Give a Kidney CIO Annual report 2025







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Give a Kidney CIO

Financial Statements

Period from 1 January to 31 December 2025

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Message from our Chair

In 2023 Give a Kidney joined with Kidney Research UK to create the Robert Dangoor Partnership for Living Kidney Donation, made possible by generous funding from The Exilarch's Foundation. Since the Partnership launched the following year, it has made excellent progress. It is reaching an ever-growing audience, building support programmes for potential donors, and establishing strong, mutually beneficial relationships with transplant centres and their living donor coordinators.

Give a Kidney's focus remains unchanged: raising awareness, supporting donors and influencing change through collaboration. The Partnership gives us a platform to pursue these aims on a scale we could never have contemplated alone. Together, we have recruited outstanding talent in leadership, marketing and donor support. Kidney Research UK provides functional support in HR, finance, IT, marketing and publicity. Give a Kidney brings many years of experience in living kidney donation, much of it lived experience, along with long-standing relationships with NHS Blood and Transplant and transplant centres.

The two charities sponsor the Partnership and provide overall oversight. Its Strategic Board brings together representatives of both charities, NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT), clinicians and living kidney donors. Delivery is led by the Executive Team of Emma Hotchkiss, Eoin Buckley and Jenny Waters, whose tireless effort, dedication and expertise have achieved so much. Through the Partnership we move ever closer to our vision 'No waiting for a transplant for want of a kidney'.

This success brings fresh challenges for Give a Kidney. We need to realign our efforts so that they complement, rather than duplicate, the work of the Partnership. The Partnership is better placed to support donors directly. We will continue to raise awareness through our own channels, engage with our supporters, and influence change through collaboration with the NHS and other charities.

There are further initiatives we would like to take on. However, our own financial resources are very limited, so developing new sources of funding is essential.

As ever, my heartfelt thanks go to:

- all living kidney donors, whose extraordinary generosity changes lives
- everyone who supports us financially and in so many other ways
- our Executive Team of Jan Shorrock and Lou Devine, supported by Angela Hackett and Viv Calderbank
- Lisa Burnapp from NHSBT whose wise and informed counsel has contributed to our presence, credibility and influence
- my fellow Trustees and members of our Steering Committee, for their dedication and energy



Robert Wiggins,
Chair of Trustees

Trustees

The Trustees who served during 2025 were as follows:



Robert Wiggins, Chair of Trustees



Mark Kershaw, Treasurer



Caroline Basarab-Horwarth



Paul Gibbs



Kiran Gupta



Edward Hibbert



Chris Luck



Dr Adnan Sharif



Dr Paul van den Bosch

Structure, governance and management

General

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees.

Recruitment, appointment and induction of the Trustees

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Regular skills audits of trustees are carried out.

A charity trustee who has served for three consecutive terms may not be reappointed for a fourth consecutive term but may be reappointed after an interval of at least one year.

There must be at least four charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee.

The maximum number of charity trustees is nine. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

a) a copy of the current version of the Constitution; and
b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

In addition, trustees are given a Trustee Handbook and a copy of The Essential Trustee.

Objectives and statement on public benefit

The purpose of the charity is the preservation and protection of good health for the public benefit by:

- Raising awareness of living kidney donation in the UK, with a particular emphasis on non-directed altruistic donation
- Providing information and support to potential and actual living kidney donors through and beyond their living donor journey
- Advocating for living donation and for improvements to the living donation process

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our vision

No waiting for a transplant for want of a kidney.





Achievements and performance

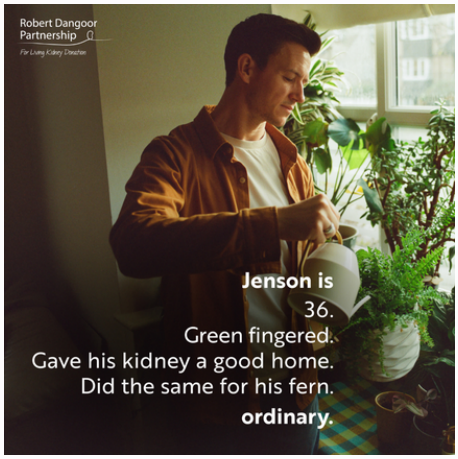
In 2025, Give a Kidney continued to make living kidney donation more visible, better understood and easier to navigate. Through partnership work, donor support, clinical engagement and public awareness activity, we helped people access reliable information, supported those considering donation, and strengthened the voice of donors within the living donation community.



We redesigned our website (the first time since becoming a charity in 2011). The new-look website offers an improved user experience and provides quick and easy access to information for anyone who wants to learn more about living kidney donation or who is considering becoming a kidney donor. We also made it easier for people to share their stories and financially contribute to our charity.

A major focus in 2025 was the Robert Dangoor Partnership for Living Kidney Donation, delivered with Kidney Research UK and generously funded by The Exilarch's Foundation, with match-funding raised by Give a Kidney and Kidney Research UK.

The programme remained the main delivery route for two key strands of our work. It enabled us to reach more people through investment in the partnership website, www.donateakidney.co.uk, always-on digital marketing, creative awareness-raising, and the education, information and gentle stewardship of potential donors.



The Make Your Mark brand and campaign continued to grow alongside the first UK-wide Living Kidney Donation Buddy Support Service. This enables people who are thinking about donation to speak with someone who has been through the process. Previous donors are DBS checked and trained to support people considering donation or already on the pathway.

