

DONNA'S DREAM HOUSE

England & Wales · Charity number 1072888

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1998-12-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS WITH LIFE THREATENING ILLNESSES BY THE PROVISION OF FREE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES FOR SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.TO PROVIDE AND OBTAIN RESOURCES AND RELIEF IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER CHARITIES, AGENCIES AND THE COMMUNITY TO ACHIEVE FREE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN, TEENAGERS AND THEIR FAMILIES OR CARERS WITH LIFE ILLNESSES.TO PROVIDE RESOURCES, RELIEF, SUPPORT AND FREE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES TO BEREAVED SIBLINGS AND THEIR FAMILIES OR CARERS.

Activities: "The Relief of Children and Teenagers with Life Treatening Illnesses by and the provision of Free Holiday Accommodation and their FamiliesTo oversee and administer all Management,Control and Provision as required to objectives

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-21	£160,204	£163,693	-	-
2024-05-21	£173,451	£185,373	-	-
2023-05-21	£214,107	£219,326	-	-
2022-05-21	£125,203	£189,548	-	-
2021-05-21	£192,715	£156,276	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LEONARD JAMES CURTIS	Chair	
BARBARA CURTIS		
VICE CHAIRMAN MICK SUGDEN		
VIOLET MCINTYRE		

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21st May 2025

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18th March 2026

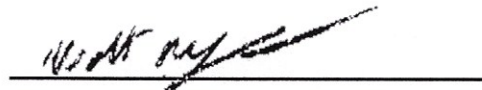
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Chairman of Trustees

Len Curtis MBE

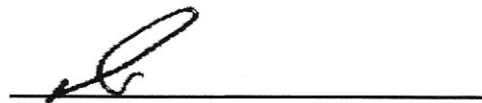
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Treasurer Trustee

Violet McIntyre

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Trustees Annual Report

2024 – 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 21 May 2025

In common with many charities, we remain affected by the financial impact of the economic and political climate, despite continuing to deliver our objectives.

Achievements and performance

The trustees have reviewed and refined operational processes to improve internal effectiveness and to support the continued development and promotion of the charity's work.

Part-time staff continue to provide effective support, maintaining regular contact with beneficiary families and promoting awareness of the charity's services across the United Kingdom.

The charity continues to provide fully funded holiday accommodation, including the provision of meals where required. Where available, families are also supported through the provision of free or discounted attraction vouchers. In cases of financial hardship, and at the discretion of the trustees, additional financial assistance may be provided.

The charity also supports families through alternative means, including the provision of specialist equipment and the facilitation of holidays delivered in partnership with other organisations offering similar facilities.

The charity once again held its annual fundraising ball, which proved successful in generating significant funds while also raising the profile of the organisation and increasing awareness of its work.

The trustees note that recruiting volunteers with the full range of required skills has become increasingly challenging. Notwithstanding this, the trustees wish to formally acknowledge and thank the many organisations and individuals who have provided exceptional support to Donna's Dream House throughout the year. Their continued commitment is essential to the charity's ability to support a large number of families.

The trustees also record their appreciation for the ongoing contribution of their fellow trustees, who continue to give their time and expertise voluntarily and without financial benefit, ensuring the charity is effectively governed and able to progress its objectives.

All in all, we continue to move forward with the charity and I look towards the future development of Donna's Dream House.

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Len Curtis MBE

Chairman of Trustees

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Donna's Dream House

I report on the accounts of the Charity year ended 21 May 2025

Basis of the Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the Charity Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters.

Independent Examiners Statement

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160 Normoss Road, Blackpool FY3 8QW

Section A - Receipts & Payments**A1 Receipts**

<i>This section should summarise all the receipts using either a natural or activity classification.</i>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 24/25	Last Year 23/24
Total paid into DDH Bank Account	46,474		46,474	59,468
Total paid into Charity Shop Bank Account	0		0	0
Cash donations	2,589		2,589	3,280
Total paid into Fund Raising Bank Account	111,140		111,140	110,703
<i>Sub total</i>	160,204		160,204	173,451
A2 Asset & investment sale, etc may include: <i>Proceeds of sale of investment assets; proceeds of sale of other assets; loan repayments received and loans received from an external lender</i>	0.00		0.00	0.00
<i>Total receipts</i>	160,204		160,204	173,451

