MISSEDABEAT

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2025

Circulated to all trustees for review and approval on 30 October 2026.

1. Charity information

Registered charity: MISSEDABEAT

Charity registration number: 1203933

Principal address: 9 Hillfields, School Aycliffe, County Durham, DL5 6PZ

Chair of Trustees: Lee Curbeson

Trustees serving during 2025: Hilary Dent-Hindmarch; Andrew Lovegreen; Lee Curbeson; Megan Sophie Hindmarch; Andrew Wilson

Accountant: David Scott

Carl Milburn joined the Board on 28 October 2026 and was not a trustee during 2025.

2. Purpose and public benefit

MISSEDABEAT works to improve access to life-saving emergency equipment and help communities respond to cardiac arrest and severe bleeding. Its activities include providing and supporting community and portable defibrillators, introducing bleed control kits, and delivering free CPR and defibrillator awareness sessions.

The charity considers that installing a defibrillator creates a continuing responsibility to help ensure it remains accessible and ready for an emergency. This includes regular checks of devices and cabinets, replacement of consumables, keeping The Circuit records accurate and responding promptly after a device has been used.

MISSEDABEAT supports approximately 15 volunteer defibrillator guardians with practical advice on inspections, cabinet issues, replacement parts, registration updates and post-activation arrangements. This support is intended to give communities lasting access to working equipment, not merely a one-off installation.

The trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance in pursuing the charity's objectives. The precise wording of the charitable objects should be checked against the governing document before submission.

3. Chair's and trustees' overview of 2025

During 2025 MISSEDABEAT continued to grow its practical support for communities through the installation and care of life-saving equipment, free awareness activity, fundraising and strong local partnerships. Alongside providing new equipment where needed, the charity placed increasing emphasis on keeping existing defibrillators operational and emergency-ready.

The Great North Run continued to be an important source of support, with a growing group of adult and junior participants compared with the charity's early years. Increasing participation also brought additional

organisation and associated costs, but generated valuable fundraising, awareness and community involvement. The charity aims to build on this participation in future years.

The charity's fundraising programme included a successful evening with Frank Bruno on 7 November 2025 at GLOW Church. Careful event planning, ticket sales and auctions of sports memorabilia were central to its success, alongside additional donations and the generosity of sponsors and supporters.

The charity also received recognition through the BBC Radio Make a Difference Awards 2025, where founder Mark Preston was recognised in the Fundraiser category. The precise award designation should be confirmed against the official award record before publication.

The trustees thank all guardians, runners, fundraisers, local businesses, electrical contractors, donors, volunteers, host venues and community partners for their contribution. They also record their sincere thanks to Andrew Wilson for his commitment and service as a trustee, which concluded in October 2026.

4. Activities and achievements

Defibrillators, maintenance and bleed control provision

During 2025 MISSEDABEAT invested more than £40,000, according to the charity's operational estimate, in defibrillators, cabinets, installations, replacement components and the introduction of bleed control kits. This amount is subject to confirmation against the completed accounts and the classification of expenditure.

The charity supported both fixed community installations and portable defibrillators, while monitoring consumable expiry dates, arranging routine checks and updating records on The Circuit. It maintained a modest stock of replacement pads, batteries, hygiene supplies, defibrillators, cabinets and bleed control components so that equipment could be returned to service promptly after use or when parts expired.

CPR and defibrillator awareness

Mark Preston delivered CPR and defibrillator awareness sessions during the year for community groups, local organisations, workplaces and junior and adult sports teams, including sessions at community venues and pitch-side. Where MISSEDABEAT provides equipment, it seeks to offer awareness sessions so local people feel more confident about responding in an emergency.

Fundraising events and community partnerships

The Frank Bruno fundraising event held at GLOW Church on 7 November 2025 was a significant activity. Income was generated through event organisation, ticket sales and sales and auctions of signed sports memorabilia, with some additional voluntary donations. The event also helped develop relationships with businesses and supporters.

The charity invited local young boxer Emily Denham, who had achieved a British title in her age category, to share her journey and be recognised by the community alongside Frank Bruno.

The charity's memorabilia fundraising involved both donated items and purchased shirts, obtaining signatures through established sporting contacts and arranging professional framing. These preparations require upfront spending and careful stock management, and the charity seeks to build a portfolio of attractive items for future fundraising events.

Supporters also organised quizzes, smaller sponsored activities, running challenges and football-card fundraising. MISSEDABEAT occasionally provided signed memorabilia to help other community organisations raise funds for their own projects, reflecting its wider commitment to community partnerships rather than treating all such proceeds as charity income.

National Gas made a £10,000 unrestricted donation during 2025, allowing the trustees to direct the funds towards charitable priorities, including defibrillator and bleed control kit provision.

Volunteers and donated professional support

Approximately 15 volunteer guardians helped oversee equipment in their communities. Other supporters assisted with events and fundraising, while some electrical contractors generously undertook installations without charge. The founder's paid operational work is not included as unpaid volunteering. Any volunteer count used in the annual return should be reconciled to the charity's records and avoid double counting.

5. Financial review

During the financial year ending 31 December 2025, MISSEDABEAT continued to manage its financial resources carefully while investing in the provision, installation and ongoing maintenance of life-saving equipment across the communities it supports.

