

Annual Report April 2024 – March 2025

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1. Welcome to the 2024-25 Annual Report

1.1 Introduction from our Chairperson

It's my pleasure to introduce the 2024-25 Weston Park Cancer Charity Annual Report, which highlights our work from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

I'd like to begin by extending my sincerest thanks to the Weston Park Cancer Charity community – which includes our supporters, volunteers, healthcare professionals, and partners. You inspire us every day, and enable us to fund vital support services, innovative research, and treatment enhancements. This report is dedicated to you, and the tremendous impact you've made this year.

I first joined Weston Park Cancer Charity as a trustee in 2020, and started my new role as Chair of the Board of Trustees in March 2025. It was an honour to take over from Niall Baker, who spent 12 years as a Weston Park Cancer Charity trustee, with the last 3 as Chairman. Niall led the board with tenacity and passion, and I would like to personally thank him for his years of service.

At Weston Park Cancer Charity, our goal is to improve the lives of people affected by cancer. While we're based in Sheffield, our support services are available to people across South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw, and North Derbyshire. These services are incredibly varied in scope, and include welfare benefit advice appointments, cancer-specific peer support groups, complementary therapies, and one-to-one emotional support.

Alongside our support services, we work hard to ensure patients have the best treatment experience possible by funding improvements to Weston Park Cancer Centre. This includes our current capital appeal which will bring Sheffield its first ever MRI simulator cancer scanning machine – discussed further in Emma's introduction.

We also effect change internationally, by supporting the world-class cancer research taking place right here, in our region. In this report, you can read about the innovative projects currently being carried out at the hospital's Cancer Clinical Trials Centre (CCTC). Across the year, we contributed £306,882 towards the vital work and trials of the CCTC. Not only do these trials drive our understanding of cancer forward, but they also give much-needed hope to the patients that participate in them.

This year, you helped us to provide almost £20,000 in 'small grants' which benefitted over 9,300 people and helped fund fitness groups, improvements to our radiotherapy ward, feel-good floristry workshops, swimming sessions and more.

Over the past year, we delivered 2,500 instances of flexible emotional support at our Cancer Support Centre, in the community, and via our helpline. We reached almost 7,000 members of the public through 340 community and healthcare events, and hosted 178 group sessions and courses. We'll never stop spreading vital cancer awareness, and we expect to reach an even greater number of individuals and families in the years ahead.

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This goal will be supported by our recent merger with Cavendish Cancer Care, which was announced in February 2025. The merger has enabled us to become a larger, unified charity – operating under the name of Weston Park Cancer Charity – which can make an even bigger impact.

In this exciting new chapter, we will be developing and expanding our services. This includes the continued provision of the complementary therapies, counselling, and children's services at our newly renamed 'Cavendish Centre' on Wilkinson Street. This name was chosen to honour the legacy of Cavendish Cancer Care and is a tribute to all of the lives touched by the charity.

Thanks to the merger, we have welcomed four new trustees to our board: David Grey, David Thurkettle, Alison Clarke, and Amy Hallam. We're grateful for the wealth of expertise and experience that these individuals bring to the charity.

To every single person who donated, volunteered, or otherwise supported our work in 2024-25: thank you. Cancer changes everything. But when it does, so can we. I hope you enjoy hearing from the patients and families that you've helped to support this year.

Steve Wragg, Chair of the Board of Trustees

1.2 Introduction from our CEO

Welcome to the 2024-25 Weston Park Cancer Charity Annual Report!

Whether you're a volunteer, a team member, an NHS colleague, or a supporter – this report is for you. It shines a light on the marvellous things you accomplished in 2024-25 and the huge difference you made to local people who have been affected by cancer.

At Weston Park Cancer Charity, we help people to live well – with and beyond a cancer diagnosis. We offer lifechanging support services, fund groundbreaking research, and enhance the treatment experience for patients. Everything we do is delivered in collaboration, and benefits from the enthusiasm and dedication of our wonderful Weston Park community.

With that in mind, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to every single person who contributed to our work this year. We know that one in two people will face a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime. But by standing together, we can influence the future of cancer care and help people who are going through treatment right now.

Every year, I love reading about our incredible fundraisers. I'm filled with pride when I see pictures of your Time for Tea events, your festive fundraisers, and your active challenges. In 2024-25 over 3,300 fantastic donors and fundraisers came together and in total, the charity raised an astounding £4 million in income. This brings us back to pre-covid levels of fundraising and will change thousands of lives. Our charity doesn't receive NHS or government funding, making this achievement all the more remarkable.

It's been quite the year for Weston Park Cancer Charity. In March, we celebrated our 30th birthday with an Enchanted Spring Ball. It was brilliant to see many familiar faces there, as we reflected on three decades of our work. At this joyous event, we also looked forward to key projects – including our largest ever appeal!

Launched in April 2025, our 'see it. treat it' appeal aims to raise £1.85m to bring a revolutionary MRI simulator cancer scanning machine to our hospital. This powerful tool produces high-definition, high-contrast images that improve the accuracy of treatment. It will transform the treatment experience for patients by minimising damage to healthy tissues and reducing side effects. Crucially, it should significantly boost cancer survival rates across our region.

Our charity was hard at work all year, planning the appeal behind the scenes. We're so grateful to our appeal board, led by retired Consultant Clinical Oncologist Dr Kash Purohit, who supplied endless energy and ambition throughout this process. We are also extremely thankful to our long-term charity supporter, Westfield Health, which has pledged £500,000 in match funding for the appeal. This is providing additional motivation for our supporters, doubling the impact of their generous donations.

This year, we marked 25 years of research excellence at the hospital's Cancer Clinical Trials Centre (CCTC). Charity funding helped to establish the centre in 1999, and we've been supporting its pioneering work ever since. Over the past quarter-century, the CCTC has conducted 1,048 clinical trials involving 18,260 patients. We're proud to award

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grants which fund major projects at the CCTC and the essential research nurses who work there.

In 2024-25, our charity embarked on one of the most significant transformations in its history, as we merged with Cavendish Cancer Care. The merger will extend our range of services and allow us to reach even more people. We can now improve cancer care, drive research, and enhance treatments from a position of greater strength. Next year, we will be delivering the final stages of our 'Together at Every Step' strategy, before looking ahead to set future ambitions and new strategic objectives.

People living with cancer are at the heart of everything we do. In 2024-25, we recorded 24,500 interactions with people impacted by cancer, an increase of 28% on the previous year. We brought our services directly into communities, with our Big Purple Bus team delivering almost 1,000 one-to-one support sessions. We also expanded our free transport service, with our volunteer drivers covering more than 50,000 miles – helping 447 clients get to and from their appointments.

It's hard to describe how much I appreciate the supporters, staff members, and volunteers who make our work possible. Thank you for your generosity, your time, and your commitment. With your continued support we will change and save lives across our region for years to come.

Emma Clarke, CEO of Weston Park Cancer Charity

2. Our strategic objectives and achievements

About Weston Park Cancer Charity and our strategic goals for 2024-25

For one in two of us, cancer will change everything. Each year, over 8,800 people in our region are diagnosed with cancer and around 52,000 people are currently living with the disease. Sadly, we also know that every year, approximately 3,800 people in South Yorkshire will lose their lives to cancer (Office for Health Improvement and Disparities).

At Weston Park Cancer Charity, we improve the lives of people affected by cancer by investing in research, funding treatment enhancements, and delivering a wide range of support services. Our goal is to ensure that people in our region receive the very best care, while driving research that shapes the future of cancer treatment.

We provide practical help, emotional support, and physical wellbeing services to patients and their loved ones. These services can be accessed at our welcoming Cancer Support Centre in Sheffield, or out in communities across South Yorkshire through our Big Purple Buses.

Alongside our support services, we invest in pioneering research – including the clinical trials led by experts at Weston Park Cancer Centre. Our grants fund specialist equipment and the vital members of staff who run these trials. We also offer grants to hospital departments and groups which transform patient care across the region.

This report shares how we delivered against our 'Together at Every Step' strategy in 2024-25. Built around the six key priorities of Awareness, Reach, Access, Research, Digital, and Impact, our strategy guides everything we do. Inside, you can read about the progress we've made over the past year and learn about our exciting plans for the future.

2.1 Objective 1: Spread the word about Weston Park Cancer Charity's services

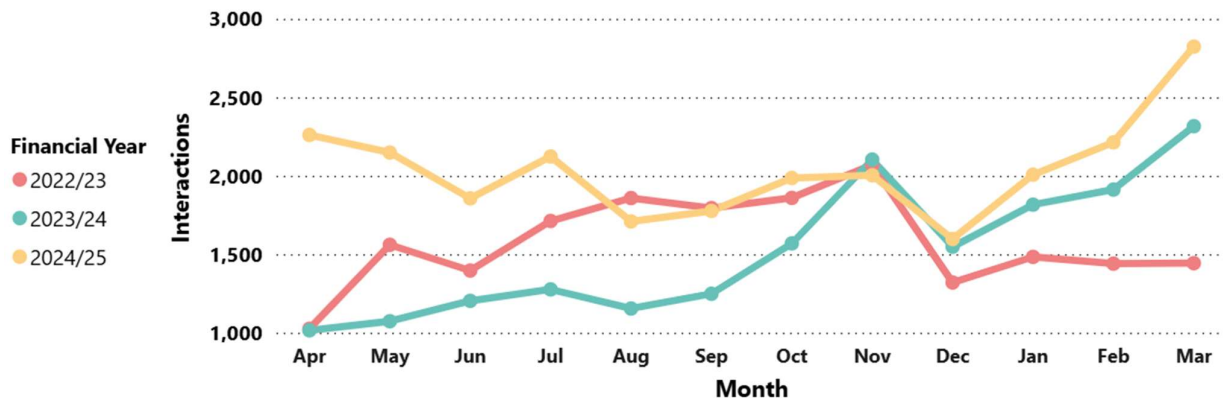
Awareness - everyone diagnosed with cancer in the region will know about Weston Park Cancer Charity, and how we can help them and their loved ones, at every step.

As a charity, we're proud to offer a wide range of support services to people across South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw, and North Derbyshire. These services are available to anyone who has been impacted by cancer and include financial advice, complementary therapies, free transport to appointments, peer support groups, and more.

