Charity registration number: 1193173

CARING KITS FOR KIDS
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Caring Kits for Kids
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

Trustees	Mr Mark Houghton MBE Dr Gayle Hann Ms Rebecca Taylor Ms Kalina Bolingbroke
Charity Number	1193173
Independent Examiner	Gascoynes Gascoyne House Moseleys Farm Business Centre Fornham All Saints, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP28 6JY

Caring Kits for Kids
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

Caring Kits for Kids was incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2021 with the aim of fundraising and putting together backpacks for children and young people entering emergency foster care via A&E and for mothers fleeing situations of domestic abuse and human trafficking.

Our kits for children and young people entering emergency foster care contain a change of clothes, toiletries a mental health resource from the NSPCC and comforts such as a book and a cuddly toy. The kits are designed to provide dignity and comfort to children and young people at an uncertain time and ensure they arrive in emergency foster care with more than just the clothes they are wearing.

Our kits for expectant mothers fleeing situations of domestic abuse and human trafficking contain a change of clothes, toiletries, a book, a notepad and pen, a cuddly toy and a drinks bottle.

Caring Kits for Kids' principal address is 3 Swaythling Road, West End, Southampton, SO30 3AE

Caring Kits for Kids had at the end of 2025 four trustees: Mark Houghton MBE, Dr Gayle Hann, Rebecca Taylor and Kalina Bolingbroke.

Public Benefit

2025 saw us continue in our mission to provide dignity and comfort to those in need, in hospital. For our area leads, this meant continuing to support the work of NHS staff at hospitals across the country.

We celebrated a great many wins - every delivery meant a little support was offered to someone who needed it. The charity also continued its commitment to sustainability, the environment and reducing our carbon footprint, by migrating our website to infrastructure powered by 100% renewable energy.

The essential operating model of the charity is to make contact with a hospital or receive a request from one, identify the number of kits required and shop and pack them accordingly. Whenever we make a delivery, we want to ensure that the kits provided are tailored to the needs of their recipients. This involves delivering a variety of backpacks, each with items intended for different groups, from newborns to teenagers as well as new mothers. Over the years, we have worked with a number of hospitals and this year was no different.

Finally, a huge thanks to all who volunteered and contributed to the financing, purchase, packing and delivery of our kits at so many stages. We know that these kits are valued and make such a big difference to those that receive them, often at the most difficult times in their lives.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit.

Financial Review

Financial Position

Trustees have received regular reports this past year on the charity's financial position and have had regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

In 2025, Caring Kits for Kids' income decreased by £1,509 from £3,765 in 2024 to £2,256 in 2025. Expenditure decreased by £2,586 from £4,387 in 2024 to £1,801 in 2025. Purchases spending accounted for £1,009 of all expenditure and £4,230 for 2024. At the end of 2025, Caring Kits for Kids had £6,255 at the bank.

In 2025 the rate of inflation in the United Kingdom was 3.4% compared to 3.2% in 2024 and 4.0% in 2023. It is likely the rising cost of goods will continue to remain a risk factor to the charity in 2026.

Going into 2026, lack of income diversification and accurate management of accruals are the biggest financial risks the charity faces. Caring Kits for Kids' biggest governance risk remains the loss of key staff and volunteers. Caring Kits for Kids relies significantly on key staff and volunteers to operate and so it will be crucial to retain as well as attract further staff and volunteers.

Caring Kits for Kids' day-to-day operating costs continue to remain low, thanks in part to non-profit offerings from Google, BT, Salesforce and Microsoft.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:


Mark Houghton (Oct 19, 2026 15:12:56 GMT+1)

Mr Mark Houghton MBE

Trustee
19/10/2026

Caring Kits for Kids
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Caring Kits for Kids
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of Caring Kits for Kids (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 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").

We report in respect of our examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination, we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us 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 contents 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.

