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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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QEII Centre, London

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A G E N D A

The Society's President, Professor Robina Coker, will be in the Chair.

1. Apologies for absence

2. **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 26 November 2025 **(Paper 1)**

3. **Matters arising** from the minutes if not elsewhere on the agenda.

4. **Report from the Chair of the Board of Trustees**

4.1 Professor Richard Russell will give a brief overview of activities during the year.

5. **Report from the Honorary Treasurer**

5.1 Report and financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2026 **(Paper 2)**

Members are referred also to the Annual Report from the Board of Trustees which can be found here: https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/about-us/governance-documents-and-policies/

5.2 Investments

5.3 Membership Fees for 2027, including the ERS membership annual fee for BTS members

5.4 Delegate rates for meetings in 2027

5.5 Appointment of auditors for 2026/2027

6. **Report from Editors of *Thorax* and BMJ Open Respiratory Research (BMJORR)**

6.1 The annual reports from the Editors-in-Chief are enclosed. **(Papers 3a and 3b)**

7. **Office Bearers and Trustees**

7.1 **President and President-elect 2027**
Following the call for nominations in the summer of 2026, Professor Ian Pavord was returned unopposed. He will serve as President-elect with effect from the AGM in November 2026, serving as President for one year from the AGM in November 2027. Professor Adam Hill will serve as President in 2026.

7.2 **Honorary Treasurer**
Following due process and in accordance with the Society's constitution, Dr Hugo Farne was selected as Honorary Treasurer in 2026. He will take up post with effect from the AGM..

7.3 **Chair of the Workforce Committee**
Following due process and in accordance with the Society's constitution, Dr Duncan Wilson was appointed as the Chair of the Workforce Committee and will take up post following the AGM.

7.4 **Sustainability Trustee**
Recruitment for this role will take place in late 2026 / early 2027.

7.5 **Chair of the Board**
Professor Richard Russell will complete his term as Chair of the Board at the AGM in November 2027. In accordance with the Society's constitution the role will be advertised during 2027 to allow for effective handover to take place.

8. **Election of members of Council**
Following the call for nominations, 6 people will join Council, serving from November 2026 until November 2029. The following members were appointed:

Professor Rob Hallifax
Dr Alanna Hare
Professor Luke Howard
Dr Anthony Martinelli
Dr Benjamin Pippard
Dr Ambika Talwar

9. **Votes of thanks**

9.1 To all members of BTS.

9.2 **Elected members of BTS Council** who will stand down at the AGM:
Dr Charlotte Addy
Dr Aqeem Azam
Dr Chloë Bloom
Dr Wadah Ibrahim
Professor Anna Murphy

9.3 **Trustees** who will stand down at the AGM:
Dr Dan Smith, Chair of the Workforce Committee
Dr Laura-Jane Smith, Sustainability Trustee

9.4 **Officers** who will stand down at the AGM:
Dr Alanna Hare, Honorary Treasurer
Professor Robina Coker, President

10. **Any other business notified to the Chair or Secretary before the meeting**

11. **Date of next AGM** Wednesday 24 November 2027

MINUTES of the meeting of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the BRITISH THORACIC SOCIETY held on Wednesday 26 November 2025 at 5.35pm, QEII Centre, London and online via Zoom.

Professor Nick Maskell presided.

The meeting was quorate, with 62 members in the room and 12 members attending online.

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Dr Ian Campbell and Dr Steve Holmes.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 27 November 2024

2.1 The President invited corrections to the minutes. No corrections were reported and the minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes if not elsewhere on the agenda

3.1 The changes to the Articles of Association discussed at the 2024 AGM had been implemented.

3.2 There were no other matters arising.

4. Report from the Chair of the Board of Trustees

4.1 The Chair of the Board advised the strategic priorities had been refreshed and the five strategic priorities for 2026-2028 were:

- Championing the respiratory workforce
- Delivering education and professional development
- Advancing respiratory care and reducing inequalities
- Leading research, innovation and sustainability in respiratory health
- Maintaining a well-governed, inclusive, and financially stable membership organisation

4.2 Professor Russell advised membership numbers continued to grow from 4678 in June 2024 to 4911 in June 2025. The Society had responded to 21 national consultations and the BTS social media presence had increased with "X" followers reaching over 33,000 across BTS and Respiratory Futures and over 4,000 followers on LinkedIn.

4.3 The Society continues to raise the profile of respiratory with NHS England leadership, other leaders across the four nations, stakeholders and in press and media work. BTS continues to work closely with Dr Jonathan Fuld, NHSE Respiratory NCD.

