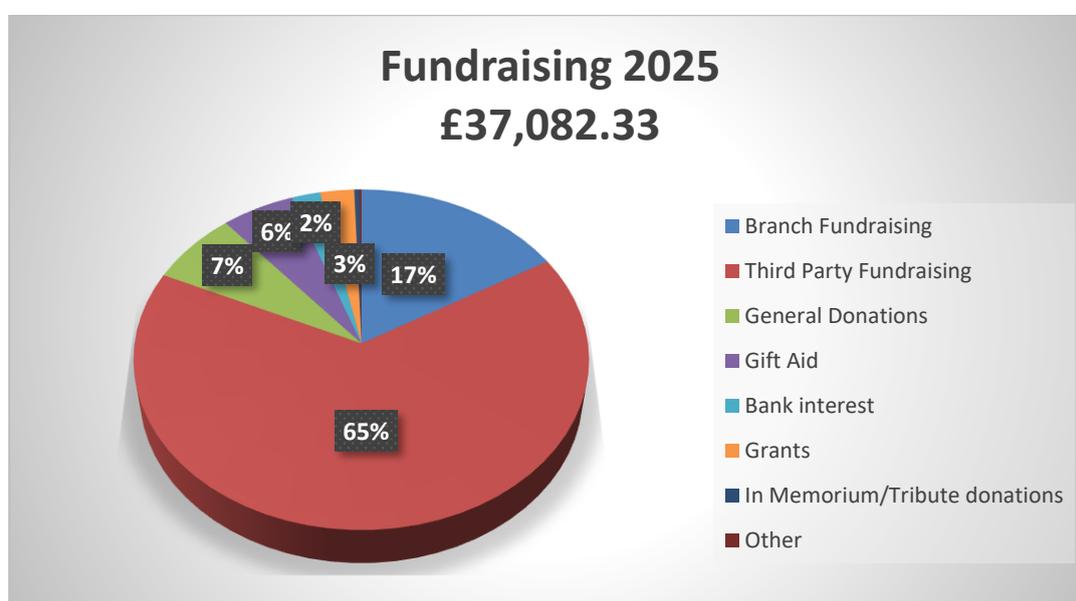


## IMPACT STATEMENT - CHILTERN BRANCH - 2025

This report summarises the work of the Chiltern Branch of the MND Association for the year ended 31st December 2025. It provides financial information – the income generated and how it was spent - some highlights of our fundraising efforts and the work of the Association Visitor team who support families living with MND locally.

We hope that you find this report interesting and informative. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact us at: [chiltern@mndassociation.org](mailto:chiltern@mndassociation.org)



We set a fundraising goal of £30,000 and for the second year been able to beat our target, the value of the fundraising by source is below:

Source	Raised
Branch Fundraising	£6,113.23
Third Party Fundraising	£24,260.14
General Donations	£2,589.29
Gift Aid	£2,096.90
Bank interest	£831.46
Grants	£983.81
In Memorium/Tribute donations	£145.00
Other	£62.50
	<b>£37,082.33</b>

## Branch fundraising events

- **Snowdrop Sunday** – this event was again extremely successful and we beat the money raised in 2024 by raising £3919 in total. Thanks to all who attended and to the generosity of the Dashwood Estate for allowing us to use the Park for the day.

- **Bledlow Manor** – Another successful event for fundraising, we are thankful to Lord and Lady Carrington who allowed us access to their beautiful gardens. We raised £1700, with thanks to everyone involved.



- **Chenies Manor** – We enjoyed a lovely day at Chenies Manor Gardens on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks to Mr & Mrs McCleod Matthews who continue to support us by allowing exclusive use of the gardens and tea rooms for fundraising. A total of £893 was raised.



## Fundraising efforts by our supporters – our special thanks go to:

- **Gavin Cousins** – raised £3448.25 in sponsorship and gift aid when he ran the Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon.



- **Roy and Caz Pascal** – raised £3578.85 from their April 25 quiz night. They contributed a significant £12,590.34 in total.



