

Scottish Charity No. SC033758

Malawi Burns (UK) Trust

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

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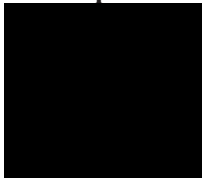
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Report of the Trustees *for the year ended 31 December 2024*

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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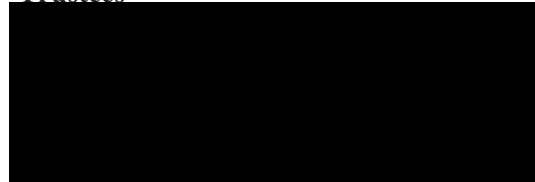
Status of Charity and Governing Document

Malawi Burns (UK) Trust was established by a Trust Deed which sets out its charitable purposes and the rules for its administration. It is a registered Scottish charity (No. SC033758).

Aims and affiliation

The Charity's purpose, as recorded in its constitution, is to relieve the conditions of life of the patients of the Burns Unit by the raising of funds to provide material and financial support to the Burns Unit and to arrange for the collection of goods and materials and the transportation of the same to the Burns Unit, providing always that such assistance provided is over and above that which it is the statutory obligation of the state to provide.

Trustees



Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees hold office indefinitely and are not subject to retirement by rotation.

Activities and achievements

The Malawi Burns Trust (MBT) continues to provide material and training support to the Burns Unit at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Blantyre, Malawi and to support the training of healthcare professionals in surgery and nursing in Malawi.

MBT and the Blantyre Burns Unit have been fortunate to receive ongoing grant support from the Kentown Wizard Foundation at £60,000 for the year 2024 to 2025.

This financial support from the Kentown Wizard Foundation (KWF) has allowed the MBT to support enhanced staffing of the Blantyre Burns Unit. The number of individual staff supported by the grant has now reached 45, across a range of professional disciplines. This includes additional physiotherapists, rehabilitation technicians and a training surgeon, all of whom would otherwise not be working in the Burns Unit. At a time when the Malawi economy has been severely troubled, and its national health service has faced huge challenges, this staff support has made a major impact on the Burns Unit's ability to function and to look after children and adults recovering from burn injuries.

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Activities and achievements (cont'd)

Training supported by MBT has included the highlight activity of an Interburns ABC Nursing course at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (QECH) in Blantyre. Interburns is an international training and service development charity/NGO which is held in very high regard for the quality of its training resources (see website Interburns.org). 30 nurses from 4 different hospitals in Malawi were supported to complete this one-week specialised burns nursing course, including 13 nurses from the Burns Unit in Blantyre. It was a huge success both from the point of view of training impact, and as a boost to the morale and standing of the Burns Unit, in hosting the course.

Other key training activities have included the following: providing the two surgical trainees from the Burns Unit with a high-level online training programme (ELPRAS from the British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic surgeons); attendance at their regional Plastic Surgery and Burns (COSECSA) Conference and associated courses, and for one of the training surgeons, the invaluable opportunity to visit the internationally renowned Ganga Hospital in Coimbatore, India for a specialist surgical course and a one-month clinical training fellowship. An anaesthesia course was also run in Blantyre by a UK specialist paediatric anaesthetist, supported by funding from MBT.

One of the leading nurses from the Burns Unit completed her MSc in Child Health at Kamuzu University, funded by MBT, and returned to work in the Burns Unit, to lead development of paediatric care and nutritional care in the unit. Her research project for the MSc was conducted in the Burns Unit and identified key areas for quality improvement activity in Infection prevention and management of infection in the burn patients.

In March and April 2024, the Burns Unit team in Blantyre organised its own Critical Care in Burns training for staff from QECH with two weekend training courses, funded by MBT/KWF.

A key theme of the MBT activities has been cooperation with other charitable organisations supporting service development and training in burn injury care (Interburns and Operation Smile).

In addition to delivering the Interburns ABC Nursing Course, a repeat Interburns' Delivery Assessment Tool (DAT) review of the burn care service was carried out and showed evidence of continued service improvement whilst identifying further areas for future development. MBT continues to work closely with Operation Smile (OS) in supporting the unit, and OS involvement is making a major impact. The Operation Smile team has supervised further dramatic improvements to the toilet and bathing areas of the burn unit, and reflooring and redecorating of multiple areas to improve cleaning, and the quality of the environment. Children's areas have been decorated to make them more "child-friendly". In addition, Operation Smile has continued to be responsible for the employment of an additional consultant burns/plastic surgeon, a specialist anaesthetist and for provision of multiple items of equipment, all of which make a major difference to patient care.

