

Scottish charity no. SC044430

**FRIENDS OF THE NEURO WARD
TRUSTEES' AND MEMBERS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025**

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Type of governing document

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by a written constitution. Friends of the Neuro Ward is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator no. SC044430. The contact address is: Clochcan Schoolhouse, Auchnagatt, Ellon, AB41 8UJ.

Current trustees

Caroline Critchlow
Paul Dorward
Lois Duncan
Merryn Duncan
Kirsten Farquhar
Shona Gossip Orwin
Penny Gravill
Debbie Paterson
Dawn Smith

Other trustees who served in the period

Peter Bodkin
Anastasios Giamouriadis

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are appointed in general meeting. Appropriate training and induction is provided to new trustees in the aims, objectives and procedures of the charity.

Charitable purposes

The charity's object is the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Fundraising / Donations:

24/25 was another busy year for us, supported by brilliant fundraising efforts of our supporters – both through their own events and sign-ups for organized activities.

We continue to seize every opportunity to raise the profile of Friends of the Neuro Ward.

Organised Events

Organised fundraising activities through 2024/25 included the Aberdeen Kiltwalk, which attracted 28 walkers raising a total of **£7,034.87**. Although down on last year's total, we were encouraged to see two teams of staff from the Neuro Rehab Unit take part for us.

We also had several teams take part in The Beast Race again this year. It's a highly popular muddy obstacle course that takes place in September every year. We bought 35 spaces, which sold out, and after excluding the entry costs our fundraising total was **£6,595.96**. By comparison, last year we bought 50 spaces and our fundraising total was £14,396. Due to the ongoing popularity of the event, we have bought a further 35 spaces for 2026.

We also had one rider take on Ride the North, a large cycling event in Angus in August 2025. He raised a total of **£1,353.18** for us.

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Individual fundraising

The family of a former patient held a golf day for us in Inverurie in July 2025. The Martin Ritchie Memorial Golf Day raised £17,500 for Friends of the Neuro Ward, the ARCHIE Foundation and The Brain Tumour Charity. Martin's family chose FOTNW to receive the largest sum, making a **£10,000** donation in recognition of the care he received.

We received another large donation of **£10,114** from a concert held in Portsoy, organised by a patient and her family.

Other individual fundraising included a one-off donation from a local JogScotland group (**£750**), a donation of **£749.20** raised by a patient holding two afternoon teas, the niece of a former patient taking on the Crathes Half Marathon (**£348.23**), an art night held by the sister-in-law of a patient (**£501**)

We've also gratefully received patient donations from the ward and a small number of funeral donations.

Corporate

We were named as Raeburn Christie Clark and Wallace's charity of the year for 2025. Staff took part in Run Balmoral, Run Garioch, Brewdog Sportive and Midsummer Happening Sportive, and held their own in-house events too. Their fundraising to date is £955.48.

Ward donations

As ever, we are actively encouraging staff to come to us with requests from equipment/upgrades/support and have noticed an uptake in this.

Some of the larger outgoings for 24/25 included:

Wheelchairs x 2	£1,379.98
Various rehab and physio tools	£895.50
Patient dressing gowns	£834.00
Wheelchair cushions	£738.14
Blazepod Ultimate Trainer Bundle	£714.60
Apple iPad and vouchers for Horizons	£681.66
Mobility Smart Serenade Cushions x 5	£674.75
Folding beds x 2	£557.25
Garden tools: Potting container, compost, wheelbarrow, fork	£232.43
Ice machine repairs	£195.76

There has been no further progress in the career development programme for nurses outlined in our 2022/23 report. The commitment remains from FOTNW, but the operational side of the programme remains a work in progress.

Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The trustees received no remuneration in the year; none were reimbursed for any personal travel expenses.

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Review of financial position

The results are set out on page 5. There was a net surplus for the year of £82,035. The bank and cash balances at 31 October 2025 totalled £407,648.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level sufficient to support the charity's activities for the foreseeable future.

Risk factors

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

On behalf of the board of trustees



S Gossip Orwin
Trustee

Dated: 19/3/26



~~G. Critchlow~~ P. Steward
Trustee

Dated: 22/3/24

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF THE NEURO WARD

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

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. 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

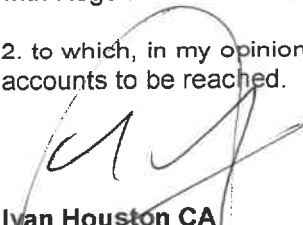
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any 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, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations 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.



Ivan Houston CA
Chartered Accountant
Independent Examiner

8 Albert Street
Kirkwall
Orkney

Dated: 9/3/26.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Receipts		
Donations & legacies	100,333	54,337
Fundraising	2,200	42,026
Investment income	29	12
Total receipts	<u>102,563</u>	<u>96,375</u>
Payments		
Fundraising	2,620	22,868
Charitable activities	17,500	139,580
Governance costs	408	384
Total payments	<u>20,527</u>	<u>162,832</u>
Transfers	0	0
Surplus/(deficit) for year	<u>82,035</u>	<u>(66,456)</u>

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 £	2024 £
	Notes				
Bank and cash in hand					
Opening balance		319,352	6,261	325,613	392,069
Surplus/(deficit) for year		82,035	0	82,035	(66,456)
Closing balance	5	<u>401,387</u>	<u>6,261</u>	<u>407,648</u>	<u>325,613</u>
Liabilities					
Accrued expenses				340	320
Total liabilities				<u>340</u>	<u>280</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 15/3/26



S Gossip Orwin
Trustee



~~G. Critchlow~~ P. DOREWARD
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day to day running of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees during the year.
No trustees were reimbursed for any personal expenses incurred.

4 Restricted funds

£6,251 of funding was received via Brain Tumour Action during the year ended 31 October 2022, to support the formation of a brain tumour support group in Grampian. As at the balance sheet date none of this funding had been expensed.