- **Gail Goodwill** – raised £1500 from her milestone Birthday by asking family and friends to donate instead of purchasing her a gift – thank you Gail.
- **Burnham Beeches Golf Club** – raised £9778 for the branch, huge thanks to Sue Harrison the Ladies Captain for choosing our branch as the recipient of their amazing fundraising.



- **Nomadic Masonic Lodge** – presented Martin Goodwill our Branch Chair with a cheque for £800 from their fundraising. A big thanks to David Cooper.



- **Charity Par 3 Fun Competition – Wycombe Heights Golf Centre** – A ladies golfing competition raised £1080. A huge thanks to Margaret Devlin for nominating us as their Charity of the Year.
- **Bucks Berks & Oxon Big Band** - raised a wonderful £500 in their annual concert for us at Marlow Royal British Legion. BBO Big Band has supported MNDA Chiltern Branch since 2007 and we are exceptionally grateful for their continued support.



- **Wycombe Philharmonic Choir's Christmas Concert** - raised £400 on Saturday 13th December 2025. The event was really popular and got everyone feeling Christmassy while also generously donating to both our Chiltern MNDA Branch and Growing Hope, High Wycombe. Thank you to Michèle Gasper.

We'd like to reiterate our thanks to the below companies which support our fundraising efforts, be that a contribution to the tombola, making us their charity of the year or hosting events – all contributions are extremely generous and we are grateful for every one!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burnham Beeches Golf Club</li> <li>• David Lloyd, Beaconsfield</li> <li>• Hazlemere Tennis Association (Ladies Section)</li> <li>• J&amp;D Vehicle Repair, Saunderton</li> <li>• Laithwaites, Beaconsfield</li> <li>• Majestic Wines, High Wycombe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marks &amp; Spencer's, Beaconsfield</li> <li>• Peterley Manor Farm</li> <li>• Sainsburys, Beaconsfield</li> <li>• Tesco, Loudwater</li> <li>• Waitrose, Beaconsfield</li> <li>• White Cross Line Dancing</li> <li>• Whiteleaf Golf Club</li> <li>• Wycombe Heights Golf Club (Ladies Section)</li> </ul>
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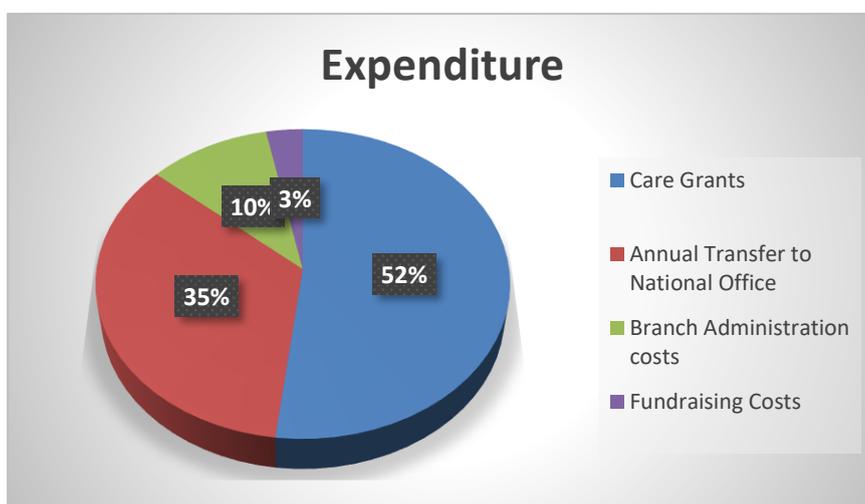
## Expenditure

We fundraise to provide financial support to families living with MND in the Chiltern area and contribute towards research projects and care support governed by the MNDA National Office. We were able to directly support local families during the year with: 23 Quality of Life Grants, 6 Carer's Grants, 6 Care Support Grant and 13 Cost-of-Living Grants paid direct from National Office.