The Kentown Wizard Foundation (KWF) grant supported substantial investment in physiotherapy equipment for the Burns Unit and specific specialist treatments for problematic scars in burn survivors. A significant grant was also provided to purchase essential medicines, dressings and personal protective equipment to address problematic gaps in provision from the local health service.

A further highlight from the KWF grant funding was a Nutrition project in the Burns Unit. This included staff training, development of protocols and purchase of supplemental food and key nutrients (vitamins, iron and trace elements) for the burn patients. Because of the huge metabolic impact of a serious burn injury, optimum nutrition is a vital element of a safe recovery.

The Burns Unit at QECH, Blantyre faced a hugely challenging year, with a high number of admissions, such that the unit was full, with 28 inpatients for much of the year, and at times had to extend outside the unit with as many as 40 patients. Therefore, support from outside agencies remains vital to maintain and improve quality of care.

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Activities and achievements (cont'd)

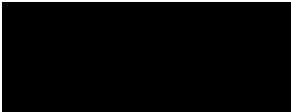
The Malawi Burns (UK) Trust wishes to express its profound thanks to Kentown Wizard Foundation on behalf of the patients and staff of the Blantyre Burns Unit.

The closing account balance at end of year 2024 was £3,849.43.

Reserves

Results for the year

As a result of a deficit for the year of £8,797 (2023: deficit of £55,235) the charity held unrestricted funds amounting to £2,285 (2023: £714) at the year end and restricted funds amounting to £1,564 (2023: £11,932). This gives total funds carried forward of £3,849 (2023: £12,646). The trustees are satisfied with the level of reserves retained by the charity.

 Trustees
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Trustee

Dated: 14th September 2025

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees *for the year ended 31 December 2024*

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

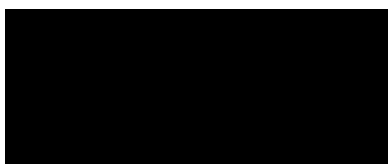
Independent Examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended), and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Innes & Partners Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants

Date: 15th September 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations		2,168	-	2,168	7,431
Grants		-	60,000	60,000	-
Total receipts		2,168	60,000	62,168	7,431
Payments					
Burns Unit Support		-	39,156	39,156	54,699
Bank charges		165	-	165	130
Independent Examination fees		432	-	432	396
Courses		-	31,212	31,212	7,297
Sundry expenses		-	-	-	144
Total payments		597	70,368	70,965	62,666
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		1,571	(10,368)	(8,797)	(55,235)
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds after transfers		1,571	(10,368)	(8,797)	(55,235)
Total funds brought forward	5,6	714	11,932	12,646	67,881
Total funds carried forward	5,6	2,285	1,564	3,849	12,646

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Statement of Balances

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	£ Opening balance	2024 £ (Deficit) for year	£ Closing balance	£ Opening balance	2023 £ (Deficit) for year	£ Closing balance
Bank & cash in hand		12,646	(8,797)	3,849	67,881	(55,235)	12,646
Total assets held		12,646	(8,797)	3,849	67,881	(55,235)	12,646
Reserves							
Unrestricted funds	5			2,285			714
Restricted funds	6			1,564			11,932
				3,849			12,646
Statement of liabilities at 31 December 2024							
Invoices due for payment				474			432

Approved by the Trustees on 14th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:

Trustee

The notes on page 7 and 8 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown on page 4, funds are defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds comprise grants and other income received for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

2. Transactions with Trustees

During the year, the charity received donations of £1,318 without conditions from related parties (2023: £7,331). There were no other transactions with the trustees during the year ending 31 December 2024 (2023: nil)

3. Staff costs and numbers

The average number of employees during the year was nil (2023: nil).

4. Related party transactions

The Trust had no related party transactions during the year (2023: nil).

5. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01.01.24	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31.12.24
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	714	2,168	(597)	-	2,285
Total unrestricted funds	714	2,168	(597)	-	2,285

Explanation of funds

The General fund encompasses all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

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6. Restricted funds	Balance at 01.01.24 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.24 £
Kentown Wizard Foundation Fund	11,932	60,000	(70,368)	-	1,564
Total unrestricted funds	11,932	60,000	(70,368)	-	1,564

Explanation of funds

Operation smile Fund

The Kentown Wizard Foundation Fund is to be used in accordance with the funding proposals set out in February 2022 (A: Courses, B: Training, C: Support for Burns Unit)