



*Caring for all affected by this rare, complex and lifelong condition;
promoting research into the cause, effects, treatment and management of Behçet's*

Annual Report 2026

Registered Charity Number 326679



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Medical Advisory Panel



Robert J Moorts

Chair of Advisory Panel

Job title: Professor of Rheumatology/Consultant Rheumatologist

Qualifications/Post Nominals: BSc (Hons), MB BS (Hons), PhD, FRCP

Where qualified: Imperial College, London

Year of initial qualification: 1985

Currently practising at: University Hospital Aintree, University of Liverpool

Special interests: Clinical and basic science, Behçet's disease, systemic vasculitis, rheumatoid arthritis, immunotherapy of rheumatic diseases



Adnan Al-Araji

Job title: Consultant Neurologist

Qualifications/Post Nominals: MB ChB, FRCP, FRCP (Glasg.)

Where qualified: Baghdad, Iraq

Year of initial qualification: 1977

Currently practising at: Royal Stoke University Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent

Special interests: Neuro-Behçet's disease, multiple sclerosis and other

Member of: British Medical Association, Association of British Neurologists, Royal College of Physicians of London; past-Convenor, Neuro Behçet Study Group/ International Society of Behçet's Disease

Special interests: Neuro-Behçet's disease, multiple sclerosis and other inflammatory diseases of the central nervous system, Clinical Director: Royal Stoke Multiple Sclerosis Centre of Excellence.



Clive B Archer

Job title: Cons Dermatologist & Hon Clinical Snr Lecturer

Qualifications/ Post Nominals: BSc (Hons), MB BS, MRCP (UK), MD (Lond), PhD, MRCS (Engl), FRCP (Lond), FRCP (Edin), FRCP (Glasg), PG Cert, PG Diploma & MSc in Medical Education, LLM

Where qualified: Guy's Hospital Medical School, University of London

Year of initial qualification: 1978

Currently practising at: St John's Institute of Dermatology at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and honorary senior clinical lecturer at King's College London (KCL).

Special interests: Clinical interests in inflammatory skin diseases, benign and malignant skin tumours, immunobullous diseases; research interests in immunopharmacology, cell regulatory mechanisms and medical education



Paul Brogan

Job title: Professor of Vasculitis, Infection, Immunity & Inflammation Dept UCL GOS Institute of Child Health, Faculty of Pop Health Sciences

Qualifications/Post Nominals: BSc, MBBS, MRCP, Dip GUM, Dip HIV, MJCSM

Where qualified: Manchester Medical School

Year of initial qualification: 1993

Currently practising at: Great Ormond St Hospital, London

Special interests: Vasculitis, vascular inflammation in the young



Andrew de Burgh-Thomas

Job title: Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine

Qualifications/Post Nominals: BSc, MBBS, MRCP, Dip GUM, Dip HIV

Where qualified: University of London

Year of initial qualification: 1994

Currently practising at: Gloucester Royal Hospital, Cheltenham General Hospital and Bristol Southmead Hospital

Member of: British Association of Sexual Health and HIV, British Medical Association, Royal College of Physicians, FSRH, ESSM

Special interests: HIV and genital dermatology



Farida Fortune CBE

Job title: Director London Behçet's Centre, Barts Health and Queen Mary University of London

Qualifications/Post Nominals: FRCP, FRCS, FDS, RCS, PhD

Where qualified: University College London

Year of initial qualification: Dentistry 1975; Medicine 1980

Currently practising at: Barts Health, Royal London site Queen Mary University of London

Special interests: Immunology and Oral Medicine



Dorian O Haskard

Job title: Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Rheumatology, Imperial College

Qualifications/Post Nominals: DM FRCP FMedSci

Where qualified: University of London

Year of initial qualification: 1977

Currently practising at: Now retired from clinical practice at Imperial College London/Hammersmith Hospital

Special interests: Vascular inflammation



Desmond Kidd

Job title: Consultant Neurologist

Qualifications/Post Nominals: MD BCh BAO MD FRCP

Where qualified: Ireland

Year of initial qualification: 1986

Currently practising at: Now retired from clinical practice at Royal Free Hospital London

Special interests: Neurological complications of inflammatory diseases, particularly Behçet's syndrome, sarcoidosis and histiocytosis; neuro-ophthalmology



Philip Ian Murray

Job title: Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Birmingham

Qualifications/Post Nominals: PhD, FRCP, FRCS, FRCOphth

Where qualified: St George's Hospital Medical School, University of London

Year of initial qualification: 1978

Currently practising at: Now retired from clinical practice at Birmingham and Midland Eye Centre but continues with research and teaching.

