All of the charity's operations are classed as continuing and all income and expenditure relates to unrestricted funds.

BROOKVALE
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	12	2,914,493	3,239,376
Investment properties	13	4,951,701	4,626,701
Investments	14	2,034,714	2,727,721
		9,900,908	10,593,798
Current assets			
Debtors	15	141,669	168,365
Cash at bank and in hand		830,966	332,103
		972,635	500,468
Current liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	16	(517,416)	(315,333)
Net current assets		455,219	185,135
Total net assets			
		10,356,127	10,778,933
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	19	10,356,127	10,778,933
Total charity funds		10,356,127	10,778,933

The accounts were approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf:

S Pollock
Trustee

15 August 2025

BROOKVALE
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net movement in funds for the year	(422,806)	(436,632)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	285,735	307,571
Gains on investments	(288,479)	(337,550)
Investment income	(333,708)	(321,185)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	26,697	(28,400)
Increase in creditors	202,081	60,555
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	(530,480)	(755,641)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Income from investments and investment properties	333,708	321,185
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,195)	(105,186)
Net cash generated from investing activities	329,513	215,999
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(200,967)	(539,642)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year	3,033,508	3,573,150
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year (see below)	2,832,541	3,033,508
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and in hand	830,966	332,103
Cash deposits held as investments	2,001,575	2,701,405
	2,832,541	3,033,508

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies

Brookvale is an unincorporated registered charity, governed by a trust deed adopted on 5 July 1992. The registered office is Simister Lane, Prestwich, Manchester.

a) Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value.

b) Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, 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 accounts.

c) Charitable funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which represent accumulated income less direct charitable expenditure and other expenditure. They are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by trustees for particular purposes, as explained further in note 19 to the accounts.

d) Income

Income is generally recognised on a receivable basis and is reported gross of related expenditure, where the amount is reasonably certain and when there is adequate certainty of receipt.

The specific bases used are as follows.

- Donations and legacies are generally accounted for as received.
- Investment income, including rents from investment properties, is recognised on a receivable basis.
- Income from residential care and similar activities is accounted for in the period to which it relates. Any such income received in advance is deferred until entitlement to the income has arisen, at which time it is credited to the statement of financial activities. Any such income which arises in the period prior to the invoice being raised, is recognised as accrued income and credited to the statement of financial activities.
- Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is a reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the money will be received.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

e) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is included under expense categories which aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

Expenditure is recognised when it is incurred and is reported gross of related income on the following bases:

- Charitable expenditure comprises direct expenditure including direct staff costs attributable to its activities.
- Governance costs include costs incurred in the governance of the charity's assets and costs directly associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.
- Support costs include the central functions, including the staff costs of management, and are based on the time spent on a particular activity.
- Cost of raising funds comprises direct expenditure incurred on rental properties, including staff costs attributable to its activities.

f) Investments

Investments intended to be held long term are initially measured at transaction price and then subsequently measured at fair value at each financial reporting date. Market value is used as a representation of fair value. Changes in fair value are recognised in the statement of financial activities for the year and transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

g) Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially measured at cost and subsequently measured using the fair value model and stated at its fair value at the financial reporting date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the statement of financial activities for the year.

h) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £2,000 are capitalised and included in the balance sheet at their cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of those assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives, as follows.

Freehold land	Nil
Simister Lane buildings	2.5% straight line
Swimming pool complex	7.5% reducing balance
Holiday homes	2.5% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance

j) Pensions

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees, administered by independent managers, the assets of which are held separately from those of the charity. The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

k) Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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l) Taxation

The organisation has charitable status and remains exempt from taxation of its income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that they are applied to its charitable objectives.

m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, bank deposits held at call and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

n) Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include cash and bank balances and trade debtors, are measured at transaction price.

Other financial assets

Financial assets classified as other financial assets, such as investments, are stated at fair value. Any gains or losses arising on re-measurement are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, which include other creditors, are recognised at transaction price.

