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Friends of St Bartholomew's Hospital since 1911

One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Report and Accounts

2025 - 2026



The Guild awarded a grant for two extendable chairs to provide rest facilities for on-call resident doctors working on the 6th floor ICU at Barts. As you can tell, they have received an enthusiastic welcome!

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THE GUILD OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL OF ST BARTHOLOMEW
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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 2026

Trustees

Mr Stephen Edmondson	Chairman	
Mrs Jean Stevenson	Vice-Chairman & Honorary Treasurer	Appointed 22/10/2025
Mrs Julie Pearce	Honorary Secretary	Resigned 22/10/2025
Mr Keith Bottomley CC	Honorary Treasurer	Resigned 22/10/2025
Ms Heather Byers		Appointed 22/10/2025
Ms Lesley Evans		Appointed 22/10/2025
Ms Jan O'Neill		Appointed 22/10/2025
Mr Neil Ritson		
Mr Alex Shipolini		Appointed 22/10/2025
Mrs Julia Briscoe		Resigned 22/10/2025
Mrs Hilary Tarr		Resigned 22/10/2025
Mrs Dawn Wright		Resigned 22/10/2025

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

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, and also in October 2025. (See the website: www.bartsguild.org.uk/constitution)

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 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, with the Vice-Chairman or another trustee; 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 (eg law, finance, IT) and/or practical applications to help the Guild in its day-to-day work in the shop and trolley services and other activities. In a similar fashion trustees can also be removed by the MC.

At the 2025 AGM there were several changes amongst the trustees of the charity. On the recommendation of the Management Committee Mrs Jean Stevenson was elected Honorary Treasurer to replace Mr Keith Bottomley CC who had resigned. Ms Lesley Evans was reappointed as a trustee, Ms Heather Byers and Mr Alex Shipolini were elected as trustees. Mrs Hilary Tarr, Mrs Dawn Wright and Mrs Julia Briscoe resigned as trustees.

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 2025-26 was £192,696 net of VAT (2024-25: £199,906). We currently have two regular volunteers for seven of the ten shop shifts each week, with one regular volunteer for each of the remaining three. This is down from nine with two and one with one last year. Trolley volunteering was unchanged, with a regular service provided Tuesday to Thursday, and occasional services Friday to Sunday. There is no trolley service on Monday. Plans to recruit additional volunteers for both services are ongoing.

Website and social media

The website continues to provide members and supporters with news from the Guild including grants that awarded, information regarding our events, plus those locally that may be of interest, as well as the online archive of our publications, including Barts Guild News and the Annual Report.

A long-form interview with Will Palin, Chief Executive of Barts Heritage, was published on the website in August 2025 – www.bartsguild.org.uk/will-palin – and other notable content included celebrating our volunteers 4,170 hours of service to Barts in 2025 and the Guild's participation in the 'Alice Roberts: Our Hospital Through Time' documentary, broadcast in February/March 2026 on 5.

News and Events posts on the website are mirrored on our social media channels – Facebook, Bluesky, Instagram and Threads – and there is a steady group of followers who like and share our content. The website's shop continues to sell our souvenirs and event tickets, and in the twelve months to the end of July 2026, over 160 online orders (double the previous year) were placed that provided over £3,000 additional income to the shop at Barts. Orders were predominantly sent to addresses spread across the four countries of the UK, but some were dispatched overseas, with destinations including Australia, Ireland, and the United States.

Security remains a constant concern with malicious actors a threat to all online services. Working with our web partner Pedalo, we undertook a significant upgrade by moving the website to a new server. This was supplemented by using Cloudflare, which utilises the cloud as a go-between the end user and the host server. This has provided greater stability, improved load times and enhanced security for the site, all achieved without any additional cost to the Guild.

Our thanks go to Phil Moss in his role as Online Content Administrator.

Membership

The membership of the Guild stands at several hundred spread across lifetime, annual subscription, student and volunteer members. Over many years medical students at Queen Mary University of London have been offered a free membership to the Guild during their studies, although this policy is under review.

The Guild's members are a crucial bedrock for the charity made up of a wide range of people with various associations with the hospital, including Barts staff, volunteers and patients, past and present.

As you read this year's annual report, we hope you will think about friends and family who might like to join. Our membership subscription is just £20 pa, which you can also Gift Aid. You may also consider upgrading your own membership to a life member for a one-off donation of at least £250. (See the website: www.bartsguild.org.uk/membership)

Grants

The Guild supported 42 grants totalling £124,246.

Many of the grants supported staff training and professional development, including contributions towards conference attendance and associated travel costs.

We also supported nine patient initiatives, including patient and family days, where we contributed towards the cost of catering. On Christmas Eve, Christmas gifts were provided for patients in Radiotherapy, and on Christmas Day, gifts were distributed to both patients and staff.

In addition, the Guild supported the publication of two articles in professional journals, as well as the purchase of equipment for staff and wards.

We were also pleased to support two final-year medical students at Queen Mary University of London with funding towards their elective placements.

A full list of grants awarded is contained in this Annual Report's Notes to the Accounts.

Estimated numbers of beneficiaries served directly by the Guild

The year saw over 90,000 sales transactions relating to footfall in the shop, by patients, visitors and staff, and a further 5,860 sales transactions relating to the trolley service (2024-25 total: 83,750). The average sales value of a transaction was £2.39 (£2.46 in 2024-25).

Contribution of Guild Volunteers during the year

Front line volunteers providing services for the shop and ward trolley rounds contributed 4,170 hours of service (2024-25: 3,400). 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 £447,104 (2024-25: £285,933). Investment income totalled £24,021 (2024-25: £22,502). The Guild's total funds are £824,154 (2024-25: £801,463). Shop income is broadly in line with the previous year at £192,696 net of VAT (2024-25: £199,906). Grants awarded totalled £124,246 with £2,000 grant returned and £900 grant written back in the year. During the year the Guild received a restricted donation of £125,797 on the winding up of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew Charitable Foundation.

The treasury responsibility and financial oversight have been undertaken most capably by Mrs Jean Stevenson as Honorary Treasurer and Mrs Hilary Tarr as Assistant Treasurer/Bookkeeper, while other trustees also have wide financial experience. During the year Mrs Tarr announced her retirement, having provided incredible support and dedication to the Guild for the last 9 years. The day-to-day bookkeeping and the required VAT returns are now outsourced to a firm of accountants, Blue Spire Limited.

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 appropriate applications are made.

Therefore, with reserves of £700,460 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 Guild Shop. We also benefitted during the year from the winding up of another Barts related charity which had similar objects to ours. The funds received are treated as restricted reserves as they must be used in accordance with the objects of The Foundation.

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 Barts Health 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.

Support

Barts Health NHS Trust continues to be greatly supportive of its oldest service-providing volunteer charity. The Guild is the only charity associated with Barts that offers both voluntary service and financial aid. 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 16 September 2026 and signed on their behalf.



Stephen Edmondson BSc FRCS FRCP
Chairman

Update for 2025 - 2026

The Annual Report focuses on the financial year 2025-26, 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, copies of which are available to download from our website: www.bartsguild.org.uk/publications

Penny Wainwright - my first year as President of Barts Guild

I felt honoured but also a little hesitant when I was appointed President of Barts Guild in October 2025, especially knowing that my predecessor, Ann Wickham, had set the bar high. What has struck me most about my first year in the role has been the extraordinary dedication of a wonderful team of volunteers who in practice, make the Guild happen.

The visible face of the volunteers' work is the shop and trolley round, and we celebrate their contribution at summer and Christmas events, but it is also what is done behind the scenes that has struck me: a busy management committee deals with an extraordinary number of tasks, from the Guild's finances, the awarding of grants, shop and garden management, and a host of other boring-sounding but essential matters.

I'm delighted to say that I have probably spent more time writing thank-you to people who have donated hand-crafted items to the shop than on any other of my duties this year. That surely speaks for itself as to the warmth so many feels towards the hospital and their desire to support its work.

Trustees and Management Committee (MC) members

In October 2025 the Guild's AGM was held in the then recently reopened Great Hall at Barts. Those attending were able to see the magnificently restored Hall and the Hogarth Staircase. The Great Hall is now open for business and as well to the public, who are able to visit from 10am-4pm on Mondays and Tuesdays and the first Sunday of the month, although attendees at our AGM and Christmas Concert are able to gain access for those events as well.