Potential donors can select previous donors, or loved ones of donors, by geography, age, gender, donation type and ethnicity, with meetings facilitated through a secure online platform. Potential donors also benefited from stewardship from the Programme's Relationship Manager, who helps them navigate the system and feel informed and supported as they consider donation.

Achievements and performance cont'd.

Other achievements and influencing work

- Maintaining a presence at the UK Living Donation Network Meeting, keeping Give a Kidney connected to national discussion and practice.
- Representation on the Mapping Carbon and Equity Hotspots in the Living Kidney Donor Assessment Pathway programme, supporting greener and more equitable clinical pathways.
- Representation on the Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (Living Donation) Steering Group, contributing the donor perspective to work on improving recovery after donation.
- Contributing to annual induction training for new living donor coordinators organised by NHS Blood and Transplant, highlighting the parts of the process donors most want to see improved.
- Active participation in a task and finish working group to manage responses to social media appeals for living donors to create a new pathway for those interested in donation.
- Delivered an Ask the Experts webinar, giving people the opportunity to hear from specialists and ask questions about living kidney donation.
- Continued to act as a trusted source for media activity, with Give a Kidney featured in press articles and interviews throughout the year.

COLLABORATION

We continued to work closely with our partners at NHSBT and act as a voice for donors within the clinical community.

Risk management

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to access and mitigate the major risks to which the charity is exposed. The Trustees periodically review the major risks to which the charity is exposed and where appropriate systems or procedures have been established to mitigate those risks.

Financial review

Period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

The results for the period under review are set out on page 11 of the accounts.

The trustees are confident of the charity's ability to continue operating as a going concern.

Reserves policy

As at 31 December 2025 the level of unrestricted funds was **£30,813.**

Given the small size of the charity and the difficulties associated with fundraising not only in the current climate but also with the limited resources available to the charity to do this, Give a Kidney's reserve policy is to hold reserves of the level of 6 months of budgeted unrestricted expenditure of the coming financial year as a minimum and 12 months of budgeted unrestricted expenditure of the coming financial year as a maximum. This was **£12,550** as of 31 December 2025. This is to ensure that the charity could continue meeting its obligations should it be unable to raise funds for a period.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 26 October 2026



Robert Wiggins,
Chair of Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees

Period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 11 to 12 plus related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act.
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Receipts and Payments account

For the period 1 January to 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025			2024		
		£			£		
Income		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Totals £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Totals £
Donations	2	7,725	111,270	118,995	9,993	97,774	107,767
Merchandise sales		-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest received		4,505		4,505	2,611		2,611
Total		**12,230**	**111,270**	**123,500**	**12,604**	**97,774**	**110,378**
Expenditure							
Charitable activities	3	(21,922)	(117,531)	(139,453)	(20,535)	(156,801)	(177,336)
Governance costs	4	(660)	-	(660)	(600)	-	(600)
Total		**(22,582)**	**(117,531)**	**(140,113)**	**(21,135)**	**(156,801)**	**(177,936)**
Excess of receipts over payments for the period		**(10,352)**	**(6,261)**	**(16,613)**	**(8,531)**	**(59,027)**	**(67,558)**

Statement of Balances

As at 31 December 2025

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
Bank and deposit balances						
Opening balances	41,165	61,280	102,445	49,696	120,307	170,003
Excess of receipts over payments for the period	(10,352)	(6,261)	(16,613)	(8,531)	(59,027)	(67,558)
Balances as at 31 December	**30,813**	**55,019**	**85,832**	**41,165**	**61,280**	**102,445**

Liabilities

Independent examiner's fees **£630**

Trade creditors **£2210**

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 October 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:



Robert Wiggins,
Chair of Trustees

Notes to the accounts

	2025	2024

1.Staff costs

Give a Kidney does not employ any permanent staff members. No salaries or wages have been paid to members of the committee during the period. No expenses were paid to Trustees in 2025.

2.Donations

UNRESTRICTED		
Direct donations from individuals	5,655	6,973
Online giving platforms	637	563
Event donations	-	24
Auctions/raffles	-	185
Amazon Smile/Thrift etc.	-	-
Grants	700	400
Donations from community organisations	110	-
Transplant Tour	-	12
Gift Aid reclaimed	623	1,235
Donations in kind	-	1,001
Totals	**7,725**	**9,993**

RESTRICTED		
The Exilarch's Foundation	107,920	97,774
Other grants	3,350	-
Totals	**118,995**	**107,767**

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3.Cost of charitable activities	2025	2024
UNRESTRICTED		
Media, PR and external relations consultancy	5,650	5,082
Administration, digital marketing and social media	9,207	9,298
Finance, governance and bookkeeping fees	1,656	2,368
Training and team-building	-	804
Website fees and development	4079	656
Trustees' travel expenses	265	-
Postage, stationery and printing	146	811
Subscriptions and other fees	573	515
Bank	108	-
Events	238	-
ESOT attendance fees	-	-
Donations in kind	-	1,001
Totals	**21,922**	**20,535**
RESTRICTED		
GAK and KRUK leadership	5,430	6,850
Travel and subsistence costs (not Trustees)	535	727
Awareness & education communications - general	24,440	33,380
Awareness & education communications - GOOD agency	42,322	71,594
Awareness & education communications - CRM	1,850	10,490
Programme Staff	34,371	26,570
KRUK other invoices	8,583	7,190
Totals	**117,531**	**156,801**

4.Governance costs		
Independent Examiner's fees	660	600