4.4 Professor Russell advised the Society continues to work closely with Asthma + Lung UK, PCRS and colleagues in associated professional societies. The Society had involvement in the Taskforce for Lung Health and the International Respiratory Coalition. BTS continued to be an active member of the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change (UKHACC), a collaboration of organisations working to raise the profile of climate change across healthcare, and the Healthy Air Coalition (HAC).

4.5 BTS was invited to provide clinical leadership for the NHSE Outpatient Transformation work in respiratory – this work is ongoing. BTS is a partner in the Respiratory Transformation Partnership, which, through the Health Innovation Networks, will focus on delivery of better outcomes for respiratory patients. As a member of the Taskforce for Lung Health, BTS will support the development of the case for a Modern Service Framework for respiratory.

4.6 Professor Russell reported that over 2,600 delegates attended the 2024 Winter Meeting and over 760 delegates attended the 2024 Summer Meeting. 12 online and onsite short courses were attended by over 1,000 delegates during the 2024/2025 year and the BTS webinars series grew, covering respiratory physiology as well as asthma and MDR-TB.

4.7 Four new guidance documents were published in the past year including the BTS/NICE/SIGN guideline on diagnosis, monitoring and chronic asthma management. The MDR-TB Clinical Advice Service continued to provide vital advice to clinicians across the 4 nations and the Society continues to support the Joint Tuberculosis Committee which brings together over 20 stakeholders from across the 4 nations to facilitate the exchange of information and sharing of good practice for the benefit of patients with tuberculosis.

4.8 Work continues to develop a toolkit for those working in respiratory in support of the BTS position statement on Sustainability and the Environment: Climate Change and Lung Health.

4.9 Professor Russell highlighted the Respiratory Futures website and podcast series as an amazing resource for those working in respiratory.

4.10 Looking ahead to 2025/2026 Professor Russell noted professional framework documents for pharmacists and for those working pulmonary rehabilitation will be published. Further work on guidelines, clinical statements and quality standards will take place and the new BTS website will launch in early 2026.

4.11 Professor Russell wished to extend his thanks to the BTS head office team and most importantly the members of the Society, without whom the BTS would not have such a bright future.

5. Report from the Honorary Treasurer

5.1 Dr Alanna Hare gave a brief report on the BTS financial statements for the year to the end of June 2025, summarising the key issues for the past year. She reported the Society's finances were balanced at the year end.

5.2 The deficit was -£160,016 reflecting investment in activities (a deficit of -£2,902 in 2024). After investment losses (reflecting a turbulent few months globally), the year ended with a deficit of -£269,535 (surplus of £338,822 in 2024). Society total funds at year end: £7,216,213 (£7,485,748 in 2024).

5.3 Dr Hare advised membership subscriptions had continued to increase and remain a main source of income for the Society. Other income streams are Thorax and BMJ Open Respiratory Research, dividend income from investments and the Winter Meeting.

5.4 Asset investments: the investment portfolio was valued at £4,689,317 on 30 June 2025. The BTS investment excludes investment in tobacco or tobacco-related products, fossil fuel or fracking, the arms trade and companies whose principal business is sales/marketing of alcohol. The Honorary Treasurer thanked the Evelyn Partners for their stewardship of BTS resources.

5.5 The Honorary Treasurer advised the Board proposed a 5% increase in BTS membership subscriptions for 2026/27 due to increasing costs (previously held for 12 years running) and confirmation from the membership was invited.

5.6 The attendees were asked to vote on the increase to BTS membership fees and the motion was carried (by a majority of 55 voting in favour).

5.7 The ERS agreement will continue under contract until June 2026, following a renewal of the contract from 1 July 2023.

5.8 Delegate rates for short courses, the Summer Meeting and Winter Meeting will be set as close to the 2024/25 rates as possible.

5.9 Dr Hare advised this had been the seventh audit with auditors HaysMac. The audit was conducted with onsite visits as well as online and ran to time. No major issues had been identified in the 2024/25 audit. The Board proposed that a tender process be undertaken in early 2026 to appoint future auditors.

6. Report on the journals *Thorax* and *BMJ Open Respiratory Research*

6.1 The President advised the report from Editors in Chief of Thorax, and from the publisher of BMJORR was available in the AGM papers. The President recorded the Society's thanks to all those involved in producing the Society's journals.

7. Office Bearers and Trustees

The Honorary Secretary was delighted to announce the following appointments:

7.1 **President and President Elect 2026**
The Honorary Secretary announced the appointment of Professor Adam Hill as President Elect.

7.2 **Chair of the Board of Trustees**
The Honorary Secretary reported following due process and in accordance with the Society's constitution, Dr Charlotte Addy was selected as Honorary Secretary in 2025 and will take up the role following the AGM.

7.3 **Chair of the Education and Training Committee**
Following due process and in accordance with the Society's constitution, Dr Odiri Eneje was appointed as the Chair of the Education and Training Committee and will take up post following the AGM.

