Charity registration number 209852 (England and Wales)

THE SOCIETY OF MOTOR MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M J Baunton, CBE Mr M Hague-Morgan Mr W Parfitt CBE Mr T C Bonner CBE Mr J Greenwell CBE Mr T Abbott Mr T Walker CBE Mr G Gillespie OBE Mr D Morris Mr R Shaw Mr M Flanagan Mr G Saint Mr L Drake Mr T L Evans Mr J M Neill, CBE Mr G P Jones Baron George Simpson of Dunkeld Mr A Smith	
Charity registration	England and Wales	209852
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)".

Objectives and activities

The Charity's sole purpose was originally to make loans or gifts to any poor person or his dependents who were engaged in a position of responsibility in the motor trade, or who contributed to the encouragement, promotion or protection of the motor trade.

In more recent years the purpose of the fund has been expanded to offer assistance:

a) To persons associated with the motor trade who are able to demonstrate poverty or hardship; and

b) To young persons where such assistance would enable them to gain employment in the automotive sector.

The Trust Deed additionally empowers the Trustees to make grants to BEN (BEN – Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund) and the Trustees should ensure that Trust funds are used effectively and in accordance with the Trust objects. An amendment to the scope was agreed in 2010, permitting annual or periodic grants to any charitable fund, association, corporation or similar having as one of its objects the relief or benefit of any young person or persons of poor indigent or other circumstances, requiring assistance to establish meaningful employment within the motor trade.

Following the success of the Working Assets programme, the Trustees agreed in November 2021 to continue supporting the initiative through Toyota and YMCA Derbyshire. The programme was unable to operate between 2020 and 2023 due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and staff shortages. At the November 2023 meeting, the Trustees agreed to carry forward the 2020 funding into 2024. The programme commenced at the end of 2024 and continued in 2025, with no further costs incurred during the year.

The Charity has supported St Andrew's, a local youth club, for a number of years. In 2023, the Trust was approached to fund a new initiative enabling young people to convert standard bicycles into electric bikes, helping them develop skills relevant to future automotive technologies. The project commenced in June 2024 and remained ongoing at the end of 2025, with £5,000 incurred during the year.

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The fund's charitable expenditure for the year is £42,964 (2024: £54,980).

The Trust Fund granted £2,650 to Kingsmead to support the expansion of its automotive studies department through the purchase of a metal lathe and coil spring compressor.

The Charitable Trust Fund also granted £7,000 to sponsor the Greenpower Goodwood Finals in October 2025. Greenpower is a charity that encourages young people aged 11 to 25 to engage with STEM subjects by designing, building and racing electric cars.

The SMMT CSR Staff Strategy Group launched the “Drive to Thrive” financial aid programme in 2023, in collaboration with SCTF and administered by BEN. The scheme provided grants to apprentices to fund driving lessons, helping to reduce commuting-related financial barriers. However, engagement was low, with only one applicant completing lessons and passing their test. As a result, the trustees advised that the scheme should be closed. The prior year accrual of £5,280 has therefore been released back to the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Charitable Trust Fund continued its support of BEN, donating £30,000 in 2025 (2024: £Nil) to help provide support to automotive industry families.

St Andrew’s Bike Conversion – The SMMT Charitable Trust Fund awarded a £5,000 grant to St Andrew’s in 2023 to support a bike conversion project for members of the Club. The project remained ongoing in 2025, with no further costs incurred during the year.

The Charitable Trust Fund also continued funding IET engineering horizon bursaries for five students at a total cost of £8,594 (2024: £7,700).

Financial review

At the year end, the total reserves available are £1,505,623 (2024: £1,395,421). The Statement of Financial Activities shows that the charity has made a gain of £110,202 (2024: £78,736 gain) including a net gain on investments of £128,111 (2024: £105,324).

Reserves policy

SCTF will always retain a minimum of £1,000,000 in reserves, subject to annual CPI inflationary rises from 2021 onwards. At the year end, total reserves available are £1,505,623, representing a 18.1% surplus above the inflation-adjusted minimum requirement of £1,275,091.

