

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5th April 2025  
for  
The Douglas Prestwich Charitable Trust

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The Douglas Prestwich Charitable Trust

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for the Year Ended 5th April 2025

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 5th April 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The objects of the Trust are to apply such income and/or capital of the Trust, as not required for its administration costs, to such charitable purposes as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.

The developed policy of the Trustees in the past has been to benefit the improvement of welfare to the elderly, in particular those in need of hospice care and those requiring mechanical or engineering aids. In support of these aims, the Trustees have had a policy of supporting engineering development and funding research, as well as supporting major work projects at hospices. Grant making had previously been suspended in order to preserve the remaining capital value of the fund, while the Trustees continued to review the financial position of the Trust and its future sustainability. The Trustees are now committed to re-establishing the grant making in the year to 5th April 2026.

The Trustees consider that the Trust meets the public benefit requirements for a charity as set out by the Charities Commission. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

### **Significant activities**

The Trustees' policy is to aid the improvement of welfare to the elderly. In particular, this includes supporting hospices and day centres for the elderly and providing financial assistance to organisations that research and provide mechanical or engineering aids for the elderly. This includes assisting with capital projects from the Trust's capital. The Trustees' focus is on smaller hospices and charities, where information about their work is already known to them or easily accessible, and where grants are likely to make a significant difference to the work undertaken.

### **Grantmaking**

The Trustees' policy is to review applications for funding at Trustees' meetings. Applications may be received from both invited and uninvited organisations, although in the case of uninvited applications only those considered appropriate and consistent with the Trust's charitable objectives are reviewed, particularly those related to hospices/day care centres and mechanical/engineering aids for the elderly.

Following the suspension of grant payments in previous years due to the reduced size of the Trust's investment portfolio and the need to preserve funds to meet ongoing running costs, the Trustees continued to monitor income levels and investment performance during the year. In light of the Trust's current financial situation, the Trustees are committed to re-instating grant making in the year to 5th April 2026.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the Charity and confirm that they have adequate assets available to fulfil their obligations.

- (a) All cash is held on interest bearing bank accounts;
- (b) The accounts comply with current statutory requirements;
- (c) Investments have been acquired in accordance with the powers contained within the governing document.

As shown in more detail in the Statement of Financial Activities, the Charity's investment income for the year amounted to 117,849 (2024 - 126,625). Total expenditure for the year amounted to 47,476 (2024 - 21,998) including the expenditure on raising funds. Net gains on investments amounted to 61,345 (2024 - 36,228) so that the Charity's net income was 132,223 (2024 - 141,379).

### **Investment policy and objectives**

#### **Managed Investments**

The Trust's investment portfolio, which consists of one index-linked fund and one managed fund, has been set up to provide as wide a spread of investments as possible for a portfolio of its size, whilst minimising management costs and providing access to cash for expenses. The portfolio is structured to provide as wide a diversification as possible to protect the Trust's assets and a balanced overall capital and income return.

The objective is to provide sufficient income and capital for the Trust's liabilities in the next 3-5 years, as well as sufficient income to enable the Trustees to re-instate grant making in the year to 5th April 2026.

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 5th April 2025

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

The Trustees aim to keep sufficient reserves to pay the running costs of the Trust.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity is registered under the Registration number 1017597 and is governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 26th May 1992 subject to the deeds of variation on 18th February 1993 and 8th November 2000.

Trustees are appointed by the board and are fully briefed on how the charity operates to ensure they understand their obligations.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1017597

**Principal address**

Bishop & Sewell LLP  
59-60 Russell Square  
London  
WC1B 4HP

**Trustees**

N H Barlow (appointed 7/6/2024)

Ms V E Lord

Ms O Meekin

D Monro (resigned 7/6/2024)

**Independent Examiner**

Simon Kinna FCCA  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4th February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms O Meekin - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Douglas Prestwich Charitable Trust

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Douglas Prestwich Charitable Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Douglas Prestwich Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5th April 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the 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 Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 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 applicable 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.