7.4 **Chair of the Standards of Care Committee**
Following due process and in accordance with the Society's constitution, Professor James Chalmers was appointed as the Chair of the Standards of Care Committee and will take up post following the AGM.

8. Election of New Council Members
Following the call for nominations, 6 people will join Council, serving from November 2025 until November 2028. The following members were appointed:

Mrs Alison Armstrong
Dr James Calvert
Dr Jessica Gates (Early Career member)
Dr Dana Li
Professor Najib Rahman

Dr Steven Walker

9. Votes of Thanks

9.1 The President formally thanked BTS members for their work over the past year and for all of their contributions to the Society.

9.2 Following the appointment of new Council members, the following Council members stepped down and were thanked by the President for completing their term:

Mrs Emma Chaplin
Dr Steve Holmes
Dr Katharine Hurt
Dr Sriram Iyer
Dr Pujan Patel
Dr Matthew Steward

9.3 The following Trustees stepped down and were thanked for their valued contribution to the BTS Board by the President:

Mrs Alison Armstrong, Chair of the Education and Training Committee
Professor Adam Hill, Chair of the Standards of Care Committee

9.4 The following Officers stepped down and were thanked for their valued contribution to the Society:

Honorary Secretary – Professor Andres Floto
BTS President – Professor Nick Maskell

10. Any other notified business

No other formal items of business were noted. Comments from the audience reflected the importance of producing an updated workforce document to support those working in respiratory and about the need to encourage and support those coming into respiratory at the start of their careers.

11. Date of next AGM

Wednesday 25 November 2026.

The President thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 6.10pm.

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	**2026 Total £**	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	6,306	-	**6,306**	-	-	-
Charitable activities							
Membership	2	767,116	-	**767,116**	747,363	-	747,363
Standards and Education	2	354,595	55,000	**409,595**	474,144	59,243	533,387
Research and Innovation	2	2,039,528	-	**2,039,528**	1,789,236	-	1,789,236
Investments	3	94,592	-	**94,592**	95,691	-	95,691
Total income		3,262,137	55,000	**3,317,137**	3,106,434	59,243	3,165,677
Expenditure on:							
Investment Management costs	4	48,686	-	**48,686**	44,204	-	44,204
Charitable activities							
Membership	4	165,834	-	**165,834**	158,713	-	158,713
Standards and Education	4	1,120,768	160,345	**1,281,113**	1,169,859	235,505	1,405,364
Research and Innovation	4	1,466,822	-	**1,466,822**	1,274,666	-	1,274,666
Profile	4	581,292	-	**581,292**	442,746	-	442,746
Total expenditure		3,383,402	160,345	**3,543,747**	3,090,188	235,505	3,325,693
Net (expenditure) before net gains on investments		(121,265)	(105,345)	**(226,610)**	16,246	(176,262)	(160,016)
Net (losses) on investments		(335,410)	**-**	**(335,410)**	(109,519)	**-**	(109,519)
Net (expenditure) for the year	5	(456,675)	(105,345)	**(562,020)**	(93,273)	(176,262)	(269,535)
Transfers between funds		(90,050)	90,050	**-**	(89,651)	89,651	-
Net (expenditure) and net movement in funds		(546,725)	(15,295)	**(562,020)**	(182,924)	(86,611)	(269,535)
Net (expenditure) for the year and net movement in funds		(546,725)	(15,295)	**(562,020)**	(182,924)	(86,611)	(269,535)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward	19	7,196,213	20,000	**7,216,213**	7,379,137	106,611	7,485,748
Total funds carried forward	19	6,649,488	4,705	**6,654,193**	7,196,213	20,000	7,216,213

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.
Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 17 to the financial statements.

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Balance sheet

Company no. 1645201

As at 30 June 2026

	Note	£	**2026** **£**	£	2025 £
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	11		**1,691,497**		1,481,067
Intangible assets	12		**56,996**		33,276
Investments	13		**4,262,192**		4,689,317
			6,010,685		6,203,660
Current assets:					
Stock	14	**5,450**		-	
Debtors	15	**1,192,081**		877,723	
Cash at bank and in hand		**1,422,561**		1,867,191	
		2,620,092		2,744,914	
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	**(1,976,584)**		(1,732,361)	
Net current assets			643,508		1,012,553
Total net assets			**6,654,193**		**7,216,213**
The funds of the charity:	19				
Restricted income funds			**4,705**		20,000
Unrestricted income funds:					
Designated funds		**6,144,291**		6,321,582	
General funds		**505,197**		874,631	
Total unrestricted funds			**6,649,488**		7,196,213
Total charity funds			**6,654,193**		7,216,213

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 8 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Dr. Alanna Hare
Honorary Treasurer

2026 Thorax report from the Editors-in-Chief

The senior editorial team at Thorax comprises three Editors-in-Chief (Professors Cecilia O'Kane, Jenni Quint and Mark Griffiths) and the deputy editors: Professors Alex Bottle and Rachel Chambers.

