Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements For the Year ended 31st December 2025

Felixstowe Relief Charity

Registered Charity Number : 1182192

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For the Year ended 31st December 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number: 1182192

REGISTERED OFFICE

Town Hall
Felixstowe
IP11 2AG

TRUSTEES

Cllr Margaret Morris (Until November 2025)
Cllr Darren Aitchison
Debbie Bartlett
Peter Finbow
David Hedges
Kirsty Coldwell
Joshua Hunt
Birgit Bennett
Rebecca Palmer (From December 2025)

All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Felixstowe Relief Charity is controlled by its governing document, the Constitution dated 25th February 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

The primary object of the charity is" for the public benefit,

1. To provide relief to beneficiaries who are in need by reason of their youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, personal, social or economic circumstances, in such ways as the trustees shall from time to time think fit, including (but not by way of limitation) through the provision of grants items and services to such persons and/or charities, and/or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

2. The relief of financial hardship by assisting beneficiaries in financial hardship to pursue educational opportunities that they might not otherwise be able to afford, in such ways as the trustees think fit, including (but not exclusively) by awarding to such persons scholarships, maintenance allowances or grants

tenable at any university, college or institution of higher or further education. The term "beneficiaries" means persons who have been resident for at least three years in Felixstowe.

REVIEW of 2025 - SEVENTH YEAR

The Felixstowe Relief Charity was formed in February 2019 to create a new CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) in order to merge 5 existing outdated Felixstowe based charities into the Felixstowe Relief Charity. Those existing charities were:

Felixstowe General Charity - Charity registration number: 270980
Alexandrine de la Roche Relief in Need Charity - Charity registration number: 261597
Widow's Charity otherwise known as the Poor's Estate - Charity registration number: 211504
Felixstowe War Memorial Cottages - Charity registration number: 240325
King George VI Coronation Memorial Homes for Old People - Charity registration number: 211502

Advice was taken from the Charities and Social Enterprise department at solicitors Birketts LLP. All assets have now been transferred and the above 5 charities have been closed with the Charity Commission.

2025 was a very busy year for the charity. It provided vital support to individuals and families across the community, awarding grants exceeding £54,000 (about 3 x the amount of the previous year). These funds played a meaningful role in alleviating financial hardship and improving the quality of life for those facing poverty.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Unrestricted funds are used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. There are currently no restricted funds. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The charity did not provide any remuneration or personal benefits to trustees during the year ended 31 December 2025, nor in the previous five years. Some trustee expenses were reimbursed where costs were incurred on behalf of the charity, specifically for items such as website hosting and the printing of leaflets. In addition, trustees were issued with eSIMs funded by the charity to safeguard their privacy; these are used exclusively for charity-related communication.

TRUSTEE REPORT

To fulfil its charitable objectives, the organisation continues to focus on the specific needs of residents in Felixstowe. The Trustees remain committed to ensuring these needs are identified and addressed effectively, drawing on the diverse perspectives and experiences represented across the board.

2025 saw a slight change in the Trustee body. We extend our sincere thanks to Cllr Margaret Morris for her dedicated service as she stepped down from her role and we were pleased to welcome Rebecca Palmer as new Trustee. She brings valuable expertise and insight, strengthening our collective capacity as the charity evolves.

As of the end of 2025, the board comprises eight Trustees. While there is scope to appoint an additional member in 2026, our current priority is to consolidate the existing team and build momentum in expanding our support for the Felixstowe community.

Trustee recruitment remains an ongoing consideration. The board will continue to review its approach periodically and engage with relevant local stakeholders - including the local authority, faith groups, and other community organisations - to identify suitable candidates as needed. This collaborative outreach is viewed as the most effective means of ensuring the board remains representative, responsive, and well-equipped to guide the charity's work.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees confirm that it has identified the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and has established systems to mitigate them. The supply of dedicated SIMs to the Trustees in order to safeguard their privacy was part of the system.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Since its founding in February 2019, the Felixstowe Relief Charity has responded to growing levels of financial hardship brought on mainly by the ongoing Cost of Living crisis. The demand for our support has never been greater, and we remain firmly committed to our core mission: to relieve poverty and financial distress within our community. We do this through the provision of grants, essential items, and services - delivered directly or in partnership with other organisations working to prevent or alleviate hardship.

As the charity continues to grow, so too does our reach. We are proud to work alongside a number of dedicated local volunteer groups, including The Compass, Pitstop, Level Two, Felixstowe Lions Club and Dora Brown. We also receive more and more referrals from professional social proscribers. These partnerships are central to our approach, allowing us to identify needs quickly and respond with targeted support.

Looking ahead, we aim to deepen these collaborations and expand the scale of our assistance. Our Trustees are focused on strengthening the charity's operational capacity and ensuring that our resources are used effectively to support those most in need. As we move into 2026 and beyond, our goal is simple: to help more people, more often, and with greater impact - always guided by the needs of the Felixstowe community.

FELIXSTOWE RELIEF CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Total 2024 £	Total 2025 £
Income:	42,795.04	20,941.13
Expenditure:	20,711.92	55,278.86
Total funds carried forward	411,902.91	386,080.46

FELIXSTOWE RELIEF CHARITY						
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025						
	RECEIPTS					
Balances 01/01/25						**£233,975.98**
Income Rent from Properties Orwell Housing			£15,367.85			
Income from COIF investments M & G			£289.52			
Income from CCLA Investments			£2,288.01			
Income Donation			£2,995.75			
			£20,941.13		**£20,941.13**	
	PAYMENTS					
Payments to Community		£54,755.03				
Operational Expenses		£523.83				
		£55,278.86				
Total Expenditure for 2025					**-£55,278.86**	
Money moved from Barclays Bank into CCLA investments fonds		**£150,000.00**			**-£150,000.00**	
Barclays Bank Balance 31/12/25						**£49,638.25**
Total Income for 2025						
Fund Value held in M & G Accounts 01/01/2025			£67,438.61			
Fund Value held in M & G Accounts 31/12/2025			£78,183.82			
Profit/ Loss over the year			**£10,745.21**		**£10,745.21**	
Fund Value held in CCLA Accounts 01/01/2025			£110,488.32			
Fund Value held in CCLA Accounts 31/12/2025			£258,258.39			
Profit/ Loss over the year including £ 150,000 transfer from current account			**£147,770.07**	without transfer	**-£2,229.93**	
Total Income investments for 2025 without transfer			**£8,515.28**			
Total Funds as of 31/12/2025				**£386,080.46**		

Annex to accounts sheet		
Donations		
13/08/2025	Helping Hands	£1,995.75
23/12/2025	McP	£1,000.00
Total Donations 2025		**£2,995.75**
Operational expenses		
January	Website expenses	£195.84
	Printing of Leaflets	£40.00
June	Lanyards for Trustees	£53.60
December	Trustee training	£210.00
Div	SIMs Trustees	£24.39
Total operational expenses 2025		**£523.83**