The Keith Barnett Educational Trust

Trustees' Annual Report

March 23rd.2025 to December 31st 2025

1 Objectives and activities

Objectives

The Keith Barnett Educational Trust was established to meet the wishes of Dr KC Barnett in providing an educational fund to financially support and supplement the training of a veterinary surgeon(s) to achieve specialist status in veterinary ophthalmology following the training programme set up by the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ECVO). The candidate(s) who will have already qualified as a veterinary surgeon and completed at least a one year's internship in ophthalmology will be aspiring to attain the Diploma of the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (Dip ECVO) by examination through a three-year residency training programme at a recognized specialist centre.

Whilst many of the training positions at recognized centres are funded, they are limited in the funding they can provide for the extracurricular requirements demanded by the training programme. The training requirements to achieve the qualification of Dip ECVO are set out by the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ECVO) (httpps://www.ecvo.eu/). Supplementing the training of a resident will be in the form of financial support for some of the training programme's activities.
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Activities

The main purpose of the charity is to support residents in training for the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmology diploma exam so they can achieve specialist status.

The charity is not involved with any fund-raising activities or social media.

The charity was registered in March 2025.

The first nine months have been spent putting the necessary operational structures in place for the charity to function. This includes opening a bank account, developing policies and procedures for awarding grants to selected beneficiaries, and collaborating with the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmology and mentors in the United Kingdom to make them aware of the charity and the availability of funding for residents. This has been achieved with the help and advice from all Trustees.

Trustee Meetings

In 2025 three Trustee meetings were held. Two meetings were in person and one was by Zoom as the Trustees live in different parts of England.

Grant Awards & Applications

The Keith Barnet Educational Trust did not deliver any grants for residents in 2025 but procedures and policies were put in place to allow this to happen in 2026. During 2025 the decision was made to award three travel grants to enable residents in the UK to attend the

May 2026 European College of Veterinary Ophthalmology congress, in Madrid. Attendance at ECVO congress is an essential a part of residents training.

Grant giving related to travel awards can only take place over a certain time frame (five months), so planning by the charity has to take place well in advance of making the awards. The Resident needs to have made a successful application in registering their attendance and participation at the ECVO annual congress held in May before an award can be made. Additionally, Residents must submit an application to the charity detailing their research project which they will present at the ECVO Congress.
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Meetings held by ECVO facilitate communication within a scientific setting ultimately for the greater public good and by exposing residents to many opportunities including collaborative research - this can have a positive and possibly lasting impact on both human and animal health (One Health).

2 Achievements and Performance

The achievements of the Charity in 2025 were in the legal establishment of the Charity, adopting policies and procedures to enable the Charity to function, formalising the Charity's finances, ensuring proper documentation and audit trails to record the Charity's activities and creating a format for selection of Residents (beneficiaries) aligned to ECVO congress requirements and agreeing a process for grant awards and payment.

As the Charity was established in March 2025 no charitable awards were made for the period under review.

Formal policies and documents were created to record the Charity's activities and to assist Resident (beneficiaries) in applying for grants. The policies and documents were:

Introduction to the Charity (Rationale & Benefit)

Charity Privacy Policy

Charity Recording: Trustee Agenda & Meetings

Resident (beneficiary) Grant Application Form

Resident (beneficiary) Expenses Claim Form

Trustee Expenses Claim Form

3 Financial review

The charities founder and Trustee (Jane Sansom) has sole responsibility for funding the charity and the day-to-day management. There are no outside donors, the Trust does not fund-raise nor are there any funds dedicated to the Charity. For these reasons, the Charity has no risk management strategy and/or investment strategy.

The Charity currently operates without a Reserve Policy, although this is under review with the Accountant/Financial Advisor (see below). The Charity appreciates that a Reserve Policy would be necessary for recurring payments in support of long-term funding for Residents (beneficiaries).

Professional financial and accounting advice on funding was obtained prior to inception of the Charity and this is ongoing. It is hoped that in the long term, but dependent on investment returns, it may be possible to donate substantial awards for training and research in veterinary ophthalmology.

The Resident grants awarded are currently small single annual non-recurring transactions with a decision made (so far) on an annual basis as to how much money in total will be donated to support the charitable purposes of the Trust.

The Charity is small so this allows it to operate within its means and for that reason does not anticipate a deficit**.**

For period under review (March 2025-December 2025) there were no expenses other than banking charges of £25 (see Income & Expense Account). Trustees have given their time voluntarily

4 Governance and Management

The charity is registered a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (foundation model). The charity is small and made up of five Trustees who were invited at the outset to join the Charity by the Chair as set out in the governing document. There must be at least three Trustees present at meetings to make decisions (quorum).

Three Trustees are experienced veterinary specialists in ophthalmology. Two other Trustees (HB and CTE) have between them business, accountancy, legal training and one (HB) has experience of working within a charity. To date this has enabled the smooth running of the charity.

The Trustees have not received any formal training but are aware of the Charity Commissions website and the guidance provided. All the information and updates received from the Charity Commission by the chair is circulated to the Trustees with any critical and/or especially pertinent information highlighted.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily but a financial policy has been put in place to deal with any expenses that Trustees may incur.

There have been no new appointments since the charity was registered. Recruitment when necessary, would take place through personal contacts and also within the veterinary profession.

There are no additional staff.

The charity has a good relationship with, and works closely with, the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmology to make the veterinary community aware of the charity and its work in assisting in the training of veterinary ophthalmologists. The Charity’s profile is raised at the annual European congress by funding Residents’ attendance through a travel grant and thereby facilitating their presentations and/or posters in which they are asked to acknowledge the support of the Charity.

5 Reference and Administrative details

The charity is managed by the founder (Jane Sansom) at the address given below in conjunction with support and advice from the other Trustees.

Registered name of the charity is The Keith Barnett Educational Trust (121267)
No other names are used.

Address
The Grange
Woodlands Close
Onehouse
Stowmarket
Suffolk
IP143HL

Advisors and services

Banking services are provided by Charities Aid Foundation Bank (CAF) (268369)
25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA
30 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1HT.

Financial advice and services are provided by Pape Wealth Management,
1-3 The Outlook, Fox's Marina, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP28NJ

Accounting services we are in the process of changing the accountant to the charity.

Board of Trustees (5) all the trustees (see below) were invited to join the charity prior to the inception of the charity in March 2025 and there have been no changes to date. All give their time voluntarily and no remuneration was paid in 2025.There are no corporate Trustees

Mr Crispin Talbot Easter Solicitor (retired)

Mrs Honora Winifred Barnett BA (Hons) ACMA (non-practising)

Miss Heidi Janette Featherstone BVetMed DVOphthal DipECVO MRCVS

Mr Wallace James Carter BVetMed DVOphthal DipECVO FRCVS

Miss Jane Sansom BVSc DVOphthal DipECVO (retired) FRCVS

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donation J Sansom	35	-	-	35
Bank Interest	0	-	-	0
Sub total*(Gross income for AR)*	35	-	-	35
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35	-	-	35
A3 Payments				
Bank Fees	25	-	-	25
Sub total	25	-	-	25
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25	-	-	25
Net of receipts/(payments)	10	-	-	10
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	10	-	-	10

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	**10**	**-**	**-**
	Total cash funds	**10**	**-**	**-**
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J. Sansom	
Full name(s)	Jane Sansom	
Position	Chair	
Date	22/09/2026	