



Barts Guild

Friends of St Bartholomew's Hospital

since 1911

One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Report and Accounts

2024 – 2025



If you recall this shot at the front of the 2023-24 issue of this report, you will notice a transformation. The white boarded façade associated with renovation works has now been removed to reveal a clean face of the North Wing although some work continues at the time of writing. The interior has been painstakingly repaired and will be open to visitors in October. Much more information can be found at bartsnorthwing.org.uk.



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THE GUILD OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL OF ST BARTHOLOMEW
(also known as Barts Guild)

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at 31 March 2025

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Mr Keith Bottomley CC

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT
at 31 March 2025

Ordinary members (elected)

Mrs Julia Briscoe

Ms Jan O'Neill

Mr Neil Ritson

Mrs Hilary Tarr

Mrs Dawn Wright

Co-opted members

Mr Steve Bench

Ms Heather Byers

Ms Lesley Evans

Mr Patrick Jennings

Mrs Wendy Mead

Dr Claire Rathwell

Mr Alex Shipolini

Miss Niamh Whelan

Those with other executive responsibilities or invited to attend meetings

Mrs Elizabeth Clark, Administrator

Mr Andy Haddon, Shop Manager

Mr Phil Moss, Online Content Administrator

Report of the Trustees

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers for the year ended 31 March 2025

Trustees

Mr Stephen Edmondson	Chairman	Appointed 22/10/24	
Mr Christopher Hayward CC	Chairman	Resigned 22/10/24	
Mrs Jean Stevenson	Vice-Chair	Appointed 22/10/24	
Mrs Julie Pearce	Honorary Secretary		
Mr Keith Bottomley CC	Honorary Treasurer		
Mr Steve Bench	Resigned 22/10/24	Mrs Angela Robinson	Resigned 22/10/24
Mrs Julia Briscoe		Mrs Hilary Tarr	Reappointed 22/10/24
Ms Jan O'Neill		Mrs Dawn Wright	
Mr Neil Ritson			

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Structure, governance and management

Structure of the charity

Barts Guild is an Unincorporated Association charity. Its governing document is its Constitution which was revised, agreed and adopted by the Guild's Management Committee, the Guild's membership and the Charity Commission in November and December 2013. It was further amended, agreed and adopted in October 2018. In recent times the governing document has been updated in 2000, 2002, 2013 and 2018. (See also website www.bartsguild.org.uk.)

Five meetings of the Management Committee (MC) of trustees take place during the year. In addition, several sub-committees take the Guild's activities forward in the following areas: Grants; Finance and Accounts; Investments; Membership and Volunteering; Fundraising; Communications; Shop and Business; Princess Alice Garden.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity in general meeting shall elect the officers and the other trustees. The trustees may appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee. The number of trustees shall not be less than three but (unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the charity in general meeting) shall not be subject to any maximum. Any member or volunteer can be nominated for potential trusteeship.

Nominees for trusteeship/members of the Management Committee are interviewed by the Chairman, sometimes with the Hon. Secretary; two referees are required in every case and nominations are agreed by the MC before being proposed for election at the AGM. In its trustees the Committee looks for areas of expertise important to the modern charity (e.g. law, finance, IT) and/or practical applications to help the Guild in its day-to-day work in the shop and Hospital trolley services and other activities. In a similar fashion trustees can also be removed by the MC.

At the 2024 AGM there were several changes amongst trustees of the charity. Following recommendation by the Management Committee, Mr Stephen Edmondson was elected Chairman of the Charity to replace Mr Christopher Hayward CC who had resigned, and Mrs Jean Stevenson was elected Vice-Chair to replace Mr Stephen Edmondson. Mrs Angela Robinson resigned as trustee having moved away, and Mr Steve Bench stood down as trustee having served three consecutive terms. Mrs Hilary Tarr was reappointed trustee.

Risk assessment

The Management Committee has assessed the risks to which the charity may be exposed and is satisfied that appropriate systems are in place to manage exposure to these risks. The categories of risk surveyed cover: governance; operations; finance; external environment; compliance. Some examples of risks include: the ability to sustain the needed level of volunteers, the maintenance of the current level of income, a fall in investment values and returns, reputational risks, external environmental risks and unforeseen changes in the operations of the NHS.

These risks are mitigated by active management by the MC and its sub-committees, including close consultation with Barts Health NHS Trust Voluntary Services, careful review of investments and monitoring of the professional investment advisers, and liaison at board and senior management level with both Barts Hospital and Barts Health NHS Trust.

The Management Committee periodically designates one or more of the trustees to advise on a regular review and assessment of the main risks facing the charity in all areas of its work and to help plan for the management of those risks. Where new risks are identified or there is a material change in existing risks, recommendations on mitigation measures are made to the Management Committee, and processes agreed to monitor any agreed actions.

Objectives and activities

- **By personal service and by provision from the Charity's funds, such amenities for the patients and staff as would not be available to them under the National Health Service;**
- **Such other charitable assistance to the Hospital, its patients, former patients, staff, students and others involved with the affairs of the Hospital as the trustees may determine.**

The main activities undertaken by the Guild to carry out these objects for the public benefit are:

- running a general and souvenir shop as an amenity for patients, staff and visitors.
- providing a trolley service for inpatients, selling newspapers, toiletries, confectionery and convenience items.
- making grants for the provision of facilities on wards for patients and staff.
- making grants that aid NHS staff to increase their level of skill and that of their co-workers.
- funding the purchase of clinical equipment.
- maintaining the Princess Alice Garden for the comfort and enjoyment of staff, patients and visitors.

In relation to all the Guild's activities we have paid due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission concerning public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Shop services

Shop income for 2024-25 was £196,508 net of VAT (2023-24: £199,435). Shop volunteer turnover this year resulted in improved cover and flexibility. We currently have two regular volunteers for nine of the ten shop shifts each week, with one regular volunteer on Monday afternoons. Trolley volunteering improved due to recruitment and return from absence, with a regular service now provided Tuesday to Thursday, with occasional services Friday to Sunday. There is no trolley service on Mondays at present. Plans to recruit additional volunteers for both services are ongoing. The online shop processed 100 orders during the year (2023-24: 248 orders (includes 900th anniversary sales)).

Website and social media

Working with our web partner, Pedalo, we upgraded elements of our website during the past year, including a refreshed home page design and improvements to the way News stories are presented and sorted, including a dedicated section covering awarded Grants.

The site also received a security upgrade to bring it into line with the latest UK Government guidelines and the Cookie and Privacy Notices were updated. In addition, some existing content was refreshed and updated, including the History of the Guild and a complete list of Patrons, Presidents and Chairmen since our foundation in 1911.

The Guild's presence on social media has expanded and alongside our existing Facebook page, we are using accounts on Bluesky, Instagram and Threads to update members, volunteers and supporters. We have retained our X (formerly Twitter) account to monitor posts, but for the moment it will remain dormant.

Membership

Membership of the Guild stood at 326 members at the 2024-25 year-end, 183 of them being subscription and/or volunteers. This figure includes six new shop volunteers who started during the year. There has been a significant increase in student membership which had risen to 137 at the year-end although this number includes students who will graduate in 2025 from the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London. This year, the Guild intends to contact the graduates to encourage them to sign up for Guild membership as a way of sustaining interest in the charity with the hope of their support long after their student days have ended. In addition, the Guild has been offering one year's free membership to grant recipients who will be invited to join the Guild as a subscription member once the offer has expired.

Grants

Grants awarded to the Hospital in the year totalled £33,179.93 for 37 grants, both figures being an increase on those for the previous year. One third of the grants awarded was aimed at direct benefit to patients, relatives and staff wellbeing such as two ward folding beds for use by a patient's relative or carer for an overnight stay, and a microwave for a staff break room. Approximately 18% of grants were awarded for specific staff training, and other grants were awarded to staff to attend professional conferences in their specialism. Feedback reveals that these are valuable to staff in updating their knowledge of the latest research outcomes which can be translated into improving care for their patients. Grants for clinical equipment were confined to one large award as a contribution to a Cardiopulmonary Stress Echocardiography Bicycle which was a significant acquisition. The Guild supported two final-year students of the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry at QMUL for their Elective placements through the kind donation of Mrs Penny Wainwright and family. A full list of grants agreed is contained in this Annual Report's Notes to the Accounts.

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Estimated numbers of beneficiaries served directly by the Guild

The year saw over 80,000 sales transactions relating to footfall in the shop, by patients, visitors and

staff, and a further 3,750 sales transactions relating to the trolley service (2023-24 total: 79,278). The average sales value of a transaction was £2.46 (unchanged from 2023-24).

Contribution of Guild volunteers during the year

Front line volunteers providing services for the shop and ward trolley rounds contributed approximately 3,400 hours of service (2023-24: 3,005). Other voluntary activities including management, support and administration are carried out by the charity's officers, other trustees and co-opted members of the Management Committee. Their remit covers management committee meetings, sub-committee meetings and consultations, management of membership, finance, grants, publications, website, IT, Princess Alice Garden and other areas necessary to the running of the charity. The Guild is hugely appreciative of the expertise and dedication of all who contribute so much to enable the charity to function effectively.

Financial review

The Financial Statements are set out in this Annual Report. The salient features of financial performance and resource are outlined in the Hon. Treasurer's Report.