Special interests: All types of uveitis including Behçet's disease. Scleritis. *Clinical Research:* Quality of Life in uveitis, *Laboratory Research:* The eye has evolved many mechanisms to prevent significant inflammation, which can lead to visual impairment. I am investigating why in patients with uveitis, the eye cannot control the inflammation. Jazz!



Catherine Nelson-Piercy

Job title: Professor Obstetric Physician

Qualifications/ Post Nominals: MBBSMA, FRCP, FRCOG

Where qualified: Cambridge University and St Bartholomew's Hospital

Year of initial qualification: 1986

Currently practising at: Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals Foundation Trust, Imperial College Healthcare Trust

Special interests: Medical problems in pregnancy, particularly connective tissue diseases, thromboembolism, cardiac and renal disease.



Graham Wallace

Job title: Associate Professor Senior Lecturer,

Qualifications/Post Nominals: BSc Immunology, PhD

Where qualified: University of London

Year of initial qualification: 1985 (PhD)

Currently practicing at: Institute of Inflammation and Ageing, University of Birmingham

Special interests: Ocular immunology, Behçet's disease, immunogenetics, innate immunity



Jane Setterfield

Job title: Professor of Oral and Dermatological Medicine KCL/Honorary Consultant Dermatologist

Where qualified: University College Hospital, London

Year of initial qualification: Dentistry 1980, Medicine 1987

Currently practising at: Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and St Mary's, Paddington, London

Member of: British Association of Dermatology, British Association of Oral Medicine, British Society for Investigative Dermatology, BMA

Special interests: Oral medicine, immunobullous disease, autoimmune disorders

Research: Translational studies in the field of immunobullous diseases and lichen planus

Chair's Report

Overview

The Society continues to discharge its responsibilities effectively whilst maintaining a respected and influential position within the wider rare disease community. Through the combined efforts of our members, trustees, volunteers, staff and clinical colleagues, we continue to provide support, information and advocacy for those affected by Behçet's throughout the United Kingdom.

Whilst our financial position remains sound, securing sustainable and predictable sources of income remains a strategic priority. The generosity of members and supporters through fundraising, donations and legacies continues to make a valuable contribution to our activities; however, the need to strengthen long-term financial resilience remains a focus for the Board.

Governance

The governance of the Society remains robust and fully compliant with Charity Commission guidance. Trustees continue to review policies, procedures and organisational systems to ensure that the Society remains well governed, transparent and accountable.

We are committed to ensuring that our Board reflects the diverse community we support and are actively seeking to broaden the range of perspectives and experiences represented among our Trustees. We particularly encourage applications from working-age people, including those aged 18 to 30, and people from ethnically diverse backgrounds, as these groups are currently underrepresented on our Board. We believe that greater diversity will strengthen our governance and decision-making and help us better represent the needs of everyone affected by Behçet's.

The continued development of our Constituent Relationship Management system has enhanced administrative efficiency and strengthened organisational resilience. I once again place on record my sincere appreciation to fellow trustees for their professionalism, commitment and service. Their contribution is substantial and, importantly, provided entirely on a voluntary basis. Gemma Darlow and Deborah Cardinal are thanked most sincerely for their continued professional contribution to the Society.

Member Engagement and Support

Supporting our members remains at the heart of all that we do. Our annual conference, Friends and Family Day, newsletters, helpline, support groups and online communities continue to provide important opportunities for information sharing, mutual support and engagement.

These activities play a vital role in reducing isolation, promoting understanding of Behçet's and strengthening the sense of community that has long been a defining characteristic of the Society. I am particularly grateful to the many volunteers who continue to devote their time and expertise in support of fellow members.

Research and Strategic Development

The most significant development during the year has been the implementation of the National Behçet's Syndrome Registry. This landmark initiative, developed through collaboration between the three Centres of Excellence, associated paediatric services and Behçet's UK, will establish a secure national dataset to support service evaluation, clinical audit, outcome measurement and future research.

The Registry represents the first pillar of what I regard as a long-term strategic programme to transform Behçet's research within the United Kingdom. It will help build the evidence base required to understand

patient outcomes more comprehensively, identify patterns of disease progression and facilitate future clinical studies.

