THE BEACON TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Charity Number 281411

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) as applied to smaller charities.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The Trustees are to apply the income and capital in making donations to such charitable purposes as the Trustees may decide.

Any income not so applied may be accumulated and invested for a period of fifty years from the date of the Deed.

Achievements and performance of the Trust

The main beneficiaries of The Beacon Trust, as agreed between the Settlor and the Trustees, are Village Concern Uganda, a community development organisation and Medic to Medic, who support students studying medicine and related subjects, mainly in Malawi.

Financial review

The Beacon Trust relies on the receipt of donations and grants to fund its donations.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

Structure, governance and management

The Beacon Trust is constituted under a trust deed dated 14 September 1980 and is registered with the Charity Commission under number 281411.

The Settlor has the power of appointing new Trustees.

Reference and administrative information

Trustees

Lady Erica R Hedley

Hilary J Hutchison

Piers Hedley

Settlor

Sir Mark Hedley

Correspondence address

29 Langrove Street, Liverpool, L5 3PE

Bankers

The Co-operative Bank p.l.c.

P.O. Box 250, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT

Independent Examiner

Raymond Bissex FCA

32 Brooklands Avenue, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 3XZ

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply then consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, 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.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Erica Hedley

Date: 21/11/2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the trustees of The Beacon Trust, charity number 281411, on my examination of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on the attached statements of financial activities, assets and liabilities and notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of The Beacon Trust ("the Trust") you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's financial statements 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 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 financial statements did 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 financial statements to be reached.

Raymond Bissex
32 Brooklands Avenue
Waterloo
Liverpool
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Date: 24 June 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Income		
Donations	28,300	40,950
Grant	750	-
Tax refund on gift aid receipts	7,075	10,200
	36,125	51,150
Income from investments		
Aviva plc	121	112
Total income	36,246	51,262
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Medic to Medic	12,000	12,000
Village Concern, Uganda	25,250	17,000
Shrewsbury House	500	2,870
Other	100	5,303
	37,850	39,117
Management and administration		
Accountancy fees	0	120
Total expenditure	37,850	39,297
Net (expenditure)/income	(1,604)	11,965
Fund balances brought forward	25,044	13,079
Fund balances carried forward	23,440	25,044

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2026		2025
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Investment Assets				
Norwich Union life assurance policy No.2425496A (restricted)	-		-	
Aviva plc – 432 ordinary shares of 25p	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Debtor: tax recoverable	7,075		10,200	
Cash at bank	16,365		14,964	
Total current assets	23,440		25,164	
Creditors due within twelve months				
Accruals	-		120	
Total current liabilities	-		120	
		23,440		25,044
Total assets less current liabilities		23,440		25,044
Unrestricted fund				
General		23,440		25,044

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) which was published on 16 July 2014.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost.

(a) Donations are included as when received
(b) Investment income is included when receivable
(c) Gift aid tax recoverable on donations to the charity is included in the period in which the relevant donation is received
(d) Expenditure on grants is recorded once the Trust has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant
(e) Other expenditure is included in the financial statements on an accruals basis
(f) Fixed asset investments are stated at cost

2 Taxation

The Beacon Trust is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains when applied for charitable purposes.

3 Related party transactions

None of the Trustees were paid any remuneration or expenses by the charity during the year.