The charity's income for the year was £286,149 (2023-24: £249,817). Investment income totalled £21,239 (2023-24: £20,472). The Guild's total funds are £807,174 (2023-24: £821,895). Shop income is broadly in line with the previous year at £196,508 net of VAT (2023-24: £199,435). Grants awarded totalled £36,164 in the year. The grant of £50,000 to Barts Heritage was paid over three years, with the final payment of £10,000 being paid in the 2024-25 financial year. The treasury responsibility and financial oversight are undertaken most capably by Mr Keith Bottomley CC as Hon. Treasurer and Mrs Hilary Tarr as Assistant Treasurer/Bookkeeper, while other trustees also having wide financial experience.

Reserves Policy

Our policy for the financial reserves is that we should endeavour to hold sufficient to cover at least a year's expenditure on Shop-related and other expenses, together with the current aim of spending about £25,000 to £35,000 per year on grants, or somewhat more if needs prevail.

Therefore, with reserves of £807,174 the current resources are well in excess of this level. We are conscious that in recent years the charity's financial position has been much enhanced by the receipt of some substantial legacies and improved turnover in the relocated Shop. We believe that the current financial standing of the charity will enable us to further develop and to expand our grant-giving ability to help the NHS Trust. Based on the current level of its reserves, the charity is well able to meet its projected obligations and liabilities and has no uncertainty over its continuing status as a 'going concern' as at the signing date.

Plans for future periods

The trustees examine and consult on future needs and issues, mindful of being responsive to changing patient needs and hospital developments. Over a forthcoming five-year period we aspire to:

- enlarge the range of Shop stock, provided that space permits and is supported by our continuing review of stock policy;
- aim to increase the number of active volunteers so as to widen the scope of shop business and give it wider flexibility;
- raise the level of grants (provided that the financial position allows through Shop income, improved fundraising, investments and bequests: for example, investment income has contributed well to the level of grants made);
- assist the Hospital as a fundraising channel to meet specific and/or exceptional demands;
- build upon the celebration of Barts Hospital's 900th Anniversary with initiatives to increase membership, sustain financial grants and develop sponsorship opportunities;
- maximise the website's capacity in order to help with several of these initiatives.

Support

Barts Health NHS Trust continues to be greatly supportive of its oldest service-providing volunteer charity. We are also very appreciative of the support for and interest in the Guild of our Royal Patron HRH The Duke of Gloucester and his officials. We welcome and value the Patron's counsel.

The Guild has always been grateful for offers of support from businesses and other outside bodies, especially local ones and those in the City of London, and has appreciated, too, the interest of those of their staff that have expressed support for us.

Approved by the trustees on 16th July 2025 and signed on their behalf.



Stephen Edmondson BSc FRCS FRCP

Chairman

Update for 2025-2026

The Annual Report focuses on the financial year 2024-2025, but in this section we also refer to activity that has taken place during the current financial year in order to bring readers as up to date as we can with the charity's developments. Some of this information has previously been noted in *Barts Guild News*, which is also available on the Publications page of the Guild website.

Trustees and Management Committee (MC) members

In October 2024, the Guild's AGM was again held in the comfortable Basinghall Suite of the Guildhall due to ongoing renovation works taking place in the Great Hall at St Barts. Although much progress has been achieved, the Great Hall is still unavailable but is expected to be 'open for business' towards the end of 2025.

At the 2024 meeting, Mr Stephen Edmondson was elected Chairman of the Charity to replace Mr Christopher Hayward CC who had resigned, and Mrs Jean Stevenson was elected Vice-Chair to replace Mr Stephen Edmondson. Mrs Angela Robinson resigned as trustee having moved away, and Mr Steve Bench stood down as trustee having served three consecutive terms. Mrs Hilary Tarr was reappointed trustee. The Committee welcomed Heather Byers, Claire Rathwell and Alex Shipolini as Co-opted members, all of whom are current members of staff of the Hospital.

The Basinghall Suite is booked for the 2025 AGM on the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd October at 2pm, and we encourage members to attend as this is always a great opportunity for everyone to get together and meet the Guild trustees in person. The Guildhall Art Gallery is in the same building.

Shop and trolley service

Pleasingly, shop footfall and sales increased once again over the previous year. The trolley service suffered from reduced volunteer availability in the first half of the year, picking up in the second half and subsequently outperforming last year. The trolley now runs most days Tuesday to Friday, with occasional weekend days. Volunteer recruitment improved significantly through the year and the shop

and trolley services are now well supported by greater numbers. Opening hours for the shop remain 0830-1600, Monday to Friday, with closures at the weekend and on bank holidays.

The Guild has a large group of dedicated crafters, with several new makers joining over the year. The crafters regularly donate knitted items, homemade greetings cards and other items to the Guild for sale in the shop. During 2024-25, this amounted to more than 1800 items, with sales of over £3,300.



Two small bookcases were purchased in May 2025 to display donated books more prominently outside the shop. We sell the books for 50p each and have seen the average number sold per month rise from 67 (Jan-Apr) to 173 (May-July). They are visible to many of the patients waiting for clinic appointments.

Newspaper sales have been in steady decline in recent times and until June 2025, we had been unable to return unsold papers. As a result, we have stopped using the local newsagent that had been supplying us, and we have negotiated with a local branch of Tesco to buy papers daily and return any unsold at the end of the day. Although we have to buy the papers at full price, we are able to maintain this valued service for now, albeit in much lower numbers.

As usual, Guild Christmas cards, plus the 2025 Guild calendar, will be available either direct from the shop or online at www.bartsguild.org.uk/souvenir-store.

The online shop has had a steady year, with a further 40 orders having been received and dispatched since the year-end.

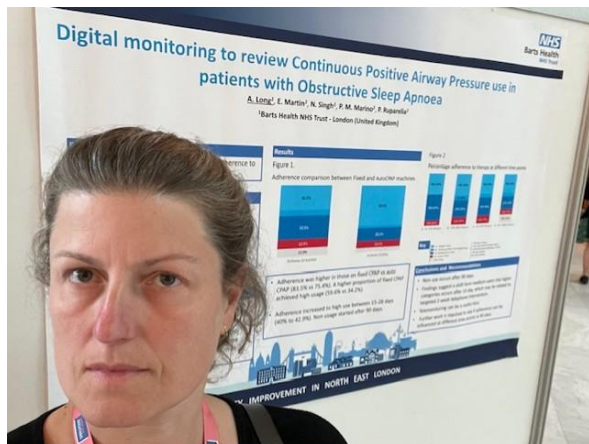
Grants

The past year has been busy one for grant awards and the number of applications saw another slight increase on the previous year. The first two months of the current financial year registered eleven applications which the Grants' Sub-committee worked through diligently. Many applications can be turned around quite quickly, but those which involve installations, refurbishments and other large projects can take many months to conclude due to of the nature of what is involved.

All grants are important for different reasons but the Guild is especially pleased to support projects which lead directly to enhanced patient care and comfort. We are also able to support staff to attend specialist courses and conferences for their professional development, sharpening their understanding and skills, sharing and receiving best practice, all part of the journey towards becoming an ever more effective practitioner. We love seeing the results of refurbishment projects to which the Guild has contributed and hearing about the raising of staff morale thanks to a refreshed environment in their break spaces.

In this report, **Alex Long**, Clinical Lead Physiotherapist, gives an account of her attendance at a Sleep and Breathing Conference. Antwerp.

"Due to receiving a grant from the Guild, I was able to attend the 8th International Sleep and Breathing conference in Antwerp, organised by the European Respiratory Society (ERS) and the European Sleep Research Society (ESRS). It is the largest pan-European meeting of its kind and is attended by professionals from all levels of experience to update their knowledge and skills, along with networking with other respiratory professionals specialising in sleep respiratory medicine. As such, it was an ideal conference to attend and learn from experts in the field as well as like-minded professionals about new and exciting developments coming up.



In addition to all the talks, presentations and posters, there was also an opportunity for companies to demonstrate all the new equipment and masks that they were developing and give feedback on what our service users have told us. As such, I had the time to enjoy the atmosphere of being at conference and talk to other professionals, companies and also service users, as well as gain valuable insights into what equipment is coming next!

I had been invited here to showcase the work sleep and ventilation teams at St Bartholomew's hospital. This allowed us to contribute towards our international reputation as a dynamic and research focused team. The sleep and ventilation team provide support to patients who require different types of breathing machines at home, typically seeing them in outpatients, on the ward or in the community for those who are unable to travel to the hospital. We offer face to face reviews but also have the option of telephone and digital monitoring of the machines.

Some of our patients have obstructive sleep apnoea, a condition where breathing repeatedly stops and starts during sleep because your upper airway (throat) gets blocked or narrowed. The treatment for this is CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) and my poster presentation looked at the use of digital monitoring, and how we can use this to monitor long term adherence in our patients, and target intervention to help people use their CPAP machine more if needed. This was well received, with lots of discussions generated about how other countries look at use of machines. Digital monitoring is a useful tool, as it saves patients time and travel cost from attending face to face hospital appointments, when we can review and make changes to their breathing machine remotely, which many find more convenient.

Additionally, Barts Health is a regional MND (Motor Neurone Disease) Centre. Over the last few years, we within the sleep ventilation service have looked to improve our pathway and time to set up on an NIV (Non-Invasive Ventilator) for those patients whose breathing muscles require support. We have previously received acknowledgement of our efforts by the MND Association, and as a sleep ventilation team are constantly looking at improving our patient's experience. Typically, NIV is delivered by a tight-fitting mask on the face, however we looked to deliver it via a mouthpiece during the day to help with time away from wearing a mask allowing for improved communication and time off the breathing machine. I discussed how we had implemented community visits for MND patients who were unable to access the hospital, and how useful being able to provide a different method of giving support from a breathing machine was to our patients in maintaining their quality of life.