A second major opportunity has arisen through our partnership with Our Future Health, the UK's largest health research programme. As I have repeatedly stressed to members, participation in this initiative has the potential to be transformative for rare diseases such as Behçet's. By contributing genetic, health and lifestyle data alongside millions of other participants, our community can help ensure that Behçet's is represented within one of the most important research resources ever established in the UK.

The combination of the National Registry and Our Future Health provides a unique opportunity. Together they will help establish a more complete understanding of the natural history of Behçet's within the UK population, support future genomic research, improve opportunities for clinical trial recruitment and strengthen our ability to attract researchers to the field. Importantly, they will also support the development of patient-reported outcome measures, ensuring that future research reflects what matters most to patients themselves.

Alongside these initiatives, the Society has continued to support research activity and the ongoing development of the British Association of Dermatologists and British Society for Rheumatology Behçet's Living Guideline. These developments will continue to strengthen the evidence base for the diagnosis, treatment and management of Behçet's across the UK.

Communications and Advocacy

Behçet's UK remains actively engaged across the rare disease sector, working alongside national organisations, NHS bodies and policy forums to ensure that the interests of our members are represented and understood.

Our communications strategy continues to enhance awareness of Behçet's amongst healthcare professionals, policymakers and the wider public. The growth of our digital platforms and social media presence has increased the visibility of the Society and extended the reach of our support services.

I continue to represent the Society across a range of national rare disease, genomic medicine and patient involvement initiatives. These relationships remain important in ensuring that Behçet's patients benefit from wider developments in healthcare, research and public policy.

Looking Forward

The establishment of the National Registry marks a significant milestone, but it is only the beginning. The challenge now is to ensure widespread patient participation so that the Registry fulfils its potential as a national research and service-improvement asset. To ensure equity, we need to involve those not on the books of the three Centres of Excellence, particularly in the Devolved Nations, by setting-up a parallel registry and incorporating a Patient Reported Outcomes (PROMS) portal.

Equally, I strongly encourage members to enrol in Our Future Health. The scale of the programme, its commitment to genomic medicine and its ability to support future research recruitment offer opportunities that simply did not exist a decade ago. If sufficient numbers of Behçet's patients participate, we will be in a much stronger position to encourage researchers to investigate the condition, particularly in areas such as genetics, disease mechanisms and personalised medicine.

Together, the Registry, patient-reported outcomes, natural history studies and participation in Our Future Health provide the foundations for a coordinated research strategy that has the potential to benefit future generations of patients.

Alongside these ambitions, the Board will continue to maintain a strong focus on financial sustainability, good governance and organisational resilience to ensure that the Society remains equipped to meet future challenges.

Conclusion

The Society is well placed to continue its important work on behalf of those affected by Behçet's. We benefit from the dedication of an outstanding community of members, volunteers, clinicians, staff and trustees who share a common commitment to improving outcomes for patients.

Whilst progress is often incremental, I believe we are now laying some of the most important foundations for the future of Behçet's research and care that we have seen in many years. The National Registry and Our Future Health both have the potential to transform our understanding of the condition and ultimately improve the lives of those affected by it.

I conclude by expressing my sincere thanks to everyone who contributes to the success of Behçet's UK. Through your professionalism, generosity and unwavering commitment, the Society continues to strengthen its position as a trusted voice for the Behçet's community and an effective advocate for those we serve.

Tony Thornburn OBE

Chair of Trustees

07 September 2026

Fundraising Report

Funding & impact

Because Behçet's UK receives no external statutory funding, our operations rely entirely on independent fundraising to support everyone navigating this rare and complex condition. This vital revenue directly funds medical research, our two part-time administrators, and the production of our newsletter. Crucially, your donations also sustain our key community lifelines: running our Helpline to provide an invaluable listening ear and signposting service, facilitating UK support groups to connect patients and carers, producing trusted medical resources for both families and clinicians, hosting our annual conference and AGM, maintaining our 24/7 digital channels, and advocating for our community on the national stage at clinical exhibitions, medical conferences, and rare disease events.

Our Fundraising Year

Through the financial period from September 2025 to August 2026, our independent fundraising activities and donations successfully generated £21,246. The continuity of our work is a direct testament to this extraordinary commitment, and over the following pages of this annual report, we are proud to spotlight a selection of the exceptional supporters whose dedication defined our past year.