We also have a dedicated team of healthcare professionals at our Cancer Support Centre who provide emotional support – both in person and over the phone – to people who have been affected by cancer.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, we were pleased to see widespread uptake of our services. Across the year we supported 7,200 individuals, helping them to live well, with and beyond their cancer diagnosis. More than 2,000 new clients registered for our support services, and our team logged over 31,500 interactions with beneficiaries and members of the public.

Figure 1. Number of interactions with those impacted by cancer each month



During 2024-25 our team offered immediate support over the phone and in person on more than 2,500 occasions - a 44% increase on the previous year. This is in addition to the 500 pre-booked emotional support appointments provided by this fantastic team.

Our experienced therapists have also been hard at work throughout the year, delivering almost 1,000 hours of complementary therapies. From reiki, to reflexology, to hot stone massages – our complementary therapies ease the side effects of cancer treatment and improve quality of life for our patients.

In 2024-25, 225 clients received a course of auricular acupuncture at our Cancer Support Centre. This service is particularly beneficial to people who have gone through hormone treatment after being diagnosed with breast, prostate, or gynaecological cancer. Patient feedback for this service is very positive, with 8 in 10 saying it has made a real difference for them.

Changing lives through charity grants

Weston Park Cancer Charity provides grants of all sizes to support researchers, organisations, and individuals. In 2024-25, we funded a total of £420,956 in grants to partners who share our vision and values. It's incredibly rewarding to see how much of an impact these grants are making across our region.

Large grants case study: Age UK Sheffield

Over the past three years, we've helped to support 1,135 older people living with cancer through our partnership with Age UK Sheffield.

We awarded a quarter-million-pound grant to the charity's [Cancer Support Independent Living Service](#) in 2022. The service helps people who have been impacted by cancer to regain and retain their independence through a bespoke three-month package of support.

The Weston Park Cancer Charity grant paid for two full-time Independent Living Coordinators (ILCs) and a part-time Independent Living Coordinator Manager. ILCs are highly trained experts who visit service users in their own home to assess their unique needs. They can help individuals to access benefits, home modifications, community transport services, and more.

From 2022 – 2025 the Cancer Support Independent Living Service helped participants to access a total of £1.25 million per year in unclaimed benefits. In most cases they will continue to receive these benefits for the rest of their lives.

Small grants

Our small grants are available to hospital departments, community groups, and individuals who want to make a difference for people living with cancer. In 2024-25, over 9,000 people were positively impacted by our small grants programme – including patients, families, and healthcare professionals.

This year, we awarded grants for:

- Healthcare staff training and development opportunities.
- Four woodland wellbeing sessions for cancer patients and family members.
- The MSc(Res) in Cancer Biology and Therapeutics Weston Park Cancer Charity Annual Student Award.
- 750 water bottles to help radiotherapy patients drink the correct amount of water for their treatment.
- 'Feel Good Floristry' workshops, which give people who have been affected by cancer the chance to experience the therapeutic benefits of flower arranging.
- 22 'Outswimming Cancer' sessions.
- 60 blankets as gifts for patients who were in hospital at Weston Park over Christmas.
- 2,500 business cards were created and printed for 20 CNS teams, providing a convenient and professional means for sharing contact details with patients.
- 150 bereavement bags for those who have lost a loved one to cancer.

Small Grant Spotlight

Working with Weston Park Cancer Centre, we funded a grant to support a pilot for bags for bereaved families following their loved ones passing away in the hospital. The bags include a label, providing details on how to access our support services, which were individually attached by our volunteers. Posters were provided for hospital staff rooms, to advise of the pilot and raise awareness. We received the following feedback from the first family and nurses to use the bags: *“The family thought they were lovely. We are so grateful for these, they make such a difference when families are so vulnerable.”*

Increasing awareness of our services through education and engagement

With so many services and grant funding opportunities on offer, it's crucial that we spread awareness of their availability across our region. To do this, we must connect with healthcare professionals in the area and ensure that they are aware of the support Weston Park Cancer Charity can provide.

In October 2024, we launched a new digital learning platform designed for healthcare professionals. Through this platform, we deliver our 'Discover Weston Park Cancer Charity' webinars. These introduce our charity and the support we provide, and explain our referral pathway. Since its launch, 40 members of staff have taken part in these webinars, including occupational therapists, clinical nurses and care co-ordinators. We will continue to offer and promote these regular webinars to strengthen awareness of the charity across South Yorkshire. We have also created a profile on the 'Sheffield Mental Health Guide' website, to further spread the word.

As well as connecting digitally, our team was highly visible in the community throughout 2024-25. We attended 24 primary and secondary care events and ran 23 educational sessions. At these events, we shared cancer awareness and information about our services – ensuring people know where to turn for support when they need it most. These were attended by over 650 members of the public and 100 healthcare professionals.

Reflecting on a recent Weston Park Cancer Charity education session, Mirban Hussain, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Lead at Rotherham Hospice, said: *“Participant feedback highlighted the session's effectiveness, with attendees committing to share their knowledge within their communities, particularly around the importance of cancer screening. One participant emphasized the session's potential life-saving impact, noting, 'It could be the difference between life and death'. This initiative showcases how collaborative approaches to health education can effectively break down barriers and empower communities to take charge of their health.”*

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Our services are for everyone, regardless of background, location, age, or gender. That's why we strive to attend as many different community events as possible. This year we took part in 13 events hosted throughout South Yorkshire including at Hillsborough Football Stadium, Sheffield City Centre and Dinnington Resource Centre. We also created two special assembly presentations for pupils and staff at Tinsley Meadows Primary Academy, helping to raise understanding and awareness of cancer from an early age.

Cancer Support Referral Pathway

Our Referral Pathway enhances personalised support whilst also reducing pressure on Healthcare Professionals (HCPs), enabling them to focus on their patients. In July 2024, we launched a quarterly newsletter to keep HCPs up to date with our services. The readership is growing steadily, and the information now reaches 386 HCPs across the region.

The newsletter features timetables and locations for our Big Purple Bus service and information on our cancer support referral pathway. It also includes a digital referral form, to make connecting patients with us as simple as possible. We're excited to develop this newsletter and grow its audience in the years ahead.

We're delighted to report that we have doubled our referral rate compared to the previous year, with 736 referrals from primary and secondary care teams in 2024-25.

2.2 Objective 2: Address health inequalities in our region

Reach - everyone diagnosed with cancer in communities where there are greatest cancer health inequalities in the region will be able to access our support.

Last year, the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) launched a powerful initiative called 'South Yorkshire Shows Up', which highlighted the stark reality of cancer in our region. It named South Yorkshire as having one of the highest rates of cancer in England, with the lowest proportion of people diagnosed at an early stage.

Data has also shown that people in South Yorkshire from ethnic minority communities and lower-income areas are up to three times more at risk of dying prematurely from cancer. Additionally, these individuals are less likely to access services which could support them during treatment.

We set out to change these statistics by ensuring that everyone in the region knows about our services. Everyone should have access to first-class cancer information, support, and advice – regardless of their background or financial circumstances.

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Dr Louise Merriman, Trustee of Weston Park Cancer Charity: *"Many people in our local communities face barriers when seeking cancer support - whether it's due to mobility challenges, financial restraints, or simply not knowing where to turn. Weston Park Cancer Charity's Big Purple Bus initiative means we meet people where they are, breaking down those barriers. At its heart, this project is about health equity; making sure that everyone, no matter their background or circumstances, has fair and equal access to the support and care they deserve."*

In 2024-25, we worked hard to tackle health inequalities in our region through flagship services like the Big Purple Bus and key partnerships such as our Citizens Advice welfare benefits advice sessions.

As shown in table 1 below, the percentage of non-white clients across all our services has steadily increased since 2022/23. We have also improved data collection of this measure; whilst in 2023/24 29% of our client's had their ethnicity recorded as 'Unknown', in 2024/25 this decreased significantly to 11%.

Table 1. The percentage of clients in each ethnic group since 2022/23

Ethnic Group	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Arab		0.20%	0.30%
Asian	2.80%	3.20%	4.30%
Black	1.20%	2.00%	2.80%
Mixed	0.40%	0.50%	0.10%
Other	0.60%	0.80%	0.10%
White	95.00%	93.30%	92.40%

Easing the financial burden of cancer

A cancer diagnosis can affect an individual's ability to work, and lead to additional costs such travel expenses, childcare and heating bills. As a result, financial support is a lifeline for many of those undergoing cancer treatment.

Our partnership with Citizens Advice helps individuals to combat the financial burden of cancer by ensuring they can access all of the benefits and support available to them. Their specialist advisors help clients to apply for personal independence payments, council tax reductions, and much more. Following support from our Citizens Advice experts in 2024-25, clients increased their annual income by an average of £2,778.

In April 2024 we increased the accessibility of our Citizens Advice sessions by incorporating them into our Big Purple Bus service. The team now join us every Monday in Manor and Friday in Darnall. By bringing this service directly into our

communities, we're helping people get the advice they need without the barriers of travel, cost or long waiting times. In 2024-25, we helped 1,013 people living with cancer to access over £2.8 million in financial support.

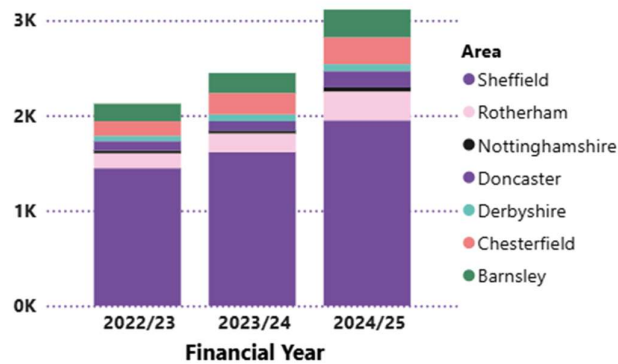
Raising cancer awareness across our region

In 2024-25 our Big Purple Bus team spread cancer awareness by hosting events at partner organisations including the Zest Centre, Rotherham Hospice, Sheffield Mela Festival, Madina Mosque and Uppertorpe Medical Centre.

