

THE RALPH BATES PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH FUND
UNAUDITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2025

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CONSTITUTION

The Ralph Bates Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund is a Registered Charity, No. 1007819 and was formed on 17 January 1992. The fund is governed by a Trust Deed and managed by the Trustees.

PATRON AND TRUSTEE

SIR PETER BLAKE. CBE. RDI.RA

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Virginia Bates
Dr John Glees MD, FRCR
Mr Michael Bridge FCA
Mrs. Sharon Sullivan
Mr. Nigel Baly. Bsc. MRICS
Mr. Les Biggs ACIS (Secretary)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees are pleased to present their report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

OBJECTIVES AND ORGANISATION OF THE CHARITY

The Charity was constituted under a Trust Deed dated 17 January 1992, the principal objectives of which are:

“Both capital and Income of the Fund shall be applied by the Trustees for all or any of the following purposes:-

- a) To promote research into pancreatic cancer and associated diseases, disabilities and conditions by way of grant, remuneration, loans, or other assistance for persons, hospitals, universities, colleges, institutions, corporate bodies, charities, trust or other engaged in such research.
- b) To carry out or participate in such research directly.
- c) To provide relief and comfort for pancreatic cancer sufferers either directly or through any hospital, charity, institution or other party engaged in such work.
- d) To establish, endow, fund or assist fellowship bursaries or scholarships linked with the name Ralph Bates and tenable by persons engaged wholly or mainly in pancreatic cancer research or treatment.

The Trustees who served in the year are set out on Page 1 of the financial statements. There are no subcommittees. The existing Board of Trustees is responsible for appointing other Trustees. When considering candidates, the Trustees take into account any professional qualifications, clinical or other relevant experience and the candidate's potential contribution to the Charity.

The Trustees have been mindful of, and ensured that, the Charity has acted in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance as pertains to public benefit.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE PLANS

Our research work at St George's, University of London has continued steadily during the year. The focus has been on identifying novel therapeutics that can potentially target pancreatic cancer cells. Several combination treatments have been investigated to ascertain how the combination of drugs affect pancreatic cell movement, viability and survival. This is particularly important when the process of metastasis is considered, which occurs when cancerous cells move from their primary site and spread to other organs and tissues.

The research team feel they are making real strides on delving into ways to fight pancreatic cancer. Its difficult to expand further about the results as they are commercially sensitive and defined established protocols have to be followed prior to publication.

Donations were significantly down on the prior year due to our having participated last year in an appeal in the memory of a Richard Nevill, who unfortunately died of pancreatic cancer during the appeal. The research team which the appeal is funding, is now based at the University of Birmingham. Our involvement in the appeal has now ceased.

TRUSTEES' REPORT – Continued.

However , the receipt of donations currently remains lower than we would like and this could probably be said about many small charities. The Trustees are actively involved in fundraising and are exploring all avenues to ensure the Fund can meet its aim of finding a cure for a terrible illness. In August 2024, the business and assets of St George's were merged with City, University of London. St George's is known as "City, St George's, University of London". The merger has had no effect on our charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year donations and other income amounted to £30,945 (2024 - £90,516) and expenditure was £10,962 (2024 - £215,997) leaving a surplus of Income over Expenditure of £19,983 (2024 – deficit of £125,480), which is transferred to the Unrestricted Funds brought forward which stood at minus -£24,757 and Restricted £498, leaving a balance carried forward of minus -£4,276 (2024 – minus £24,259).

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees attempt to retain income and reserves to enable the funding known and potential expenditure of future research into pancreatic cancer and associated diseases, disabilities and conditions.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate the Charity's exposure to the major risks. This includes consideration from 2021 to 2025 of the impact of COVID19.



Signed on behalf of the Board

L R BIGGS - Trustee

Dated: 11 August 2025.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 31 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or the statement I have made.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Charity 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

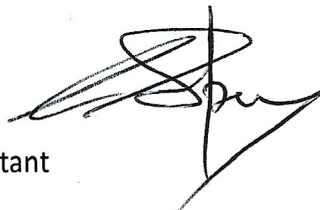
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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:

- a) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as require by section 130 of the Act; or
- b) The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- c) The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of the 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; or
- d) The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

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. Whilst the net worth is in deficit , the cash flow projections and contractual agreements give confidence in the funding of the research for future years.