The Charitable Trust follows a base policy whereby dividend income and profit on sale of assets is made available for suitable charitable activities on an ongoing basis, subject to the reserves policy.

In addition, if an appropriate funding activity presents itself, spend level may be increased on a discretionary basis with the approval and agreement of the Chairman and majority of trustees.

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain the unrestricted charitable funds at a level appropriate to generating investment income to cover the direct charitable expenditure in each year.

The Charity only has unrestricted reserves for use in line with the policies of the Charity at the discretion of the Trustees for the furtherance of the Charity's objects.

Movement in reserves
The reserves and its policy are set out as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fund balance as at beginning of the year	**1,395,421**	**1,316,685**
Restricted Designated Funds		
Unrestricted Funds:	1,395,421	1,316,685
Profit from Investments	161,332	141,453
Admin Expenses	(8,166)	(7,737)
Funding Mission Motorsport	-	(40,000)
Grants to BEN	(30,000)	-
The Institution of Engineering and Technology Bursaries	(8,594)	(7,700)
Drive to Thrive	5,280	(5,280)
Toyota Working Assets		(2,000)
Greenpower Project Sponsorship	(7,000)	-
Kingsmead School	(2,650)	-
Total Funds at the year end	**1,505,623**	**1,395,421**

Investment policy
Since April 2012 HSBC Global Asset Management have acted as custodian trustees of the fund with HSBC Private Bank acting as advisors since 2015.

The Trustees see protection against inflation as important and have required capital growth to ensure that the future stipends expenditure is met. In consultation with HSBC, the Trustees reviewed their investment strategy against the HSBC ‘charity investment tree’ to assess the appropriate balance between risk and return over the short, medium and long term. The Trustees concluded that the HSBC UK Growth and Income Strategy would be the most appropriate strategy in the circumstances. This should achieve a balance between long term capital growth and income with some protection against inflation. The fund is diversified and offer exposure to fixed interest securities (28.8%), equities (65% both UK and global) and alternative investments such as property, private equity, and commodities (6.2%).

The expected return from the asset classes within the fund is targeted at 5.3% per annum over the long term, to which HSBC aim to add an outperformance of 1.0% to make the long-term investment cycle (5-10 years) portfolio return of 6.3%.

A quarterly investment report on past performance and long-term outlook is issued to the Trustees who meet to review the performance on an annual basis. An annual management fee of 0.45% applies; payable quarterly in arrears (plus VAT) and HSBC do not charge for transaction commissions.

There are no restrictions on the Charity’s power to invest.

Major risks
Risk management
An analysis of the risks faced by the Charity in areas of operations, administration and finance was carried out in collaboration with the investment portfolio management. In preparation of both a hard and a soft Brexit, the risks the Charity may face and the need to diversify the portfolio was discussed, and appropriate measures were implemented to mitigate these risks.

Structure, governance and management
The Charity is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 3 August 1932 as amended 25 May 2010 and is a registered charity under number 209852.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Mr M J Baunton, CBE
Mr M Hague-Morgan
Mr W Parfitt CBE
Mr T C Bonner CBE
Mr J Greenwell CBE
Mr T Abbott
Mr T Walker CBE
Mr G Gillespie OBE
Mr D Morris
Mr R Shaw
Mr M Flanagan
Mr G Saint
Mr L Drake
Mr T L Evans
Mr J M Neill, CBE
Mr G P Jones
Baron George Simpson of Dunkeld
Mr A Smith

Recruitment and appointment of trustees
The number of Trustees shall not be less than seven and shall consist of the current and past presidents, the current vice-president and honorary treasurer of The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) and at least three other persons decided by the Council of the Society.

The current SMMT president and vice-presidents of SMMT or honorary treasurer and all past presidents of SMMT are automatically Trustees of the Charity; this has been the case since 1932. In addition, anyone chosen to be a Trustee by the other Trustees (collectively referred to as Management Trustees) may be appointed. The Trusteeship must maintain a figure of at least seven and a quorum of at least five at all decision-making meetings.