At the 2025 AGM, Mrs Jean Stevenson was elected as Honorary Treasurer of the Charity to replace Mr Keith Bottomley CC who had resigned in anticipation of his being appointed a Sheriff of the City of London. Mrs Julie Pearce, Mrs Julia Briscoe, Mrs Hilary Tarr and Mrs Dawn Wright also resigned. Ms Lesley Evans was reappointed trustee, and Ms Heather Byers and Mr Alex Shipolini, both of whom are current members of staff of the Hospital, were elected trustees, having previously been co-opted members of the Management Committee.

The 2026 AGM will take place in the Great Hall on Wednesday 21 October at 2pm and we encourage members to attend. Not only is it a great opportunity to see and admire the Great Hall but it also enables everyone to get together and meet the Guild trustees and the President in person.

Shop and trolley service

In January, we took on a new Shop Assistant Manager to cover our Shop Manager reducing his hours to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We have some crossover on Wednesdays and Friday mornings to facilitate handovers and the smooth oversight of our services. Shop and trolley footfall and sales increased once again over the previous year. The trolley continued to run most days Tuesday to Friday, with occasional weekend days. Whilst there was a small amount of volunteer turnover during the year, cover for our services remained strong.

Opening hours for the shop remain 0830-1600, Monday to Friday, with closures at the weekend and on bank holidays. In March, we increased the price that we sell donated second-hand books from 50p to £1 each and have seen the average number sold per month fall only very slightly from 198 over the previous six months to 188 from March to June 2026.

Newspaper sales continue to decline as more people get their news from other sources. We now only buy three papers on the days when the trolley is running, and don't always sell all three. We do, however, have an arrangement with Tesco to return unsold papers.

The online shop performed better than last year, with total sales increasing from £1,970 to £2,996. We have recently replaced our ageing shop till, which was starting to have issues and this will give us greater reliability. As usual, Guild Christmas cards, plus the 2027 Guild calendar, will be available either directly from the shop at the Hospital, or via our online store: www.bartsguild.org.uk/souvenir-store

Our dedicated crafters once again did us proud. During 2025-26, we sold 1,787 donated items consisting of knitting and handmade greetings cards, amounting to £3,291 in sales. In addition, we have been selling honey from 'The Local Honey Man' in our shop in recent years. During 2025-26, we sold just over 230 jars, bringing in sales of more than £2,000.

Grants

Some of the grants given during the year:

Piano for The Great Hall

We were delighted to assist with a contribution towards the cost of a grand piano for the Great Hall. Will Palin, Chief Executive, Barts Heritage, explained why the grant would be so useful.

“This grant will be used to contribute towards the cost of a concert Grand Piano for the Great Hall in the North Wing at St Bartholomew’s Hospital. Our restoration project, Sharing Historic Barts, which was completed in October 2025, includes a pioneering programme of activities to support the health and wellbeing of hospital staff, patients and visitors – funded in part by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, with contributions from the City of London and others. The programme is funded until 2027 and will continue beyond that once additional funding is secured.

“The programme looks at ways the Great Hall and Hogarth Staircase can offer respite for users of the clinical Hospital, boost wellbeing and aid recovery. Music is a key part of this programme and without a permanent, high-quality, piano we would struggle to deliver these activities. Our activity plan and our wider cultural programme feature music-based workshops and performances involving all parts of the Barts community.

“For example, in anticipation of the reopening of the North Wing we began working with a young composer on a new commission involving a community choir drawn from Barts staff and patients, supported by professional singers and musicians. The commission ‘The Pool of Bethesda’ was performed on 20 November (free for hospital staff). It was a huge success, vividly demonstrating the value of these community projects and the potential for music to bring joy, and help build confidence, within the Hospital.”

Barts and The London Students’ Association (BLSA)

As we have done for many years, with the generosity of the Wainwright family in memory of Dr Laurence Cartledge, a former Barts Ophthalmic Surgeon, and in discussion with BLSA, two final year medical students were selected to receive a contribution towards their elective this year. The students are very grateful to the Guild for the experience that these electives provide, and we have included extracts from their feedback to give our readers a sense of their experiences.

Zakareya Khan



I had the exceptional chance to learn more about orthopaedic oncology in a highly specialist cancer centre during my elective at the Japanese Foundation for Cancer Research (JFCR) in Tokyo. During my placement, I encountered a variety of musculoskeletal cancers, multidisciplinary care strategies, and healthcare delivery structures that are different from those in the UK in a number of ways. I was able to fully immerse myself in Japanese culture in addition to meeting my academic goals, which made the elective both personally and professionally rewarding.

The patient group at JFCR demonstrated the value of subspecialisation in treating complicated and rather uncommon disorders, in contrast to general orthopaedic clinics in the UK, where degenerative joint disease and trauma predominate. It's interesting to observe that, in line with larger global health trends, Japan's ageing population greatly increases the burden of metastatic bone disease. Skeletal metastases and cancer incidence are predicted to increase as life expectancy rises globally.

Another finding was the comparatively early diagnosis of some cancers, which is probably because routine health screening is highly valued in Japan. In contrast, delayed presentation is still a problem in some parts of the world where access to healthcare is restricted. Overall, my experience supported the notion that, although the types of musculoskeletal cancers are generally similar throughout the world, population demographics and healthcare infrastructure have a significant impact on how these cancers show and turn out.

When compared to other healthcare systems, Japan's model seems to achieve a balance between public and private funding, allowing for efficient access to high-quality care. But the system also puts a lot of pressure on healthcare workers, with long workdays more typical than in the UK.

The social and environmental conditions of Japan have a significant impact on orthopaedic health. Perhaps the most important factor contributing to higher rates of osteoporosis, fragility fractures, and metastatic bone disease is the country's ageing population. Planning for healthcare is clearly impacted by this demographic trend, especially when it comes to personnel training and resource allocation.

The cultural perspective on healthcare was another intriguing feature. Patients frequently showed a high degree of adherence to treatment regimens and faith in their physicians. While this makes it easier to provide treatment effectively, it also calls into question patient autonomy and collaborative decision-making, which are highly valued in the UK.

My growth as a prospective physician was greatly aided by this elective. Clinically, I became more adept in, evaluating patients with musculoskeletal issues, deciphering imaging, and comprehending the fundamentals of oncological care. My understanding of the difficulties in treating bone and soft tissue cancers has improved because of watching procedures and taking part in ward rounds.

The non-technical abilities I acquired were equally significant. The need of cooperation and effective communication was reaffirmed by working in a multidisciplinary team. Even though there was occasionally a language barrier, I discovered that nonverbal communication and a desire to learn were quite helpful in overcoming the obstacle. My cultural competency increased as a result of this experience, which also made me see how crucial flexibility is in a variety of healthcare environments.

Experiencing Japanese culture both inside and outside the hospital was one of the elective's most memorable features. Everyday life reflected the professionalism, deference, and attention to detail exhibited by healthcare personnel. Outside work, I liked to travel around Tokyo, sample the local food, which soon became a daily highlight, and take use of the city's remarkably effective transit system. Little things like placing an order for meals or trying out simple Japanese words contributed to the overall pleasure and personal development.

I also had time to consider my own professional goals thanks to the elective. In addition, it strengthened my respect for the NHS and the principles it upholds, such as patient-centred care and equity.

This elective also gave me greater confidence to venture outside of my comfort zone and adjust to new clinical settings. I was inspired to become more perceptive, proactive, and reflective in my learning by being in a system with disparate expectations, procedures, and cultural norms. In spite of language limitations, I learnt to actively seek out possibilities by requesting to watch operations or participating in conversations. The significance of humility and transparency in medicine – realising that there are several efficient ways to provide care – was also brought to light by this experience.

As I move into practice, where flexibility and lifelong learning are crucial, these insights will be quite helpful.

The chance to live and work in Japan, in addition to the clinical education, made the experience very remarkable. It expanded my viewpoint on healthcare and cultural diversity in addition to improving my professional abilities. I'm more self-assured, curious, and appreciative of the global character of medicine when I return to my last year of medical school. I also have a big desire to visit Japan again someday, if only for the cuisine.

Adebayo Adedeji

I had a fantastic opportunity to go to Oklahoma, United States, for my final year medical elective. During my elective, I was exposed to various specialities within the University of Oklahoma healthcare system. One of my primary aims was to gain insight into cardiology. I had the opportunity to shadow Dr Rakesh Shrivastava attending who specialised in cardiology. Working with Dr Shrivastava, I deepened my medical knowledge by engaging with a range of patients and discussing their conditions from a cardiological perspective.



