Molly’s Gift Trustees' Annual Report 2025

1. Objectives and Activities

Molly's Gift exists to improve opportunities and outcomes for disadvantaged children and young people whilst strengthening community connections through physical activity, youth engagement, and community initiatives.

The charity's primary objectives are to:

- Deliver Holiday, Food and Activity (HAF) programmes that provide enriching activities, healthy meals and positive experiences for children and young people, particularly those facing disadvantage.
- Support children, young people and families experiencing financial challenges and social disadvantage.
- Promote physical activity, health and wellbeing within local communities.
- Bring communities together through charitable events, fundraising activities and community engagement opportunities.
- Support local youth provision through partnership working with community organisations.
- Provide grants to individuals facing barriers to participation in physical activity due to disability, financial hardship or other socio-economic disadvantages.

During 2025, the charity delivered government-funded Holiday, Food and Activity programmes, supported youth provision at Gorse Covert Community Centre, organised community fundraising and participation events, and provided grant funding to help individuals access opportunities that would otherwise be beyond their reach.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the charity's activities continue to provide clear and measurable benefits to children, young people, families and the wider community.

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2. Achievements and Performance

2025 was a year of continued growth and impact for Molly's Gift, with the charity expanding both its workforce and the reach of its services.

Supporting Children and Families

The charity successfully delivered Holiday, Food and Activity programmes throughout the year, providing children and young people with access to nutritious food, physical activity, social opportunities and enriching experiences during school holiday periods.

These programmes played an important role in supporting families affected by the ongoing cost of living challenges, helping to reduce financial pressures whilst ensuring children could participate in positive and inclusive activities.

Community Engagement and Fundraising

Molly's Gift continued to strengthen community relationships through a range of charitable events and fundraising activities.

Highlights included:

- Workplace football tournaments that encouraged participation, teamwork and community engagement.
- The January Challenge, which motivated individuals to become more active and prioritise their health and wellbeing.
- Fundraising activities that raised awareness of the charity's work and generated support for future projects.

These activities helped bring together local businesses, participants, volunteers and supporters, reinforcing the charity's commitment to building stronger communities.

Youth Provision

The charity continued its support of Gorse Covert Community Centre by providing Molly's Gift staff to plan and deliver youth club sessions.

This provision created safe and positive environments for young people to socialise, develop confidence, build relationships and participate in structured activities within their local community.

Individual Grants

During the year, Molly's Gift continued to provide grants to individuals who faced barriers to accessing physical activity opportunities.

Support was provided to those experiencing disability, financial hardship or other disadvantages, enabling recipients to take part in activities that contribute positively to physical and mental wellbeing.

Organisational Growth

The charity experienced continued organisational growth during 2025, increasing its workforce to approximately 30 employees.

This growth strengthened the charity's ability to deliver services and respond to increasing demand. Molly's Gift also provided work experience opportunities for local people, supporting skills development and employability within the community.

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3. Financial Review (Including Reserves Policy and Risk Management)

Financial Review

The charity remained financially stable throughout 2025 and continued to deliver its charitable objectives through a combination of grant funding, fundraising income, donations and community support.

Funds received during the year were used to support programme delivery, staffing, community activities, grant awards and the ongoing development of the charity's services.

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity's resources have been applied effectively in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees recognise the importance of maintaining sufficient reserves to protect the charity against unexpected reductions in income or increases in expenditure.

The charity's reserves policy is to maintain an appropriate level of unrestricted reserves that will allow the organisation to continue operating and meeting its commitments for a reasonable period should funding be interrupted. The Trustees review reserve levels regularly as part of their financial oversight responsibilities.

Risk Management

The Trustees actively monitor risks that may affect the charity and have systems in place to manage those risks appropriately.

Key risks considered during the year included:

- Dependence on grant funding and external income sources.
- Recruitment and retention of suitably qualified staff.
- Health and safety risks associated with programme delivery.
- Safeguarding risks relating to work with children and young people.
- Changes in demand for services and community needs.

Appropriate policies, procedures and monitoring arrangements are in place to minimise these risks and support the effective operation of the charity.

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4. Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees remain committed to expanding the impact of Molly's Gift and improving opportunities for children, young people and communities.

Priorities for 2026 include:

- Continuing and expanding Holiday, Food and Activity programme delivery.

- Increasing opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to participate in positive activities.
- Developing further community fundraising and engagement events.
- Strengthening support for youth provision within local communities.
- Expanding grant support for individuals who face barriers to physical activity.
- Creating additional employment and work experience opportunities for local people.
- Securing sustainable funding streams to support future growth and long-term financial stability.

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5. Structure, Governance and Management

Molly's Gift is governed by a Board of Trustees who are responsible for the strategic direction, governance and financial management of the charity.

The Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to oversee the charity's activities, monitor performance, manage risk and ensure compliance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

The day-to-day operations of the charity are delivered by a growing workforce of approximately 30 employees. Staff are responsible for delivering Holiday, Food and Activity programmes, youth provision and community projects.

The charity also employs an Administrator who is responsible for supporting the effective running of the organisation, including administration, payroll and operational processes.

Trustees and staff work collaboratively to ensure the charity remains focused on achieving its charitable objectives while responding to the evolving needs of the communities it serves.

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6. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Molly's Gift

Charity Number: 1197126

Registered Address: 10 Crusader Close, Whitwick, Leicestershire, LE67 5BX

Trustees: Steve Wilkinson, Leandra Whelband & Emily Sharpe

Administrator: Charlotte Whelband

Independent Examiner/Accountant: Guy Bromwich

Reporting Period: 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 28.10.2026

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Name: _Leandra Whelband__

Position: Chair of Trustees

Signature: ___L.Whelband_____

Date: __28.10.2026_____

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
MOLLYS GIFT	1197126

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
GRANTS	90,983	-	-	90,983	-
	-	-	-	-	-
DONATIONS	28,286	-	-	28,286	-
	-	-	-	-	-
INTEREST	73	-	-	73	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	119,342	-	-	119,342	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	119,342	-	-	119,342	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
GIFTS GRANTS	1,946	-	-	1,946	-
	-	-	-	-	-
SATURDAY CLUB	19,060	-	-	19,060	-
	-	-	-	-	-
ADMINISTRATION COSTS	79,445	-	-	79,445	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	100,451	-	-	100,451	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	100,451	-	-	100,451	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,891	-	-	18,891	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,658	-	-	12,658	-
Cash funds this year end	31,549	-	-	31,549	-

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of: MOLLYS GIFT

On accounts for the year ended: 31ST DECEMBER 2025. **Charity no (if any):** 1197126.

Set out on pages:

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

~~* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.~~

Signed: Guy R Bromwich **Date:** 27th October 2026

Name: GUY RAWDON BROMWICH AFA MIPA

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	None to report.