A Heartfelt Thank You

We are extremely grateful to every single individual, family, group and workplace that supported Behçet's UK this year. Whether you laced up your running shoes, braved extreme heights, hosted an event, baked treats or set up a digital fundraiser, your extraordinary efforts make a wonderful difference. Your generosity ensures that we can continue providing our vital lifelines, and we simply could not do it without you.

Get Involved

We always welcome supporters who share our vision and wish to champion our cause. If you are interested in launching a campaign or hosting an event, we encourage you to visit our website at behcetsuk.org and click on *Get Involved* to explore available resources and learn how we can assist your efforts. Alternatively, our administration team can assist you directly via email at info@behcetsuk.org or by phone on 0345 130 7328.

Judi Scott

Honorary Secretary

4 September 2026

Recycle 4 Charity

Give as you Live
Online



easyfundraising
feel good shopping

DontSend
MeACard

ebay

Behçet's UK also raises much needed funds from the sale of merchandise, payroll giving, online shopping, online sales and bequests in wills.



Miles and Milestones

We have always been lucky to have supporters keen to take on an active challenge, and this year was no different. While the distances and routes varied wildly (from daily local walks to marathon trails), every single step helped raise crucial awareness of Behçet's and generated vital funds!

Sophie | £150

Sophie challenged herself to walk 200 miles in March. Rallying her family to join the cause, they clocked up a staggering 496 combined miles together.

Warren | £610

Warren landed a highly sought-after place in the London Marathon ballot, turning his coveted spot into vital funding and awareness on race day.

Jennie | £1,040

Jennie laced up her running shoes in March to tackle the Hampton Court Palace Half Marathon, running in honour of her wife, Naomi.

Ross | £1,854

Taking on the gruelling South Downs Way 100-mile challenge in honour of his wife who lives with Behçet's, Ross smashed his goals. He raised an incredible £18.54 for every single mile conquered.

Adam | £1,190

Adam dedicated February and March to a relentless streak of active movement, challenging himself to a daily 5k run or walk for two straight months in honour of his father and sister, who both live with Behçet's.



Our Coastal Champions

This year saw the launch of our virtual Coast Path Challenge, inspired by the scenic South West Coast Path a 629.6-mile route.

Everyone who stepped up to take on this challenge in 2026 lives with Behçet's themselves, proving that our community refuses to be defined by their condition.

Together, our trio of coastal champions raised a phenomenal £1,206!

Emily | £783

and counting!

Emily boldly took on the full 629.6-mile path. Clocking up her miles through a mix of running, walking and cycling over 12 weeks, she is on track to finish this October.

Kayla | £363

Kayla smashed her 301.1-mile target over the summer. By consistently tracking her daily walking and cycling, she raised fantastic funds and awareness.

Jody | £60

Jody showed great ambition by signing up for the ultimate 629.6-mile route. Navigating the daily challenges of Behçet's, she successfully raised vital early funds for the campaign.

Amazing Advocates

Simona | £920

Simona launched a brilliant general fundraising campaign on JustGiving this year, generating massive engagement and vital support for the charity.

Social Media Birthdays and Celebrations | £716

We are incredibly grateful to the 16 members and supporters who kindly set up Facebook and Instagram fundraisers this year. Most of these were created to mark special birthdays, with friends and family generously donating in lieu of traditional birthday gifts to raise a fantastic collective total.

Natasha | £160

Facing her fear of heights head-on, Natasha teamed up with her brother Nathan to complete a thrilling abseil down the Cardiff Principality Stadium.

Ruth | £1570

Ruth hosted her spectacular 14th annual ladies ball in aid of Behçet's UK the spring. Bringing everyone together for a wonderful evening, she continues to generate awareness and raised a another fantastic sum for our charity.

Bake for Behçet's



Our supporters truly rose to the occasion for our sweet campaign, tying their events in with International Behçet's Awareness Day on 20 May. From university campuses to corporate offices, these brilliant bakers generated fantastic awareness and raised a delicious grand total of £811.20!

Susan | £260

Susan, owner of Sweet Farmer's, kindly donated a day's business takings in honour of her late brother, Gary Moore. Her incredible spread featured delicious bakes like flapjack millionaires and a flake chocolate cheesecake.

Teja | £370.20

Teja teamed up with university friends and Bramble the assistance dog to hold a vibrant bake sale at Brighton University. Wearing Behçet's UK t-shirts, they educated fellow students about the condition while generating vital support.