In July 2024 we held our first stall at Moor Market's Welcome Place, in collaboration with Sheffield City Council. This friendly service offers support with employability, health, finances, and more. Once a month, one of our Cancer Information and Support Coordinators is on hand in this busy city centre location to provide cancer information, advice, and reassurance to anyone who needs it.

Our reach is growing. Over the past two years, we've seen a 60% rise in regular clients¹ who are based outside of Sheffield. We're also reaching a broader and more diverse community than ever before; the number of clients we support who are Asian, African, or Caribbean has doubled over the past two years.

Figure 2. Regular clients and their area of residence



A key driver of this progress has been the expansion of our Big Purple Bus service, which had over 8,400 interactions in 2024-25. A 2019 government study² ranked areas in England based on how deprived they are in terms of poverty, unemployment and health. 51 areas of Yorkshire fell within the top 500 'most deprived' in the country. We are pleased to see that numbers of clients residing in these areas has increased in 2024-25 compared to the previous year. For example, we've seen a 43% increase of clients from Manor Castle (S2 1) and Southey (S5 8/9) and a 140% increase in clients from Valley, Rotherham (S65 2).

¹ Regular clients refer to those using a WPCC-run service including complementary therapy, pre-booked emotional support, a course, or transport service. It does not include ad-hoc drop-ins where consistent data on residence may not be collected.

² www.gov.uk/guidance/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019-mapping-resources

Big Purple Bus Expansion

Our Big Purple Bus service brings expert cancer support and advice directly into harder-to-reach communities. The healthcare professionals on board advise on everything from managing side-effects of treatment, to supporting a loved one through a diagnosis.

2024-25 was a fantastic year for the Big Purple Bus: we met with thousands of people in the community, added four new locations to the service, and translated on-board materials into three additional languages. Visitors can now access information on the Big Purple Bus in Arabic, Punjabi and Urdu, which are three of the most common languages spoken in Sheffield, after English.

In September, we marked the first birthday of the Big Purple Bus with celebratory events across our community venues. These were complemented by a marketing campaign to spread further awareness of the service.

Emma Robinson, who works on the Big Purple Bus as a Cancer Information and Support Coordinator said: *"The education sessions delivered by the team offer invaluable knowledge and guidance allowing public to feel more empowered in understanding their bodies. By meeting people in their own environment, it creates opportunities for honest discussions around the needs of different community members and how to approach a cancer diagnosis depending on faith, culture and belonging."*

Our Courses and Groups

As well as offering one-to-one emotional wellbeing sessions at our Cancer Support Centre, we run a range of courses and groups for people who have been impacted by cancer. This includes our bereavement café, which was launched in June 2024. In this informal space, people can come together to exchange stories, form connections and share all-important emotional support.

In 2024-25, 30 patients were able to switch-off and unwind at our wellbeing days. These included yoga, guest speakers, journalling workshops, nutrition information and immersive sound baths. We aim to make these sessions as inclusive as possible and have been pleased to see an increase in the number of people from ethnic minority backgrounds attending. Going forward, we will be working to expand participation in our wellbeing days even further – with a particular focus on recruiting male attendees.

Claire, a wellbeing day attendee, said: *"I found the day a brilliant way to help address mindfulness. I loved the different techniques it gave me to take away and apply in my everyday life. The sound bath was just incredible and the mindfulness in nature was so simple but so effective. Not only did I enjoy the individual components, I found it a lovely way to connect with my friends - who are in the same support group as me."*

2.3 Objective 3: Provide free transport to hospital appointments

Access - everyone diagnosed with cancer in the region will have access to free transport to attend treatment and clinic appointments, if they need it.

We often hear from patients who are worried about how they will get to their appointments. With traffic, parking, and high fuel costs to contend with, some individuals have even considered turning down life-saving treatment due to the stress involved.

We launched Weston Park Cancer Charity's free transport service in 2021 in response to these concerns. Since then, the service has provided thousands of individuals in Chesterfield, Barnsley, and Rotherham with a safe, reliable and stress-free way to get to and from their appointments.

April 2024 marked the third anniversary of the free transport service, which continues to increase in popularity. In 2024-25 our volunteer drivers completed 1,529 return trips and covered an impressive 49,516 miles in total. The number of people using the service grew dramatically this year, with 60% more people taking one or more trips.

Transport Service Awareness

This significant rise in service use can be partly attributed to successful marketing activities. We have targeted areas with transport service pick-up points, with advertisements printed in Rotherham Life and AroundTown magazines. These proved to be highly effective, and we saw large growth in our Rotherham service; In 2024-25 109 people used the Rotherham service, compared to 34 in 2023-24.

As well as traditional news outlets, we reached thousands of football fans through our 'Together at Every Step Partnership', promoting the transport service during charity takeover days at Barnsley FC, Sheffield Wednesday, and Sheffield United.

Throughout the year, we profiled a number of transport service users for news pieces and social media posts. These helped us to widen our reach, with visitors to the transport page of our website almost tripling over the year. This increase in interest demonstrates the great need for the free transport service in our community.

Expanding the service

With demand for the service growing, we are working hard to expand our network of pick-up points. In June 2024, we launched a Meadowhall Shuttle. This new bus route has helped us to reach more individuals, reduce waiting times, and improved the overall experience for our clients.

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79-year-old Barry, who lives in Upper Cumberworth, used the free transport service during his treatment for prostate cancer. Talking about his experience, Barry said: *“It made a big difference being able to have a chat and a laugh with the other passengers. It made me forget about what I was going through. I’ve recommended Weston Park’s transport service to so many people now. Whenever I hear that someone in the area has been diagnosed with cancer I say, ‘Get yourself on that bus!’. You can’t beat it.”*

We’re extremely grateful to our fantastic group of volunteer drivers who contributed almost 5,000 hours of driving in 2024-25. We couldn’t run this essential service without their generous support, and thank them for always making our passengers feel welcome.

2.4 Objective 4: Advance Weston Park’s cancer research

Research – We will support Weston Park Cancer Centre to continue to be a leading UK cancer research centre, giving people in this region the opportunity to support ground-breaking clinical trials and studies.

We’re so proud of the outstanding cancer research that takes place at Weston Park Cancer Centre. The centre’s cutting-edge clinical trials push our understanding of cancer forward and provide hope to many patients who have exhausted all other treatment options.

As well as directly benefiting participants, clinical trials can improve outcomes across the board at research-active hospitals - as they allow practitioners to quickly bring new treatments into standard practice.

Grants for researchers

From clinical research focusing on myeloma-induced bone disease, to developing new ways of diagnosing gestational trophoblastic disease – we’re in awe of our researchers and their groundbreaking work.

In 2024-25, our grants programme enabled research at scale. In total, we provided £375,861 in research grants – helping experts from the hospital and partner organisations to work towards the cancer treatments of the future.

Large grant case study: Ex Vivo Screening

In 2023, we awarded a grant of £295,224 to an innovative ex vivo screening project involving researchers from the University of Sheffield and Weston Park Cancer Centre.

This three-year project is investigating a new method of identifying the best possible cancer treatment for each patient. Researchers are collecting cancer tissue, made up of cancer, healthy and immune cells, from over 80 patients. This tissue is then tested on drug plates, where it is exposed to a multitude of drugs in different amounts and

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combinations. The effectiveness of each treatment can be assessed by measuring how many healthy and cancerous cells are still alive.

This process means that healthcare professionals can see how a patient will respond to a treatment before it is administered. Ultimately this will enable doctors to create personalised treatment plans which should improve outcomes for patients.

The Weston Park Cancer Charity grant funded:

- The cost of an early phase research nurse for three years, who has helped to design the trial and recruit patients.
- A University of Sheffield research technician who is carrying out the ex vivo screening lab work.
- Consumables like drug plates, stains to analyse cell growth, and microscopes.

Dr Greg Wells, ex vivo project lead said: *“Personalised medicine has dominated cancer research for the last 20 years, but only a subset of patients are eligible. We want this project to greatly increase the numbers of patients eligible, so everyone gets the best possible treatment for their individual cancer.*

“Sheffield is the perfect place for us to undertake this research, we have Weston Park Cancer Centre and the Charity, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, and the University of Sheffield all next to each other. This means the clinicians, scientists, nurses, and patients can all work together to start to make an impact on cancer.”

Professor Sarah Danson, who oversees the project said: *“We couldn’t do what we do without the backing of Weston Park Cancer Charity. The charity has helped us achieve so much in recent decades – by funding research like this, its supporters help us change outcomes for cancer patients in the future.”*

Clinical Trials Centre 25th Anniversary

In 1999, funding from Weston Park Cancer Charity helped to establish the hospital's Cancer Clinical Trials Centre (CCTC), and we've been supporting its vital work ever since. Over the past quarter-century, the CCTC has conducted 1,048 clinical trials involving 18,260 patients. These trials have significantly expanded treatment options and contributed to improved survival rates across many cancer types.

In 2024, we celebrated 25 years of the CCTC with a series of nurse profiles and staff events. These highlighted key research achievements and shed light on the dedicated members of staff which make them possible.

In her interview, Vicky Hallworth, a senior sister and research nurse at the CCTC, said: *“I’m amazed by our patients. They’re going through the hardest time in their life, and they may be on a trial that they know won’t help them directly. But they find the strength to keep going.*

“It’s very rewarding to see the impact that successful trials make. Trials have helped us to bring treatment lengths down and increase survival rates for many types of cancer. Without them, we wouldn’t have immunotherapies and targeted therapies. When you see those changes in action it makes it all worthwhile.”

2.5 Objective 5: Expand our digital offering

Digital - Everyone with cancer and donors will be able to access support and donate through digital platforms.

From sharing information about our services, to collecting crucial donations – our digital channels are central to our work.

Engaging with audiences online

Our website is the first port of call for many individuals seeking advice and support. As such, it's essential that the information we provide is accessible and up to date. In 2024-25, our website had 46,287 active users, up from 31,200 in the previous year, while total page views rose from 155,000 to 235,000.

Last year, our most visited pages were primarily focussed on fundraising events. This year, we saw an encouraging shift: our top five pages now include the transport service and cancer support services, which suggests a growing awareness of our support services.

In 2024-25 we continued to expand our social media channels by sharing compelling audience-focused content across Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. On Facebook our reach grew from 372k to 943k – a 153% year-on-year increase. We put a huge amount of work into our Instagram channel this year, and this effort really paid off: in 2024-25 we reached 197,030 people through Instagram, which was up 780% on the year before.

