Charity registration number: 203159

The Gloucestershire Society

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Administrative information
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Registered charity number: 203159

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Brian D'Arcy Clark

Hon Secretary and treasurer
Michael Strong FCA CTA

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Christopher White
Richard Boggis-Rolfe, OBE
Moira Garner
Daisy Berkeley
Lt Col Andrew Tabor JP
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Trustees report
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Structure, governance and management

The Gloucestershire Society is an unincorporated Registered Charity, which is governed by its Trust Deed.

The charity is administered by its committee of trustee members, who are appointed in accordance with the Trust Deed. The committee holds at least two ordinary meetings each year to discuss key matters and ensure the smooth running of the charity.

Objectives and activities
The objectives of the charity is to provide relief from povety for people resident in the Gloucestershire area who are in need, in hardship or distress. The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Summary of main achievements of the charity during the year
The Society this year continued to provide vital support to beneficiaries throughout Bristol and Gloucestershire, during a time when the cost of living crisis accentuated the economic impact upon people living on the lowest incomes.

The Society had a successful appeal, with thanks, led by our president for 2025 Brian D'Arcy Clark. Funds of £136,229 were raised during the year and £205,229 of grants were paid out to those in need, ranging from between £10 and £500 each.

The trustees were also very grateful for further restricted donations of £25,000 during the year to be used for the continuing efforts of the charity to provide grants to those in need. These funds were paid out during the year for the purpose intended.

The trustees are very grateful to all donors for their generosity during the year.

Reserves policy
The trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level to meet approximately 9 months' normal expenditure levels. This is considered to provide sufficient funds to continue to provide grants to beneficaries in the event of a drop in income.

Financial review
The detailed receipts and payments accounts are included on page 3. As shown in the accounts, the principle sources of funds were donations received during the year. The key areas of expenditure included individual grants and administration costs.

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Michael Strong
10/07/2026 at 8:27:21 AM UTC

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Michael Strong
Trustee

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Receipts and payments account and statements of assets and liabilities
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025			2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Receipts						
Donations, legacies and other similar receipts						
Donations	111,229	25,000	136,229	163,340	25,000	188,340
Gift aid	20,266	-	20,266	-	-	-
Investment Income Receipts						
Deposit Interest	3,376	-	3,376	3,912	-	3,912
Total receipts	134,871	25,000	159,871	167,252	25,000	192,252
Payments						
Grants Paid						
Individual grants	180,229	25,000	205,229	94,819	25,000	119,819
Management and administration						
Independent examination	750	-	750	750	-	750
Administrator and secretarial costs	10,752	-	10,752	5,400	-	5,400
Website and technology costs	5,608	-	5,608	1,090	-	1,090
Fundraising costs	6,247	-	6,247	817	-	817
Other administration costs	982	-	982	990	-	990
Total payments	204,568	25,000	229,568	103,866	25,000	128,866
Net movement of fund	(69,697)	-	(69,697)	63,386	-	63,386
Cash funds						
Cash balances at 1 January 2025	266,418	-	266,418	203,032	-	203,032
Cash balances at 31 December 2025	196,721	-	196,721	266,418	-	266,418

Related party transactions
The administrator and secretarial costs includes £5,400 (2024: £5,400) of payments made to Saffery LLP during the year, whom a partner is a trustee of the charity.

The website and technology costs includes £4,000 (2024: £1,000) of payments to Christopher White, who is a trustee of the charity, for running the website and database.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

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Michael Strong
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Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Gloucestershire Society
For the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on page 3.

Responsibilities 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').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of

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 Act; or

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

SIGNED SECURELY
Jacob Bray
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