A3 & A4**Payments**

1 Brought in Services	69,326		69,326	59,260
2 Advertising / Functions	6,279		6,279	5,139
3 Meals, Food & Drink	2,980		2,980	4,250
4 Rent / Rates	34,240		34,240	40,198
5 Repairs & Renewals	14,723		14,723	23,361
6 Travel / Motor expenses To include replacement vehicles/vans/boat	5,605		5,605	9,207
7 Office Expenses To include Telephone, Post, Utils, Stationary etc	7,854		7,854	11,473
	2,166		2,166	7,951
	8,923		8,923	9,553
8 Insurances / Legal / Agency Fees	10,841		10,841	11,764
9 Gifts /Prizes /Raffles /Flowers /Sundries	0		0	3,217
	756		756	0
	0		0	0
10 Payment to restricted account				
<i>Sub total</i>	163,693	0	163,693	185,373
A4 Asset & investment purchases, etc include: <i>purchase of assets retained for investment purposes or charity's own use</i>	0		0	0
<i>charitable loans to beneficiaries and loan repayments to an external lender</i>				
<i>Total Payments</i>	163,693	0	163,693	185,373
<i>Net of receipts / (payments)</i>	-3,489		-3,489	-11,922
A5 & A6 Transfers and movements				
A5 Transfers between funds to include transfers from: <i>unrestricted (general) funds to meet a deficit on a restricted fund;</i>	115,366		115,366	126,930
<i>an expendable endowment to spend on charitable purposes</i>				
A6 Cash funds last year ends <i>the cash balances brought forward from last year end should be those held in all the charity's cash and 'near cash' accounts</i>	5,370		5,370	17,292
<i>Cash funds this year ends</i>	1,881	0	1,881	5,370

Section B - Statement of assets & liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

should include all cash, and bank balances where cash can be withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 24/25	Last Year 23/24
DDH Bank account	2,269		2,269	4,823
Charity Shop Bank account	2		2	2
Fund Raising Bank account	1		1	257
Cash	130		130	287
Restricted funds		0		
Total cash funds (Closing balance 21 May 23)	2,402	0	2,402	5,369

(agree balances with receipts & payments account)

B2 Other monetary assets may include:

tax reclaim due; recoverable grants and charitable loans;

Details	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total other Assets	Last Year

B3 Investment assets may include:

term deposits, government stocks, other securities; properties held primarily for investment purposes; investments in subsidiary or associated companies; other investments

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Investment Assets 24/25	Last Year 23/24
Nothing applicable	0	0	0	0

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use may include:

land and buildings primarily occupied by the charity; motor vehicles, computers and other equipment; furniture, fixtures and fittings; other heritage assets and other assets used by the charity in delivering its objectives

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Assets 24/25	Last Year 23/24
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Computers, audio, fixtures & fit	6,849		6,849	9,132
Boat (Donna Marie II)	556		556	742
Motor vehicles	8,813		8,813	11,750
Fixed assets	5,072		5,072	6,763
	21,290		21,290	28,386

B5 Liabilities may include:

those immediately due, for example: taxes due but not yet paid; amounts due to staff for wages, salaries, etc and suppliers accounts not yet paid; those payable some time in the future or that are contingent, for example: loan liabilities; amounts payable on hire purchase and other leasing agreements; and any other liabilities

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Liabilities 24/25	Last Year 23/24
Nothing applicable	0	0	0	0

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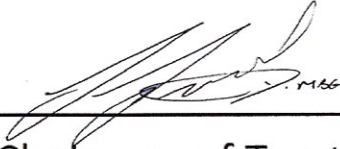
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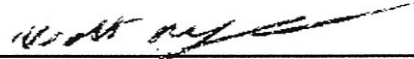
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2023 – 2024

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We continue to work back to normal levels of use following the Pandemic, however we are still noticing the reluctance of some families to share space with others.

As with many charities, we are feeling the financial impact of the economic and political climate and whilst we continue to deliver our objectives this has proved increasingly difficult.

Achievements and performance

We have modified our processes to improve how we work as a team and how we continue to promote and build on the successes of Donna's Dream House.

Our part time members of staff continues to work well, liaising with the families whilst also increasing awareness of our services throughout the United Kingdom.

We continue to provide a holiday with 100% free accommodation, including food throughout the stay should they wish to make use of these facilities. We provide free or discount vouchers for attractions throughout the area when available to us. We also at the discretion of the trustees and volunteers will give financial assistance to those families most in need.

We continue to support families in other ways and have arranged equipment and holidays with other providers offering similar facilities.

Fundraising and Volunteers

We once again held our fundraising ball, which was a huge success raising significant funds whilst also raising the profile of the charity and highlighting some of the work we undertake.

We have noticed that it has become more difficult to attract volunteers with all the skills we require however the Trustees would like to offer special thanks to the many organizations and individuals for their extra special support of Donna's Dream House throughout this year, without whom we would not be able to support so many families, there are too many to name individually but we all know who they are.