I personally gained a valuable experience in presenting both a poster and clinical case study, however also found it very interesting to learn about new and upcoming treatment options and also see the similarities and differences in how we deliver care across Europe. I have brought back and presented to my team on all I learnt whilst attending the conference and hope these updates will contribute towards improving patient experience here at Barts. I had a wonderful time in Antwerp and would like to thank the Barts Guild for their helping me attend."

As in previous years, Barts Guild has given a grant to final year medical students to support their elective placement. Below is a report from **Sharanhan Kugarajah** who travelled to Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

"I undertook my medical elective attached to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital in Sri Lanka where I immersed myself in different specialties including paediatrics, anatomy, surgery and community medicine. This experience not only offered clinical exposure, but also an insight into the healthcare system that's functioning under constraints and recovering from conflict.

Jaffna Teaching Hospital is the main hospital in the northern province and has a close relationship with the medical school of the University of Jaffna. We were made to feel quite welcome and integrated into their teaching structure. We encountered friendly medical students who were eager to know about how we learnt medicine and keen to discuss various cases. We found it easy to join the local medical students on their day-to-day tasks in the hospital and their teaching sessions at the university.

I watched how infectious diseases like scabies, dengue, and tuberculosis, conditions that are rarely seen directly in UK hospitals, were managed in the paediatric wards. With limited access to rapid test results and specialist services, the doctors often relied on their own skills of gathering a history and examining the patient. Their knowledge and skill were representative of their years of experiences. This encouraged me to sharpen my clinical judgements and base my practice around the person and not just test results.

Surgical theatres were simple but functional. The frequent power cuts were a barrier to surgeons' operating time and efficiency, with surgeons having to stop, recalibrate and restart the surgery multiple times during an operation. One of the most striking differences was the lack of patient privacy on the surgical wards and theatres; the next patient due for surgery would already be in the theatre room as the previous surgery was being finished. This is something that's unheard of in the UK and it was surprising to see the other medical staff be unaffected by this.

In the anatomy department, cadaveric teaching was still part of the curriculum. I had the opportunity to join a live dissection and see how medicine was being taught there. There was heavy reliance in learning about the human body by touching and identifying live structures. This contrasts with my own medical education, where I mainly learned anatomy via digital means.



My time in community medicine was the most thought-provoking aspect of my elective. We accompanied community health officers in their home visits. I'd describe the community care system to be akin to the UK's GP system; however, people would usually only come to their appointments to refill their medications or if they had a more severe issue. This meant that many chronic conditions were left unmanaged and often led to reduced life expectancy. Thus, many doctors often reached out to patients themselves in home visits to ensure that their conditions were well managed. I felt somewhat disappointed by the fact that the community centres had to take their patients' health into their own hands, but perhaps this is a temporary solution to ensure the wellbeing of a post conflict population.

Throughout my 6 weeks I became more aware of the role that culture plays into health education, compliance with treatment and trust in the medical profession. For instance, traditional medicine was commonly used in addition to medical treatment, especially amongst the older population. Doctors did not reject these treatments and often discussed freely with the aims of combining evidence-based medicine with safe traditional treatments.

Living and working in Jaffna taught me resilience, cultural humility, and the importance of adapting to unfamiliar situations. I was reminded of why I chose to study medicine; to serve people with compassion and integrity. I would like to express my gratitude to the Barts Guild for supporting and enabling me to pursue this elective and allowing me to find out I passed my final year medical school exams in the town my parents were born."

Events

AGM Guest Speaker



The Guild's AGM was held on 22nd October 2024 at the Guildhall. We were pleased to welcome the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Elisabeth Mainelli, who started her speech by stating her pleasure at maintaining the tradition of the Lady Mayoress's attendance the Barts Guild AGM.

Mrs Mainelli noted that for over 100 years, Guild volunteers had given dedicated service for the benefit of the whole Hospital community. On behalf of the Lord Mayor and herself, she expressed thanks to the President, Ann Wickham, Deputy Chairman, Stephen Edmondson, the trustees, the Management Committee and all the volunteers for their hard work for the Guild over the past year. She extended special thanks to Chairman, Chris Hayward, at his final Barts Guild AGM in the chair.

Successful events and achievements having taken place over the past year were examples of the dedication of volunteers. Mrs Mainelli concluded by stating how much the City appreciates all that the Guild does.

Volunteers' Christmas Party

Andy Haddon and Steve Bench organised a very successful party which was held on 17th December 2024 at Maggie's Centre adjacent to the North Wing of the Hospital. It was good to be on the Barts site and in a modern setting and these factors, together with the date which was nearer to Christmas than previous get-togethers, may well have encouraged greater attendance this time around. It was a pleasure to meet some shop volunteers for the first time and for them to meet each other which is unusual as they each work their shift on the same day each week. The event was well covered in Barts Guild News, May 2025 edition, in which there are no fewer than seven photos of the company chatting together and enjoying the festive atmosphere.

Barts View Day 2025

On 14th May, a warm and sunny day brought out the crowds for the 475th View Day. The Guild's stall was busy throughout the day. There was a brisk trade in books, prints, souvenirs and Guild merchandise from pin badges to the perennially popular tote bags and sweatshirts.

View Day certainly boosts shop takings. However, its greatest benefit is to place the Guild firmly in the Barts family. It is a wonderful opportunity to chat with Barts staff and with old friends of our charity and to make new ones.

Thanks to everyone who took part and especially to volunteers Monique and Russell who took care of the till and served behind the stall too.

Some photos from the day are shown on the following page.



Left: Plenty of time to shop and chat.

Below left: Shop volunteers are a great asset on View Day.

Below right: Lovely to meet a Chelsea Pensioner who is having a good look at one of the 'Barts in the past' books on sale in the Guild shop.



Afternoon tea for volunteers

On 30th July we held an afternoon tea at Browns Restaurant at Butlers Wharf on the banks of the Thames to thank our wonderful shop and trolley volunteers for their dedication, hard work and commitment to the Guild. The event was attended by 21 volunteers and was a great success. Maybe it will become an annual event!



It was a perfect opportunity for our newer volunteers to meet and socialise with our long-standing volunteers, and Browns did us proud with a great array of sandwiches and cakes. We wanted to convey how much our volunteers are valued and appreciated and this was a perfect way to do it.

Engagement with Barts and The London Students' Association (BLSA)

The programme of final-year medical student elective placements ran again in spring and summer 2025. The Barts Guild Elective Grants were awarded, and this year there were two students who received support to gain insight and experience in their chosen field, the money having been kindly donated by the Wainwright family in memory of Dr Laurence Cartledge, former Barts Ophthalmologist.

Sarai Asirifi undertook two observational internships, one in South Africa and the other in Ghana. At The Bank of Ghana Hospital, a multi-specialty private healthcare facility, she spent time shadowing the paediatric and emergency departments to gain insight into Ghana's healthcare system. She also had the opportunity to spend an afternoon at the largest government-run hospital in Ghana and the 3rd largest hospital in Africa, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital (KBTH). During her time at Korle Bu, she shadowed a plastic surgeon who helps to run the National Reconstructive Plastic Surgery and Burns Centre. As one of the three Centres of Excellence in the Hospital, it attracts patients from across the country as well as neighbouring countries such as Nigeria, Togo, Burkina Faso and Benin.

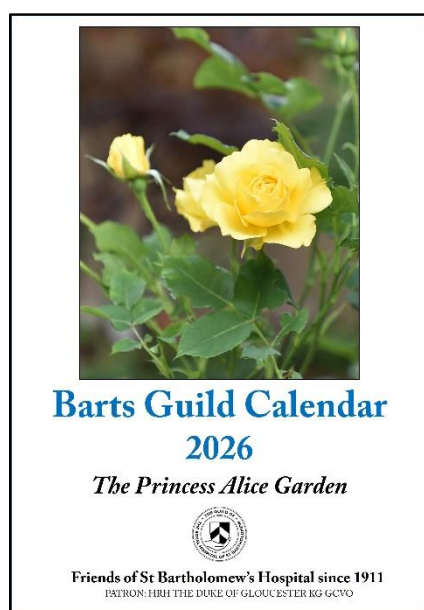
For her placements, Sarai's first objective was to describe the pattern of health provision in Ghana and discuss this in global context. The second was to compare this with the health services witnessed in South Africa and the UK. The third was to discuss the main health challenges in Ghana and how they are managed, concluding with a reflection on her time in Ghana and how this experience would influence her practice going forward.

Sharanhan Kugarajah travelled to Jaffna, Sri Lanka for his placement at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital. His account of this experience can be found earlier in the Report.

Free membership of the Guild continues to be available to students of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London. The Guild has resolved to make a clearer invitation to graduating students to sign up as paid members of the Guild.

Publications and Publicity

Calendar 2026



For 2026, our annual calendar is focused on The Princess Alice Garden which enjoys a secluded location adjacent to the Henry VIII Gatehouse and is a shady and quiet place for staff taking a break.

It is expected that the calendar will be available to purchase, in the Guild shop in KGV and online, from early October 2025. As last year, there will be desk and wall formats.