Simon Kinna FCCA

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4th February 2026

The Douglas Prestwich Charitable Trust

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 5th April 2025

	Notes	5/4/25 Unrestricted fund £	5/4/24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Investment income	3	118,364	127,089
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	4	32,458	13,950
Other	5	15,018	8,048
<b>Total</b>		47,476	21,998
Net gains on investments		61,345	36,288
<b>NET INCOME</b>		132,233	141,379
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		3,018,510	2,877,131
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		3,150,743	3,018,510

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Douglas Prestwich Charitable Trust

Balance Sheet  
5th April 2025

	Notes	5/4/25 Unrestricted fund £	5/4/24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	7	3,152,777	3,006,040
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		12,588	15,081
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(14,622)	(2,611)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>(2,034)</u>	<u>12,470</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		3,150,743	3,018,510
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>3,150,743</u>	<u>3,018,510</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9		
Unrestricted funds		<u>3,150,743</u>	<u>3,018,510</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>3,150,743</u>	<u>3,018,510</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4th February 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

O Meekin - Trustee

## 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 Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

### **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**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their carrying value. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year-end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Cash and cash equivalents that are held as part of a fixed asset investment portfolio are included in fixed asset investments

## 2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of the financial statements requires trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

### **Significant judgements**

Trustees do not consider there to be any significant judgements made in the process of applying the charity's accounting policies.

### **Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by the nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The trustees do not consider there to be any key assumptions or other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 5th April 2025

<b>3. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
	5/4/25	5/4/24
	£	£
Investment income	117,849	126,625
Deposit account interest	515	464
	<u>118,364</u>	<u>127,089</u>
<b>4. RAISING FUNDS</b>		
<b>Investment management costs</b>		
	5/4/25	5/4/24
	£	£
Portfolio management	32,458	13,950
	<u>32,458</u>	<u>13,950</u>
<b>5. OTHER</b>		
	5/4/25	5/4/24
	£	£
Support costs	15,018	8,048
	<u>15,018</u>	<u>8,048</u>
<b>6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS</b>		
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5th April 2025 nor for the year ended 5th April 2024.		
<b>Trustees' expenses</b>		
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5th April 2025 nor for the year ended 5th April 2024.		
<b>7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS</b>		
	5/4/25	5/4/24
	£	£
Shares	2,737,579	2,842,817
Other	415,198	163,223
	<u>3,152,777</u>	<u>3,006,040</u>

Additional information as follows:

	Unlisted investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 6th April 2024	2,842,817
Additions	630,055
Disposals	(869,170)
Revaluations	133,877
	<u>2,737,579</u>
At 5th April 2025	
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 5th April 2025	<u>2,737,579</u>
At 5th April 2024	<u>2,842,817</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Cost or valuation at 5th April 2025 is represented by:

Valuation in 2025	Unlisted investments £ <u>2,737,579</u>
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Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:

	5/4/25	5/4/24
	£	£
Cash funds	<u>415,198</u>	<u>163,223</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5/4/25	5/4/24
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>14,622</u>	<u>2,611</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.24	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	5.4.25
			£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	3,018,510	132,233	3,150,743
	<u>3,018,510</u>	<u>132,233</u>	<u>3,150,743</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	118,364	(47,476)	61,345	132,233
	<u>118,364</u>	<u>(47,476)</u>	<u>61,345</u>	<u>132,233</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.23	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	5.4.24
			£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,877,131	141,379	3,018,510
	<u>2,877,131</u>	<u>141,379</u>	<u>3,018,510</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			

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9. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	127,089	(21,998)	36,288	141,379
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>127,089</u>	<u>(21,998)</u>	<u>36,288</u>	<u>141,379</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,877,131	273,612	3,150,743
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,877,131</u>	<u>273,612</u>	<u>3,150,743</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	245,453	(69,474)	97,633	273,612
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>245,453</u>	<u>(69,474)</u>	<u>97,633</u>	<u>273,612</u>

10. **RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Included in support costs for the year ended 5 April 2025 are fees payable to Bishop & Sewell of £7,798.

The Trustees, Olivia Meekin and Nicholas Barlow are Partners of Bishop & Sewell LLP.