Working with Dr Wong and his team. L-R Rahi, Dr Mody, Adebayo Adedeji, Shubham Singh, Dalvin Purewal

From that perspective, I also gained a comprehensive understanding of how things run differently in the US. Although I didn't have the opportunity to see an echocardiogram being performed or to witness more cardiac emergencies, this was made up for by exposure to different specialities and the valuable experience gained through them. During this elective, I was also able to develop my cultural and professional understanding of what it means to work in the United States.

At Edmond Hospital, I had the opportunity to shadow Dr Mody, an attending specialising in Hospitalist Medicine, alongside other allied health workers. Working within a multidisciplinary team of nurses, pharmacists and dietitians helped me adapt to the differences in healthcare systems, clinical pathways, and patient expectations in the US.

I shadowed Dr Mody during his rounds and attended MDT meetings with him. A key takeaway for me was appreciating just how efficient a private healthcare system can be in terms of patient clinical pathways. There was less emphasis on physical examination and more on ordering investigations. When it is the patient or their insurance company footing the bill, however, it becomes much easier to request as many investigations as needed and bypass physical examination altogether.

Another key cultural difference is the use of a privatised healthcare system, as opposed to the socialised NHS. It was a shock to see how expensive medical bills can become in the US.

Looking at public health and cardiovascular risk, I would have liked to explore this aspect of my objectives in more depth; had I more time, I would have looked further into the burden that cardiovascular disease places on the healthcare system in Oklahoma. I did, however, gain insight into the impact of drug use on the system.

Many of the patients we saw were addicted to controlled substances such as marijuana or opioids such as fentanyl, and we saw several cases of Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome (CHS). Tackling this evident drug problem would free up considerable resources for medical staff to treat other conditions.

This elective has made me more resilient and adaptable to working in different conditions. Being away for five weeks taught me to be even more independent and gave me a flavour of what to expect when I start as a resident doctor in the NHS. As a next step, I intend to assess the landscape of the NHS and what it means to work within it. I have loved seeing what it is like to work in the US, but I have yet to fully experience the same within our own healthcare system. Regardless of where I end up, I am incredibly fortunate to have had this experience, and it is one I will cherish for life.

Events

A Celebration of Christmas 2025





We were delighted to welcome the Christmas season in the Great Hall for the first time since the restoration work commenced, and the Barts and The London Music Society once again demonstrated their versatility with a glorious selection of music in a variety of styles.

Their range embraced an acapella performance of ‘Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas’ to Tchaikovsky’s ‘Waltz of the Flowers’ played by a string quartet. Popular carols were included and the audience joined in with great enthusiasm.

It was lovely evening and this year’s concert will take place on Wednesday 2 December, 7pm for 7.30pm, in the Great Hall.

Tickets will be on sale at the AGM, in the Shop, and also available online.

Welcoming in 2026



On 6 January Guild Members and volunteers joined Barts staff for an enjoyable social event in the Great Hall to celebrate their contributions to Barts.

It was another opportunity to see the completed restoration and to see the Guild's contribution to it commemorated for posterity in gold lettering.

The event commenced with entertaining speeches given by Barts CEO, Charles Knight, our Chairman, Steve Edmondson, and Dr Andrew Wragg, Consultant Cardiologist and Medical Director SBH. Charles Knight thanked the Guild for our sponsorship of the event and the service that the Guild has given Barts since 1911. Steve also took the opportunity to talk about Guild history and our intertwined heritage but also to talk about the possibility of strengthening our bonds in the future.

The rest of the evening was dedicated to meeting each other and toasting a successful year to come.

Barts View Day 2026



The 476th View Day on 13 May gave us the first hint that this year's summer wouldn't be quite what we are used to. High winds, bitter cold, torrential rain, thunder and the occasional fleeting burst of sunshine set the tone for the day. Some stalls were blown over before the event began but the Guild's stall stood firm. Also standing firm were our President, her husband and the volunteers, trustees and members who turned up to help.



Visitors were much fewer than usual but they were ready to chat and learn about the Guild's work. Shop sales did not match the usual View Day takings but, given the numbers served, amounted to a useful boost. Thanks to Andy and Mariola for their help and to everyone who worked the stall with soggy shoes and smiling faces. A great team.







Afternoon Tea for volunteers



On 12 August over 20 shop and trolley volunteers, together with trustees and Andy and Mariola, met at Brown's Restaurant, Covent Garden to chat with old friends, meet other volunteers and trustees over an elegant afternoon tea.

This event has become a regular feature in the Guild's calendar. Volunteers don't necessarily know each other as that is the nature of shift work. Our volunteers are the public face of the Guild, and we feel it is important that they feel part of a larger team and family.

Events such as these are a small thank you for their hard work and invaluable support for our charity, but most importantly they are great fun.

Fund Raising

Supporters of the Guild in rural Essex had gathered together a number of classic cars and military vehicles and kindly decided to raise funds for the Guild as thanks for the excellent treatment received at Barts by a much-loved father. Our Intrepid Honorary Treasurer attended with a Guild banner, leaflets and collecting boxes. The location was at the Secret Nuclear Bunker, Kelvedon Hatch, and was a great day out. We are grateful to Dave and Terry for supporting the Guild in this innovative way and hope that other opportunities will arise in future.

In Bedfordshire, gardeners at the Toddington Road Leisure Gardens sold plants at their allotment shop and also home-made marmalade in aid of the Guild, in recognition of the treatment John Wood received at Barts. We are grateful in particular to Pippa, Laura, Pete, Bob and Amanda for their efforts on our behalf.



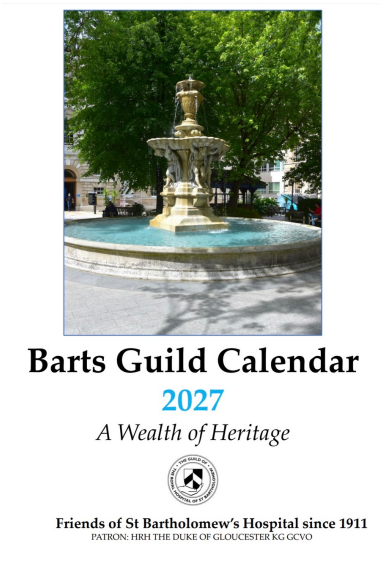
The retiring President of the Newgate Club, Andrew Palacio and his wife Caroline - pictured centre - visited Barts to present the Guild with a very handsome donation.

Andrew had chosen to nominate the Guild as his charity for his presidential year. The Newgate Club is a private dining club for gentlemen which was originally based at the Old Bailey - the site of the infamous Newgate Prison.

We thank Andrew for choosing the Guild and the club's members for their generosity.

There are of course others who have raised money for the Guild in different ways and we cannot record them all here. However, a special mention should be made for our President Penny and her husband Martin who completed a sponsored Bannister Community Mile near to their home. Penny wrote "We finished the mile in considerably more minutes than Roger Bannister did when he ran the first sub 4-minute mile on 6 May 1954, though we did both knock 20 seconds off what we have learned to call our PBs! (M has calculated that if we keep this up, we could meet RB's record by the time we are 106.)

Publications and publicity



The much-anticipated annual Calendar, with images taken by trustee Neil Ritson, will be available at forthcoming Guild events and also from the shop.

The Communications committee has also produced leaflets, tickets and a new pop-up stand for Guild events, and at Christmas our concert was advertised on the digital displays around the Hospital thanks to the design skills of Phil Moss.



Barts Guild News

Guild members and friends continue to hear a satisfying thump as our members magazine, Barts Guild News, drops through their letter box twice a year.

In Autumn 2025, Issue 26 included a report of the AGM featuring a celebration of our newly created President Emerita, Ann Wickham, which included photographs of Ann from her childhood to a family party after the AGM to mark her retirement.

We welcomed our new President, Penny Wainwright and encouraged readers to book for 'A Celebration of Christmas' to be held in the magnificently restored Great Hall. We showcased some charming children's knitwear donated to the Guild Shop and modelled by their equally charming young owner, and Will Palin revealed the exciting plans for the newly opened North Wing.