Emma | £181

Emma successfully brought the campaign into the corporate world, whipping up a delicious treats table and hosting a popular bake sale at her workplace to rally support from her colleagues.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2026

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in this report and comply with the charity's trust deed and applicable law.

Constitution and objects

Behçet's UK is constituted under a trust deed dated 11 October 2008 and is a registered charity number 326679.

The object of the charity is to relieve and mitigate the distress of persons suffering from Behçet's Disease by:

- promoting the study of the cause and treatment of the disease and allied conditions;
- gathering and publishing information useful to sufferers and the general public;
- co-operating with the medical, allied professions and other societies with similar aims; and
- providing financial assistance to relieve poverty among Behçet's Patients.

Organisation

The trustees act as a management committee and meet quarterly to administer the business of the society. All trustees are unpaid volunteers working on behalf of the Society in their own time.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reserves

The trustees aim to maintain reserves at a level that lies approximately between the total income that the Society would expect in a six-month period and that in a full financial year.

However, should a particularly large donation be received, Trustees would normally treat the larger part as an earmarked reserve, to be used over the next three financial years to underwrite any possible shortfall in income or need for exceptional expenditure.

Risks and public benefits

The trustees consider that the Society is in a strong financial position currently and do not consider that the Society faces any significant risks in the longer future, but they will continue to monitor income and expenditure regularly.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Thornburn', written in a cursive style.

Tony Thornburn OBE

Chair of Trustees

09 September 2026

Staff and Trustees

Trustees

Tony Thornburn OBE (Chair)
Catherine O'Hara (Vice Chair)
Judi Scott (Hon. Secretary)
Alan Lane (Hon. Treasurer)
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Rachael Humphreys
Fionnuala McKinley
Amanda Moseley
Neil Williams (Resigned 14 July 2026)

Staff

Gemma Darlow (Administrator)
Deborah Cardinal (Assistant Administrator)

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Clare Griffiths

Medical Advisory Panel

Prof Rob Moots
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Dr Andrew de Burgh-Thomas
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Report on Financial Statement 2025/26

In last year's report, I recorded that we entered 2025/26 with our largest ever reserves, thanks to one exceptionally generous bequest, enabling us to commit to helping with two major projects. At the same time, I noted that we continued to be crucially dependent upon bequests and fundraising events, as our only predictable income, from subscriptions and donations, is significantly less than our commitments on salaries and charitable activities.

The year just ended, on 31 August 2026, has been fairly 'normal', as we received only one modest bequest from a former member and our 'day-to-day' expenditure, on salaries, our Annual Conference, our newsletter, charitable grants and services to members, and other costs, was not matched by our income from subscriptions and donations.

Although our standard subscription rate was increased from £20 to £30 a year from September 2025, this produced relatively little additional income, as a large proportion of our members are able to claim exemption.

It is important to note that the Society receives no grants from government or health service sources.

The General Fund received income this year of £39.1k, including £9.8k in subscriptions, £21.2k in donations and fundraising activities, £1k from a legacy and other income totalling £7k. Expenditure was £85.9k and there was a net deficit on the General Fund of £43.2k, leaving accumulated reserves of £19.6k.

The Research Fund had income of just £0.4k, from a few small donations. No research grants were made this year. Its reserves now stand at £61.3k.

The Projects Fund holds a balance of £149.2k of which approximately £95k has been committed to support a National Patient Registry project over the next four years and £49k was reserved for possible use in supporting the appointment of a specialist nurse to work in Scotland.

Outlook. On the face of it, the Society is in a somewhat challenging position, as the reserves on the General Fund are now at about the minimum level that the Trustees would wish to see, and, if the year ahead has the same degree of mismatch between income and expenditure as the last two, there would be serious difficulties ahead.

However, it should be noted that the large reserves in the Project Fund will only be drawn down for the Patient Registry project over the period 2026 to 2030 and no further commitments have been entered into with regard to the other balances being held at the present time.

It will be a priority for Trustees to seek further ways of raising funds, with the help of all those members who are in a position to do so, either by supporting fundraising events or by considering leaving legacies to the Society in due course.

I am enormously indebted to our two part-time members of staff, Gemma Darlow and Deborah Cardinal, who now do most of our membership administration, and I should like to thank them for all their hard work during the past year.