Association Visitors help families access the Financial Support Grants and have shared the following feedback:

" I am very grateful for the funding. Not only does the physiotherapy do me good but the therapist is such a lovely person she makes me feel relaxed and it gives me an overall feeling of wellbeing."

"thank you so much for everything. Without your support and the funding from the Grants programme, his sister would not have been able to travel to visit him".



## Support Meetings

Support Meetings for families living with MND continued to be held at Cedar Barn and Aylesbury throughout the year. These are open to all families and friends of someone living with MND and We held our annual BBQ on Thursday 17th July and despite the weather, it was well attended and a good time was had by all. A huge thank you to Earl and Countess Howe for allowing us to use the Cricket and to Gaye for providing such an amazing buffet. Also, thanks to our resident BBQ chef – David Alexander.



## Association Visitor update

Our team of 5 AVs have supported local families throughout the year making in excess of 120 home visits together with regular telephone, email and Whatsapp contact with families. They also raise Financial Support Grants for families including upkeep of garden and home, therapeutic treatments and transport. One family had a grant so that they could drive to Scotland in a suitable vehicle for a family Christmas.

Feedback from families supported by AVs and those who attend our regular support meetings is testament to how valuable this service is:

“Thank you so much for the friendship, support and positivity you brought to my Dad and Mum – I know Dad loved your visits” Son

“You are a lovely super star to me – thank you for your continuous support” Carer

“AV visits are incredibly helpful and important for my husband. These visits allow us to receive guidance and support without the added physical and emotional strain of having to go out. An AV can also guide us towards the correct contacts, services and resources ensuring we receive the help we need at the right time. Their presence brings reassurance, clarity and much needed support as we navigate the ongoing challenges of the disease”. Carer

“Thank you for your friendship and support – you don’t know how much it means to both us.”

“We weren’t quite sure what to expect on attending our first MND Support meeting What we experienced instead was warmth, clarity, and a level of openness that genuinely helped steady us. The way the session was led - and the willingness of everyone to engage so openly — made a difficult situation feel more manageable.

Hearing from the team, and from those who shared their own lived experiences, including people who have lost loved ones to MND, was incredibly grounding. It helped turn something that initially felt overwhelming into something we feel better equipped to face, knowing there is real support around us.

Thank you for creating a space that is supportive, informative, and deeply human. It made a meaningful difference to both of us.” Person with MND and Son

We ended our year with our Cedar Barn Christmas party with special thanks to Penny Lane and the Harefield Community Choir and Lizzie Smith for her quiz.



## 2026 Fundraising Plans

Thanks to major contributions from Whiteleaf Golf Club, Wycombe Heights Golf Centre, Wycombe Philharmonic Choir and Snowdrop Sunday, we are already in a strong position to be able to achieve our target of £30,000 in 2026 with recorded income to end of February 2026 of almost £15,000.

## 2025 Dates for the Diary

- BBO Big Band Concert – **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Marlow Rugby Club at 8.15pm**
- Bledlow Manor gardens - **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm to 5pm**

## Branch Committee

**Martin Goodwill** is Chair and Fundraising Lead

**Carmel Grant** is Vice Chair, Care Lead and an Association Volunteer.

**Vicki Walduck** is Treasurer.

**Jeanette Fundell** is Secretary.

**Phil Murray** continues to provide support with our fundraising and his golfing connections have proved to be extremely positive in 2025.

**Laura White** keeps our social media platforms up to date and ensures any visitors to the MNDA Chiltern Branch account know how to contact us.

**Natalie Cheshire** took over from Cyndi Mepham as Branch Contact in February, she has been the prime contact for people with MND, and their families, who are looking for support.

**Kelly Mance** is responsible for our non-social media publicity, creating our newsletters and promoting the branch and all we do.

**Sarah Veness and Simon Hill** have joined the Branch as Fundraising Volunteers.

### **Closing Statement**

The Branch Committee and all our volunteers remain committed to supporting local families impacted by MND in 2025. We will continue our efforts to raise awareness of this devastating disease and to provide families with support through our Association Visitor team and our financial support grants.