Issue 27, published in Spring 2026, led with the front page of the Editor's dreams. The TV series, Alice Roberts: Our Hospital Through Time, gave the Guild some excellent coverage. Trolley volunteer, Lesley, and shop volunteer, Rita, demonstrated their roles and explained the joy they find in volunteering. Both told BGN about their first experience of TV programme making. They were surprised by how complicated filming is but said that the crew were friendly and professional, and they enjoyed it all very much indeed. We thank them both for their wonderful contribution. *Note: the series is available to stream on 5.*

Also featured were Certificates of Service for our Volunteers, 'A Celebration of Christmas' in the Great Hall, a report from London Parks and Gardens on the therapeutic effects of Hospital Gardens with praise for the Princess Alice Garden, grants, and pictures of View Day. Sadly, an obituary for Elizabeth Shaw was also included.

All back issues of BGN are available to download - www.bartsguild.org.uk/publications - and if you have a story to tell - the Guild or Barts history or perhaps your own experiences - we would love to hear from you via email: contact@bartsguild.org.uk

Our thanks go to trustee Jan O'Neill for her editorship of BGN, and to Phil Moss for his contributions, proofreading and typesetting.

Princess Alice Garden



The Princess Alice Garden continues in good heart notwithstanding the arrival of the significant but necessary scaffolding currently encasing the Kenton and Lucas Building at the far end of the garden, which has been in place since May 2026.

This has resulted in the temporary relocation of a number of the planters and the disconnection of their irrigation systems, which was particularly unfortunate in the midst of the extremely dry summer. However, our gardeners, Graeme and Noel, have manfully taken up the challenge with the Guild's watering cans being put to hard use.



The garden, with its now sparkling brass plaques, received a Silver Award from the Worshipful Company of Gardeners in recognition of its winter display of colour, which was a lovely testament to the work put in by the Guild and our gardeners.

The garden continues to provide much valued shade with its magnificent tree cover and is a most popular recreational space for patients and hospital staff.

Consequently, all things considered, the garden is well and remains a haven of peace and tranquillity, with a beautiful well-stocked garden where visitors can 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 his Assistant Manager Mariola Kwasniewska, and Lizzie Clark, our Administrator, for their considerable contributions.

Obituary

Elisabeth Shaw 1941 - 2025

Elizabeth was born in Melbourne, Australia. She moved to London in 1970 to work on a postdoctoral fellowship by undertaking two years of microbiological research at Hammersmith Hospital.



Elizabeth Shaw with Sir Marcus Setchell - AGM 2023.

Elizabeth toyed with the idea of returning to Australia but she was offered a job at Barts, initially for five years. In 1972, a time when female consultants were relatively rare, Elizabeth became a Consultant Microbiologist and remained at Barts until she retired.

Elizabeth was devoted to the Hospital and was a great supporter of the Guild. She served on our Management Committee for many years and often walked with the Guild in the Lord Mayor's Show. Her name in gold lettering is on display in the Great Hall acknowledging her generous donation to support the restoration the North Wing.



(L-R): Wendy Mead, Ann Wickham, Elizabeth Shaw - AGM 2024.

Always kind and willing to help others Elizabeth joined Re-Engage, a charity which aims to prevent isolation and loneliness in elderly people. Her role was to ferry guests to tea parties in pleasant locations, sometimes with their wheelchairs lashed to the roof of her small car. She celebrated 50 years with the charity in 2024.

Elizabeth and her husband, Michael, were keen hikers and travelled far and wide to pursue their hobby. They explored many countries including the Arctic, Antarctic and Elizabeth's homeland, Australia.

Great lovers of opera, Elizabeth and Michael were regulars at the English National Opera, Glyndebourne and the Royal Opera House, and they attended the BBC Proms every year.

Sadly, Michael developed dementia and when the disease progressed, he moved into a care home. Elizabeth joined him to ensure that he received compassionate and appropriate care and, typically, she found time to befriend other residents – chatting, fetching their newspapers and helping them to solve puzzles.

Thank you, Elizabeth, for being a wonderful colleague and a kind and charitable person. You will be greatly missed.

Jan O'Neill

We are also sad to advise of the death of Mrs Daphne Hamilton Fairley OBE, a long-standing member, volunteer and Vice-President of the Guild.

Chairman's Letter



I am writing my second annual letter to you having just attended our Summer thank you celebration event for our volunteers. This was an opportunity for members of our management committee (MC) to show our heartfelt thanks to our much loved and treasured volunteers. They are quite simply the life blood of our charity without whom we would not be able to deliver our vital and highly appreciated shop and trolley services.

The themes of both my inaugural annual letter as part of our last annual report and inaugural speech at our last Annual General Meeting (AGM) were ones of reset and refresh as we underwent significant changes. These included the retirement or resignation and replacement of much of our senior leadership team and MC members who performed important functions for the Guild.

My themes for this letter which I will continue in my AGM speech are now those of consolidation and progress. Consolidation in terms of continuing the Guild's core roles of supporting the hospital, its staff, patients and carers and progress in terms of how we can both enhance the Guild's performance and bring it closer into alignment with the life of the hospital. That progress will be both planned and monitored by making one of our five annual management committee meetings devoted entirely to "Guild strategy". Please be assured that our planned progress and any strategic changes will fully respect the longstanding traditions and ethos of the Guild whilst making us more suited and relevant to playing a supportive role in the life of an historic institution which itself is constantly adapting to the changing NHS and society that we serve.

In this regard, I am enormously grateful and impressed by the way existing and new MC colleagues have risen to the task of not simply keeping the show on the road but have actually enhanced the Guild's performance and delivery in important areas.

This has included members of the MC taking on entirely new portfolios or adding to their roles. It's a great tribute to their commitment and abilities that we have been able to make these changes so seamlessly.

The individuals concerned are well aware of my appreciation for their efforts during which it has been extremely gratifying to see how your MC works so collaboratively and in such an amiable way for the common good of the Guild.

The other major way in which we have changed and adapted is what I believe we all feel is a positive move both literally and metaphorically closer to the hospital.

We have now moved all our management committee meetings back on to the hospital campus and specifically to the North Wing including our AGM and Christmas concert being held in the recently and magnificently restored Great Hall. We were especially pleased to be able to make a very significant grant to Barts Heritage to support the purchase of a new concert grand piano to be located in and for the benefit of all those who use the Great Hall as part of the wider activities of the hospital and our charity.

In addition to our usual patient and staff facing activities, we sponsored a Christmas celebration reception in the Great Hall for hospital staff and just recently embarked on a round of providing literally thousands of thank you vouchers for staff members to redeem in the Guild shop.

On behalf of the MC, I now give regular updates on the Guild's role in supporting the hospital at the Hospital Executive Board (HEB) meetings. We have opened a continuing dialogue with the hospital leadership team from whom a senior member has attended and will continue to attend our MC meetings at intervals to discuss possible opportunities for us to support the hospital in impactful ways that optimally benefit the staff and patients.

As detailed elsewhere in this annual report we continue to maintain a healthy financial position which has enabled us to provide generous grants to many deserving causes and individuals.

This has historically included annual bursaries to Barts medical students and ad hoc vitally needed student hardship grants from the Cartledge Memorial Fund provided by the family of our President.

However, in terms of progress and being as impactful as possible with our grant awards I am delighted to report your MC has approved a two year pilot of providing annual "Guild Travelling Fellowships" to members of the St Bartholomew's staff in four specific categories of Medicine, Surgery, Anaesthesia/Critical Care and Nursing/Allied Health Professionals in the very generous amount of £2500 per annum per successful applicant which will be decided on a competitive basis.

We continue to be the beneficiaries of significant donations, legacies and other funds but are forever grateful for any monies we receive to be able to continue the work of the Guild.

This report provides detailed accounts of specific Guild functions delivered through our management and its various sub committees which I will not duplicate but for which I am extremely grateful to my fellow committee members who are always prepared to go the extra mile in their unwavering support of the Guild.

I do however wish to highlight that whilst we have managed the "consolidation" in an admirable fashion we are undoubtedly below the optimal number of both management committee members and trustees.

Therefore, alongside our continuing search for new volunteers, we have also embarked on a recruitment drive for new MC members and trustees. We have produced a very helpful "guide to potential trustees" which can be provided on request to any member who feels they or any of their acquaintances have the desire and credentials to serve as either a trustee or MC member.

