CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2025 To 31/12/2025

Charity name: Robert Lucas for the poor and for public purposes

Charity registration number: 204345

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**To assist the needy and organisations benefiting the public in the parish of Shefford, also includes educational grants for university students.**
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	**During the year the Trust awarded grants to organisations providing support to Shefford residents for end of life care, treatment to patients suffering the progressive disease multiple sclerosis, CHUMS and St Johns.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**The charity was in a good position at the end of the period to undertake its objectives in future years.**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**Surplus funds are retained pending identification of suitable beneficiaries and causes.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Trust Deed 21.01.1974**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**Trust**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	**Appointed – three members by Town Council, the Vicar and others with experience to offer the trust**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Robert Lucas for the poor and for public purposes
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	204345
Charity's principal address	c/o 99 High Road Shillington Hitchin Herts SG5 3LT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Richard Ford			
2	Rev V Goodman			
3	Jane Hubbard	Chair		
4	Dr Colin Smith	Chairman		
5	Philip Barrett		From 09.09.25	
6	Caroline Smith		From 09.09.25	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JANE HUBBARD	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	09/06/2026	

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Charity Name	No (if any)
Robert Lucas for the Poor & Public Purposes	204345

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	Period end date 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					
Rent and insurance	110,245	-	-	110,245	128,170
Dividends and interest	4,393	-	-	4,393	4,219
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	114,638	-	-	114,638	132,389
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	114,638	-	-	114,638	132,389
A3 Payments					
Insurance	4,301	-	-	4,301	7,914
Maintenance	14,110	-	-	14,110	14,974
Administration	238	-	-	238	229
Professional fees	7,950	-	-	7,950	13,498
Grants	79,866	-	-	79,866	156,084
Clerk salary	2,387	-	-	2,387	6,604
Cleaner salary	597	-	-	597	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	109,449	-	-	109,449	199,303
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	109,449	-	-	109,449	199,303
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,189	-	-	5,189	- 66,914
A5 Transfers between funds	16,282	-	-	16,282	77,084
A6 Cash funds last year end	148,571	-	-	148,571	138,401
Cash funds this year end	170,042	-	-	170,042	148,571

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Barclays current account	52,374	-	
	COIF deposit account	117,624	-	
	Cash	44	-	
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	170,042	-	-
		OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
COIF investment fund		-	554,559
Barclays Wealth account		-	101,693
8 Residential properties		-	-
4 Commercial properties		-	-
1 Agricultural land (12 acres)		-	-
Allotments		-	-
Feoffment Room		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JANE HUBBARD	
		09/06/2026

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Robert Lucas for the Poor and for Public Purposes		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	204345
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

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:	Jordan Dennis	**Date:**	22/9/2026
Name:	Jordan Dennis		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ICAEW		
Address:	31 High View Close Hamilton Office Park Leicester LE4 9LJ		

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.