Alan Lane

Hon. Treasurer

20 September 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

2025/26

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2026

	General Fund	Research Fund	Projects Fund	Total 2026	Total 2025	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments						
Donations and fundraising	21 246	370	0	21 616	18 904	Note 5
Bequests and legacies	1 000	0	0	1 000	178 824	
Subscriptions	9 836	0	0	9 836	9 617	
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	5 021	0	0	5 021	3 093	
Sales of goods	703	0	0	703	1 252	
Other	1 312	0	0	1 312	3 684	Note 7
Total income and endowments	39 118	370	0	39 488	215 374	
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Trading costs	362	0	0	362	300	
Event costs	3 089	0	0	3 089	3 432	
Fundraising costs	254	0	0	254	415	
Staff training	0	0	0	0	0	
Grants and bursaries	3 683	0	0	3 683	2 303	
Research grants	0	0	0	0	35 000	
Subscriptions to other organizations	1 057	0	0	1 057	863	
Helpline costs	141	0	0	141	127	
Workshops	4 260	0	0	4 260	0	
Grants to other charities	0	0	0	0	25 000	Note 8
Salaries and wages	38 275	0	0	38 275	35 187	Note 9
Social security and pensions	803	0	0	803	707	Note 9
Travel and subsistence	1 480	0	0	1 480	3 289	
Insurance	509	0	0	509	1 480	
Telephone charges	754	0	0	754	7 00	
Printing, postage, stationery etc.	1 601	0	0	1 601	659	
Equipment purchases	25	0	0	25	192	
Newsletter	11 242	0	0	11 242	10 697	
Web site and publicity	430	0	0	430	1 690	
ICT hardware	0	0	0	0	912	
ICT software and management	5 247	0	0	5 247	4 713	
Annual Conference and AGM	9 027	0	0	9 027	7 894	
Governance costs	3 039	0	0	3 039	1 286	
Other	652	0	0	652	1451	
Total expenditure	85 930	0	0	85 930	138 360	
Net inc/exp before gains on investments	-46 812	370	0	-46 442	77 014	
Net gains on investments	3 579	275	249	4 103	3 964	
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	-43 233	645	249	-42 339	80 978	
Transfers between funds	0	-100 000	100 000	0	0	
Net movements in Funds after transfers	-43 233	-99 355	100 249	-42 339	80 978	
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Fund balance brought forward at 1 Sep 2025	62 800	160 704	49 000	272 504	191 526	
Fund balance carried forward at 31 Aug 2026	19 567	61 349	149 249	230 165	272 504	

Statement of Financial Activities

2024/25

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2025

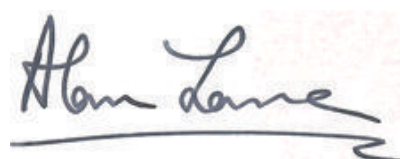
	General Fund	Research Fund	Projects Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments						
Donations and fundraising	18 744	160	0	18 904	25 609	Note 5
Bequests and legacies	1 000	177 824	0	178 824	0	
Subscriptions	9 617	0	0	9 617	9 141	
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	3 085	8	0	3 093	3 140	
Grants received	0	0	0	0	4 062	Note 6
Sales of goods	1 252	0	0	1 252	775	
Other	3 684	0	0	3 684	4 663	Note 7
Total income and endowments	37 382	177 992	0	215 374	47 390	
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Trading costs	300	0	0	300	129	
Event costs	3 432	0	0	3 432	1 925	
Fundraising costs	415	0	0	415	779	
Staff training	63	0	63	0	0	
Grants and bursaries	1 303	0	1 000	2 303	1 145	
Research grants	0	35 000	0	35 000	0	
Subscriptions to other organizations	863	0	0	863	683	
Helpline costs	127	0	0	127	117	
Grants to other charities	25 000	0	0	25 000	0	Note 8
Salaries and wages	35 187	0	0	35 187	31 623	Note 9
Social security and pensions	707	0	0	707	650	Note 9
Travel and subsistence	3 289	0	0	3 289	3 863	
Insurance	1 480	0	0	1 480	988	
Telephone charges	700	0	0	7 00	585	
Printing, postage, stationery etc.	659	0	0	659	1 246	
Equipment purchases	192	0	0	192	181	
Newsletter	10 697	0	0	10 697	10 375	
Web site and publicity	670	1 020	0	1 690	600	
ICT hardware	912	0	0	912	53	
ICT software and management	4 713	0	0	4 713	2 651	
Annual Conference and AGM	7 894	0	0	7 894	9 265	
Governance costs	1 286	0	0	1 286	1 646	
Other	1451	0	0	1451	807	
Total expenditure	101 340	36 020	1 000	138 360	69 311	
Net expenditure before gains on investments	-63 958	141 972	-1 000	77 014	-21 921	
Net gains on investments	2 449	1 515	0	3 964	3 806	
NET INCOME	-61 509	143 487	-1 000	80 978	-18 115	
Transfers between funds	50 000	0	-50 000	0	0	
Net movements in Funds after transfers	-11 509	143 487	-51 000	80 978	-118 115	
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Fund balance brought forward at 1 Sep 2024	74 309	17 217	100 000	191 526	209 641	
Fund balance carried forward at 31 Aug 2025	62 800	160 704	49 000	272 504	191 526	