We are not alone in supporting the hospital, its staff and patients and I offer my congratulations to Martin Webster, Chairman and his management committee on the successful launch in April of the recently formed St Bartholomew's Hospital Charitable Fund which is the amalgamation of the previous Rahere Association and The Voluntary Hospital of St Bartholomew. We have an excellent relationship with Martin and his team with whom we will continue to work collaboratively.

Finally, I wish to offer my very grateful thanks to all of you who continue to support the Guild whether simply through your annual or life membership or in other ways. Just as with our volunteers with whom I began this letter, without your support in all its forms we would not be able to do the great charitable work for which the hospital is very grateful and for which we are all rightly proud.

In closing, I would like to remind you of two upcoming events at both of which we would be delighted if you could join us and which are:

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 21 October 2-5pm
Great Hall, North Wing, Barts

Guest speaker:
Dr Andrew Wragg, Consultant Cardiologist & Medical Director St Bartholomew's Hospital

A Celebration of Christmas
Wednesday 2 December, 7-9:30pm

The Guild's annual Christmas concert, performed by the Barts and the London Musical Society

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at both events and thank you for your continuing support for the Barts Guild.

With very best wishes,

Steve

Mr Stephen Edmondson BSc FRCP FRCS
Chairman

Would you, or someone you know, like to join the Guild as a volunteer?

We currently have over 25 volunteers, but we'd love to hear from you if you'd like to join the team. We provide full induction and training through the Barts Health NHS Trust.

www.bartsguild.org.uk/volunteer

The Guild of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025
MINUTES

of the Annual General Meeting of The Guild of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew, Wednesday 22 October 2025 at 3.30pm in the Great Hall, St Bartholomew's Hospital

1. Opening of the AGM and Tribute to the Retiring President
Mr Stephen Edmondson, Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed volunteers, trustees, Management Committee members, members and guests to the Barts Guild Annual General Meeting 2025. He warmly welcomed Lady Mayoress Mrs Florence King and Sheriff Mr Keith Bottomley CC. Also welcomed as guest speaker was The Venerable David Meara, Archdeacon Emeritus of London. The company numbered approximately 35 attendees and there had been seven apologies. Before asking the President to deliver her traditional welcome, the Chairman paid tribute to Mrs Ann Wickham as she stepped down from her role.

2. President's welcome – Mrs Ann Wickham BEM
"Welcome to you all to our 113th AGM and 114th anniversary of our foundation in 1911.To the Lady Mayoress: Mrs Florence King and Sheriff Keith Bottomley and a special welcome to our speaker the Very Revd David Meara. To Will Palin – our thanks and congratulations and to all our members and guests once again meeting in this newly restored magnificent Great Hall.

As I entered the Great Hall after passing the restored Hogarth paintings, I immediately thought of W.B Yeats' poem "Sailing to Byzantium" as he entered "that great golden city". The effect in the Hall was amazing seeing so many of the donors whose names are commemorated on the window boards Just as they would have done in years gone by, and which now includes the Guild's name as a donor. The years of London smog and damp and the smoke from the candles, cigars and fire all paid a part in dimming the glorious beauty of this magnificent room, but now it is fully restored to its former glory.

This hall has been used for so many memorable occasions from great feasts and dinners to erudite lectures and memorials, Christmas carols and concerts, and even as a dormitory during the General Strike in the 1920s. The Guild's first meeting was held here in 1911.

I would like to thank the Corporation of London for generously letting us hold our meetings in the Guildhall whilst we were temporarily office less.

I have so enjoyed the great honour and privilege of being President of Barts Guild these past 17 years. It would not have been possible without the support from our Patron His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, from Guild members past and present and from the medical, nursing and administrative staff of Barts Hospital and the many kindnesses from the clergy and staff of Barts the Great and Barts the Less for their continual help and advice and their assistance at our various ventures. I have also had the great pleasure from the support of my family, initially from my husband John, and for many years from my three daughters – none of whom have had medical careers but know Barts very well!

“The Ghost of Rahere still walks in Bart’s,
It gives an impulse to generous hearts
It looks on pain with a pitying eye,
It teaches us never to fear to die.
Eight hundred years of compassion and care
Have hallowed its fountain, stones and square.
Pray for us all as we near the gate -
St Bart the Less and St Bart the Great.”

My favourite place in Barts is the Princess Alice Garden, created in 2001 to commemorate her 100th birthday. HRH Princess Alice had been Patron of the Guild since 1937. It is an area of peace and beauty, whilst life goes on in the Hospital and Barts the Less and outside in Smithfield. It is looked after with love and care by Graeme and Noel, our gardeners, and is always full of colour and tranquillity of people reading and eating their sandwiches and enjoying the sunshine and shade.

Thank you all for your many kindnesses, love and friendship. I have learnt so much from you all and know the Guild can only go from strength to strength, helping and supporting the staff and patients of Barts Hospital. I also know you will all support Penny as she takes over from me.

I’d like to finish with a thought from Pericles, that great 4th century BC Athenian.

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved on stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others”.

3. Minutes of the AGM 2024
The Minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 22 October 2024 were received by the meeting as a correct record by show of hands.

4. Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25
The Hon. Treasurer, Sheriff Keith Bottomley CC, commenced by explaining that the Treasurer’s Report for 2023-24 had also been sent with the papers for this meeting following an administrative error last year when the 2023-24 Annual Accounts had not included the correct report.

The year-end accounts for the 12 months to 31 March 2025 show the Guild’s finances continuing in very good health. Following a review by the Finance and Accounts Committee and approval by the Management Committee, Independent examination was carried out by Blue Spire Ltd in the usual way and their report confirmed that they had no concerns about the accounts. The Hon. Treasurer highlighted the following:

- Total income exceeded expenditure by £7,695 (£14,945 23-24).
- There was an unrealised loss on investments of £28,327 resulting in a net reduction in total funds of £20,432.
- Shop sales were £199,906 net of VAT, reflecting the much-valued hard work of Andy Haddon the Shop Manager and the wonderful volunteers both in the shop and on the trolley service.
- 37 grants totalling almost £33,283 in the year had been awarded.
- Donations totalled £2,468 and legacies £53,480.

The Guild continued to be reimbursed by Barts Health NHS Trust for the shop business rates. Total Charity Funds at 31 March 2025 were £801,463.

The Hon. Treasurer commended the outstanding work and assistance he had been given by Assistant Treasurer and Bookkeeper, Hilary Tarr, who had done a fantastic job managing the not insignificant number of financial transactions each year and keeping excellent records from which the accounts were prepared. His term as Hon. Treasurer ending, Sheriff Bottomley wished to express his thanks Mrs Tarr for the work she had done over the last eight years, his enjoyment of working with her and the members of the Management Committee, and wished his successor, Jean Stevenson, good luck.

As there were no questions from the meeting, the Hon. Treasurer proposed that the accounts for 2024-25 be adopted; this was seconded and agreed by the meeting with a show of hands.

5. Election of Officers and Trustees
The Chairman proposed the following changes to the officers and trustees of the Guild

5.1 Officers
To approve the appointment of Mrs Jean Stevenson as Honorary Treasurer on the recommendation of the Management Committee of 24 September 2025, following the resignation of Mr Keith Bottomley CC.

5.2 Trustees
To approve the appointment of Ms Heather Byers and Mr Alex Shipolini as Trustees, on the recommendation of the Management Committee of 24 September 2025.

To approve the re-election of Ms Lesley Evans, as Trustee, on the recommendation of the Management Committee, on 24 September 2025.

Mr Keith Bottomley CC stood down as Honorary Treasurer and Trustee, having completed two consecutive terms of three years between 2017 and 2023. He retained his role as Trustee completing a further two years between 2023 and 2025, as required by his ongoing appointment as Treasurer.

Mrs Julia Briscoe stood down as Trustee, having completed one term of three years.

Mrs Hilary Tarr stood down as Trustee, having completed two consecutive terms of three years between 2017 and 2023 followed by a term of one year from 2024 to 2025.

These changes were agreed where appropriate by members with a show of hands. The Chairman proposed that the retiring President, Mrs Ann Wickham, be given Honorary Life Membership of the Guild and the title of President Emerita. This was agreed by the meeting by a show of hands.

6. Welcome to the New President, Mrs Penny Wainwright
The Chairman formally welcomed Mrs Wainwright and, after explaining her association with and generosity towards the Guild, invited her to address the meeting.