The charity's financial performance for the year was as follows:

Financial Summary	Amount
Total income	£61,815
Total expenditure	£56,754
Surplus for the year	£5,061
Total funds held at 31 December 2025	**£32,408**

The charity continued to receive valuable financial support from individuals, businesses, fundraising activities and community partnerships.

During 2025, National Gas made a generous unrestricted donation of £10,000, allowing the charity to direct the funding towards its charitable objectives, including the provision of community defibrillators and bleed control equipment.

A significant proportion of the charity's expenditure was directed towards defibrillators, cabinets, installation costs, replacement consumables and associated operational requirements. The charity also invested in fundraising activities, including the purchase and professional presentation of signed sporting memorabilia to support future fundraising opportunities.

The trustees recognise the importance of balancing continued investment in life-saving equipment with responsible financial management, ensuring that the charity can meet its existing commitments while developing new projects.

The financial accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025 have been completed by the charity's accountant, David Scott, and will be considered alongside this Trustees' Annual Report as part of the trustees' approval process.

The trustees remain committed to maintaining appropriate financial oversight, ensuring that funds are used effectively and in accordance with MISSEDABEAT's charitable objectives.

6. Reserves and going concern

MISSEDABEAT's reserves policy for 2025 was to maintain a minimum of £5,000 available to respond to urgent and unexpected costs associated with defibrillators, cabinets, pads, batteries and other emergency equipment. This policy reflects the need to restore equipment to service promptly when a fault, activation or replacement requirement arises.

The trustees recognise the importance of balancing new installations with the continuing financial responsibilities of equipment already supported. The charity's bank balance at 31 December 2025 was above the £5,000 target; however, the actual amount of unrestricted free reserves and the assessment of going concern must be confirmed against the completed accounts before approval.

7. Structure, governance and management

MISSEDABEAT is governed by its Board of Trustees, who are responsible for strategic direction, financial oversight, governance and ensuring resources are used for the charity's objectives. Founder Mark Preston, who is not a trustee, oversees day-to-day operations and maintains regular communication with the Board. Significant decisions are discussed with the trustees.

At the most recent meeting, trustees confirmed that they were satisfied with the current management arrangements and communication between the founder and the Board. The next trustees meeting is scheduled for Nov 2026

Following the 2025 reporting year, Carl Milburn joined the Board on 28 October 2026. Carl has been a longstanding advocate and supporter of the charity, participating in the Great North Run and other fundraising activities. His appointment was welcomed as a positive addition to the charity's governance and future development.

8. Risk management, safeguarding and controls

The trustees recognise operational and financial risks including defibrillators being unavailable because of poor maintenance, unexpected replacement costs, fundraising uncertainty, volunteer capacity and safeguarding responsibilities. Written policies and procedures covering relevant aspects of governance, safeguarding, financial controls and operations were in place at 31 December 2025.

The trustees have confirmed that they are satisfied with the existing policies and procedures, which will be reviewed and updated as and when necessary. Regular equipment checks, support for volunteer guardians, monitoring of replacement components and appropriate financial oversight remain important ways of managing risk.

9. Plans for the future

MISSEDABEAT will continue installing defibrillators where there is an identified need, while giving equal, and sometimes greater, priority to ensuring existing devices remain accessible, maintained and ready for use. The trustees are concerned by estimates that at least 10% of publicly accessible defibrillators may be unavailable at a given time, in part because of inadequate maintenance and oversight. The source, scope and date of this estimate should be verified before external publication.

Through 2026 and into 2027, a major ambition is to provide bleed control kits alongside all suitable MISSEDABEAT community defibrillator cabinets. This will be pursued alongside routine maintenance, replacement-part provision, accurate registration on The Circuit, free awareness sessions and continuing support for volunteer guardians.

The trustees recognise that sustainable growth requires financial planning and access to funds for urgent repairs and replacements. The charity will continue developing community and business partnerships, fundraising events and participation in the Great North Run. Its success will be judged not only by the number of devices installed, but by whether those devices remain available when needed.

10. Trustees' responsibilities and approval

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable requirements and the charity's governing document. The report and completed annual accounts

prepared by David Scott were circulated to all trustees for review and approval on 30 October 2026, ahead of the submission deadline.

Following formal approval by the Board of Trustees, Lee Curbeson, Chair of Trustees, is authorised to sign this report on behalf of the Board.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 31 October 2026

Signature: 

Lee Curbeson | Chair of Trustees, MISSEDABEAT

Date signed: 31 October 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 Unresricted fund £	U
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM		
Donations and Fundraising	51815	
Grants received	10000	
Total	61815	
EXPENDITURE ON		
Charitable activities		
Charitable activities	22889	
Fundraising costs	17424	
Staff costs	10159	
Publicity and awareness	2551	
Support costs	3731	
Total	56754	
NET INCOME	5061	
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total Funds brought forward	27347	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	32408	

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Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 December 2025

	2025 Unresricted fund £	U
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank	32666	
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Charges	258	
NET ASSETS	32408	
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	32408	
TOTAL FUNDS	32408	

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Truste
on 27th October 2026 and were signed on its behalf by

Lee Curbeson - Trustee

	2023/24 Unresricted fund £
	111812
	1500
	113312
	59146
	19150
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	4969
	2700
	85965
	27347
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Missedabeat

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Missedabeat

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Missedabeat (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').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and 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 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 accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of independent examination.

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

David Scott FCA

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27 October 2026