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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.

DB 26/11/25

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.

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
			<u>6,010,685</u>		<u>6,203,660</u>
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	
			<u>2,620,092</u>	<u>2,744,914</u>	
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			<u>6,654,193</u>		<u>7,216,213</u>
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	
			<u>6,649,488</u>	<u>7,196,213</u>	
Total unrestricted funds					
Total charity funds			<u>6,654,193</u>		<u>7,216,213</u>

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



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