Once again, our thanks go to trustee Neil Ritson for his expertise in producing the new calendar.

Barts Guild News



Barts Guild News (BGN), our biannual members' magazine, continued to be an eclectic mix of stories of Guild activities and achievements, grants awarded and members' recollections of their time at Barts.

In May 2024, the front page featured a picture of our President, Ann Wickam, on the occasion of her investiture with the British Empire Medal which was awarded in recognition of her 57 years of voluntary service to Barts and its patients and to the community of London. The edition also included two interesting grants, an appeal for new trolley volunteers and a charming account by Dr Jean Kay of a coincidence that reunited her with the family of former patient, Dr Laurence Cartledge.

In November 2024 we published the 24th edition of BGN. The lead stories were an account of the 112th Guild AGM at which we said a fond farewell to outgoing Chairman, Chris Hayward, and welcomed our new Chairman, Steve Edmondson and new Vice-Chair, Jean Stevenson. Steve introduced himself with a letter to members and volunteers. Final year Medical Student Leila de Costa gave an excellent account of her placement at Great Ormond Street Hospital which was enabled by an Elective Grant. Other stories included hints for readers' Christmas lists from the Guild shop, a route for an interesting walk from Walthamstow to Barts and sadly, an obituary for Hilda Fazzani who volunteered for us for 35 years and died aged 100 in October.

We are always pleased to include contributions from readers. If you have a story to tell, please contact BGN by email contact@bartsguild.org.uk or by post to the Hospital, addressing the envelope to Barts Guild. If you would like to read the stories mentioned above, they are available on our website www.bartsguild.org.uk following the path /about-us/publications.

Once again, our thanks go to trustee Jan O'Neill for her editorship of two most attractive editions per year.

Guild Website

Working with our web partner, Pedalo, we upgraded elements of our website during the past year, including a refreshed home page design and improvements to the way News stories are presented and sorted, including a dedicated section covering awarded Grants.

The site also received a security upgrade to bring it into line with the latest UK Government guidelines, and the Cookie and Privacy Notices were updated. In addition, some existing content was refreshed and updated, including the History of the Guild and a complete list of Patrons, Presidents and Chairmen since our foundation in 1911.

The Guild's presence on social media has expanded and alongside our existing Facebook page, we are using accounts on Bluesky, Instagram and Threads to update members, volunteers and supporters. We have retained our X (formerly Twitter) account to monitor posts, but for the moment it will remain dormant.

Our thanks go to Phil Moss, no stranger to the Guild, who partners with us as Online Content Co-ordinator, for his proactive approach to the security and relevance of the Guild's online presence.

Princess Alice Garden

The Princess Alice Garden continues in good heart without the maintenance interferences experienced over recent years.

It is regularly used by patients and hospital staff and the work of our principal gardeners, Graham and Noel, continues to be well rewarded. Their work has recently been augmented by the assistance of a team of leaf-clearing Barts Nurses, organised by Guild trustee-elect Claire Rathwell. The Guild's new recruits have made a dramatic impact eradicating all the autumn leaves that have invaded the garden ever since its inception.

With dry summer conditions, keeping the garden sufficiently watered is a challenge and therefore the Guild is investing in a new irrigation system, which should provide great assistance in the gardens well-being.

All-in-all the garden is well and remains a haven of peace and tranquillity, full of colour and perfume and shaded by the plane trees, for our visitors to enjoy their lunches or a few moments of quiet reflection.



And finally...

As ever, the officers, trustees and other members of the Management Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who do so much to make the Guild what it is, and also Andy Haddon, our Shop Manager, and Lizzie Clark, our Administrator, for their considerable contributions.

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## Obituary

**Mrs Pauline Hirst 1928 – 2024**

An abridged version of the obituary which appeared in Barts Guild News of May 2025



Pauline Hirst, a member of the Guild since 1973, died on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 after a short illness. She had been living in Tunbridge Wells in a care and nursing residence for the last 21 months of her life, near her eldest daughter, Susie. She had previously been living for eight years in Devon near her youngest son Robert. Otherwise, she had lived in London all her adult life, supporting her husband Geoffrey, a GP, who had qualified as a doctor at St Bartholomew's Hospital after graduating from Cambridge University.

Pauline grew up in Crewe, Cheshire, but had a peripatetic childhood as her father was a senior civil servant and her family had to move around England. This meant that Pauline's education was at many different schools and was further disrupted by the war. After leaving Leicester at 16 with her School Certificate, she did a pre-nursing course but then took a secretarial course which meant she could live and work near London.

Pauline met Geoffrey at the age of 20 at her sister's wedding and they married in July 1949 in St Bartholomew the Less. Following the birth of their first child Susie who was born at St Bartholomew's, there continued a long family link with the Hospital. Her second daughter Juliet was married there too, as well as studying medicine at Barts. Pauline also had three sons, Andrew, Simon and Robert. She spent their childhoods encouraging them all to succeed. As they grew up, Pauline reinforced her links with St Barts by becoming a volunteer and later became involved with the Guild.

On joining the Guild, Pauline was immediately invited to join the Management Committee. She served on various committees and was elected Chairman of Barts Guild from 1980-1989. In 2013 Pauline was awarded the League of Mercy award for her services to the Guild and was also given the Freedom of the City of London. She also served as a Vice-President of the Guild from 1989 and as Assistant Secretary. She remained in touch with the Guild when she moved to Plymouth.

Pauline is remembered with love and for her very happy and positive disposition with both the Guild members and the patients and staff at Barts, and she is very much missed by all who knew her. She is greatly missed by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They all have many very happy memories to share.

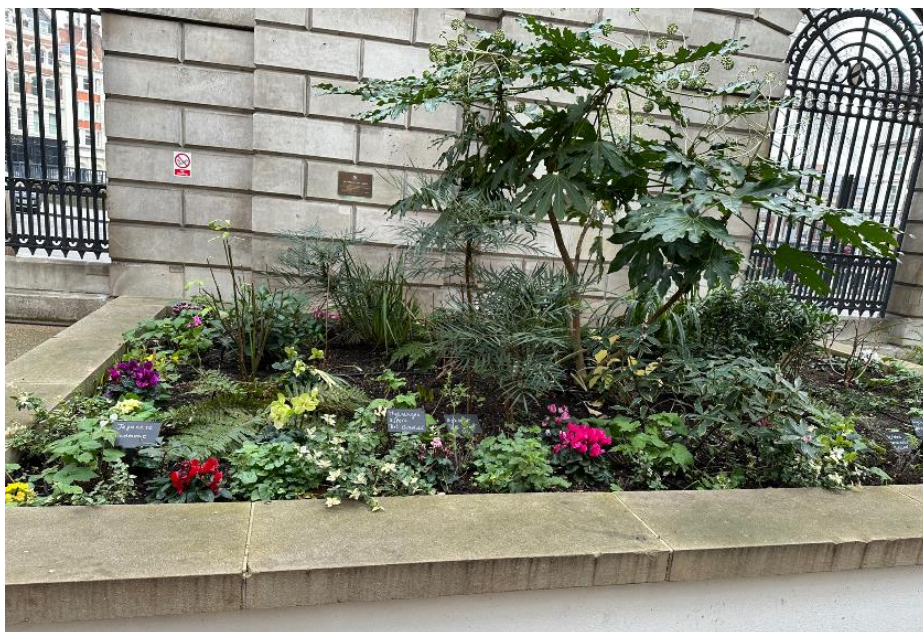
**Susan Richards**  
**Ann Wickham**

**The Guild has also been informed of the death of the following members:**

Mr John Skerry, summer 2024

Mrs Hilda Fazzani on 02/10/24, Guild volunteer for 35 years

If you have news of the passing of any member, kindly inform the Guild.



**The Princess Alice Garden**

## Our Chairman's letter



I am greatly honoured to be sharing with you my first annual letter as your Chairman. I do so with humility and acknowledgement of the long line of my distinguished predecessors who have led the Guild since its formation one hundred and fourteen years ago. The strong association between Guild and Hospital is something we must continue to nurture and I am delighted to say that I believe we are especially well placed to build further on this vital relationship.

We are very fortunate that, because of their generosity and following the extensive restoration of the Great Hall and the North Wing led by Will Palin and colleagues of Barts Heritage, we will be returning and holding our AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and our Christmas concert on 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Great Hall. We are now also looking to move our regular management meetings to venues in the North Wing of the Hospital.

I am extremely grateful to my predecessor, Chris Hayward CC, for his service to the Guild and his strong links with the City, affording us use of the Guildhall. However, I am sure you will all agree that holding the Guild's numerous functions within the Hospital site alongside our core shop and trolley services can only bode well for further strengthening the very important bond between the Hospital and the Guild.

In supporting those and other functions of the Guild, in addition to our fundraising, we continue to receive generous gifts and legacies which keep us in good financial health and also enable us to continue to make grants to the applications we receive. These grants have totalled £33,283 covering 37 awards over the past year.

I am personally very grateful for all the support, hard work and contributions by our Management Committee members who chair and run numerous sub-committees reflecting the wide range of activities which the Guild supports. However, much of this would not be possible without the additional and vital contributions of our many volunteers who are the life blood of the charity and to whom I offer my heartfelt thanks.

I was especially pleased that we were able to hold a very well attended and successful volunteers' Christmas party in the Maggie's Centre at the Hospital last December. Just recently we have also held a very successful summer tea party for our volunteers. I am very grateful to Steve Bench and Lesley Evans for their hard work in organising those two events.