Throughout the year we reached new online audiences through social media collaborations. An Instagram reel posted with Melanoma Focus for example, after our Skin Cancer Awareness Day, gained 67 interactions and 4,309 views - with 57% of those being from non-followers. We also worked with the popular tanning brand St Moriz during Breast Cancer Awareness Month for their #GlowCheckYourself campaign, with content produced in collaboration receiving 5,168 views.

In February 2025, we began working with a digital marketing agency, to help us maximise the benefits of our Google Ad Charity Grant. Our campaigns promoted Gifts in Wills, the Big Purple Bus, and our general support services. This led to 550 click-throughs to our website.

To celebrate the first anniversary of the Big Purple Bus in September 2024, we launched adverts across 20 digital bus stop shelters. The adverts were concentrated in high-traffic areas along our bus routes, increasing visibility of the service in key locations.

Facilitating digital donations

With cash transactions on the decline in the UK, we're looking for new ways to encourage and collect digital donations. In 2024-25, we collected £21,523 through digital collection tins and contactless devices, 17% more than the year before. We have also increased our use of QR codes on printed materials, such as in match-day

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programmes at our football takeover days, giving audiences a quick way to access our website and donate.

Our primary digital donation platform, Raisely, facilitated almost 10,000 donations this year, with over £460,000 raised via this platform compared to £240,000 in the previous year. This growth shows the importance of continuing to invest in and expand our digital offering.

Digital presence in Weston Park Cancer Centre

Everyone receiving treatment at Weston Park Cancer Centre should be given the opportunity to access our support. This year we have increased our digital screens and information presented within the hospital to strengthen our charity presence.

As part of our grants programme, we funded technological enhancements to the patient information system. We also supported the radiotherapy team to create a video series explaining the cancer treatment process to patients. This included a video about the services our charity offers. The 'radiotherapy patient experience' video series was uploaded to our YouTube channel. A post on Facebook, which shared the videos and promoted the series, received 16,283 views and reached 7,541 people.

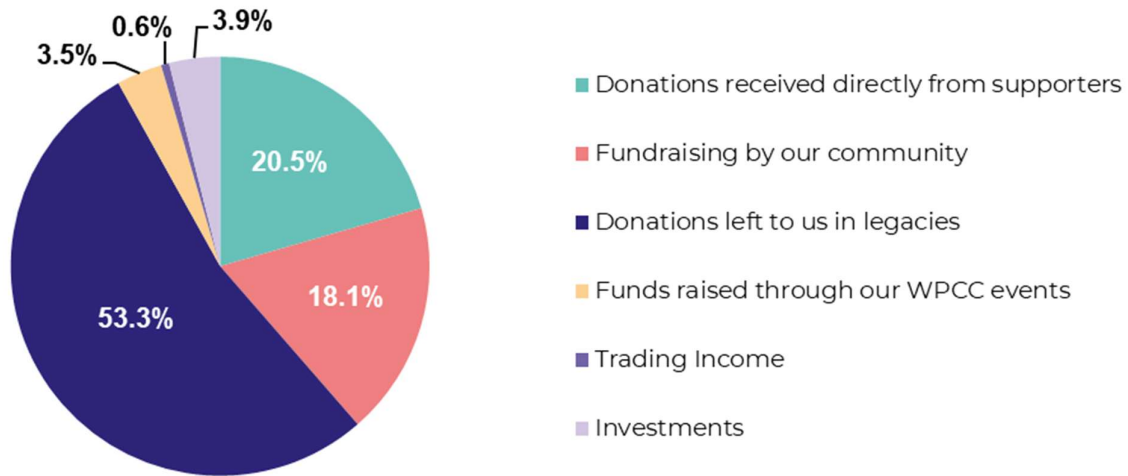
In December 2024 we set up three digital donation devices in Weston Park Cancer Centre. These provide an easy and accessible method for patients and loved ones to support our charity should they wish to. Over £350 has been raised through these devices to date; our Fundraising team will be looking at ways to enhance these donation points during 25/26.

2.6 Objective 6: Share the impact of our work and inspire support

Impact - Existing and potential donors will see the difference they make to the lives of people with cancer and their families.

Between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 our fantastic supporters, volunteers, patrons, and trustees helped raise, in total, an astonishing £4 million in support of Weston Park Cancer Charity. This sum will transform lives through funding our support services, treatment enhancements and vital cancer research. This also marks a welcome return to pre-pandemic fundraising income. A huge thank you to our entire Weston Park Cancer Charity community for making this possible.

Figure 3. Total income by source



Note. Donations include the net assets transferred from Cavendish on 1st March 25.

2024-25 Fundraising highlights

- Over 3,300 amazing donors and fundraisers.
- 1,000 individuals and companies led fundraising activities to raise funds for Weston Park Cancer Charity.
- More than 500 people took part in our second Walk as One event and raised over £50k for our services.
- In July 2024, 47 teams teed off for the annual Weston Park Cancer Charity Golf Day, raising over £35,000 for people living with cancer.
- We relaunched our Time for Tea fundraiser. Bolstered by celebrity ambassador, Rahul Mandal (Great British Bake Off Winner), a wide range of individuals, organisations and schools took part by hosting cake sales and coffee mornings, raising over £15,000.
- Weston Park turned Doncaster Racecourse purple for the 7th edition of our Charity Race Evening, raising £40,000.
- We premiered our 'It's A Knock Out' event, seeing us collaborate with Rotherham Hospital Charity to raise over £18,000.

Remembering Molly

In 2024-25, we were deeply moved by the extraordinary fundraising efforts of Team Molly – a close group of family and friends who have raised £41,000 in memory of Molly Midgley-Hellend. Molly sadly died aged 27 from a rare form of cancer called Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma (ACC).

Throughout her treatment, Molly showed remarkable courage and determination, raising both funds for charity and awareness of ACC. She shared her journey openly on Instagram, organised multiple fundraising events, and even completed the Sheffield

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10k while undergoing treatment. Today, Team Molly is honouring her legacy by continuing to champion the causes close to her heart– keeping her spirit, strength, and generosity alive through their support. We would like to extend our sincerest condolences to Molly’s friends and family, and our heartfelt thanks to Team Molly for their incredible dedication in her memory.

Molly’s mum, Eleanor, said: *“Team Molly has brought so many people together who never would have met otherwise. I know that Molly was aware of that community forming and she felt the hug of that. Raising money is our way of leaving a legacy for Molly. We know first-hand how important the money is to Weston Park Cancer Charity.”*

Gifts in Wills Campaign

In February 2025, on World Cancer Day, we launched our first ever gifts in Wills campaign.

This multi-channel campaign celebrated the importance of legacy gifts – which make up 52% of Weston Park Cancer Charity’s income. Our ‘Gifts in Wills’ guide aims to explain the impact that leaving a gift can make, and contains information about our legal partners, as well as an inspiring story from a legacy donor, Ben Daly.

Annual Star Appeal

In 2024, our annual Christmas Star Appeal was centred around the life-changing work of Sheffield Teaching Hospital’s Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Service team.

As in previous years, supporters who donated were sent a star decoration for their Christmas tree, and were able to write a personalised message on a digital star on our website.

As well as donating to the appeal, fundraisers held sponsored pyjama days, hosted chocolate bouquet raffles, took part in carol concerts, and sent charity Christmas cards. In total, the 2024 appeal raised over £40k which will fund support services, research, and grants.

Fundraising events

In 2024-25, fundraisers took part in a jam-packed calendar of events which included hikes, marathons, skydives and more. Here are a few highlights from the past year.

BB with Love’s gala dinner

In October 2024, guests headed to Sheffield City Hall’s stunning ballroom for the star-studded BB with Love ‘Simply the Best 2024’ gala dinner. Attendees enjoyed an afternoon of glitz and glamour, with performances from the sensational West End star Matt Croke and special guests.

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The event was held in memory of beloved wife and mum Bev Croke, who died from breast cancer at the age of 61. This spectacular event helped to bring the Croke family's fundraising total to £200k.

Sing Under the Stars

In December 2024, we hosted our second Sing Under the Stars event, which featured beautiful choral performances, lively brass bands, and delicious seasonal beverages. At this heart-warming event, 220 members of our community gathered to remember loved ones and spread festive joy.

Enchanted Garden Spring Ball

In March 2025, we marked the charity's 30th anniversary with an Enchanted Garden Spring Ball. This magical evening included a three-course meal, live music, and spectacular performances. Attendees were able to bid for a whole host of prizes at our live and silent auctions, and we also raised funds through ticket sales.

The event honoured our charity's history, while also making a difference for the one in two people set to be diagnosed with cancer in the future. In total, this event raised a brilliant £34,000.

Our amazing volunteers

At Weston Park Cancer Charity, we're fortunate to have an exceptional group of volunteers who give up their time to support our work.

In 2024-25, 131 individuals spent a staggering total of 8,577 hours volunteering for our charity. Bringing their enthusiasm, skills and support our volunteers make such a difference to our charity. Whether they're driving our Big Purple Buses or minibuses, welcoming people into our Charity Hub and outreach services, helping at our fundraising stalls or any of our other volunteering activities they represent our charity with pride and kindness. We are deeply thankful for their amazing contributions.

We also had 93 volunteers from corporate partner organisations give 370 hours of their time. These volunteers took part in a wide variety of activities, from marshalling at events, to creating chocolate bouquets for our Christmas fundraising campaign.

This year, we created our first ever Volunteer Rep Group. This group is made up of 15 volunteers who share their invaluable insight and ideas with charity staff. We also launched an end-of-year survey which is helping us to learn more about what motivates our volunteers. We're happy to report that every single person surveyed recommended Weston Park Cancer Charity as being a great place to volunteer.

One respondent said: *"No matter how small the contribution you make, you are made to feel valued and so want to do even more."*

John, who volunteers as a driver on our free transport service, said: *"I wanted to volunteer after retiring. It was perfect as I like driving and I like meeting people - and I am never short on something to say! I enjoy every minute of doing it."*

“No matter what the weather, we're always there. Rain or shine, we will be there no matter what. We're there for the patients.”