C W SOPER FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
20 Furzen Close
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Dated: 17 August 2025 .

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	<i>As Restated Total Funds</i>
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM				
Donations and Legacies (Inc Gift Aid)	£21,200	£8,300	£29,500	<i>£87,866</i>
Investment Income	£1,445	£0	£1,445	<i>£2,650</i>
TOTAL	£22,645	£8,300	£30,945	<i>£90,516</i>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising Funds	£2,662	£0	£2,662	<i>£4,943</i>
Charitable Activities	£0	£8,300	£8,300	<i>£211,054</i>
TOTAL	£2,662	£8,300	£10,962	<i>£215,997</i>
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	£19,983	£0	£19,983	<i>-£125,480</i>
FUNDS BALANCES B/Fwd	-£24,259	£0	-£24,259	<i>£101,221</i>
FUNDS BALANCES C/Fwd	-£4,276	£0	-£4,276	<i>-£24,259</i>

All amounts derive from continuing activities.

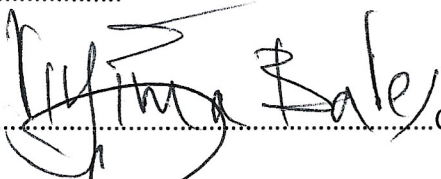
The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	£2,298		£2,538	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	£81,187		£60,963	
		<hr/>	£83,485	<hr/>	£63,502
CREDITORS					
Amounts Falling due within one Year	8		£57,760		£27,759
			<hr/>		£35,743
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
Amounts Falling due after more than one year	9		£30,001		£60,002
			<hr/>		£24,259
NET ASSETS					
			<hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> <hr/>
Represented by:					
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	10		-£4,276		-£24,757
RESTRICTED FUNDS	10		£0		£498
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			-£4,276		-£24,259

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on:

Date: 11 August 2025.

V Bates  Chairperson

L R Biggs  Trustee

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) The Charity is registered in England and Wales. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical basis. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to the charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (the FRS 102 Charities SORP).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published 1 January 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has been withdrawn.

- (b) Going Concern – The Trustees confirm that at the time of approving the financial statements, there are no material uncertainties regarding the Charity's ability to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In arriving at this conclusion, The Trustees have taken account of current and anticipated financial performance in the current economic conditions, its Corporate Plan and its reserves position as referred in the Trustees report.
- (c) Donations are included in the statement of financial activities when received, except donations from sponsorship of events which are accounted in the year in which the event takes place. Bank interest is included in the statement of financial activities on the basis of the amount receivable in respect of each financial year.
- (d) Expenditure is included in the financial statements when incurred, except costs related to fund raising events which are accounted for in the year in which the event takes place. Grants for research are included when a legal obligation arises.
- (e) Restricted funds comprise monies received subject to specific conditions required by the donor and binding on the Trustees and relate to a specific research project. Unrestricted funds are made up of all other donations and interest and are for general use.
- (f) The charity only has financial assets and liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognized at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.
- (g) Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at a fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

- (h) Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash within significant risk of change of value.
- (i) Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities including bank loans are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

2. JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING THE ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY.

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts 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 recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There were no judgement or material estimation uncertainties affecting the reported financial performance in the current or prior year.

3. REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES OF THE TRUSTEES.

None of the Trustees received any remuneration for their services or reimbursement for expenses incurred during the year. (2024 - £nil).

4.EMPLOYEES

The charity does not employ any staff. During the year there were 7 Trustees (2024- 7).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)**5. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Unrestricted	2025	2024
	Funds	£	£
Expenditure on Raising Funds			
Website, online agency costs, event Entry costs and commissions		1,745	3,566
Expenditure on Charitable Activities			
Research studentship and tuition fees at:			
- St George's University of London			90,003
- University of Birmingham		8,300	121,051
- Independent Examiners Fees		500	500
- Printing , Postage , Stationery,		346	876
- Telephone and Miscellaneous Items		72	
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