2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows:

Investment properties

The fair value of the charity's investment properties has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at that date by the charity's trustees with the assistance of local experts, based on market evidence and local knowledge.

The most recent valuation, which was carried out by Clive Anthony Estates Limited, was performed in early 2024.

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3. Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	15,585	38,050
Legacies	-	1,500
	<u>15,585</u>	<u>39,550</u>

4. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rental income	213,027	217,134
National Savings investment	170	799
Bank interest	120,511	103,252
	<u>333,708</u>	<u>321,185</u>

5. Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Provision of residential, respite and day care	3,343,762	3,099,294
	<u>3,343,762</u>	<u>3,099,294</u>

6. Net gains on investments and investment properties

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gains on revaluation of UK listed investments	6,823	5,729
Gains on revaluation of investment properties	281,656	331,821
	<u>288,479</u>	<u>337,550</u>

7. Costs of generating funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Property costs	19,403	29,102
Support costs in administration of investments etc.	31,634	19,511
	<u>51,037</u>	<u>48,613</u>

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8. Costs of charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Directly allocated costs		
Provisions	197,021	202,266
Water and council tax	252,757	20,015
Insurance	56,007	52,792
Gas and electricity	188,029	209,868
Motor and travel expenses	24,342	22,687
Medical supplies	65,871	67,306
Professional fees	19,219	26,210
Nursing agency fees	620,567	580,711
Laundry and cleaning	53,014	57,510
Staff training and educational development	19,628	32,037
Printing, stationery and advertising	10,927	12,408
Telecommunications	51,928	32,337
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	189,410	214,897
Land and garden expenses	14,719	5,656
Sundry expenses	25,236	30,362
Bedding	4,469	7,255
Bank charges	2,517	2,709
Wages and salaries	1,802,895	1,825,263
National insurance	167,252	169,529
Pension costs	40,100	40,433
Depreciation	285,735	307,571
	4,091,643	3,919,822
Support costs		
Wages and salaries	205,517	205,272
National insurance	25,223	25,190
Pension costs	2,521	2,521
Accountancy and payroll fees	11,580	14,370
	244,841	247,353
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	10,800	13,506
Trustee indemnity insurance	6,019	4,917
	16,819	18,423
	4,353,303	4,185,598

Support costs include the central functions, including the staff costs of management, and are based on the time spent on a particular activity.

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9. Net income

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	285,735	307,571
Auditors' remuneration	10,800	13,506
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,008,412	2,030,535
Social Security costs	192,475	194,719
Pension costs (see note 11)	42,621	42,954
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>2,243,508</u>	<u>2,268,208</u>

The average number of employees was:

	2024	2023
Carers and auxiliary staff	59	64
Management and administration of the charity	7	7
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>66</u>	<u>71</u>

The number of employees whose total employee benefits, excluding pension contributions, were over £60,000, classified within bands of £10,000, is as follows:

	2024	2023
£60,000 - £69,999	3	2
£110,000 - £119,999	1	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The employee benefits of the key management personnel totalled £430,026 (2023: £426,352).

No remuneration or expenses, directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity, were paid or payable during the year to any trustee or to any persons known to be connected to them. The charity spent £6,019 (2023: £4,917) in the purchase of insurance to indemnify the trustees against the consequences of any neglect or default in relation to the charity.

11. Pension costs

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees, administered by independent managers, the assets of which are held separately from those of the charity. The pension charge in note 10 represents contributions due from the charity in the year.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Simister Lane land and buildings £	Holiday homes £	Fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 January 2024	5,583,547	400,879	3,137,698	100,375	9,222,499
Additions	-	-	4,195	-	4,195
Transfer to investment property	(222,495)	-	-	-	(222,495)
At 31 December 2024	5,361,052	400,879	3,141,893	100,375	9,004,199
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2024	3,560,703	180,804	2,165,861	75,755	5,983,123
Charge for the year	125,167	10,044	144,445	6,079	285,735
Transfer to investment property	(179,151)	-	-	-	(179,151)
At 31 December 2024	3,506,719	190,848	2,310,306	81,834	6,089,707
Net book values					
At 31 December 2024	1,854,333	210,031	831,587	18,541	2,914,492
At 31 December 2023	2,022,844	220,075	971,837	24,620	3,239,376

Included in land and buildings is freehold land costing £5,078 (2023: £5,078) which is not depreciated.