Table 2. The number of volunteers supporting each area of our work

Volunteer Role	No. of Volunteers	Total Volunteering Hours
Big Purple Bus Drivers	7	1468
Big Purple Bus Info & Support	6	326
Events & Fundraising	92	823
Meet & Greet	7	852
Specialist Support	4	151
Transport Service Drivers	32	4957
Total	131*	8577

*Total accounts for several volunteers undertaking more than one role.

Preparing for our biggest appeal to date

Throughout 2024-25, charity staff and trustees were planning the launch of our transformational ‘see it. treat it’ appeal and building momentum before a public launch. This is the charity’s biggest ever capital appeal, which aims to raise £1.85m for a state-of-the-art MRI simulator cancer scanning machine.

With its exceptional imaging capabilities, the MRI simulator cancer scanning machine can more precisely define the areas of the body which have been affected by cancer. This enables more targeted treatment, which reduces the impact of side effects and aims to boost survival rates across our region.

We’re very grateful to our long-term supporter, Westfield Health, for pledging an incredible £500,000 in matched giving. Their generosity will empower community fundraisers to double their impact, ensuring the ‘see it. treat it’ appeal achieves its full potential.

3. Our strategic objectives and achievements

3.1 Ensuring the charity is a wonderful place to work

Our charity achieves remarkable things because of the talent, passion, and commitment of our extraordinary team members.

After merging with Cavendish Cancer Care in February 2025, our team grew significantly from 42 to 64. Merging two organisations is a complex process, and our focus has been on forging relationships and supporting individuals through this transition.

As one united charity, we're building an integrated structure that serves beneficiaries and supporters alike. This has involved actively consulting teams and colleagues, and we're grateful for their positive participation.

Staff wellbeing initiatives

The wellbeing of our staff members is central to our work, and a key priority for Weston Park Cancer Charity.

Throughout the year, our wellbeing working group circulated a number of health and wellness handouts. These useful guides covered topics such as mindfulness, nutrition, and exercise.

In 2024-25, our monthly internal newsletter returned to much acclaim. 'Weston World' is a fun way of creating a sense of connection and belonging across our growing team. It includes photos of staff holidays, pets, activities and wellbeing tips. In Weston World, we also recognise the achievements of our colleagues and celebrate important work anniversaries and birthdays.

Every month, our staff come together to share updates in full team meetings. This year, several grant recipients gave talks during our team meetings; it was inspirational to learn about their work and hear how Weston Park grants are making a difference in our community.

After particularly busy periods in the year, we created opportunities for our staff to relax and reflect on their brilliant work. In October, we held an End of Summer Celebration in the garden of our Cancer Support Centre. Team members enjoyed a BBQ and bonded over some 'school sports day' style games!

In October 2024 our team took part in an offsite away day at Tapton Hall. Facilitated by Bethany Helliwell Smith, a charity coach and speaker, the day was centred around team building, celebration and connection. Bethany addressed core themes including Compassion Fatigue, Team Communication, Morale and Motivation, and Shared Purpose. 83.3% of participants felt this session boosted team morale and celebrated contributions well or very well.

Working groups

At Weston Park Cancer Charity, our working groups play a vital role in driving forward each area of our organisational strategy, ensuring we maintain momentum, stay focused on our goals, and connect teams and colleagues across the charity.

Each group brings together individuals from different departments and areas of expertise to collaborate on specific projects, harnessing the knowledge of members to enhance cross-team communication, spark innovation, and ultimately deliver better outcomes through collective effort.

In October 2024, the membership of the groups was refreshed to ensure the right mix of representation from across the organisation and to embed new colleagues.

Our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) working group continues to play a central role in broadening our approach to supporting people living with and beyond cancer. During 2024/25, the group explored key topics such as unconscious bias training, translating our information materials, and reviewing data on ethnic diversity among users of our Big Purple Bus. These important themes will continue into 2025/26, alongside the valuable contribution of a volunteer who joined the group this year, bringing a fresh perspective and enriching discussions further.

Recognition, development, and feedback

During the year, we reviewed our 'Total Rewards' scheme to ensure that we remain a leading charity in terms of employee recognition. On average, our Total Rewards Package was rated an 8 out of 10 by staff. These positive ratings reflect that overall staff are highly satisfied with our benefits package and contribute positively to employee engagement.

We also undertook our annual staff survey, which enabled us to gather staff feedback and gauge sentiment across the team. We were pleased to see workplace culture score highly, with 97% of employees agreeing or strongly agreeing that colleagues show understanding, appreciation, and respect for each other. The survey also showed that 93% of staff would recommend Weston Park Cancer Charity as an employer.

In 2024-25, the charity invested in a wide variety of learning and development opportunities for colleagues. This included a Women in Leadership programme, coaching sessions for individuals, and courses with the Institute of Fundraising.

We began working on a programme of clinical supervision, which will be rolled out in 2025-26. Our work can be emotionally intensive, and this programme will ensure that our colleagues and volunteers have access to psychological support. Alongside structured clinical supervision, we have trained Mental Health First Aiders within our team who are on hand to support colleagues when needed.

Weston Park Cancer Charity is proud to be a Real Living Wage employer. Our colleagues work hard every day, to make a difference for people who have been impacted by cancer. We want to ensure everyone is fairly rewarded, and we're grateful for our trustees who share and support this ethos.

4. Continuing our mission

We're so thankful to the supporters, volunteers, NHS colleagues, and trustees who helped us to deliver against our six strategic goals in 2024-25.

Thanks to the Weston Park Cancer Charity community, more people than ever before are benefiting from our lifechanging services. We're pushing forward cancer research at pace and ensuring that patients at our hospital have the best treatment experience possible.

But there is always more work to be done, and we have ambitious goals for the year ahead. In 2025-26, we will deliver the final stages of our 'Together at Every Step' strategy. We will then come together as a charity to look ahead to the future and create a brand-new strategy to address the developing needs of people affected by cancer across our region.

The challenges posed by cancer are ever-changing. But so too is our understanding of this disease. Next year, we will continue to support our fantastic NHS colleagues directly through research grants and by securing state-of-the-art equipment for Weston Park Cancer Centre. We're confident that we can meet our £1.85m appeal target in 2025-26, thereby securing Sheffield its first-ever MRI simulator cancer scanning machine. By investing in research, treatment enhancements, and support services we can improve outcomes for patients and fight cancer on all fronts.

We'd like to express our appreciation to every single individual who made our work possible in 2024-25. Your energy, commitment, and enthusiasm underpin everything that we do, and we are so fortunate to have your support. With your help, we can be there – at every step – for people across our region who have been impacted by cancer.

For one in two of us, cancer will change everything. But together, so can we.

5. Reserves, finances, investments

Review of accounts

At 31st March 2025 there was a net increase in funds of £1.24m (2024: increase of £398k).

Income for the year was £4,031,595, an increase of £1.45m from 2023-24. This reflects an increase in legacy gifts, which has risen to £2.15m (2024 £1.21m) during the year.

Expenditure costs in the year were £2,786,541 (2024 £2.2m), an increase of £582k.

Investments

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Trustees are empowered to invest the resources of the charity in any way they think fit.

At the 31 March 2025 the Charity held £619k (2024 £489k) in investments, an increase of £130k (2024: increase of £26k) since last year.

Reserves Policy

In formulating their reserves policy, Trustees have followed the guidance set out by The Charity Commission in deciding, publishing, implementing and monitoring their charity's reserves policy so that they can comply with their legal duties to:

- Act in the interest of their charity and its beneficiaries
- Protect and safeguard the assets of their charity;
- Act with reasonable care and skill;
- Ensure their charity is accountable.

The Trustees use a risk-based approach to assess the level of unrestricted undesignated reserves that need to be held. The risks are monetised and compared to the value of working capital required. The higher value is used as the reserves level. The Trustees reserves policy sets a minimum of £600k unrestricted, undesignated funds. Reserves are reviewed at least annually.

Following the merger with Cavendish Cancer Care, the Trustees recognise that the combined organisation's risk profile and working capital needs have changed. The reserves policy will therefore be reviewed and updated in the coming year to reflect the new structure and financial position of the merged charity.

At 31st March 2025 the charity's total reserves were £5,593,359 (2024: £4,356,957).

Of the £1.74m designated funds held at the end of the year, £0.23m has been designated to Outreach, £0.01m to Treatment and Care, and £1.5m to the Capital Project Weston Park Cancer Centre appeal.

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This leaves general unrestricted funds of £2.99m (2024: £2.90m), and free reserves of £2.3m (2024: £2.4m). This exceeds the target level of £600k, so the trustees plan to review the reserves position during the coming year as part of the post-merger review of the charity's reserves policy.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Corporate Services Committee is responsible for maintaining a comprehensive risk register that identifies the main risks and uncertainties facing the charity. The Risk Register is presented in a traffic-light format so that trustees can easily see which areas carry higher levels of risk and what actions are being taken to manage them.

Risk, including Health and Safety, is included on every leadership meeting, allowing any new matters to be raised. In addition, the leadership team meet every month to review and update the Risk Register, consider any new risks, and monitor progress on agreed actions.

The Corporate Services Committee reviews the updated register at each of its meetings and reports to the Board of Trustees on the key risks and the effectiveness of the charity's mitigation plans. This ensures trustees have clear oversight of risk management.

Some of the key areas of focus include staff capacity and wellbeing, financial stability, data security, and keeping services operating smoothly

6. Our Trustees

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the group and the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Weston Park Cancer Charity is a company limited by guarantee, company number 1480596, and a Charity, registration number 509803. The trustees, listed below, have overall responsibility for the strategic direction and effective governance of the charity.