I want to make special mention of our very successful shop and trolley services which for me are the patient and staff facing embodiment of all the great work the Guild does. The selfless work of Neil Ritson and Steve Bench supporting Andy Haddon in running these services with our many volunteers is greatly appreciated. It is also very gratifying that due to their efforts, we will continue to offer daily newspapers which are really valued by patients who might otherwise not have access to the outside world.

I am very pleased to announce that three of my senior hospital colleagues Heather Byers, Alex Shipolini and Claire Rathwell representing the fields of nursing, surgery and anaesthesia have accepted their nominations to be elected trustees at the next AGM, following a year serving as co-opted members of our Management Committee. These appointments will further strengthen the relationship between the Guild and the Hospital but will also give us a fresh breadth of knowledge and insight as we look to continue to support the patients and staff of the Hospital.

Inevitably each year we thank and say goodbye to members who have given great service to the Guild.

We are very grateful to Dawn Wright and Julia Briscoe who have both served for a number of years as Management and Sub-committee members and trustees. Their contributions have been greatly appreciated and we wish them both well as they step down because of a myriad of other important roles and commitments. In the true spirit of the Guild, both Dawn and Julia are generously stepping aside to give opportunities to others. We wish them well and they are always welcome at our functions.

I wish to pay tribute and particular thanks to Hilary Tarr who, after eight years' service, will be leaving to enjoy her well-earned second retirement. During this time Hilary has officially served as Bookkeeper/Assistant Treasurer, and since 2019 Chair of the Grants Sub-committee. Even these titles do not do justice to the absolutely vital role Hilary has played in the day to day running of the Guild. These other contributions include running our membership database and collecting subscriptions, being our interface with the bank and crucially the exacting year-long task of collecting material for and collating our Annual Report. You would not be reading my letter or the rest of this report without Hilary's tireless attention to the task. Hilary has very generously offered to support a transition period whilst others take over her roles. We offer Hilary our great gratitude and appreciation and wish her all the very best in the future.

We also thank and say goodbye to Keith Bottomley, our very distinguished Honorary Treasurer who leaves amongst other things to take up his hugely deserved and unopposed election to become Sheriff of the City of London for which we offer our many congratulations. Keith who was my first contact at the Guild has served us brilliantly as Honorary Treasurer, trustee and Deputy Chair for eight years and also as very wise counsel over a wide range of issues.

We send our great thanks and best wishes to Hilary and Keith who both know they are most welcome to join any of our future functions.

Last and by no means least, it is my great pleasure tinged with some sadness to convey all our thanks and warmest wishes to our beloved President, Ann Wickham who will be stepping down at the AGM in October.

Ann who is the widow of John Wickham, one of Barts most distinguished past surgeons, has incredibly served the Guild for almost sixty years. This has included periods as Chair of the Management Committee from 1992-95, and 2000-2004, as well as being our very highly valued and respected President since 2008. Of course, as you all know, Ann is a highly meritorious recipient of the British Empire Medal awarded in 2024 as part of His Majesty's first honours list following his succession.

Ann's contributions and standing within the Guild are legendary and will never be surpassed. We extend to Ann our deepest gratitude and affection and very best wishes for the future.

It is finally my great pleasure to announce that, on the initial recommendation of our outgoing President and with the unanimous support of myself and our Management Committee, Penny Wainwright, our President Elect, will be officially taking over as President at our 2025 AGM in October.

Penny, who has strong family links to the Hospital, has been a very generous supporter of the Guild for many years. In addition to her exceptional generosity, Penny and her husband Martin have shown great interest in the affairs and wellbeing of the Guild. We welcome them both most warmly to the Guild and I look forward greatly to working with Penny for the good of the Guild in the years to come.

As well as welcoming the Lady Mayoress and Deputy Sheriff, we have a very accomplished guest speaker for our AGM on October 22<sup>nd</sup> which will be held in the splendour of the newly refurbished Great Hall accessed via the Hogarth paintings staircase. You are all most welcome to attend and I urge as many of you as possible to do so. I firmly believe we are moving from strength to strength, thank you all for your support and contributions and offer you my very best wishes.

**Stephen Edmondson BSc FRCS FRCP**

**Chairman**



# **The Guild of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew**



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024**

### **MINUTES**

of The Annual General Meeting of The Guild of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew,  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 at 2.30pm in the Basinghall Suite, Guildhall Art Gallery

#### **1. Opening of the AGM**

Deputy Christopher Hayward, Retiring Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed volunteers, trustees, members, committee members and guests to the Barts Guild Annual General Meeting 2024. He warmly welcomed Lady Mayoress, Mrs Elizabeth Mainelli, Sheriff Mr Greg Jones and Mrs Miranda Chalk, Consort to Sheriff. Also welcomed as guest speaker was Mr Gregory Moore, Deputy Town Clerk. The company numbered approximately 35 attendees. Apologies had been received from 11 Guild members and guests.

#### **2. President's welcome – Mrs Ann Wickham**

Mrs Wickham, President, was introduced by the Chairman and gave the following address:

"May I also wish you a very warm welcome to our 112<sup>th</sup> AGM and the 113th anniversary of our foundation of the Guild in 1911 by the wives of five Barts' consultants. We are meeting in this magnificent Basinghall Suite and thank the Corporation of London for this privilege.

As members and volunteers of the Guild, we are all walking in the footsteps of those who have preceded us since the Guild was founded in 1911 as well as those since the founding of the Hospital by Rahere in 1123. Last year we were able to celebrate the 900th anniversary of caring for the patients and staff of this great hospital by voluntary service and by raising money to help the Hospital, its patients and staff. We should remember that Barts was a voluntary Hospital relying on donations of money and kind until the advent of the NHS in 1948, when our focus changed to raising money to provide the patients and staff with and all those necessities which are not supplied by the NHS as well as giving grants to the patients, staff and students and running a shop and trolley service and that most precious of gifts: time. Time to smile, time to chat and time to hold a hand.

Today we wish a sad farewell to our Chairman Christopher Hayward. Chris was elected Chairman in 2021, bringing to the Guild his wealth of experience and knowledge of governance from his many years' involvement with the City of London Corporation.

Chris is a former Deputy Leader of Hertfordshire County Council and was elected to Common Council of the Corporation of the City of London for Broad Street Ward in March 2013. He serves as Chairman of the City's Policy and Resources Committee. Chris has been Churchwarden at St Margaret Pattens and Chairman of The Trustees of the Friends of St Margaret Pattens. He is former Chairman of the Broad Street Ward Club, a member of the Candlewick and Coleman Street Ward Clubs, Life and Court member of The Guild of Freemen. In addition, he is a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers and a member of the Worshipful Company of Parish Clerks.

He was elected Sheriff 2019-20 of the City of London and is Deputy Chairman of the City of London Corporation's Planning and Transportation Committee. In local government he has been a Deputy Leader and a Councillor, especially in Hertfordshire and Dorset County Councils; and he has also been active in the Conservative Party both nationally and locally. Chris is a Liveryman, and former Master of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers and a Life Member of the Court of the Guild of Freeman. Apart from all his City connections he has a tie with Barts since his wife Alexandra trained as a nurse at the Hospital. Despite all his City commitments which take him all over the world, Chris has always found time for the Guild as its Chairman for the last three years. We have been so fortunate to have benefitted from his wealth of experience, expertise and his many kindnesses and insight.

During the last two years during the restoration of Barts Great Hall, he has ensured that we have been able to use the rooms and facilities in the Guildhall to hold our meetings. We are now all quite at home in the byzantine arrangements of the various offices in that magnificent building and thank Chris so much for enabling us to have the use of this very special venue.

Chris, we will miss you and your chairmanship and thank you for always being with us and for your wise guidance in our deliberations. We will miss the warmth of your smile and wish you every success in the future.

Our first President and Chairman, Lady Eleanor Sandhurst's father was the Victorian poet Matthew Arnold was asked: "What is style? My answer is "Have something to say and say it as clearly as you can. That is the only secret of style".

Thank you, Chris."

The Chairman thanked Ann for her warm remarks.

### **3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM**

The Minutes of the 2023 AGM held on 25 October 2023 were received by the meeting a correct record by show of hands.

### **4. Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24**

The Hon. Treasurer, Keith Bottomley CC, commenced by apologising for the failure of the following report to appear in the latest Annual Report due to an administrative error. The Independent Examiner's report for 2023-24 will be made available with these minutes when they are published.

The year-end accounts for the 12 months to 31st March 2024 show the Guild's finances continuing in very good health. Independent examination has been carried out by Blue Spire Ltd in the usual way and have signed their report confirming that they have no concerns about our accounts. I would highlight the following key points arising from the numbers:

- shop sales at almost £200,000 excluding VAT are the highest level we have seen and above the pre pandemic peak of £170,000. Huge thanks to the small group of very special volunteers and our shop Manager Andy Haddon for keeping this much valued and expending service so well managed
- 33 grants totalling almost £26,000 in the year
- donations of some £20,000 including £8,500 from Glenn Hoddle and the continuing generous support from Penny Wainright of £5,000 pa

Total income, excluding an unrealised gain on investments, exceeded expenditure by £14,945 in the year. After an unrealised gain in the value of investments of £51,147, the total surplus for the year is £66,092.



