

Charity registration number: 1012303

The Willan Charitable Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Willan Charitable Trust

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mrs L.E. Willan Ms J.G.E. Willan Mr K. Alderson Mr R. Willan
Charity Registration Number	1012303
Principal Office	2 Brooklands Road Sale Cheshire M33 3SS
Independent Examiner	McKellens Ltd Chartered Accountants 11 Riverview The Embankment Business Park Vale Road Heaton Mersey Stockport SK4 3GN

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The trust receives dividends from its shares in unlisted UK companies, interest on its special interest bank account and Authorised Trust investment and specific donations. It applies this income to giving grants to approved beneficiaries in accordance with its trust deed.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

The charity received £34,552 (2024: £32,849) income in the year (excluding revaluation of investments) and made donations of £19,000 (2024:£202,000)

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 9 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs L.E. Willan
Chairman and trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare 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 period. 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 presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 9 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs L.E. Willan
Chairman and trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Willan Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Willan Charitable Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of The Willan Charitable 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 The Willan Charitable Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 Willan Charitable 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 accounting requirements concerning the form and content 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.



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23 January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Investment income	2	34,552	34,552
Total income		34,552	34,552
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities		(20,181)	(20,181)
Other expenditure	4	(11)	(11)
Total expenditure		(20,192)	(20,192)
Gains/losses on investment assets		291,014	291,014
Net income		305,374	305,374
Net movement in funds		305,374	305,374
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		6,169,591	6,169,591
Total funds carried forward	12	6,474,965	6,474,965
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Investment income	2	32,849	32,849
Total income		32,849	32,849
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities		(203,062)	(203,062)
Other expenditure	4	(13)	(13)
Total expenditure		(203,075)	(203,075)
Gains/losses on investment assets		101,716	101,716
Net expenditure		(68,510)	(68,510)
Net movement in funds		(68,510)	(68,510)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		6,237,999	6,237,999
Total funds carried forward	12	6,169,489	6,169,489

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 12.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	9	5,567,563	5,276,549
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	10	908,464	894,003
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(1,062)</u>	<u>(1,063)</u>
Net current assets		<u>907,402</u>	<u>892,940</u>
Net assets		<u>6,474,965</u>	<u>6,169,489</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>6,474,965</u>	<u>6,169,489</u>
Total funds	12	<u>6,474,965</u>	<u>6,169,489</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 13 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 9 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs L.E. Willan
Chairman and trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Willan Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

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Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Investments

Investments are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from dividends;			
Dividends receivable from other unlisted investments	22,025	22,025	19,729
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	12,527	12,527	13,120
	34,552	34,552	32,849

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grant funding of activities	Note	19,000	19,000	202,000
Governance costs		1,181	1,181	1,062
		20,181	20,181	203,062

4 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank charges	11	11	13
	11	11	13

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	1,103	1,103	984
Other fees paid to examiners	78	78	78
	1,181	1,181	1,062

6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions	
	2025 £	2024 £
Analysis		
The Brooke Animal Hospital	-	2,000
Help for Heroes	-	4,000
Leonard Cheshire Disability	2,000	2,000
British Red Cross	-	34,000
Royal British Legion	-	19,000
The Salvation Army	17,000	2,000
Scope	-	4,000
Shelter	-	3,000
Sightsavers	-	6,000
Street Paws	-	2,000
Trussell Trust	-	62,000
The Wheely Boat Trust	-	4,000
Wood Street Mission	-	4,000
Cancer Research	-	2,000
Guide Dogs for the Blind	-	1,000
Disasters Emergency Committee	-	50,000
Emeline's Pantry	-	1,000
	19,000	202,000

The support costs associated with grant-making are £Nil (31 March 2024 - £Nil).

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7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

9 Fixed asset investments

Other investments

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 April 2024	198,303	5,078,246	5,276,549
Revaluation	<u>8,702</u>	<u>282,312</u>	<u>291,014</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>207,005</u>	<u>5,360,558</u>	<u>5,567,563</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>207,005</u>	<u>5,360,558</u>	<u>5,567,563</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>198,303</u>	<u>5,078,246</u>	<u>5,276,549</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	<u>908,464</u>	<u>894,003</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	<u>1,062</u>	<u>1,063</u>

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>6,169,591</u>	<u>325,566</u>	<u>(20,192)</u>	<u>6,474,965</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Fixed asset investments	5,567,563	5,567,563
Current assets	908,464	908,464
Current liabilities	(1,062)	(1,062)
Total net assets	<u>6,474,965</u>	<u>6,474,965</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	5,276,549	5,276,549
Current assets	894,003	894,003
Current liabilities	(1,063)	(1,063)
Total net assets	<u>6,169,489</u>	<u>6,169,489</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