Board of Trustees

Members of the board during the year and up to the date of signing the accounts were:

Niall Baker	Chairperson Ex officio member of all sub-committees (Retired March 2025)
Steve Wragg	Member of the Grant Giving Committee Chair of the Corporate Services Committee, lead for Risk & Assurance

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	Chairperson from March 2025
David Bussue	Member of the Corporate Services Committee
Nigel Beasley	Member of the Grant Giving Committee, Chair from January 2025
Tim Brazier	Member of the Services Committee
Melinda Schofield	Member of the Corporate Services Committee
James Catto	Member of the Grant Giving Committee
Darrell Re	
Peter O'Connell	Treasurer Member of the Corporate Services Committee, lead for Finance.
Stephen Chufungleung	Member of the Corporate Services Committee, lead for HR Chair of the Grant Giving Committee (Resigned January 2025)
Louise Merriman	Chair of the Services Committee
David Grey MBE	Previous Cavendish Cancer Care (CCC) Trustee, appointed February 2025
David Thurkettle	Previous CCC Trustee, appointed February 2025, Member of the Corporate Services Committee
Amy Hallam	Previous CCC Trustee, appointed February 2025, Member of the Grant Giving Committee
Alison Clarke	Previous CCC Trustee, appointed February 2025, Member of the Services Committee

How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we try to help are described within this report. All our charitable activities focus on enabling life-saving research and clinical trials, enhancing treatment and providing support for people with cancer and their loved ones across South Yorkshire and those who are receiving treatment at Weston Park Cancer Centre from across the UK. All activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

How decisions are made

The charity operates a governance structure determined by the Board of Trustee to conduct its legal, regulatory and oversight duties. This is formed of a Board of Trustees which meets, as a minimum, three times per year. The following committees report to the board:

- **Corporate Services Committee** is accountable to the Board for the following:
 - Risk and Assurance: comprehensive governance arrangements that reflect regulatory requirements and both assess and mitigate areas of risk.
 - Finance: for the oversight of finance and resources, including business plans, budgets, management and statutory accounts and; supported by resource, IT and estate plans

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- HR: oversight, development, review and monitoring of strategic HR and volunteering matters.
- Income generation (Fundraising): oversight of the development, delivery and review of the income generation strategy, annual plan, cost-effectiveness (ROI) and evaluation
- **Services Committee** is accountable to the Board for all clinically related services, their evaluation, development and risks.
- **Grant Giving Committee** this committee has oversight and scrutiny of grants and makes recommendations to the Board on grant applications.

The Board has an agreed delegated scheme of approval which makes it clear how decisions are made within the charity and who makes these. This was reviewed, updated and approved by the Board in July 2022. Day-to-day operational decisions are delegated to the executive team headed by the Chief Executive Officer.

Decisions on Grant-Giving

- The Grant-Giving Committee makes recommendations to trustees on which projects should or shouldn't be funded and it is for the Board to make the final decision based on these recommendations. The committee has delegated responsibility to oversee the grant application process and monitor grants. The Board look to the committee to shape strategy and suggest budget allocations which Trustees then approve.
- Membership of the Grant-Giving committee includes Trustees with clinical, research, community development and NHS governance expertise. As required additional expertise is sought, including peer review of applications and evaluation of funded grants to ensure robust and transparent decision-making.
- The charity operates a small grant application process through which applications to a maximum of £1,500 can be made with the total fund available being £20k per annum. Trustees delegated responsibility for these decisions to the CEO who, in turn, has delegated this to a small cross-organisational staff group. This empowers staff, is an effective way to develop their skills and ensures a wide range of experiences involved in the decision-making process. Staff have enjoyed being involved in this process.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The skills audit of the Board is reviewed on an ongoing basis and linked to our strategy to help us to recruit people with the skills, knowledge and expertise needed to strengthen our leadership. During the year, our chairman retired after 9 years tenure, 4 new Trustees joined from Cavendish Cancer Care, as part of the merger, they were appointed in February and bring a wealth of experience which has benefited the charity.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are invited to training sessions with the CEO and Senior Leadership Team which cover the responsibilities of being a trustee as well as the specifics of the management of Weston Park Cancer Charity and the ways in which we adhere to, and deliver against, our governing document and charitable objectives. New trustees are also encouraged to participate in training for new trustees delivered by the likes of Civil Society.

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Trustees are encouraged to undertake training as and when they are able, and it is the responsibility of each trustee to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to be able to undertake their role. Trustees are encouraged to participate in training provided by external providers on subjects such as governance, change to charity law and codes, finance etc. The CEO provides regular updates on policy changes and information of interest from the sector press.

Linked Charity

The Trustees' Report and Financial Statements also incorporate The Weston Park Hospital Cancer Care and Research Fund, a linked charity. The trade and assets were transferred into Weston Park Hospital Development Fund Ltd. on 30th April 2018. There is no continued trade within this charity.

The Senior Leadership Team

Operational responsibility for the charity is delegated by the Board to the executive team. The Senior Leadership Team comprises the following roles:

Chief Executive Officer

- Leads the charity, develops and implements strategy and is accountable for the day-to-day operations of the Charity.
- Responsible for the team which delivers finance, IT, admin, HR, health and safety and premises functions.
- Responsible for the team which delivers our services, the development of future services and effective use of our grants.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

- Leads the development of plans to secure income and to market ourselves so that people want to support us or use our services.

The Senior Leadership Team is supported by department heads who are responsible for delivering their part of the annual plan.

- Head of Cancer Support Services
- Head of Fundraising
- Head of Finance & Resources

Pay and remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The trustees are responsible for setting the pay and benefits of the Chief Executive, in line with the Employee Pay Framework which determines pay for all staff.

Each role is evaluated against 16 factors, such as communication, knowledge, planning, and level of responsibility. The total score determines each role's pay grade, ensuring a consistent approach across the charity. The charity is accredited as a Real Living Wage Employer, reflecting its commitment to fair pay and equality.

Pay reviews take place annually, but pay awards depend on affordability and the charity's financial position. A benchmarking exercise is carried out periodically to compare salaries and benefits with similar organisations in the charity sector. The Board of Trustees review and approve the outcome of the benchmarking and any resulting pay changes.

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The total costs of key management personnel are shown in the notes to the financial statements.

Fundraising Practices

Weston Park Cancer Charity is committed to maintaining the highest standards in all fundraising activity and ensuring that all supporters have a positive and respectful experience.

We are registered with the Fundraising Regulator and fully adhere to the Fundraising Code of Practice, demonstrating our commitment to ethical and transparent fundraising.

We ensure that our fundraising is never intrusive or persistent, and that all activity reflects our values of integrity and care.

Our fundraising team plans and delivers campaigns and events in line with best practice, and we take great care to protect vulnerable individuals and respect donor wishes. Every donation is valued, and we are committed to listening to our supporters and, should concerns arise, acting promptly and efficiently.

Weston Park Cancer Charity places great importance on every stage of the donor journey, ensuring supporters feel informed, appreciated, and connected to the impact of their giving. We welcome feedback, and our contact details can be found on our website at: <https://www.westonpark.org.uk/privacy-and-cookie-policy>

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees (who are also directors of Weston Park Hospital Development Fund Limited for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.


The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on ^{03/12/2025 GMT} and signed on their behalf by:



Signer ID: FR8OYWPZTQ...

Steve Wragg

7. Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Weston Park Hospital Development Fund Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Weston Park Hospital Development Fund (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, cashflow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern

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for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the director's report or included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

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- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with this Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- the Senior Statutory Auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with Trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the sector;

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- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charitable company, including charity law and regulation, safeguarding legislation, health and safety, and data protection laws;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and trustees; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at:
<https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our
auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in
accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has
been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those
matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other
purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume
responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable
company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we
have formed.



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Rachel Heath (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of

BHP LLP, Statutory Auditor

Albert Works
Sidney Street
Sheffield
S1 4RG

Date: 04/12/2025 GMT

8. Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2025			Year ended 31 March 2024
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations & legacies	2	3,495,886	209,837	3,705,723	2,308,816
Fundraising trading activities		142,505		142,505	120,196
Other trading activities		24,843		24,843	7,181
Investment income		158,524		158,524	146,047
Total income		3,821,758	209,837	4,031,595	2,582,240
Expenditure					
Fundraising	3	955,814	41,141	996,955	739,494
Charitable activities	4	1,593,787	195,799	1,789,586	1,464,850
Total expenditure		2,549,601	236,940	2,786,541	2,204,344
Net income / (expenditure) before investments gains / (losses)		1,272,157	(27,103)	1,245,054	377,896
Net gains / (losses) on investments	12	(8,652)		(8,652)	19,743
Net movement in funds		1,263,505	(27,103)	1,236,402	397,639
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		3,475,206	881,751	4,356,957	3,959,318
Net movement in funds		1,263,505	(27,103)	1,236,402	397,639
Total funds carried forward		4,738,711	854,648	5,593,359	4,356,957

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

The notes on pages 42 to 57 form part of these financial statements.

9. Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2025	Year ended 31 March 2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	159,272	123,230
Investments	12	619,206	489,250
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		778,478	612,480
Current assets			
Stocks		12,568	11,132
Debtors	13	1,074,316	626,332
Cash at bank and in hand		4,910,457	4,328,486
Subtotal		5,997,341	4,965,950
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,064,406)	(941,604)
Net current assets		4,932,935	4,024,346
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(118,054)	(279,869)
Net assets		5,593,359	4,356,957
Charity Funds			
Restricted funds	16	854,648	881,751
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	16	1,740,488	571,754
General funds	16	2,998,223	2,903,452
Total unrestricted funds		4,738,711	3,475,206
TOTAL FUNDS		5,593,359	4,356,957

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies' regime. The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Signer ID: FR8OYWPZTQ...

Steve Wragg

Date: 03/12/2025 GMT

10. Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	19	312,249	470,343
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		158,524	146,047
Purchase of tangible fixed assets			(37,892)
Purchase of investments		(69,011)	(65,708)
Proceeds from disposal of investments		103,334	53,498
Net cash provided by investing activities		192,847	95,945
Cashflows from financing activities			
Cash transferred from Cavendish Cancer Care		76,875	
Net cash provided by financing activities		76,875	
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		581,971	566,288
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		4,328,486	3,762,197
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20	4,910,457	4,328,486

The notes in Section 11 form part of these financial statements.

11. Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 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 Companies Act 2006.

Weston Park Hospital Development Fund Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Balance sheet represent the financial statements of the charity. The results of its subsidiary undertaking, Weston Park Trading Limited have not been consolidated within the accounts due to its immaterial nature. Weston Park Trading Limited is a dormant subsidiary with share capital totalling £1.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared forecasts of income and expenditure and cash flow for 12 months from authorising these financial statements which shows that they have sufficient reserves to be able to continue for the foreseeable future. The Board will continue to monitor the impact on income and take appropriate action as necessary. The Trustees therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis of preparation for these financial statements.