Our five-year strategy for the journal remains:

1. Increase impact and reach

The journal's impact factor rose this year to 9.6 (up from 8.3) and it is ranked 7th of 107 journals in the Web of Science Respiratory Systems category. The journal has a CiteScore of 14.4 and is ranked 7th of 165 journals in the Scopus Respiratory Medicine category. Four of the ten most-cited papers contributing to this year's impact factor are BTS guidelines or clinical statements.

Developing markets: links with India are being further strengthened. Sheetu Singh has been invited from Jaipur to chair the Thorax/Lancet Respiratory Medicine joint session at the Winter Meeting.

The number of submissions continues to increase year on year. This year there are an average of 149 new papers per month compared with 142 in 2025. The overall acceptance rate (for all article types, including commissioned articles and editorials) is 18%; for original research the rate is 9%. Over one-third of submissions are from China, followed by UK, USA and South Korea.

2. Make Thorax a prime resource for education

The podcast continues to release new episodes regularly, some of which are in collaboration with PulmPeeps in the US. Listen to previous episodes on your favourite podcast platform and sign up to be alerted about new ones. See https://thoraxbmj.podbean.com/.

The Thorax Education page continues to develop, including a library of content-related MCQs, Images in Thorax and Visual Abstracts. Visual Abstracts are being introduced for all research articles, with the aim to make them more visible online and shareable on social media.

3. Encourage environmentally sustainable publishing and support environmental issues

4. Increase diversity in the Editorial team.

Challenges for Thorax

1. Managing turnaround times for submitted papers, making sure that reviews are conducted in a timely manner and avoiding reviewer fatigue. To address this, Thorax is implementing a Reviewer Recognition scheme. Reviewers who conduct three or more high quality reviews within 12 months will be eligible for an APC waiver on a paper they submit to the journal and wish to publish open access. For full details, please see the journal website. The scheme will be formally launched at the BTS Winter Meeting.
2. Marketing – ensuring the journal is promoted widely online to readers and potential authors. There is closer collaboration with BTS to promote journal content and increase engagement with members through regular updates and highlighting of key papers. Please

sign up to receive e-alerts to keep up-to-date with the latest articles and issues as they are published. Thorax is now part of the Respiratory Medicine at BMJ Group LinkedIn page, which is regularly updated with new content from the journal.

We are grateful as ever for the support of Sally Welham and the BTS team, and Morag Thompson and Henry Spilberg at BMJ Publishing.

Cecilia O'Kane, Jenni Quint and Mark Griffiths, Editors-in-Chief, *Thorax*

2026 BMJ Open Respiratory Research report

Submissions to BMJORR continue to grow year on year. There were a total of 893 submissions in 2025, and 850 this year from January to September. This means the journal is likely to exceed 1100 submissions for the whole of 2026.

The latest impact factor is now 4.0, placing the journal 27th of 107 journals in the Web of Science Respiratory Systems cateory. The Scopus Citescore is 5.2, ranking 45th of 165 journals in Respiratory Medicine. The most cited paper was Incidence and prevalence of interstitial lung diseases worldwide: a systematic literature review.

A number of new associate editors (AEs) have been appointed to cover a range of subspecialties and the journal is keen to reduce turnaround times further and provide an even more efficient service to authors. Increasing numbers of papers are being transferred from Thorax following rejection on the grounds of scope or priority, which saves authors the trouble of having to resubmit elsewhere. With the continued volume growth, new AEs and peer reviewers are always welcomed; please contact the editorial office if you wish to be considered (info.bmjresp@bmj.com). AEs are responsible for handling peer review of papers assigned in their specialty area and benefit from one 'free' (APC-waived) submission each year. Reviewers receive a 25% APC discount if they submit a paper of their own to the journal within 12 months of completing their review.

The journal has an open call for papers for a topic collection on the theme of Sleep-Disordered Breathing in Adults and Children. For more information or to submit a paper for consideration visit https://bmjopenrespres.bmj.com/pages/sdb-in-children. Submissions are open until 27 February 2027.

BTS members benefit from a 25% discount on the article processing charge when they submit a paper to BMJORR. Members of the other affiliated societies (BSS, ARNS, BALR, ARTP) also receive discounts.

BMJORR is a fully open access journal so all content can be read without barriers and downloaded and shared widely. You can sign up for e-alerts to keep up to date with the latest publications. Please follow the journal on the Respiratory Medicine at BMJ Group LinkedIn page as well.

Gisli Jenkins

Editor-in-Chief, BMJ Open Respiratory Research



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