Mrs Wainwright said that she felt very honoured to have been nominated to be the next President. Her connection to Barts came through her father who was an ophthalmic surgeon at the Hospital but it was severed when he died at a young age in 1956. However, after spending much of her married life in Yorkshire, when she and her husband Martin retired from work ten years ago, she reconnected with Barts on moving back down south. Both she and her husband had been made very welcome by the Guild and she looked forward to putting as much effort into her new role as her predecessor had.

7. Chairman's Report – Mr Stephen Edmondson
This was the first annual report delivered by the Chairman and he was delighted to be so doing in the newly refurbished Great Hall, and he congratulated Will Palin and the Barts Heritage team for all their work and for providing a venue for the AGM, future meetings and the Guild's Christmas Concert. The guest of honor at the reopening of the Great Hall on 9 October was HRH The Duke of Gloucester as a patron of Barts Heritage as well as the Guild. The Chairman, Deputy Chair, Former Chair Patrick Jennings and the President of the Guild were hosted for tea at Kensington Palace in June.

Just as the Great Hall had been renewed and refreshed, the Chairman thought that some aspects of the Guild's work would evolve in the future, a process he described as evolution rather than revolution. He saw, for example, that in addition to our existing grants' portfolio there might be scope to be creative with grants, supporting specific hospital projects and ensuring that the Guild received recognition for this, which could foster a virtuous cycle of grant-giving, increased membership and donations.

The Chairman paid tribute to the Guild's sister charities which also do great work for Barts staff and patients. They (The Rahere Association and The Voluntary Hospital of St Bartholomew's) were in the process of merging to become the St Bartholomew's Hospital Charitable Fund. The Chairman had met with the Chair of the newly formed charity and had found that its and the Guild's work was essentially complementary but that there might be opportunities in the future to be more supportive of each other.

He referred to the new trustees of the Guild and expressed confidence that they would make a significant contribution in the future. However, there was a constant desire for new members, volunteers and new trustees with a non-medical background.

The Chairman thanked the outgoing trustees and committee members but wanted to make special mention of the contribution that Hilary Tarr had made. As Bookkeeper, Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Chair of the Grants' Committee, preparer of the Annual Report, and trustee, her contribution to the Guild had been extraordinary, and how she would be replaced was still an open question. However, she had agreed to make a staged exit and for that he was grateful.

The Chairman also singled out Keith Bottomley CC for special thanks. He had served as the Honorary Treasurer, trustee and Deputy Chair for eight years and it was worth noting and congratulating him on his unopposed election as Sheriff of the City of London.

The Chairman went on to thank Julie Pearce and Lizzie Clark for their work in connection with the AGM and Management Committee meetings, Jan O'Neill, Lesley Evans, Wendy Mead, Neil Ritson, Steve Bench, Patrick Jennings, Jean Stevenson, Andy Haddon and Phil Moss. However, his final and special thanks were for the volunteers without whom the core functions of the Guild (the shop and trolley service) which gave the Guild visibility and a special place in the hearts of staff and patients, would not happen.

8. Members' Resolution to accept an Amendment to the Constitution
The Chairman proposed that the meeting should resolve by a majority vote of the Members present that the constitution of the Charity be amended by the deletion of the word 'maximum' in clause 18.9 of the constitution of the Charity and the substitution of the word 'minimum' in its place. The proposal was carried.

9. Address by the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Florence King
The Chairman introduced Mrs King who began by thanking the Guild for the delicious lunch (cakes and sandwiches) that she had been delighted to have been offered as she had a tight schedule that morning and was in need of sustenance.

Her presence at the AGM came with the territory of being married to the Lord Mayor but she understood from her own experience of volunteering, at University College London Hospital, how difficult it was to get volunteers and it was clear from what she had heard at the meeting how critical the contribution of volunteers was to the Guild and its work and by extension to the staff and patients of Barts. She commended the volunteers for running a very successful View Day during the year. The stall had been very busy and had raised £400 for the Guild.

Mrs King echoed the tributes made by the Chairman to the outgoing President who had made such an extraordinary contribution to the Guild. She also expressed thanks to Keith Bottomley CC who had clearly been an excellent Hon. Treasurer for eight years. She had got to know him over the last few weeks since he had taken up the office of Sheriff of the City of London and she confided that so far he had proved to be excellent. She confessed that she was looking forward to hearing what the guest speaker had to say since he had officiated at the wedding of her sister some years before.

Finally, on behalf of the Lord Mayor and herself, she thanked those present and not present for their dedication, and emphasised how much the City appreciated all that was done by the Guild,

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

10. 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, Florence King, Penny Wainwright and Hilary Tarr, and vouchers were given to Keith Bottomley CC and David Meara. A raffle was drawn by Lesley Evans after the guest speaker's talk. The formal business of the meeting was then declared closed at 4.15pm.

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AGM 2025 (L-R): David Meara, Penny Wainwright, Lady Mayoress Florence King, Steve Edmondson, and Ann Wickham
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David Meara was the guest speaker. He was formerly Rector of the Journalists' Church, St Bride's Fleet Street, and is Archdeacon of London Emeritus and President of The Betjeman Society.



David Meara speaking with Ann Wickham at the AGM

Street of Shame or Street of Adventure
St Bride's and the Media World

David Meara explained that his interest in Newspapers and the World of Media could be traced back to his appointment in 2000 as Rector of St Bride's, Fleet Street, where he served for 15 years.

St Bride's goes back to the 2nd century AD, the oldest Christian site in continuous use in London. After the Great Fire of London in 1666, a new church was built by Sir Christopher Wren. He demonstrated his talk with slides and with one such was able to show why the tiered wedding cake was inspired by the spire of St Bride's.

The connection with the press and the media world goes back to one of William Caxton's assistants Wynkyn de Worde who set up his printing press in the St Bride's churchyard because it was an area of monastic communities (Whitefriars, Blackfriars, St Paul's Cathedral) and learned men who needed printed books. There, coffee houses and drinking establishments flourished, the perfect place for people from the Law Courts, the Inns of Court, the City and Westminster to meet and gossip. It was an exciting place.

By 2000 most of the printed press had left Fleet Street and the circulation of the printed press was fast declining as the internet was growing in importance. This was the time of the phone-hacking scandal and as Rector of St Bride's, the speaker met many of the protagonists. He also met members of the Royal Family and spoke of the tension in the relationship between the Royals and the Press deriving from the fact that the Royal Family needs the press to publicise what they do as much as the press wants pictures of the Family to satisfy public demand. He spoke of how, a respectable time after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, there was a campaign to rehabilitate Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, culminating in her visit to St Bride's to inaugurate the Journalists' Altar and attendance at an annual service commemorating journalists around the world who have been injured or killed as they bring the news. She subsequently became Patron of the Guild of St Bride's.

The Archdeacon's insights were fascinating. His belief is that in Britain we have a free and lively press, sometimes badly behaved sometimes overstepping the mark but able to speak truth to power and discomfort the comfortable. He concluded by observing that we should give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and the public and political discourse we easily take for granted. Street of Shame – sometimes. Street of Adventure – most definitely!

The Chairman thanked David Meara for his very interesting talk and those present showed their appreciation. After the raffle, the meeting ended.

Report of the Honorary Treasurer for the year ended 31 March 2026



This is my first year as your Treasurer and I knew that I had some big shoes to fill but I hadn't appreciated that there were two pairs rather than one, with the retirement of Hilary Tarr as well as Keith Bottomley. I would like to put on record here my thanks to them both and in particular to Hilary who has a great wealth of knowledge about the Guild and its finances and has been generous with her time.

I'm delighted, for the first time, to present to Guild's annual accounts, on this occasion for the year to 31 March 2026 which show the finances continuing in **good health** in no small part thanks to the stewardship of those who went before.

The accounts have been reviewed by the Finance and Investment 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 exceeded expenditure by £72,109 compared to £7,895 the previous year. After an unrealised loss on investments of £49,418 there was a net increase in funds of £22,691 taking total funds to £824,154.

42 grants were made in the year totalling £124,246 and we continue to do tremendous things for patients, staff and the Hospital with our grant giving. As has been mentioned elsewhere in this report we made a large grant towards a piano for the Great Hall. This was an unusual request but the Trustees were mindful of the restorative power of music and were happy to approve it.

