
THE BERTIE BLACK FOUNDATION

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Trustees	Mrs C Black Mr H S Black Mrs I R Seddon Mr I Seddon
Charity registered number	245207
Registered Address	Ground Floor 4 Portsdown Mews London NW11 7HD
Independent Examiner	Edward Passmore FCA BKL Audit LLP 35 Ballards Lane London N3 1XW
Bank	Barclays Bank plc Cornwall Street Plymouth Devon PL1 2HA
Solicitors	Charles Russell Speechlys LLP 6 New Street Square London EC4A 3LX

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of the Foundation are;

- the relief and assistance of poor and needy persons;
- the advancement of education;
- the advancement of religion;
- other purposes beneficial to the community;

The charity's main activity in the year was to satisfy the purposes of the foundation and to ensure financial stability in a period of continuing economic uncertainty.

There is a review of the grant making policy annually to ensure that it reflects the charity's objectives and thereby advances public benefits.

b. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for public benefit

The foundation has continued its established grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit.

During the year the charity made donations to a range of UK charities with the value of grants totalling £112,524 (2024 - £88,473).

Achievements and performance

a. Investment policy and performance

Our stock market investment advisors are instructed to invest to maximise the total return within the constraints of a medium to low risk investment portfolio. The high level of stock market volatility, Brexit risks and the continuing uncertainty regarding world economic prospects continues to make the management of investments difficult.

The rental income and market value of the Foundation's property investment is monitored regularly by the trustees.

Financial review

a. Going concern

Although the Charity faced a fall in the value in its investment portfolio at the year-end, this has since been partially recovered. The Charity also has minimal fixed costs, with the main source of expenditure being grants made to institutions which can be made at the discretion of the Trustees. Furthermore, the Charity had a healthy net asset position at the year end.

The Trustees therefore consider that based on the circumstances existing at the date of signature of the accounts the operations of the charity are not likely to be affected in a material manner by the current Coronavirus outbreak.

b. Financial performance

Investments during the year generated income of £149,312 (2024 - £148,312). Costs of generating income totalled £26,435 (2024 - £31,078). The charity made a surplus before revaluation of investments for the year of £3,904 (2024 - £20,357).

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c. Reserves policy

The trustees have a reserves policy whereby cash is kept at a level which will enable three months of operational costs to be met. Reserves in the form of investments are to be kept to a level which will allow the charity to generate income for the grant making program, whilst preserving sufficient capital to enable grant making in future periods.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Bertie Black Foundation is a registered charity, number 245207, and is constituted under a Trust deed dated 31 March 1965 and is an unincorporated association.

b. Methods of appointment or election of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. Organisational structure and decision making

The Foundation was established by an initial gift from Mr Bertie Black. The foundation is managed entirely by the trustees, there being no employees. The trustees are related to or are family members of the descendants of the founder, Mr Bertie Black. Decisions are taken by a majority of trustees including the power of appointment of new trustees.

d. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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 & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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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Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Mr H S Black
Trustee

Date: 22/04/2026

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Bertie Black Foundation ('the charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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 2011 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 of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Edward Passmore*

Dated: **22/04/2026**

Edward Passmore, FCA

BKL Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants
London

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	1,000	1,000	1,000
Investments	3	149,312	149,312	148,312
Total income		150,312	150,312	149,312
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4	26,435	26,435	31,078
Charitable activities		119,973	119,973	97,877
Total expenditure		146,408	146,408	128,955
Net income before net (losses)/gains on investments		3,904	3,904	20,357
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(263,042)	(263,042)	235,525
Net movement in funds		(259,138)	(259,138)	255,882
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		5,048,699	5,048,699	4,792,817
Net movement in funds		(259,138)	(259,138)	255,882
Total funds carried forward		4,789,561	4,789,561	5,048,699

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 5 APRIL 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	4,494,592	4,715,221
Investment property	9	300,000	300,000
		<u>4,794,592</u>	<u>5,015,221</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	1,378	1,393
Cash at bank and in hand		5,351	43,605
		<u>6,729</u>	<u>44,998</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(11,760)	(11,520)
Net current liabilities / assets		<u>(5,031)</u>	<u>33,478</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>4,789,561</u></u>	<u><u>5,048,699</u></u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	13	4,789,561	5,048,699
Total funds		<u><u>4,789,561</u></u>	<u><u>5,048,699</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Mr H S Black
Trustee

Date: **22/04/2026**

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Bertie Black Foundation constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The Charity has minimal fixed costs, with the main source of expenditure being grants made to institutions which can be made at the discretion of the Trustees. Furthermore, the Charity had a healthy net asset position at the year end.

As such, the trustees consider that the Charity is able to continue its activities for a period of at least twelve months from the date of signature of these accounts and the accounts have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity.