After direct expenses, the shop reported a loss of £6,000, as gross margin achieved was lower at 23% which resulted from higher take up of the 10% discount we offer to NHS ID card holders, which we see as very much aligning with the aims of the Guild.

The Guild's investments have generated a total return performance in the 12 months of 12.2% v Consumer Price Index of 3.4%. £110,000 of free cash balances remain on two 12-month fixed deposits with Cambridge & Counties Bank (£85,000) and United Trust Bank (£25,000). The deposits are protected under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Total Charity Funds at 31 March 2024 were £821,895, up from £755,803 at 31 March 2023 and compared to £650,382 at 31 March 2019. All Charity Funds are unrestricted.

My grateful thanks as ever to our Assistant Treasurer and bookkeeper, Hilary Tarr, who does a fantastic job managing, the not insignificant number of financial transactions, each year and keeps excellent records from which I do the easy bit and prepare the accounts.

As there were no questions from the meeting, the Hon. Treasurer proposed that the accounts for 2023-24 be adopted; this was seconded and agreed by the meeting with a show of hands.

## **5. Election of Officers and Committee Members**

### **5.1 Officers**

The Chairman announced two changes amongst officers of the Guild. Mr Stephen Edmondson is proposed as Chairman, on his standing down as Vice-Chairman and on the resignation of Mr Christopher Hayward CC, and on the recommendation of the Management Committee on 19 September 2024.

Additionally, Mrs Jean Stevenson is proposed as Vice-Chairman on the proposed appointment of Mr Stephen Edmondson as Chairman, and on the recommendation of the Management Committee on 19 September 2024. Both these proposals were agreed by a show of hands.

### **5.2 Members of the Committee of Management**

To approve the appointment as trustee of Mrs Hilary Tarr, on the recommendation of the Management Committee on 19 September 2024.

Additionally, Mr Steve Bench stands down as trustee, having completed two consecutive terms of three years. Mrs Angela Robinson had resigned as Trustee, having moved away, and Sir Marcus Setchell KCVO, considerable supporter of the Guild for many years, had resigned as Co-opted Member. These changes were agreed by members with a show of hands.

## **6. Chairman's Report – Deputy Christopher Hayward**

- 6.1** In addition to his letter in the Annual Report, the Chairman added some comments on retiring from his position after completing a term of three years. It had been a great experience, in particular since his term had coincided with the 900th Anniversary of the Hospital, for which the Guild had held a celebration garden party. He added that the Guild is a very special charity, making a great impact for its size. He thanked those who lead the Hospital whom he had got to know, and also the Guild's inspirational President, Ann Wickham and was delighted that she had received the British Empire Medal for her work for Charity and London's Community.

The Chairman continued by thanking the wider Guild team including trustees and co-opted members of the Management Committee, administrative support, manager of the Guild shop and all the volunteers for their time and commitment. The Guild could not function without the hard work and loyalty of so many individuals. He concluded by welcoming the Guild's incoming Chairman, Mr Steve Edmondson.

- 6.2** The incoming Chairman thanked Chris Hayward for his welcome. He had been introduced to the Guild by Charles Knight, the Hospital's Chief Executive, and was honoured to take on the role of Chairman. He thanked Chris for his excellent chairmanship over his period of tenure.

The incoming Chairman appreciated that he was joining a family pulling in the same direction. He had been pleased to discover the scope of grant awards and wished to strengthen the charity's links with the Hospital. He promised to show commitment to his role, and paid credit to the Management Committee's voluntary work for the charity over the years. He gave special thanks to the shop and trolley volunteers for their enabling of these services to the Hospital community.

Chris Hayward thanked Steve Edmondson for his inaugural speech.

## **7. Address by the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Elisabeth Mainelli**

The Chairman introduced Mrs Mainelli who gave the following speech.

"Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you to the President and the Chairman for their words. It is a pleasure to join you and maintain the tradition of the Lady Mayoress attending the Barts Guild AGM. Volunteering and charity are at the heart of City life, and there is no finer example of this than the Barts Guild.

For over 100 years, volunteers have formed the backbone of this Guild, from the early days of Lady Eleanor Sandhurst who made clothes for inpatients to the grants you award each year to the significant benefit of the entire Hospital community. The Guild does so much to offer the warm hand of friendship to everyone in the Hospital's care. The Lord Mayor and I would like to thank the President, Ann Wickham, Deputy Chairman, Stephen Edmondson, the trustees, the Management Committee and all the volunteers for your hard work for the Guild over the past year. We all know that without your volunteers, Barts Guild would not be able to function in the brilliant way it does. And special thanks to our Chairman, Chris Hayward, at his final Barts Guild AGM in the chair. Thank you so much for your stewardship and contribution to the Guild during your tenure!

There have been some highlights to look back on this year, including a highly successful Barts Guild stall at the St Barts View Day back in May. We are very proud that the Princess Alice Garden won an award from the Worshipful Company of Gardeners; many congratulations to all involved! The Garden also received a grant from the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association, helping to ensure that City dwellers and visitors can continue to enjoy the beauty of the garden and other green spaces, helping to keep London's 'green lungs' in good health.

From the Lord Mayor and myself, we would like to thank you all once again for your dedication and emphasise how much the City appreciates all that you do; thank you."

The Chairman thanked the Lady Mayoress and sent best wishes from the Guild to the Lord Mayor.

## **8. Any other business**

The Chairman thanked all who had helped to organise the meeting, including Neil Ritson for the shop stall and Bob Cooper for photography. Bouquets were presented to Ann Wickham, Elisabeth Mainelli and Miranda Chalk; a Barts Guild tie and cufflinks were presented to Greg Jones and Gregory Moore. The formal business of the meeting was then declared closed.

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The Chairman welcomed the guest speaker, Mr Gregory Moore, Deputy Town Clerk, who then addressed the company.

Greg gave a fascinating overview of the activities of the City of London against the backdrop of the passage of history from Roman times right up to the modern City. The Romans defined the boundaries of *Londinium* with a wall and it became a bustling port, being ideally situated for business. London continued to be a commercial and political centre for the Anglo-Saxons, and William the Conqueror built the famous Tower of London, just outside the City, not only to defend London but also to house political prisoners. In the Middle Ages, as business increased,

tradesmen came together to form livery companies or 'guilds' in the City: bodies that regulated their respective professions to protect both customers and their members. By the early 17th century, many guilds invested money in setting up Merchant Venturer Companies. The most famous of these was the East India Company whose power lasted until well into the 19th century.

In 1666, the City was devastated by the Great Fire of London. Subsequently the first ever insurance companies were created, and London remains a hub for the insurance industry to this day. Also in the 17th century, the coffee houses arrived and they soon became the place to pick up news and gossip. These coffee houses gave birth to some of the world's greatest financial institutions: Lloyd's of London takes its name from Edward Lloyd, a coffee house proprietor in Tower Street. The Bank of England was set up in 1694. The 18th century was a period of rapid economic growth for the City, particularly as new overseas markets were opened up for trade.

The Industrial Revolution saw many new banks set up, both in London and across Great Britain. Elsewhere in the City, Fleet Street became the centre of the growing British press industry.

In the nineteenth century, London grew in size and population well beyond the old City boundaries. In 1889, a County of London was created, covering what today we would call Inner London, but no merger between this and the City of London ever took place. When the modern boundaries of Greater London were established in 1965, the City of London continued as a separate entity from the thirty-two boroughs of London which surround it. In the City of London today, ancient and modern sit side by side.

The City has developed a unique system of administration now provided by the City of London Corporation with around 4000 staff. The system has expanded and evolved over the centuries and has acquired a vast array of roles and responsibilities, combining local authority powers with the role of protecting and promoting the City as the world-leading financial centre. It is also an arts and cultural body, being one of the largest funders of culture and heritage in the UK. Culture is important in making the City an attractive place to live, work and to do business.

Other important areas of activity and responsibility are charitable activities, City of London Police, supporting financial- and professional-related services, both within the UK and also internationally, port health authority, and running open spaces for the benefit of the public, for example Hampstead Heath and Epping Forest.

The City of London Corporation delivers its services through a committee system in which Members work together to come to reasoned and collective decisions. Not surprisingly, there are numerous committees and around 500 formal committee meetings a year. City leaders comprise the Lord Mayor, two Sheriffs, Chief Commoner, and Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee. Additional personnel are members of the Court of Common Council and the Court of Aldermen.

Greg concluded his speech by expressing thanks for having been invited to attend the Guild's AGM and to learn about its activities. He invited questions from the floor.

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The Chairman thanked Gregory Moore for his excellent run-through of the origin and activities of the City of London Corporation. He then invited all to partake of afternoon tea which was laid out.

# Report of the Honorary Treasurer

## Report of the Honorary Treasurer for the year ended 31 March 2025



Having now completed 8 years as your Treasurer and the time has come to handover to my successor, Jean Stevenson. I'm delighted, for the final time, to present to Guild's annual accounts, on this occasion for the year to 31 March 2025 which show the finances continuing in **good health**.

They have been reviewed by the Finance and Accounts Committee and approved by the Management Committee and an independent examination has been completed, as usual, by Blue Spire Limited. All passed with flying colours!

At the headline level - total income exceed expenditure by £7,895 compared to £14,945 the previous year. After an unrealised loss on investments of £28,327 there was a net reduction in funds of £20,432 taking total funds to £801,463.

37 grants were made in the year totalling £33,283 and we continue to do tremendous things for patients, staff and the hospital with our grant giving.