Shop sales were just slightly down on the previous year by £7,210 totalling £192,696 (2024-25 £199,906) net of VAT, reflecting the much-valued hard work of our wonderful Shop Manager Andy and his assistant Mariola but which also rely heavily on our dedicated volunteers in the shop and on the trolley service.

Donations totalled £199,633 in the year and we were fortunate to receive legacies of some £52,500. 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 2026 were £824,154 (2024-25 £801,463). Interesting to note that 8 years ago they were just under £550,000.



Mrs Jean Stevenson MA FCA
Honorary Treasurer, Vice-Chairman

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 2026.

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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

James O'Rourke
Blue Spire Limited
Cawley Priory
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Date: 23 September 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and Legacies	**1**	73,836	125,797	199,633	59,539
Charitable activities	**2**	192,696	-	192,696	199,906
Other trading activities	**3**	7,884	-	7,884	3,986
Investments	**4**	24,021	-	24,021	22,502
Other income	**5**	22,870	-	22,870	-
Total		321,307	125,797	447,104	285,933
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	**6**	2,387	-	2,387	3,145
Charitable activities	**7**	370,505	2,103	372,608	274,893
Total		372,892	2,103	374,995	278,038
Net gains/(losses) on investment assets	**13**	(49,418)	-	(49,418)	(28,327)
Net income/(expenditure)		(101,003)	123,694	22,691	(20,432)
Transfers between funds	**18**	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(101,003)	123,694	22,691	(20,432)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	**18**	801,463	-	801,463	821,895
Total funds carried forward	**18**	700,460	123,694	824,154	801,463

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.
All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	**13**	530,234		579,652	
			530,234		579,652
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	**14**	16,588		20,751	
Debtors	**15**	9,898		5,310	
Cash at hand and in bank	**16**	300,328		213,559	
Total current assets		326,814		239,620	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**17**	32,894		17,809	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			293,920		221,811
Net assets/(liabilities)			824,154		801,463
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted funds	**18**		123,694		-
Unrestricted funds	**18**		700,460		801,463
Total charity funds	**18**		824,154		801,463

The notes on pages 34 to 42 form part of the financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 30 to 42 were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 16 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Stephen Edmondson
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Mr Stephen Edmondson BSc
Chairman

JM Stevenson
.....
Mrs Jean Stevenson
Hon Treasurer

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 £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

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.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares. It includes dividends and interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. 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 grants. 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.

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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 was registered for VAT and operated the Flat Rate Scheme during the year. 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. Following its transition to the standard VAT accounting scheme during the quarter ended 31 March 2026, income and expenditure are recognised net of recoverable VAT and irrecoverable VAT is charged to the relevant expenditure heading.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Donations	17,692	125,797	143,489	2,468	-	2,468
Legacies	52,500	-	52,500	53,480	-	53,480
Gift aid	3,644	-	3,644	3,591	-	3,591
	73,836	125,797	199,633	59,539	-	59,539

2. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Guild Shop sales net of VAT	192,696	-	192,696	199,906	-	199,906
	192,696	-	192,696	199,906	-	199,906

3. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Business rate refund Barts NHS Trust	4,204	-	4,204	1,738	-	1,738
Christmas concert	1,212	-	1,212	-	-	-
Membership subscriptions (excluding Gift Aid)	2,139	-	2,139	2,248	-	2,248
Fundraising	329	-	329	-	-	-
	7,884	-	7,884	3,986	-	3,986

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Income from investments	22,669	-	22,669	22,502	-	22,502
Bank interest	1,352	-	1,352	-	-	-
	24,021	-	24,021	22,502	-	22,502

5. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
FRS benefits	22,870	-	22,870	-	-	-
	22,870	-	22,870	-	-	-

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6. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Cost of calendars	1,282	-	1,282	2,007	-	2,007
Cost of Christmas concert	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newsletter	1,105	-	1,105	1,138	-	1,138
	2,387	-	2,387	3,145	-	3,145

7. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Cost of goods sold	160,250	-	160,250	151,659	-	151,659
Shop-related expenses:						
Salary	50,345	-	50,345	48,464	-	48,464
Volunteer travel expenses	854	-	854	958	-	958
Other shop expenses	6,287	-	6,287	9,514	-	9,514
Postage	807	-	807	335	-	335
Helpers / grants reception	646	-	646	440	-	440
Shop telephone costs	564	-	564	538	-	538
Total shop costs	59,503	-	59,503	60,249	-	60,249
Other expenses:						
Administrator fee	325	-	325	1,612	-	1,612
AGM Costs	935	-	935	2,146	-	2,146
Professional fees	6,412	-	6,412	-	-	-
Printing, Postage, Stationery	786	-	786	659	-	659
Insurance	984	-	984	727	-	727
Subscriptions	535	-	535	490	-	490
Website costs	6,262	-	6,262	13,390	-	13,390
Business rates	4,204	-	4,204	1,738	-	1,738
Miscellaneous expenses	2,465	-	2,465	1,805	-	1,805
Bank charges	782	-	782	512	-	512
Princess Alice Garden maintenance	5,159	-	5,159	5,448	-	5,448
Independent Examiner - other services	1,910	-	1,910	468	-	468
Governance costs						
Independent Examiner - annual examination	750	-	750	810	-	810
Total other expenses	31,509	-	31,509	29,805	-	29,805
Grants to St. Bartholomew's Hospital (see note 8)	119,243	2,103	121,346	33,180	-	33,180
Total expenditure on charitable activities	370,505	2,103	372,608	274,893	-	274,893

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8. Grants to St. Bartholomew's Hospital

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £
(ACNAP) Congress 2026	-	295	295
Advanced assessment skills course, King's	1,500	-	1,500
Barts and the London music society donation	500	-	500
Break room items + ward signage panels	2,325	-	2,325
BSCI Allergy Conference	150	-	150
BSCI Allergy & Clinical Immunology Conference	380	-	380
Catering for CC follow up Clinic Patient and Family day	88	-	88
Catering for Critical Care Follow up network mtg	52	-	52
Catering for patient event	100	-	100
Chartered Soc of Physiotherapists conference	275	-	275
Christmas Day presents for Barts staff and patients from Guild	2,085	-	2,085
Contrib to MSc 2nd year funding	1,500	-	1,500
Contrib to private ambulance for patient family wedding	1,000	-	1,000
Contribution to SBH staff and Guild volunteers New Year reception	250	-	250
Design for Essential guide for anaesthetists	6,960	-	6,960
Elective from QMUL x 2	-	1,500	1,500
European Respiratory Society Congress 2025 x 2	900	-	900
Fertility conference travel	150	-	150
Heart Rhythm Case report journals	520	-	520
Home Mechanical Ventilation UK Meeting	105	-	105
Intensive Care Soc State of the Art Congress	424	-	424
Inter. Symposium for the Arts in Palliative Care	150	-	150
Laptops x2 for remote working cardiac physiology	1,635	-	1,635
Menopause Study Day 'Beyond Foundations'	120	-	120
Part funding of a grand piano for Great Hall	80,000	-	80,000
Patient & Family Day catering	190	-	190
Patient & Family Day catering (Critical Care Clinic)	102	-	102
Patient & Family Day catering (Critical Care Clinic)	-	85	85
Presentation to International Heart Congress	730	-	730
Publish breast surgery project in professional journal	513	-	513
Radiotherapy. Patient clothing.	293	-	293
Realiti Pro simulation system	9,354	-	9,354
Reception for SBH staff and Guild volunteers	7,325	-	7,325
Respiratory Management Conference and poster presentation	-	223	223
Solicitors fees	1,500	-	1,500
T&A for Parenteral & Enteral Nutrition Ann. Conf.	150	-	150
Training meeting	122	-	122
Training meeting	153	-	153
Travel funds to Fertility conference	150	-	150
Xmas presents for Radiotherapy patients	392	-	392
Grant returned	(2,000)	-	(2,000)
Grant written back	(900)	-	(900)
	119,243	2,103	121,346

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8. Grants to St. Bartholomew's Hospital - continued