All properties are freehold with the exception of holiday homes, which are long leasehold.

13. Investment properties

At valuation	£
At 1 January 2024	4,626,701
Transfer from tangible fixed assets	43,344
Revaluation	281,656
At 31 December 2024	4,951,701

Investment property comprises a portfolio of 13 properties held with the intention of obtaining rental income. The valuation of investment properties is considered on a rolling basis each year based on market evidence and local knowledge. The most recent valuation, which was carried out by Clive Anthony Estates Limited, was performed in early 2024.

The historical cost of the investment properties is £4,132,747 (2023: £3,959,388).

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14. Fixed asset investments

	Brought forward £	Additions £	Disposals £	Interest/ revaluation £	Carried forward £	% Share of total
Cash deposits:						
Israeli Bonds	2,650,000	1,400,000	(2,050,000)		2,000,000	98.29
N S & I	51,405	50,000	(100,000)	170	1,575	0.08
	<u>2,701,405</u>	<u>1,450,000</u>	<u>(2,150,000)</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>2,001,575</u>	<u>98.37</u>
UK listed investments	26,316	-	-	6,823	33,139	1.63
	<u>2,727,721</u>	<u>1,450,000</u>	<u>(2,150,000)</u>	<u>6,993</u>	<u>2,034,714</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Investments are stated at their fair value (see note 1f).

15. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade receivables - amounts due for provision of care	8,256	694
Prepayments and accrued income	108,413	167,671
Sundry debtors	25,000	-
	<u>141,669</u>	<u>168,365</u>

16. Current liabilities

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade payables	94,375	45,227
PAYE and national insurance	41,606	44,181
Pension creditors	327	619
Accruals	289,870	104,528
Deferred income	86,193	114,741
Other creditors	5,045	6,037
	<u>517,416</u>	<u>315,333</u>

Deferred income is in respect of amounts invoiced to local authorities, which can include an element of income relating to post-year end. The amounts involved can vary from one period to another.

17. Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Being trade receivables, cash and bank balances and fixed asset investments	<u>2,898,936</u>	<u>3,060,518</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Being current liabilities excluding deferred income and PAYE and national insurance	<u>389,617</u>	<u>156,411</u>

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

All funds, including designated funds, are unrestricted and therefore all assets and liabilities relate to unrestricted funds.

19. Movements in funds

	Balance at start of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment gains £	Balance at end of year £
<u>Current year</u>					
Designated funds					
Building and Subsidy Fund (see note below)	5,258,718	11,690	-	-	5,270,408
General funds					
General Fund	5,520,215	3,681,365	(4,404,340)	288,479	5,085,719
Total unrestricted funds	10,778,933	3,693,055	(4,404,340)	288,479	10,356,127
<u>Prior year</u>					
Designated funds					
Building and Subsidy Fund (see note below)	5,249,327	9,391	-	-	5,258,718
General funds					
General Fund	5,966,238	3,450,639	(4,234,212)	337,550	5,520,215
Total unrestricted funds	11,215,565	3,460,030	(4,234,212)	337,550	10,778,933

Designated funds: The Building and Subsidy Fund represents funds which the trustees believe are required to maintain the buildings and other tangible fixed assets of the charity to a high standard for the long term and to underpin our charitable activities should regular funding streams be significantly hit at any point.

20. Related party transactions

In the prior year one of the investment properties was rented to Mr M Walters (trustee). This property is now rented to Ms G McHugh (Registered Manager), given its close proximity to Brookvale. Another of the investment properties is rented to Mr G Richmond (Director of Services).