Shop sales were just slightly up on the previous year totalling £199,906 net of VAT reflecting the much-valued hard work of our wonderful Shop Manager Andy and our wonderful volunteers in the shop and on the trolley service.

Donations totalled £2,468 in the year and we were fortunate to receive legacies of some £53,480. Membership subscriptions for the year were broadly in line with the prior year.

The Guild continues to be reimbursed by Barts Health NHS Trust for the shop business rates.

Total charity funds at 31 March 2025 were £801,463. Interesting to note that 6 years ago they were just under £550,000.

May I say a huge thank you to our Assistant Treasurer and bookkeeper Hilary Tarr. I always say this but I do mean it – I do the east bit. Hilary has done a fantastic job managing the not insignificant number of financial transactions each year. It has been an enormous pleasure to work with her over the past 8 years.

**Keith Bottomley CC**  
**Honorary Treasurer**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Guild of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Date: 29th August 2025

THE GUILD OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL OF ST BARTHOLOMEW
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

All Funds Year Ended 31 March 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted Funds	2024-25 Restricted Funds	Total	2023-24 Total Funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	2	59,539	-	59,539	25,401
Charitable activities	3	199,906	-	199,906	199,435
Other trading activities	4	3,986	-	3,986	4,509
Investments	5	22,502	-	22,502	20,472
Total income		285,933	-	285,933	249,817
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	3,145	-	3,145	3,003
Charitable activities	7	274,893	-	274,893	231,869
Total expenditure		278,038	-	278,038	234,872
Income excluding investments		7,895	-	7,895	14,945
Net (loss)/gains on investments (unrealised)	11	(28,327)	-	(28,327)	51,147
Net income/(expenditure)		(20,432)	-	(20,432)	66,092
Transfers between funds	16	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(20,432)	-	(20,432)	66,092
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	16	821,895	-	821,895	755,803
Total funds carried forward	16	801,463	-	801,463	821,895

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2024-25 £	2023-24 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	11	579,652	607,979
<i>Total investments</i>		579,652	607,979
Current assets			
Stocks	12	20,751	22,912
Debtors	13	5,310	4,767
Cash at bank and in hand	14	213,559	207,705
<i>Total current assets</i>		239,620	235,383
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	17,809	21,467
<i>Net Current Assets</i>		<u>221,811</u>	<u>213,916</u>
Total Net Assets		801,463	821,895
The Funds of The Guild of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew			
Restricted income funds	16	-	-
Unrestricted funds	16	801,643	821,895
Total charity funds		801,643	821,895

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 SORP.

Approved by the trustees on 16 July 2025 and signed on their behalf



Stephen Edmondson BSc FRCS FRCP
Chairman



Keith Bottomley CC
Hon. Treasurer

THE GUILD OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL OF ST BARTHOLOMEW

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting policies

General information, scope and basis of the financial statements

The Guild of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales under a constitution with the charity number 251628. The address of the principal office is given in the charity reference and administrative details' page, and the nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are provided in the Report of the Trustees.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued in October 2019, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £ pound.

The charity does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised, the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion, legacies will be notified to the charity; however, it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under expenditure on charitable activities and includes grants to organisations and the cost of administering the activity of the charity.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation

that the recipient will receive the grant. Where grants are conditional relating to performance, then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Support costs are allocated to expenditure on charitable activities on the basis that this is the sole activity of the charity.

Governance costs are those incurred in the governance of the charity and primarily associated with the constitution and statutory requirements.

Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

VAT

The charity is registered for VAT and prepares returns currently under the Flat Rate Scheme for small businesses. On this basis, costs are recorded inclusive of VAT within the SoFA, and income is reduced by the VAT payable at a rate of 4% within the SoFA.

Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'Net gains/(losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing stock to its present location and condition. Provision is made for damaged, obsolete and slow-moving stock where appropriate.

Debtors receivable and creditors payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in sections 521 to 536 Income Tax Act 2007 (ITA 2007); as such no income tax is payable on the charity's activities.

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.

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

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Donations	2,468	-	2,468
Grants	-	-	-
Legacies	53,480	-	53,480
Gift Aid	3,591	-	3,591
	59,539	-	59,539

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<i>Donations</i>	<i>20,575</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>20,575</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>2,909</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2,909</i>
<i>Legacies</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>1,917</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,917</i>
	25,401	-	25,401

3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Guild Shop sales net of VAT	199,906	-	199,906
	199,906	-	199,906

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<i>Guild Shop sales net of VAT</i>	<i>199,435</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>199,435</i>
	199,435	-	199,435

4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Business rate refund Barts NHS Trust	1,738	-	1,738
Christmas concert	-	-	-
Membership subscriptions (excluding Gift Aid)	2,248	-	2,248
Fundraising	-	-	-
	3,986	-	3,986

4. Other trading activities (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£
<i>Business rate refund Barts NHS Trust</i>	1,652	-	1,652
<i>Christmas concert</i>	-	-	-
<i>Membership subscriptions (excluding Gift Aid)</i>	2,857	-	2,857
<i>Fundraising</i>	-	-	-
	4,509	-	4,509

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Income from investments	22,502	-	22,502
Bank interest	-	-	-
	22,502	-	22,502

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£
<i>Income from investments</i>	19,492	-	19,492
<i>Bank interest</i>	980	-	980
	20,472	-	20,472

6. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Cost of calendars	2,007	-	2,007
Cost of Christmas concert	-	-	-
Newsletter	1,138	-	1,138
	3,145	-	3,145

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£
<i>Cost of calendars</i>	1,897	-	1,897
<i>Cost of Christmas concert</i>	-	-	-
<i>Newsletter</i>	1,106	-	1,106
	3,003	-	3,003

7. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Cost of goods sold	151,659	-	151,659
Shop-related expenses:			
Salary	48,464	-	48,464
Volunteer travel expenses	958	-	958
Other shop expenses	9,514	-	9,514
Postage	335	-	335
Helpers' party	440	-	440
Shop telephone costs	538	-	538
Total shop costs	60,249	-	60,249
Net income: shop account	(12,002)	-	(12,002)
Other expenses:			
Administrator fee	1,612	-	1,612
AGM costs	2,146	-	2,146
Independent Examiner: Annual examination	810	-	810
Independent Examiner: Other services	468	-	468
Printing and stationery	659	-	659
Insurance	727	-	727
Subscriptions	490	-	490
Website upgrade costs	13,390	-	13,390
Business Rates	1,738	-	1,738
Miscellaneous expenses	1,805	-	1,805
Bank charges	512	-	512
Princess Alice Garden maintenance	5,448	-	5,448
Total expenses	241,713	-	241,713
Grants paid/awarded to St Bartholomew's Hospital			
10 Microwaves for Cystic Fibrosis patients' side rooms	558	-	558
8 th ERS/ESRS Sleep and Breathing Conference	449	-	449
Advanced Clinical Practice MSc Dissertation module	1,857	-	1,857
Advanced Physical Assessment MSc module	1,950	-	1,950
Articles for children's bereavement care	45	-	45
Barts Guild Elective Grant – 2 awards	1,500	-	1,500
British Cardiovascular Intervention Society Annual Conf.	95	-	95
British Neuro-Oncology Society Annual Meeting	325	-	325
British Society for Allergy & Clinical Immunology Conference	270	-	270
Cardiopulmonary Stress Echocardiography Bicycle contribution	8,000	-	8,000
Christmas presents for Hospital in-patients	2,065	-	2,065
Christmas presents for Radiotherapy clinic attendees	347	-	347
Donation to Maggie's at St Barts	2,000	-	2,000
ECHO Breakfast meeting (6 meetings)	145	-	145
ESC Working Group Mtg on Myocardial & Pericardial diseases	521	-	521
EuroEcho Imaging Conference, Berlin (2 places)	717	-	717
European Society of Sexual Medicine Congress	263	-	263
Home Mechanical Ventilation UK Meeting	80	-	80
ICU Patient and Family Day catering	109	-	109
ICU Follow-Up Patient and Family Day catering	188	-	188
Leadership & Service Improvement in Health Care module	1,500	-	1,500
Microwave for West Wing staff room	100	-	100
National Germ Cell Group conference (2 places)	599	-	599
Sub-total Grants carried forward	23,683	-	23,683

7. Expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Sub-total Grants brought forward	23,713	-	23,713
Non-Medical Prescribing course, City University	2,360	-	2,360
Non-Medical Prescribing course, King's University London	4,200	-	4,200
Nursing Associates celebration catering	74	-	74
Online Neuro-Rehabilitation course	120	-	120
Interdisciplinary Team Approach: Management of PDOC course	180	-	180
Picture frames to display artwork: Reproductive Medicine	360	-	360
History-taking and physical assessment CPD postponed course	900	-	900
RCN Fertility Nurse conference (3 places)	405	-	405
Soc. for Cardiothoracic Surgery Annual Mtg (2 places) contrib.	293	-	293
Spare clothing for Radiotherapy patients	104	-	104
STEPCARE conference Sweden: travel & accom. contribution	150	-	150
Travel to EuroELSO Congress, Milan	136	-	136
Ward folding bed for use of relative/carer of patient (2)	318	-	318
Sub-total	9,600	-	9,600
Grants refunded	(103)	-	(103)
Total grants	33,180	-	33,180
	274,893	-	274,893