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
10 Microwaves for CF patients' side rooms			
8th ERS/ESRS Sleep and Breathing Conference	558	-	558
Advanced Physical Assessment MSc module	449	-	449
Articles for children's bereavement care	1,950	-	1,950
Barts Guild Elective Grant - 2 awards	45	-	45
British Cardiovascular Intervention Society Annual Conference	1,500	-	1,500
British Neuro-Oncology Society Annual Meeting	95	-	95
British Soc for Allergy & Clinical Immunology Conference	325	-	325
Cardiopulmonary Stress Echocardiography Bike contribution	270	-	270
Christmas presents for Hospital in-patients	8,000	-	8,000
Christmas presents for Radiotherapy clinic attendees	2,065	-	2,065
Dissertation module Advanced Clinical Practice	347	-	347
Donation to Maggie's at St Barts	1,857	-	1,857
ECHO breakfast meetings (6 meetings)	2,000	-	2,000
ESC Working Group Mtg on Myocardial & Pericardial Diseases	145	-	145
EuroEcho Imaging Conference, Berlin (2 places)	521	-	521
European Society of Sexual Medicine Congress	717	-	717
Home Mechanical Ventilation UK Meeting	263	-	263
ICU Follow-Up Patient & Family Day catering	80	-	80
ICU Patient & Family Day catering	188	-	188
Leadership & Service Improvement in Health Care module	109	-	109
Microwave for West Wing staff room	1,500	-	1,500
National Germ Cell Group conference (2 places)	100	-	100
Non-Medical prescribing course	599	-	599
Non-Medical prescribing course, King's Uni	2,360	-	2,360
Nursing Associates celebration catering	4,200	-	4,200
Online Neuro-Rehabilitation course	74	-	74
Patients in Prolonged Consciousness Disorders	120	-	120
Picture frames to display artwork, Reproductive Medicine	180	-	180
Postponed course to April 25, West London Uni	360	-	360
RCN Fertility Nurse Conference (3 places)	900	-	900
Soc for Cardiothoracic Surgery Annual Mtg (2 places) contribution	405	-	405
Spare clothing for Radiotherapy patients	293	-	293
STEPCARE Conference travel/accommodation	104	-	104
Travel to EuroELSO Congress Milan	150	-	150
Ward folding bed for use by relative/carer of patient	136	-	136
Grants refunded	318	-	318
	(103)	-	(103)
	33,180	-	33,180

9. Shop account

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Guild Shop sales net of VAT	192,696	-	192,696	199,906	-	199,906
Cost of goods sold	(160,250)	-	(160,250)	(151,659)	-	(151,659)
Shop-related expenses	(59,503)	-	(59,503)	(60,249)	-	(60,249)
	(27,057)	-	(27,057)	(12,002)	-	(12,002)

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10. Independent examiner's fees

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Examination - current year	750	-	750	810	-	810
Other services - current year	1,910	-	1,910	468	-	468

11. Wages and salary cost

	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Gross wages	39,493	38,789
Employer's national insurance costs	5,173	4,097
Employer's pension contributions	5,679	5,578
	50,345	48,464

	2026	2025
Staff numbers:		
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 managers were employed by Barts 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.

12. 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.

13. Investments

	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Market value brought forward	579,652	607,979
Additions at cost	-	-
Disposals at proceeds	-	-
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation	(49,418)	(28,327)
Market value carried forward	530,234	579,652

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

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14. Stocks

	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Shop stocks	16,588	20,751
	16,588	20,751

15. Debtors

	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Prepayments	6,807	-
Accrued income	3,091	5,310
	9,898	5,310

16. Cash at bank and in hand

	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
National Westminster accounts	186,341	101,946
Cambridge & Counties Bank deposit - 12 months fixed	85,000	85,000
United Trust Bank deposit	27,791	26,263
Shop cash float	1,196	350
	300,328	213,559

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Shop creditors	8,043	10,648
Grants payable	20,345	5,416
VAT payable	2,303	-
Other creditors and accruals	2,203	1,745
	32,894	17,809

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18. Analysis of net movement in funds

	Year ended 31 March 2026					
	Total funds brought forward £	Total incoming resources £	Total resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Gains and (losses) on investments £	Total funds carried forward £
Restricted funds						
The Foundation	-	125,797	(2,103)	-	-	123,694
Total restricted funds	-	125,797	(2,103)	-	-	123,694
Unrestricted funds						
General Fund	778,643	321,307	(372,892)	-	-	727,058
Net gains on investments (unrealised)	22,820	-	-	-	(49,418)	(26,598)
Total unrestricted funds	801,463	321,307	(372,892)	-	(49,418)	700,460
Total funds	801,463	447,104	(374,995)	-	(49,418)	824,154

	Year ended 31 March 2025					
	Total funds brought forward £	Total incoming resources £	Total resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Gains and (losses) on investments £	Total funds carried forward £
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	285,933	(278,038)	-	(28,327)	801,463
Total unrestricted funds	821,895	285,933	(278,038)	-	(28,327)	801,463

The Foundation

Funds transferred on the winding up of The Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomew Charitable Foundation to support the relief of sickness and disability, the provision of hospital and medical facilities, and the advancement of medical education in accordance with the donor's charitable objects.

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Fixed asset investments	530,234	-	530,234	579,652	-	579,652
Current assets	203,120	123,694	326,814	239,620	-	239,620
Current liabilities	(32,894)	-	(32,894)	(17,809)	-	(17,809)
	700,460	123,694	824,154	801,463	-	801,463

20. 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 £5,679 (2025: £5,578). There were no amounts outstanding at the end of the current period or comparative financial year.

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21. Financial instruments

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

	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Financial assets		
Measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure):		
Fixed asset investments	530,234	579,652
	530,234	579,652

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

	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Income and expense		
Financial assets measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure)		
Investment income	22,669	22,502
	22,669	22,502
Net gains and losses (including changes In fair value)		
Financial assets measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure)		
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(49,418)	(28,327)
	(49,418)	(28,327)

Fixed asset investments are held at fair value with valuations obtained using last traded or closing bid market prices as available.

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22. Comparative statement of financial activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and Legacies	**1**	59,539	-	59,539
Charitable activities	**2**	199,906	-	199,906
Other trading activities	**3**	3,986	-	3,986
Investments	**4**	22,502	-	22,502
Other income	**5**	-	-	-
Total		285,933	-	285,933
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	**6**	3,145	-	3,145
Charitable activities	**7**	274,893	-	274,893
Total		278,038	-	278,038
Net gains/(losses) on investment assets	**13**	(28,327)	-	(28,327)
Net income/(expenditure)		(20,432)	-	(20,432)
Transfers between funds	**18**	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(20,432)	-	(20,432)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	**18**	821,895	-	821,895
Total funds carried forward	**18**	801,463	-	801,463

Guild Members and Volunteers 2026

'L' denotes a Life member

Please note this list may contain some inaccuracies, for which we apologise

Dr J. David Abell
Miss Amirah Abani
Miss Alaa Abdelhalim
Miss Muna Abdi
Miss Adenike Abiodun
Miss Aderinsola Ademola
Miss Rebecca Adeyemi
Miss Sarah Ahamed
Mr Ehtisham Akbar
Mr Rafsan Alam
Ms Santosh Alden
Mr James Aldwinckle
Mrs Susan Allen
Mrs Caroline Allington
Miss Alice Allsopp
Mrs Gillian Anderson
Miss Megan Annetts
Ms Maureen Armand
Ms Christine Ashby L
Mrs Sylvia Aspinall
Dr William Atkins
Mr Zayn Aziz
Mr Ashvin Bajpai
Miss Anna Barnfield
Miss Merissa Beckwith
Mr Stephen Bench
Mrs Lorraine Bergman
Dr David Besser
Mrs Valerie Besser
Dr David Best
Mr Jon Bolter
Miss Kateryna Bondaruk
Mrs Sue Boswell
Mr Keith Bottomley CC
Mr Derek Boyce L
Dr Jeremy Bradley L
Ms Mary Breadman
Mrs Julia Briscoe
Ms Carmen Brooker
Mr David Bruce
Mr Gabriel Burchell
Dr Andrew Burnett
Ms Lesley Burnett
Mr Elliot Burnley
Miss Kira Burroughs
Mrs Rita Buttigieg
Ms Heather Byers
Mr Ruff Cajanding
Ms Jane Carey-Harris L
Mr Lawrence Carter L
Mr Clyde Castelino
Lady Castle Stewart L
Lady Aileen Chalstrey
Miss Marina Chan
Miss Rebecca Kam Chung
Mrs Elizabeth Clark
Mrs Elizabeth Cleaver
Ms Judy Cook L
Mr Bob Cooper L
Miss Deborah Cooper
Ms Helen Cooper L
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