Balance Sheet (31 August 2026)

Balance Sheet as at 31 Aug 2026	General Fund	Research Fund	Projects Fund	Total 2026	Total 2025	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Current Assets						
Stock in hand	1 321	0	0	1 321	1 532	Note 10
Debtors	0	0	0	0	12	Note 11
Prepayments	529	0	0	529	283	Note 12
Accrued income	850	0	249	1 099	1 920	Note 12
Recoverable Gift Aid	618	419	0	1 037	781	
Deposit Accounts	12121	60 430	149 000	221 551	262 391	
Current Accounts	5 446	500	0	5 946	6 465	
Petty Cash	350	0	0	350	350	Note 13
Total current assets	21 235	61 349	149 249	231 833	273 734	
Current Liabilities						
Creditors	556	0	0	556	510	Note 14
Accrued expenses	1 112	0	0	1 112	720	Note 15
Total current liabilities	1 668	0	0	1 668	1 230	
Total net assets	19 567	61 349	149 249	230 165	272 504	
TOTAL FUNDS	19 567	61 349	149 249	230 165	272 504	

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 16 September 2026

Signed



Alan Lane

Hon. Treasurer

20 September 2026

Notes to the Accounts

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 Aug 2026

1. Basis of accounting

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 FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Behçet's UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. Income

All income is included in the financial statements without netting off expenditure. Donations and fundraising income are treated as General Fund unless they are specifically designated by the donor for the Research Fund.

3. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the year to which it relates. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the relevant heading.

4. Funds

The General Fund comprises funds that the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

The Research Fund was opened in 1995 and is specifically intended to provide for financial grants to be given to research projects in the UK concerned with the study of Behçet's Disease.

The Projects Fund was opened in 2024 and is intended to hold funds that have been earmarked by Trustees for major projects, but where no contractual obligations have yet been undertaken.

Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Project Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Net current assets	19 567	61 349	149 249	230 165
Total	19 567	61 349	149 249	230 165

5. Donations

A number of members made small donations to the Research Fund, totalling £0.4k, in addition to their subscriptions this year.

6. Grants

No grants were received this year from outside bodies.

7. Other income

These items mainly relate to administrative support given to Behçet's Patients Centres, the charitable company set up to support patients attending the three Centres of Excellence with funding from NHS England.

8. Grants to other charities

The Trustees made one grant last year of £25k to support the work of our sister charity Behçet's Patients Centres, which employs a part-time support co-ordinator at each of the three Behçet's Centres of Excellence at NHS hospitals in London, Birmingham and Liverpool, as well as a part-time Operations Lead. No such grants were made this year.

9. Salary costs Year ending 31 August	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	38 275	35 187
National Insurance contributions	0	0 (after deduction of rebate)
Employer's pension contributions	<u>803</u>	<u>707</u>
	39 078	35 894

The average number of staff employed during the year was 2 persons (2025, 2 persons). There are no employees earning above £60 000 (2025 none).

None of the trustees, nor any persons connected with them, has received any remuneration during the year. Three trustees received expenses for travel and subsistence costs this year totalling £2 623 (2025: £1806).

10. Stock

Stock consists of purchased items intended for resale and is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

11. Debtors

No debtors as at 31 August 2026.

12. Prepayments

Portions of insurance and subscriptions paid in 2025/26 that relate to 2026.

13. Petty Cash

Expense floats held by Administrator and Assistant Administrator.

14. Creditors

General Fund: Sum owed to HMRC in respect of August 2026 salaries.

15. Accrued expenses

Provision for fees for independent examination of accounts (plus staff expenses relating to 2025/26 paid in 2026/27).

Independent Examiner's Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEHÇET'S UK

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2026 which are set out on pages 14 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



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Date: 15/10/2026