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Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure (continued)

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.7 Investment property

Investment property is carried at fair value determined annually and derived from the current market rents and investment property yields for comparable real estate, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. No depreciation is provided. Changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.9 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	1,000	1,000
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	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Donations	1,000	1,000
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3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Rental income	35,479	35,479
Investment (dividend and interest) income	108,327	108,327
Bank interest	5,506	5,506
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	149,312	149,312

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3. Investment income (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Rental income	34,676	34,676
Investment (dividend and interest) income	104,758	104,758
Bank interest	8,878	8,878
	148,312	148,312
	148,312	148,312

4. Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Investment management fees and overseas withholding taxes	25,435	25,435
Property management costs	1,000	1,000
	26,435	26,435
	26,435	26,435

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Investment management fees and overseas withholding taxes	30,078	30,078
Property management costs	1,000	1,000
	31,078	31,078
	31,078	31,078

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5. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Supporting good causes	112,524	112,524
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	<i>Grants to Institutions 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Supporting good causes	88,473	88,473
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5. Analysis of grants (continued)

The charity has made the following material grants to institutions during the year:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Main recipients of institutional grants		
Chai Cancer Care	-	7,500
My Israel	44,300	-
Jewish Care	15,000	15,000
UK Jewish Film	10,000	7,500
World Jewish Relief	6,190	6,325
Food bank aid	7,500	7,500
GIFT	5,000	-
British Friends of Jaffa Institute	-	7,500
British Emunah	-	5,000
Total of all grants under £5,000	24,534	32,148
	112,524	88,473
	112,524	88,473

Analysis of charitable expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
Community	86,658	75,748
Culture	17,066	10,325
Health	8,800	2,400
	112,524	88,473
	112,524	88,473

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2025	Support costs 2025	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£
Supporting good causes	112,524	7,449	119,973
	112,524	7,449	119,973

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

	<i>Grant funding of activities 2024 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Supporting good causes	88,473	9,404	97,877
	88,473	9,404	97,877

Analysis of support costs

	Supporting good causes 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Bank charges	129	129
Professional fees	1,440	1,440
Accountancy fees	5,880	5,880
	7,449	7,449

	<i>Supporting good causes 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Trustee expenses	66	66
Bank Charges	242	242
Valuation Expenses	6,000	6,000
Accountancy fees	3,096	3,096
	9,404	9,404

7. Independent examiner's remuneration

The Independent Examination fee amounts to £5,880 (2024 - £5,880).

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8. Net income/expenditure

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2024 - £NIL)
 During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2024 - £NIL).
 During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2024, one Trustee - £66).

9. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 6 April 2024	300,000
At 5 April 2024	300,000

The trustees have considered the market value of the investment property at the year end and believe there to be no material change from the prior year.

10. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 6 April 2024	4,683,936	31,285	4,715,221
Additions	1,240,018	1,206,295	2,446,313
Disposals	(1,203,585)	(1,200,315)	(2,403,900)
Revaluations	(263,042)	-	(263,042)
At 5 April 2025	4,457,327	37,265	4,494,592
Net book value			
At 5 April 2025	4,457,327	37,265	4,494,592
At 5 April 2024	4,683,936	31,285	4,715,221

Fixed asset investments are held in the UK, Europe, North America, in the Far East and Australia.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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11. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	1,378	1,393
	1,378	1,393
	1,378	1,393

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	11,760	11,520
	11,760	11,520
	11,760	11,520

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 6 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (Losses)	Balance at 5 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	5,048,699	150,312	(146,408)	(263,042)	4,789,561
	5,048,699	150,312	(146,408)	(263,042)	4,789,561
	5,048,699	150,312	(146,408)	(263,042)	4,789,561

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (Losses)	Balance at 5 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	4,792,817	149,312	(128,955)	235,525	5,048,699
	4,792,817	149,312	(128,955)	235,525	5,048,699
	4,792,817	149,312	(128,955)	235,525	5,048,699

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Fixed asset investments	4,494,592	4,494,592
Investment property	300,000	300,000
Current assets	6,729	6,729
Creditors due within one year	(11,760)	(11,760)
Total	4,789,561	4,789,561

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	4,715,221	4,715,221
Investment property	300,000	300,000
Current assets	44,998	44,998
Creditors due within one year	(11,520)	(11,520)
Total	5,048,699	5,048,699

15. Related party transactions

Administrative overheads are provided at Nil cost by Yelverton Properties Limited, an associate company of the Trustees. These services are valued at £1,000 (2024: £1,000) and included in donations (note 2) and costs of raising funds.

During the year, the charity had paid £1,440 of expenses to Yelverton Properties Limited (2024: £7,200)