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.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Charity is aware that probate has been granted; the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Charity that a distribution will be made; or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the Charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. A legacy is considered measurable if reliable supporting information, such as final estate accounts or confirmation from the executor, is received within three months of the year end.

Where legacies have been notified to the Charity, or the Charity is aware of the granting of probate but the final accounts or confirmation from the executor has not been received within three months of the year end, e.g where receipt is dependent on the sale of property, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the Charity where this can be quantified, and a third party is bearing the costs. No amounts are included in the financial statement for services donated by volunteers.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably.

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On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contribution and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds. Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Charity's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Charity apportioned to charitable activities. All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Grants payable

Grant awards are reviewed at least annually and are subject to the grant terms.

Grants payable are recognised in full, for all years of the grant, in the year the offer is made when there are no conditions on the grant. Where grants are conditional, they are recognised 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 and not recognised.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over

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their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Long-term leasehold property and leasehold improvements	10 years, or term of lease
IT equipment (over £1,000)	5 years
Fixtures and fittings (over £500)	4-8 years
Motor vehicles	10 years

1.7 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 institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 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.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

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 in the statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.12 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.

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value recognised, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

1.13 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010

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and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.14 Pensions

The Charity's main pension schemes are defined contribution pension schemes and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

The Charity also participates in one of the NHS pension schemes. It is a defined benefit scheme but the Charity is unable to identify its share of the underlying scheme liabilities and so it is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme. See note 22 for further details.

1.15 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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.16 Operating lease commitments

The charity leases certain assets, such as property, vehicles and equipment, under operating lease agreements. Lease payments under operating leases are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term unless another method better reflects the pattern of benefits received. Lease incentives (e.g. rent-free periods) received are recognised as a reduction of rental expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

1.17 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

- Preparation of the financial statements can require management to make significant judgements and estimates.
- Multiyear grants payable – management make an assessment of the liability each year based upon the grants recognised and de-recognised in the period
- Accrued legacy income – management assess entitlement, probability and value using information from solicitors and executors, recognising income when all criteria are met.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2025			Year ended 31 March 2024
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Donations and fundraising		1,231,751	19,410	1,251,161	1,097,573
Donation from Cavendish Cancer Care on transfer		289,488	15,427	304,915	
Legacies		1,974,647	175,000	2,149,647	1,211,243
Total		3,495,886	209,837	3,705,723	2,308,816
<i>Total 2024</i>		2,291,123	17,693	2,308,816	

3. Fundraising expenditure

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2025			Year ended 31 March 2024
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Events and activities		75,167		75,167	49,114
Wages and salaries	9	581,126		581,126	397,226
Training and recruitment		6,457	305	6,762	9,540
Capital Appeal			40,212	40,212	
Support costs	6	89,068		89,068	114,713
Governance costs	7	19,226		19,226	13,514
Other		184,770	624	185,394	155,387
Total		955,814	41,141	996,955	739,494
<i>Total 2024</i>		739,494		739,494	

4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2025			Year ended 31 March 2024
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Grants payable	5	333,383	87,573	420,956	361,805
Patient Services		431,072	3,821	434,893	346,449
Staff costs	9	534,377	93,195	627,572	493,110
Training and recruitment		11,412		11,412	8,870
Depreciation			11,210	11,210	11,210
Support costs	6	203,812		203,812	187,364
Governance costs	7	79,731		79,731	56,042
Total		1,593,787	195,799	1,789,586	1,464,850
<i>Total 2024</i>		1,284,552	180,298	1,464,850	

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5. Grants payable

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2025			Year ended 31 March 2024
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Grants to institutions					
Research Grants		327,690	52,573	380,263	332,882
Treatment and Care Grants			35,000	35,000	23,252
Small Grants		21,831		21,831	15,200
Research Grants De-allocated		(4,402)		(4,402)	(9,464)
Treatment and Care Grants De-allocated		(2,055)		(2,055)	
Small Grants De-allocated		(9,681)		(9,681)	(64)
Total		333,383	87,573	420,956	361,805
Total 2024		338,587	23,218	361,805	

During the year the following grants were made to institutions to support the charity's objectives:

		2025
Institution	Purpose	£
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	Research grant to improve care for cancer patients across South Yorkshire	327,690

Support cost allocation in relation to these grants is set out below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Research Grants	32,769	30,966
Treatment and Care Grants		2,325
Small Grants	2,183	1,520

Research Grants De-allocated, Treatment and Care Grants De-allocated show where the relevant committee has taken the decision to withdraw part or all of the funding of a grant either due to a change of circumstances, non-delivery or poor performance against the agreed terms and conditions.

6. Support costs

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2025			Year ended 31 March 2024
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Premises		1,464		1,464	1,292
Telephones		2,702		2,702	3,758
Office equipment & software maintenance		2,466		2,466	5,071
Legal and Professional		18,137		18,137	34,327
Depreciation		8,017		8,017	12,722
Other staff costs		13,178		13,178	23,919
Other costs		48,250		48,250	35,713

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Staff costs	9	202,756		202,756	192,924
Total		296,970		296,970	309,726
<i>Total 2024</i>		309,725		309,726	

Support costs have been allocated as follows:

Year ended 31 March 2025					Year ended 31 March 2024
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Costs of raising funds	3	89,068		89,068	114,713
Charitable activities	4	203,812		203,812	187,364
Governance costs	7	4,090		4,090	7,648
Total		296,970		296,970	309,726

7. Governance costs

Year ended 31 March 2025					Year ended 31 March 2024
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	9	50,121		50,121	41,369
Auditor's remuneration		18,504		18,504	18,864
Other		2,051		2,051	1,675
Costs associated with transfer of Cavendish Cancer Care		24,191		24,191	
Support costs	6	4,090		4,090	7,648
Total		98,957		98,957	69,556
<i>Total 2024</i>		69,556		69,556	

Governance costs have been allocated to:

Year ended 31 March 2025					Year ended 31 March 2024
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Costs of raising funds	3	19,226		19,226	13,514
Charitable activities	4	79,731		79,731	56,042
Total		98,957		98,957	69,556

8. Net income / (expenditure)

	2025	2024
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	19,226	23,932
Auditors remuneration – audit (gross of VAT)	18,960	18,864
Auditor's remuneration – other services (gross of VAT)	4,302	4,615

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9. Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,232,683	947,490
Social security costs	115,069	90,594
Pension costs	64,609	47,949
Temporary staff	23,429	30,008
Other staff costs	25,784	8,588
Total	1,461,574	1,124,629

The above figures include termination payments totalling £4,892 (2024: £nil) made to one (2024: £nil) employee. These costs relate to termination payments, payments in lieu of notice and unused holiday pay; and have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year.

In addition, total costs of employment included £30,959 of costs in relation to a historical PAYE and NI liability on Westfield Health plan contributions. This is not included in the above disclosures.

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025		2024	
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
Average	42	36	33	30

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2025		2024	
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
Service Delivery	19	15	16	13
Marketing and Fundraising	14	14	11	11
Support	9	7	6	6
Total	42	36	33	30

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2025	2024
In the band £60,001-£70,000	1	1
In the band £70,001-£80,000	1	1

The key management personnel of the charity are considered to be the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £163,468 (2024: £156,197).

Staff costs have been allocated to activities as follows

	Note	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
		£	£
Costs of raising funds	3	581,126	397,226
Charitable activities	4	627,572	493,110
Support costs	6	202,756	192,924

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Governance	7	50,121	41,369
Total		1,461,575	1,124,629

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £nil).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £nil).

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property	Leasehold improvements	Fixtures and fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2024	46,002		87,545	135,102	268,649
Acquisition on merger		133,682	97,388		231,070
Additions					
At 31 March 2025	46,002	133,682	184,933	135,102	499,719
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	46,002		75,071	24,346	145,419
Acquisition on merger		92,769	83,033		175,802
Charge for the year		1,121	4,422	13,683	19,226
At 31 March 2025	46,002	93,890	162,526	38,029	340,447
At 31 March 2025		39,792	22,407	97,073	159,272
At 31 March 2024			12,474	110,756	123,230

12. Fixed Asset Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value at 1 April 2024	489,250	463,213
Acquisition on transfer	165,564	
Additions	69,011	65,708
Disposals	(103,334)	(53,498)
Unrealised investment (losses)/gains	(1,285)	13,827
Market value at 31 March 2025	619,206	489,250

On 1 March 2025 the charity acquired fixed asset investments from Cavendish Cancer Care as part of the transfer of operations. These are listed investments managed by Rathbones.

In addition to the above investments held at market value, a £1 investment in the subsidiary company Weston Park Trading Limited is included in the 2025 figures. Total Investments are therefore £619,207 (2024: £489,251).

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cost at 31 March	521,247	397,191

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Unrealised (loss)/gain	(1,285)	13,827
Realised (loss)/gain	(7,367)	5,916
Net (loss)/gain on investment	(8,652)	19,743

The difference between the historical cost and market value of investments has been included in unrestricted funds.

The following investments account for more than five percent of the total market value of investments held by the charitable company:

	Holding	2025	2024
	%	£	£
Vanguard Funds PLC S&P 500 Units Etf USD Dis	9%	56,985	55,103
Legal & General UT L&G All Stks Gilt Idx Tst	5%	34,503	36,053

13. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	21,694	
Other debtors	667	
Prepayments	66,671	44,507
Accrued income	985,284	581,825
Total	1,074,316	626,332

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	155,881	264,045
Deferred income	42,818	22,875
Other creditors	49,390	30,043
Accruals	140,861	65,217
Grants payable	675,456	559,424
Total	1,064,406	941,604

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants payable	118,054	279,869

16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Gains / (losses)	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Delivery of strategy - research	214,335		(214,659)	324		

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	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Gains / (losses)	Balance at 31 March 2025
Delivery of strategy - treatment and care	12,983			(1,453)		11,530
Delivery of strategy - outreach	344,436		(115,478)			228,958
Capital Project Weston Park Cancer Centre				1,500,000		1,500,000
Total	571,754		(330,137)	1,498,871		1,740,488
General funds	2,903,452	3,821,758	(2,219,464)	(1,498,871)	(8,652)	2,998,223
Total Unrestricted Funds	3,475,206	3,821,758	(2,549,601)		(8,652)	4,738,711
Restricted funds						
Scott McBride Sarcoma Fund		120	(120)			
Brain Tumour Support Group Fund	2,175					2,175
Heads Together Support Group Fund	26,412	521	(676)			26,257
Thyroid Patients Fund	3,542					3,542
Rochelle Baxter Fund	92,965	18,769	(86,777)			24,957
Community Fund - Outreach	158,865		(91,365)			67,500
Capital fund - buses	97,792		(11,210)			86,582
Hospital equipment fund	500,000		(41,141)			458,859
Sheffield Cancer Research Centre		175,000				175,000
Sheffield Town Trust/ACT Pilot		1,482	(141)			1,341
Co-op Bank Customer Donation Fund		1,975	(1,000)			975
Children and Young People's Service		11,120	(4,487)			6,633
Other < £500		850	(23)			827
Total Restricted Funds	881,751	209,837	(236,940)			854,648
Total of Funds	4,356,957	4,031,595	(2,786,541)		(8,652)	5,593,359

Designated funds:

The trustees previously designated £1.8m for projects related to our 'Together at Every Step' strategy listed below. These funds are being utilised over a three-year period.