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<i>Cost of goods sold</i>	153,645	-	153,645
<i>Shop-related expenses:</i>			
<i>Salary</i>	42,483	-	42,483
<i>Volunteer travel expenses</i>	353	-	353
<i>Other shop expenses</i>	5,153	-	5,153
<i>Postage</i>	1,087	-	1,087
<i>Helpers' party</i>	461	-	461
<i>Shop telephone costs</i>	493	-	493
<i>Total shop costs</i>	50,030	-	50,030
Net income – shop account	(4,240)	-	(4,240)
<i>Other expenses:</i>	1,321		1,321
<i>Administrator fee</i>	995	-	995
<i>AGM costs</i>	810	-	810
<i>Independent Examiner – Annual examination</i>	324	-	324
<i>Independent Examiner – Other services</i>	710	-	710
<i>Printing and stationery</i>	906	-	906
<i>Insurance</i>	533	-	533
<i>Subscriptions</i>	1,417	-	1,417
<i>Website upgrade costs</i>	1,652	-	1,652
<i>Business Rates</i>	831	-	831
<i>Miscellaneous expenses</i>	503	-	503
<i>Princess Alice Garden maintenance</i>	11,885	-	11,885
Total expenses	225,562	-	225,562

7. Expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Grants paid/awarded to St Bartholomew's Hospital			
<i>Physiotherapists in Respiratory Care Conference</i>	257	-	257
<i>British Thoracic Oncology Conference</i>	275	-	275
<i>Promotion of good hand hygiene initiative</i>	582	-	582
<i>Microbiology & Infectious Diseases Summer School</i>	500	-	500
<i>Managing complex tone course</i>	400	-	400
<i>Well-being articles for staff break room</i>	80	-	80
<i>Licences for 4 clinical observerships</i>	568	-	568
<i>Physiotherapy in Oncology International Conference</i>	654	-	654
<i>Eye Movement Reprocessing training</i>	648	-	648
<i>Professor Hinds – Scientific & Educational Meeting</i>	3,638	-	3,638
<i>Patient clothing post Radiotherapy</i>	204	-	204
<i>Narrative Therapy online training</i>	660	-	660
<i>Publish article in Heart Rhythm Case Report journal</i>	880	-	880
<i>Lung ultrasound course for Physiotherapists contribution</i>	150	-	150
<i>Focused Ultrasound in Intensive Care training</i>	340	-	340
<i>Critical Care Patient and Family Day</i>	203	-	203
<i>Cancer Care Masters module: Portfolio</i>	1,300	-	1,300
<i>Complementary Therapies treatment products</i>	472	-	472
<i>Christmas presents for in-patients</i>	2,061	-	2,061
<i>M.Sc. Nuclear Medicine contribution (2 places)</i>	2,850	-	2,850
<i>Christmas presents for Radiotherapy patients</i>	364	-	364
<i>Clinical Exercise Physiology UK Conference</i>	271	-	271
<i>Articles for children's bereavement care</i>	87	-	87
<i>Neuropsychological assessment tests</i>	4,075	-	4,075
<i>BradCliff Breathing Method online course</i>	394	-	394
<i>Medical student Elective grant (2 awards)</i>	1,500	-	1,500
<i>American Coll of Cardiologists annual meeting</i>	445	-	445
<i>Clinical Exercise Physiology UK Conference (travel)</i>	71	-	71
<i>Leading in Cancer Care module</i>	1,300	-	1,300
<i>Echo Breakfast Meetings (7 sessions)</i>	138	-	138
<i>ECMO 3-day course at St Bartholomew's</i>	500	-	500
Sub-total	25,867	-	25,867
<i>Unpaid grants 2022-23</i>	<i>(19,560)</i>	-	<i>(19,560)</i>
Total grants	6,307	-	6,307
	231,869	-	231,869

8. Independent examiner's fees

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Examiner's fees – Annual examination	810	-	810
Examiner's fees – Other services	468	-	468
	1,278	-	1,278

8. Independent examiner's fees (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£
<i>Examiner's fees – Annual examination</i>	810	-	810
<i>Examiner's fees – Other services</i>	324	-	324
	1,134	-	1,134

9. Wages and salary cost

	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£
Gross wages	38,789	34,088
Employer's national insurance costs	4,097	3,493
Employer's pension contributions	5,578	4,902
	48,464	42,483
Staff numbers:	2025	2024
Average head count	1	1
Analysed by function:		
Charitable activities	1	1
	1	1
Calculated on a full-time equivalent basis, analysed by function:		
Raising funds	1	1
	1	1

The shop manager was employed by Barts Health NHS Trust which invoices Barts Guild for associated wages and salary costs.

There were no employees with emoluments (excluding employer pension costs) above £60,000 in this or the preceding year.

10. Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to trustees during this or the preceding year.
During the year under review, no trustee had travel expenses reimbursed.

There were no other transactions with related parties that require disclosure in the financial statements.

11. Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investments at market value – brought forward	607,979	556,832
Additions	-	-
Change in market value	(28,327)	51,147
Investments at current market value	579,652	607,979

The charity's investments are held in COIF Charity Investment units.

12. Stock

	2025	2024
	£	£
Shop stock	<u>20,751</u>	<u>22,912</u>

13. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued income	<u>5,310</u>	<u>4,767</u>

14. Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
National Westminster account	101,946	97,355
Cambridge & Counties Bank 12 month fixed deposit	85,000	85,000
United Trust Bank 12 month fixed deposit	26,263	25,000
Shop cash float	350	350
	<u>213,559</u>	<u>207,705</u>

15. Current liabilities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Shop creditors	10,648	9,311
Grants payable	5,416	10,000
Other creditors and accruals	1,745	2,156
	<u>17,809</u>	<u>21,467</u>

16. Analysis of net movement in funds

	Total funds brought forward	Total incoming resources	Total resources expended	Transfers between funds	Total funds carried forward
2024-25	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	770,748	285,933	(278,038)	-	778,643
Net gains on investments (unrealised)	51,147	(28,327)	-	-	22,820
Total unrestricted funds	821,895	257,606	(278,038)	-	801,463
Total funds	<u>821,895</u>	<u>257,606</u>	<u>(278,038)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>801,463</u>

16. Analysis of net movement in funds (continued)

2023-24	Total funds brought forward	Total incoming resources	Total resources expended	Transfers between funds	Total funds carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	755,803	249,817	(234,872)	-	770,748
General fund	-	-	-	-	-
Net gains on investments (unrealised)	-	51,147	-	-	51,147
Total unrestricted funds	755,803	300,964	(234,872)	-	821,895
Total funds	755,803	300,964	(234,872)	-	821,895

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Investments	579,652	-	579,652	607,979
Current assets	239,620	-	239,620	235,383
Current liabilities	(17,809)	-	(17,809)	(21,467)
	801,463	-	801,463	821,895

18. Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity makes contributions to a pension scheme on behalf of its shop manager who is employed by Barts Health NHS Trust. The total payable for the year under review was £5,578 (2024: £4,902). There were no amounts outstanding at the end of the current period or comparative financial year.

19. Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of the charity's financial instruments are as follows:

	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£
Financial assets		
Measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure):		
Fixed asset investments	579,652	607,979
	579,652	607,979

The income, expense, net gains and net losses attributable to the charity's financial instruments are summarised as follows:

	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£
Income and expenditure		
Financial assets measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure):		
Investment income	22,502	19,492

19. Financial Instruments (continued)

Net gains and losses (including changes in fair value)

Financial assets measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure)

Unrealised (loss)/gains on investments	(28,327)	51,147
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Fixed asset investments are held at fair value with valuations obtained using last traded or closing bid market prices as available.

20. Statement of Financial Activities 2023-24

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and Legacies	2	25,401	-	25,401
Charitable activities	3	199,435	-	199,435
Other trading activities	4	4,509	-	4,509
Investments	5	20,472	-	20,472
Total income		249,817	-	249,817
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	3,003	-	3,003
Charitable activities	7	231,869	-	231,869
Total expenditure		234,872	-	234,872
Income excluding investments		14,945	-	14,945
Net (loss)/gains on investments (unrealised)	11	51,147	-	51,147
Net income/(expenditure)		66,092	-	66,092
Transfers between funds	16	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		66,092	-	66,092
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	16	755,803	-	755,803
Total funds carried forward	16	821,895	-	821,895

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## Guild Members and Volunteers 2025

L denotes Life Member

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| Dr J. David Abell       | Mr Lawrence Carter L         | Ms Monique Gold                   |
| Miss Amirah Abani       | Mr Clyde Castelino           | Miss Carin Gotru                  |
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| Miss Rebecca Adeyemi    | Mrs Elizabeth Clark          | Mr Mez Hakim                      |
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| Mr Ehtisham Akbar       | Ms Judy Cook L               | Mr Rizwan Hameed                  |
| Mr Rafsan Alam          | Mr Bob Cooper L              | Mrs Ellen Hamer                   |
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| Mrs Caroline Allington  | Mr Hugh Crosthwait           | Miss Ruth Harman                  |
| Miss Alice Allsopp      | Mr Jan Cylwik                | Ms Gillian Harris                 |
| Mrs Gillian Anderson    | Mr Stephen Dar               | Dr Marion Hatton                  |
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| Ms Maureen Armand       | Mrs Kate Dawson              | Miss Margaret Hazard              |
| Ms Christine Ashby L    | Ms Belinda Dee               | Mr Paul Heasmer                   |
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