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Section A - Receipts & Payments**A1 Receipts**

<i>This section should summarise all the receipts using either a natural or activity classification.</i>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 23/24	Last Year 22/23
Total paid into DDH Bank Account	59,468		59,468	33,587
Total paid into Charity Shop Bank Account	0		0	0
Cash donations	3,280		3,280	2,754
Total paid into Fund Raising Bank Account	110,703		110,703	177,766
<i>Sub total</i>	173,451		173,451	214,107
A2 Asset & investment sale, etc may include: <i>Proceeds of sale of investment assets; proceeds of sale of other assets; loan repayments received and loans received from an external lender</i>	0.00		0.00	0.00
<i>Total receipts</i>	173,451		173,451	214,107

A3 & A4**Payments**

1 Brought in Services	59,260		59,260	57,888
2 Advertising / Functions	5,139		5,139	10,235
3 Meals, Food & Drink	4,250		4,250	3,794
4 Rent / Rates	40,198		40,198	38,581
5 Repairs & Renewals	23,361		23,361	42,296
6 Travel / Motor expenses To include replacement vehicles/vans/boat	9,207		9,207	9,032
7 Office Expenses To include Telephone, Post, Utils, Stationary etc	11,473 7,951 9,553		11,473 7,951 9,553	18,538 7,521 11,385
8 Insurances / Legal / Agency Fees	11,764		11,764	16,556
9 Gifts /Prizes /Raffles /Flowers /Sundries	0 3,217 0		3,217 0	3,500 0
10 Payment to restricted account				
<i>Sub total</i>	185,373	0	185,373	219,326
A4 Asset & investment purchases, etc include: <i>purchase of assets retained for investment purposes or charity's own use charitable loans to beneficiaries and loan repayments to an external lender</i>	0		0	0
<i>Total Payments</i>	185,373	0	185,373	219,326
<i>Net of receipts / (payments)</i>	-11,922		-11,922	-5,219
A5 & A6 Transfers and movements				
A5 Transfers between funds to include transfers from: <i>unrestricted (general) funds to meet a deficit on a restricted fund; an expendable endowment to spend on charitable purposes</i>	126,930		126,930	181,000
A6 Cash funds last year ends <i>the cash balances brought forward from last year end should be those held in all the charity's cash and 'near cash' accounts</i>	17,292		17,292	22,511
<i>Cash funds this year ends</i>	5,370	0	5,370	17,292

Section B - Statement of assets & liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

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Details

DDH Bank account	4,823
Charity Shop Bank account	2
Fund Raising Bank account	257
Cash	287
Restricted funds	0

Total cash funds (Closing balance 21 May 23)
(agree balances with receipts & payments account)

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 23/24	Last Year 22/23
4,823		4,823	582
2		2	52
257		257	16,484
287		287	173
0			
5,369	0	5,369	17,292

B2 Other monetary assets may include:

tax reclaim due; recoverable grants and charitable loans;

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Unrestricted	Restricted	Total other Assets	Last Year

B3 Investment assets may include:

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Nothing applicable

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Boat (Donna Marie II)	742
Motor vehicles	11,750
Fixed assets	6,763
say	28,386

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Assets 23/24	Last Year 22/23
9,132		9,132	12,176
742		742	989
11,750		11,750	15,667
6,763		6,763	9,017
28,386		28,386	37,849

B5 Liabilities may include:

those immediately due, for example: taxes due but not yet paid; amounts due to staff for wages, salaries, etc and suppliers accounts not yet paid; those payable some time in the future or that are contingent, for example: loan liabilities; amounts payable on hire purchase and other leasing agreements; and any other liabilities

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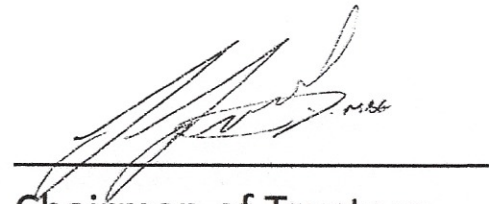
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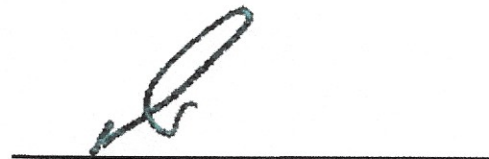
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Building back up to a level or normality following the Covid Pandemic we made the decision to continue to limit the number of families straying at the house at a given time to ensure the continued safety and confidence of the special families we look after.

Achievements and performance

We have altered the periods that families can stay with us to increase the numbers enjoying a holiday experience whilst still limiting the number of families staying at Donna's Dream House to one family at a time. We are again now able to offer two slots per week, Monday to Thursday and Friday to Monday which will allow routine cleaning as well as allowing us time to disinfect all areas on a weekly basis.