Delivery of Together at Every Step strategy – Research Grants

This fund is to enable us to invest in research and new technologies that can improve the effectiveness, tolerability and/or cost effectiveness of treatment and also to give patients the opportunity to participate in ground-breaking clinical trials.

Delivery of Together at Every Step strategy - Treatment and Care Grants

This fund is to enable us to improve the environment where cancer patients across the region receive treatment and to support innovative services that enhance the experience of living with and beyond cancer in the community.

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Delivery of Together at Every Step strategy - Cancer Support Community Outreach

This fund is to deliver an outreach cancer support service to areas of greatest need.

Capital Project Weston Park Cancer Centre

The trustees committed to funding capital and associated costs of an MRI Simulator for Weston Park Cancer Centre. The charity has launched a major appeal 'See It. Treat It' to raise the required funds for the project. Trustees have designated £1.5m to support the fundraising for the capital appeal. These funds will only be used to meet the costs of the project, if required.

Suitable fund transfers have occurred to match the funds designated by the trustees at financial year end.

Restricted fund details:

Heads Together fund – used to support projects which benefit head and neck cancer patients

Rochelle Baxter fund – used to improve the lives of cancer patients aged between 16 and 25, and their families

Scott McBride fund – used to support projects which benefit sarcoma patients

Thyroid patient fund – used to support projects which benefit thyroid patients

Outreach – National Lottery Community funds received for the Outreach programme commenced in 2022/23

Capital fund - buses - funded the purchase of a minibus for the Rotherham transport service and two buses for Outreach service delivery. Depreciation will be charged against the funding over the 10-year useful life of the vehicles

Hospital equipment fund - £500,000 towards the purchase of equipment to support Weston Park Hospital.

Sheffield Cancer Research Centre – to support research undertaken at the Cancer Clinical Trials Centre.

Sheffield Town Trust - grant for the development and delivery of the ACT Pilot

Co-op Bank Customer Donation Fund – towards staff training and development costs of the Children and Young People's Service and towards the cost of the Cav@Home platform, LearnWorlds.

Children and Young People's Service – various grants to support the costs of the Children and Young People's Service

Other < £500 - various small fund balances to support the costs of the Children and Young People's Service

Statement of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Gains /(losses)	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Delivery of strategy - research	452,552		(265,000)	26,782		214,335
Delivery of strategy - treatment and care	33,983		(21,000)			12,983
Delivery of strategy - outreach	358,533		(14,097)			344,436
Total	845,068		(300,097)	26,782		571,754

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	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Gains /(losses)	Balance at 31 March 2024
General funds	2,069,894	2,564,547	(1,723,949)	(26,782)	19,743	2,903,452
Total Unrestricted Funds	2,914,962	2,564,547	(2,024,046)		19,743	3,475,206
Restricted funds						
Scott McBride Sarcoma Fund	110		(110)			
Brain Tumour Support Group Fund	2,175					2,175
Heads Together Support Group Fund	20,296	8,005	(1,888)			26,412
Thyroid Patients Fund	3,542					3,542
Rochelle Baxter Fund	104,496	9,688	(21,219)			92,965
Barnsley Transport Fund	2,409		(2,409)			
Community Fund - Outreach	262,937		(104,073)			158,865
Westfield Health Foundation	52,000		(18,898)	(33,102)		
SYB ICS Cancer Alliance	20,491		(20,491)			
Capital fund - buses	75,900		(11,210)	33,102		97,792
Hospital equipment fund	500,000					500,000
Total Restricted Funds	1,044,356	17,693	(180,298)			881,751
Total of Funds	3,959,318	2,582,240	(2,204,344)		19,743	4,356,957

17. Summary of funds

Summary of funds – current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Gains /(losses)	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	571,754		(330,137)	1,498,871		1,740,488
General funds	2,903,452	3,821,758	(2,219,464)	(1,498,871)	(8,652)	2,998,223
Restricted funds	881,751	209,837	(236,940)			854,648
Total	4,356,957	4,031,595	(2,786,541)		(8,652)	5,593,359

Summary of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Gains /(losses)	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	845,068		(300,097)	26,782		571,754
General funds	2,069,894	2,564,547	(1,723,949)	(26,782)	19,743	2,903,452
Restricted funds	1,044,356	17,693	(180,298)			881,751
Total	3,959,318	2,582,240	(2,204,344)		19,743	4,356,957

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds – current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total funds 2025
Current Year	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	72,690	86,582	159,272
Fixed asset investments	619,206		619,206
Current assets	5,194,275	803,066	5,997,341
Creditors due within one year	(1,029,406)	(35,000)	(1,064,406)
Creditors due in more than one year	(118,054)		(118,054)
Total	4,738,711	854,648	5,593,359

Analysis of net assets between funds – prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024
Prior Year	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	25,438	97,792	123,230
Fixed asset investments	489,250		489,250
Current assets	4,181,991	783,959	4,965,950
Creditors due within one year	(941,604)		(941,604)
Creditors due in more than one year	(279,869)		(279,869)
Total	3,475,206	881,751	4,356,957

19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	1,236,402	397,639
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	19,226	23,932
Losses/(gains) on investments	1,285	(13,827)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(1,436)	(2,211)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(392,770)	162,149
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(87,019)	48,708
Investment income	(158,524)	(146,047)
Transfer from Cavendish Cancer Care	(304,915)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	312,249	470,343

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	4,910,457	4,328,486
Total cash and cash equivalents	4,910,457	4,328,486

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21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2024	Cash flows	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	4,328,486	581,971	4,910,457
Total	4,328,486	581,971	4,910,457

22. Pension commitments

Eligible staff belong to one of three pensions:

All staff who joined the organisation after 1st May 2018 and all staff who were TUPEd over from the Weston Park Cancer Care and Research Fund charity are in the Charity's auto-enrolment scheme with the Peoples Pension. Weston Park Cancer Charity makes an employer's contribution to the scheme.

One member of staff who was with the charity before the merger is in an auto-enrolment compliant stakeholder pension. Weston Park Cancer Charity makes an employer's contribution to the schemes. The pension funds above are assets of the individual and Weston Park Cancer Charity has no liability nor interest in the value of each fund. Weston Park Cancer Charity contributions are charged to the SoFA as they are incurred.

Staff who had an NHS pension when they joined the Charity and who were still eligible to be in the NHS scheme remain in the scheme. Weston Park Cancer Charity makes contributions to the NHS superannuation scheme. Employer's pension cost contributions are charged to operating expenses as and when they become due.

The latest actuarial valuation undertaken for the NHS Pension Scheme was completed as at 31 March 2020. It was published in October 2023 and noted a notional deficiency of £40.9Bn. The results of this valuation set the employer contribution rate payable from April 2024 to 23.7%, up from 20.6% (2019) of pensionable pay. The uplift was funded by the Department for Health and Social Care.

The 2024 valuation will commence in 2025 and will determine the employer contribution rate for four years from 1 April 2027.

The total employer contribution payable to the NHS Pension Scheme in 2024-25 was £2,126 (2023-24 £2,893), £Nil was outstanding at the year end (2023: £Nil). In addition, employees who are members of the Scheme paid salary dependant contributions of 6.5%.

Staff who were TUPEd from Cavendish Cancer Care on 1st March 2025, were moved into the Charity's auto-enrolment scheme with The People's Pension. To maintain continuity of terms and conditions, the employer and employee contribution rates from Cavendish Cancer Care's previous scheme were retained.

23. Related party transactions

Donations totalling £2,035 (2024: £2,301) were received from 5 Trustees (2024: 10) in the year.

During the year Irwin Mitchell charged £3,624 (2024: £1,253) for services to the charity. Niall Baker is the Regional Managing Partner of Irwin Mitchell.

24. Capital commitments

At 31st March 2025 the charity had no capital commitments (2024: none)

25. Contingent assets

In accordance with the charity's accounting policy in note 1.3, legacies to which the charity had entitlement by the year end and the amount is confirmed, have been included within accrued income. As at the reporting date, it is probable that additional legacies of approximately £286,998 are

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to be received. This has not been included within accrued income, as although the income is probable and the charity has entitlement, the amount has not yet been confirmed.

26. Operating lease commitments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Not later than one year	32,865	4,389
Later than one year and not later than five years	54,118	9,145
Total operating lease commitments	86,983	13,534

27. Transfer from Cavendish Cancer Care

The assets, liabilities and undertaking of Cavendish Cancer Care were transferred to the charity, at nil consideration, on 1 March 2025. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) this is in substance a gift and the net asset value at the date of transfer has been shown as a donation in the Statement of Financial Activities.

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets		55,268	55,268
Investments		165,564	165,564
Current assets			
Cash at bank	15,427	61,448	76,875
Debtors		55,214	55,214
Current liabilities			
Creditors		(48,006)	(48,006)
Total	15,427	289,488	304,915

Included within the above are the following restricted fund balances transferred from Cavendish Cancer Care

	Restricted funds
	£
Sheffield Town Trust/ACT Pilot	1,482
Co-op Bank Customer Donation Fund	1,975
Children and Young People's Service	11,120
Other < £500	850
Total	15,427