

CharityWatch Example Paid Diligence Report

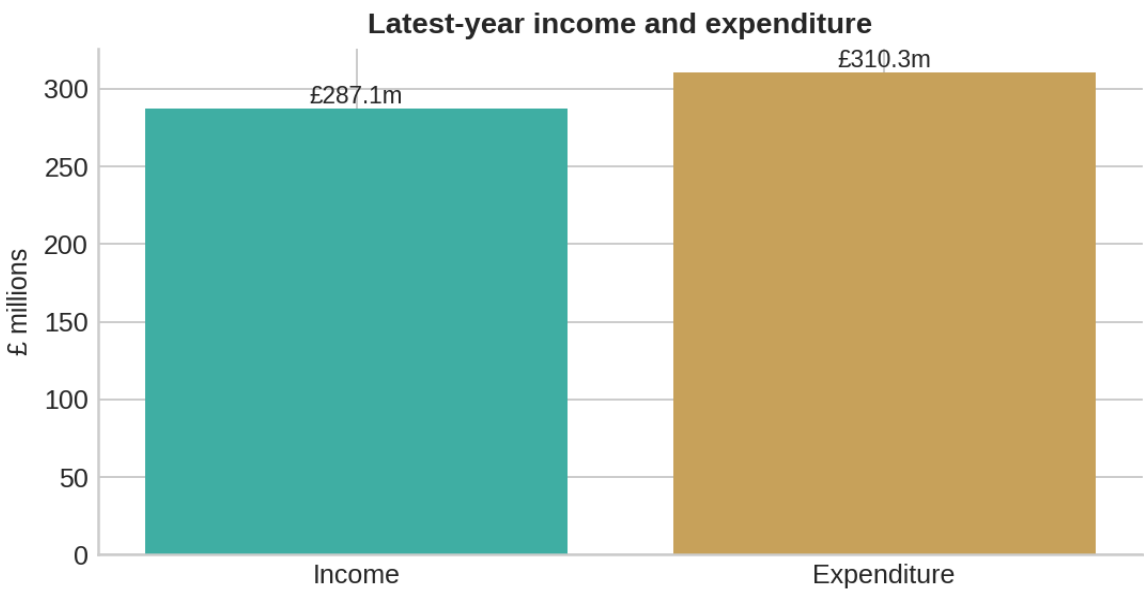
The British Red Cross Society · Charity 220949 · Prepared for product-review purposes · 8 May 2026

Scope	Public-register evidence review only. This example does not allege misconduct and should not be treated as a final legal, audit, or investment conclusion.
Overall view	Low immediate register-compliance concern based on current public-register status; medium monitoring priority due to expenditure exceeding income in the latest year and significant public-sector funding exposure.
Register status	Charity reporting is up to date (on time).

Executive snapshot

The British Red Cross Society is presented on the Charity Commission register as charity reporting is up to date (on time). The current review uses the public register overview as the source of record and focuses on proportionality, governance signals, financial scale, and questions a donor or institutional reviewer should ask before relying on the organisation for a material decision.

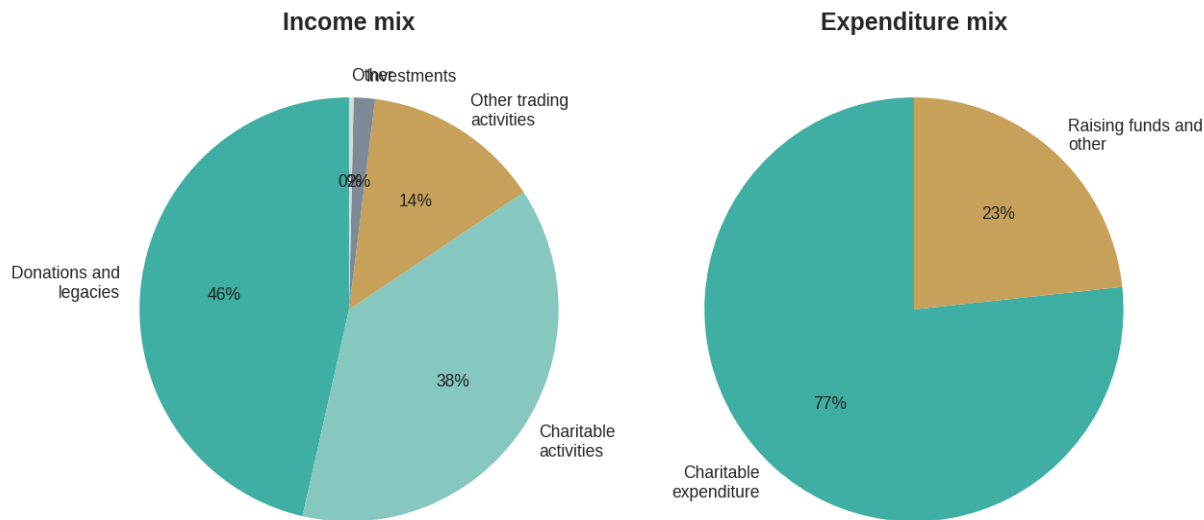
Reporting period	Financial year ending 31 December 2024
Total income	£287.1m
Total expenditure	£310.3m
Employees / trustees / volunteers	3,286 / 12 / 10,200
Government contracts	£31,985,000 from 159 government contracts
Government grants	£51,771,000 from 67 government grants



Register purpose and operating context

The British Red Cross helps people in crisis, responds to disasters, conflicts, and individual emergencies, enables vulnerable people in the UK and overseas to prepare for and respond to emergencies, and supports recovery after crises.

Large humanitarian organisation with mixed donation, service-delivery, trading, contract, and grant income streams.



Risk observations for review

Register compliance	Low	The register records reporting as up to date and on time.
Income/expenditure balance	Medium	Latest-year expenditure exceeds income on the register view, which may be planned or reserve-funded but merits contextual review.
Public-sector dependency	Medium	The register discloses material government contracts and grants, increasing the importance of restricted-fund and contract-delivery review.
Governance complexity	Medium	The register notes trustee involvement with subsidiaries, which should be mapped rather than treated as inherently adverse.

Governance and control questions

Trustee payment note: No trustees receive remuneration, payments, or benefits from the charity.

Subsidiary note: One or more trustees are also directors of subsidiaries.

Review notes to the accounts for restricted funds, emergency appeals, and reserve use explaining expenditure above income.
Separate contract-delivery income from voluntary donation income when assessing donor-funded programme alignment.
Map subsidiary and trading relationships that support fundraising or operational delivery.

Responsible-use caveat

This example report is designed to demonstrate the CharityWatch paid-report format. It relies on the Charity Commission register overview and intentionally avoids unsupported allegations. A production diligence report should review the latest filed accounts, annual report, governing document, related-party notes, serious-incident disclosures where available, sanctions and adverse-media screening, and direct charity responses before forming a final judgement.

References

[1] Charity Commission for England and Wales, register overview for The British Red Cross Society, charity 220949:
<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/220949/charity-overview>