We 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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Caring Kits for Kids
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	**3**	2,256	-	2,256	3,765
Investments	**4**	4	-	4	5
		2,260	-	2,260	3,770
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities:	**5**				
General		(1,801)	-	(1,801)	(4,387)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		459	-	459	(617)
Transfers between funds	**10**	(841)	841	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(382)	841	459	(617)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		6,014	(841)	5,173	5,790
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**10**	5,632	-	5,632	5,173

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

Caring Kits for Kids
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds
		£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	**3**	2,265	1,500	3,765
Investments	**4**	5	-	5
		2,270	1,500	3,770
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities:	**5**			
General		(198)	(4,189)	(4,387)
NET EXPENDITURE		2,072	(2,689)	(617)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		2,072	(2,689)	(617)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		3,942	1,848	5,790
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**10**	6,014	(841)	5,173

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Caring Kits for Kids
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	**8**	-	-	-	906
Cash at bank and in hand		6,255	-	6,255	5,202
		6,255	-	6,255	6,108
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	**9**	(623)	-	(623)	(935)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		5,632	-	5,632	5,173
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		5,632	-	5,632	5,173
NET ASSETS		5,632	-	5,632	5,173
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				-	(841)
Unrestricted Funds				5,632	6,014
TOTAL FUNDS	**10**			5,632	5,173

On behalf of the board

Mark Houghton (Oct 19, 2026 15:12:56 GMT+1)

Mr Mark Houghton MBE

Trustee
19/10/2026

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1. General Information

Caring Kits for Kids is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1193173. The principal address is .

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

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

2.2. Incoming Resources

Donations and gifts are recognised as income when the charity has entitlement to the funds, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and gifts are recognised when received, or earlier where the charity has been notified of a pledge or other commitment that meets the recognition criteria. Donations received for a specific purpose are recognised as income when the relevant recognition criteria are met and are disclosed as restricted funds where appropriate.

Gifts in kind, including donated goods and services, are recognised at their fair value at the date of receipt where their value can be measured reliably and the relevant recognition criteria are met. Where donated services or facilities are recognised, they are valued by reference to the value of the service or facility to the charity, where practicable.

Legacies are recognised when the charity’s entitlement is established, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from donations and gifts is recognised in the appropriate fund in accordance with any restrictions imposed by the donor. Donations without specific restrictions are recognised as unrestricted income.

2.3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £
Donations and gifts	2,256	-	2,256
Grants	-	-	-
	2,256	-	2,256

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £
Donations and gifts	2,265	-	2,265
Grants	-	1,500	1,500
	2,265	1,500	3,765

4. Investment Income

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Bank interest receivable	4	5

5. **Analysis of Expenditure**

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs (see note 6) £	2025 Total £
General	1,009	792	1,801

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs (see note 6) £	2024 Total £
General	4,230	157	4,387

6. **Support Costs**

	2025 General £	2024 General £
General administration	792	157

7. **Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees during the year was: 4 (2024: 4)

8. **Debtors**

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	-	906

9. **Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	29	29
Other creditors	-	906
Accruals and deferred income	594	-
	623	935

10. **Movement in Funds**

	As at 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General:					
General unrestricted fund	6,014	2,260	(1,801)	(841)	5,632
Restricted funds					
Restricted Fund	(841)	-	-	841	-
Total funds	5,173	2,260	(1,801)	-	5,632

	As at 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	3,942	2,270	(198)	6,014
Restricted funds				
Restricted Fund	1,848	1,500	(4,189)	(841)
Total funds	5,790	3,770	(4,387)	5,173

11. **Transactions with Trustees**

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

12. **Related Party Disclosures**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

Caring Kits for Kids
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	2,256	2,265
Grants	-	1,500
	2,256	3,765
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	4	5
	4	5
	2,260	3,770
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Charitable Activities:		
General		
Purchases	(1,009)	(4,230)
Computer and IT consumables	(1)	(1)
Insurance	(100)	(96)
Telecommunications and data costs	(35)	-
Accountancy fees	(594)	-
Bank charges	(62)	(60)
	(1,801)	(4,387)
	(1,801)	(4,387)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	459	(617)

Caring Kits for Kids - Finalised 2025 accounts

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