On appointment, all Management Trustees are provided with a comprehensive pack of information setting out the history of the fund, the duties, responsibilities and powers of the Trustees, criteria for assessing applications to the fund, the specific roles of the Chairman of the Trustees and the honorary treasurer, the role of the Charity Commission, detail of the Charity's current Auditors, the Charity's Fund Managers and details of all current Trustees.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Gareth Phillip Jones (Jun 4, 2026 15:17:03 GMT+1)
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Mr G P Jones
Chairman of the Trustees

Date: 04/06/2026

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOCIETY OF MOTOR MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Charitable Trust Fund (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charities Act 2011.
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Malcolm McGready

Malcolm McGready FCA
Independent Examiner

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Dated: 04/06/2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Investments	**3**	33,221	36,129
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	**4**	5,484	5,237
Charitable activities	**5**	45,646	57,480
Total resources expended		51,130	62,717
Net gains on investments	**11**	128,111	105,324
Net movement in funds		110,202	78,736
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		1,395,421	1,316,685
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		1,505,623	1,395,421

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	**12**		1,595,374		1,440,548
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		374,936		23,914	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	(464,687)		(69,041)	
Net current liabilities			(89,751)		(45,127)
Total assets less current liabilities			1,505,623		1,395,421
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			1,505,623		1,395,421
			1,505,623		1,395,421

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on Gareth Phillip Jones (Jun 4, 2026 15:17:03 GMT+1)

04/06/2026

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Mr G P Jones

Chairman of the Trustees

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Charitable Trust Fund is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 3 August 1932 as amended 25 May 2010 and is a registered charity under number 209852.

2.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

2.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

2.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and allocated to the appropriate heading in the accounts.

2 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Charitable activities
Expenditure to meet the charity's aims and objectives. This includes grants to BEN during the year and expenditure of an indirect nature necessary to support the activity.

Governance costs
Those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

2.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are added to or deducted from the general unrestricted funds. Realised gains and losses in the year represent the difference between disposal proceeds and the market value at the point of disposal.

2.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, cash in transit, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity’s contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

3 Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income from listed investments	31,697	34,704
Interest receivable	1,524	1,425
	33,221	36,129

4 Raising funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment management costs	5,484	5,237
	5,484	5,237

All costs above are allocated to the unrestricted fund.

5 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	42,964	54,980
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	2,682	2,500
	45,646	57,480

6 Grants payable

	Grants payable 2025 £	Grants payable 2024 £
Grants to institutions:		
Greenpower Project	7,000	-
Mission Motorsport	-	40,000
The Institution of Engineering and Technology	8,594	7,700
Drive to Thrive	(5,280)	5,280
BEN	30,000	-
Toyota Working Assets	-	2,000
Kingsmead School	2,650	-
	42,964	54,980

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year. Any expenses incurred by the Trustees were reimbursed by The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Limited.

8 Support costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fees	2,682	2,500
	2,682	2,500
Analysed between		
Charitable activities	2,682	2,500

9 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Net gains on investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	82,378	77,476
Gain on sale of investments	45,733	27,848
	128,111	105,324

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments	Cash in portfolio	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2025	1,424,599	15,949	1,440,548
Additions	844,924	(844,924)	-
Valuation changes	82,556	26,715	109,271
Disposals	(784,064)	829,619	45,555
At 31 December 2025	1,568,015	27,359	1,595,374
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2025	1,568,015	27,359	1,595,374
At 31 December 2024	1,424,599	15,949	1,440,548

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments are included at their respective market values at each reporting date, these market values are based on the quoted mid point price of each investment held. The historical cost of the investments held at the balance sheet date is £1,376,916 (2024: £1,307,291).

13 Financial instruments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	1,595,374	1,440,548
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	464,687	69,041

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	453,190	47,364
Accruals and deferred income	11,497	21,677
	464,687	69,041

15 Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,395,421	33,221	(51,130)	128,111	1,505,623

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,316,685	36,129	(62,717)	105,324	1,395,421

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the current or previous financial years that require disclosure.