We have started work on the second house to bring it up to the standard of the main house, however, due to volunteers dropping out this work is taking significantly longer than planned.

We continue to support families in other ways and have arranged equipment and holidays with other providers offering similar facilities.

Fundraising and Volunteers

We have noticed that it has become more difficult to attract volunteers following the Pandemic, however we have increased our staffing levels to ensure that we can continue to offer our services.

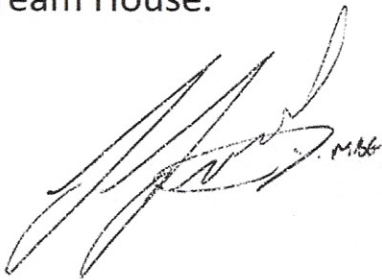
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on the event, our long term supporters attended to ensure that the event was a success.

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Section A - Receipts & Payments

A1 Receipts

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Total paid into DDH Bank Account	33,587		33,587	30,943
Total paid into Charity Shop Bank Account	0		0	0
Cash donations	2,754		2,754	278
Total paid into Fund Raising Bank Account	177,766		177,766	93,982
<i>Sub total</i>	214,107		214,107	125,203
A2 Asset & investment sale, etc may include: <i>Proceeds of sale of investment assets; proceeds of sale of other assets; loan repayments received and loans received from an external lender</i>	0.00		0.00	0.00
<i>Total receipts</i>	214,107		214,107	125,203

A3 & A4

Payments

1 Brought in Services	57,888		57,888	49,288
2 Advertising / Functions	10,235		10,235	0
3 Meals, Food & Drink	3,794		3,794	1,573
4 Rent / Rates	38,581		38,581	29,723
5 Repairs & Renewals	42,296		42,296	40,222
6 Travel / Motor expenses To include replacement vehicles/vans/boat	9,032		9,032	9,032
7 Office Expenses To include Telephone, Post, Utils, Stationary etc	18,538 7,521 11,385		18,538 7,521 11,385	21,023 8,074 12,376
8 Insurances / Legal / Agency Fees	16,556		16,556	15,237
9 Gifts /Prizes /Raffles /Flowers /Sundries	0 3,500 0		3,500 0	0 3,000 0
10 Payment to restricted account				
<i>Sub total</i>	219,326	0	219,326	189,548
A4 Asset & investment purchases, etc include: <i>purchase of assets retained for investment purposes or charity's own use charitable loans to beneficiaries and loan repayments to an external lender</i>	0		0	0
<i>Total Payments</i>	219,326	0	219,326	189,548
<i>Net of receipts / (payments)</i>	-5,219		-5,219	-64,345
A5 & A6 Transfers and movements				
A5 Transfers between funds to include transfers from: <i>unrestricted (general) funds to meet a deficit on a restricted fund; an expendable endowment to spend on charitable purposes</i>	181,000		181,000	169,000
A6 Cash funds last year ends <i>the cash balances brought forward from last year end should be those held in all the charity's cash and 'near cash' accounts</i>	22,511		22,511	86,047
<i>Cash funds this year ends</i>	17,292	0	17,292	21,702

Section B - Statement of assets & liabilities at the end of the period

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Cash	173
Restricted funds	

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(agree balances with receipts & payments account)

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 22/23	Last Year 21/22
582		582	2,416
52		52	52
16,484		16,484	19,718
173		173	325
	0		
17,292	0	17,292	22,511

B2 Other monetary assets may include:

tax reclaim due; recoverable grants and charitable loans;

Details

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Unrestricted	Restricted	Total other Assets	Last Year

B3 Investment assets may include:

term deposits, government stocks, other securities; properties held primarily for investment purposes; investments in subsidiary or associated companies; other investments

Details

Nothing applicable
0

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Investment Assets 22/23	Last Year 21/22
0	0	0	0

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use may include:

land and buildings primarily occupied by the charity; motor vehicles, computers and other equipment; furniture, fixtures and fittings; other heritage assets and other assets used by the charity in delivering its objectives

Details

say	
Computers, audio, fixtures & fit	12,176
Boat (Donna Marie II)	989
Motor vehicles	15,667
Fixed assets	9,017
37,849	

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Assets 22/23	Last Year 21/22
12,176		12,176	16,234
989		989	1,318
15,667		15,667	20,889
9,017		9,017	12,023
37,849		37,849	50,465

B5 Liabilities may include:

those immediately due, for example: taxes due but not yet paid; amounts due to staff for wages, salaries, etc and suppliers accounts not yet paid; those payable some time in the future or that are contingent, for example: loan liabilities; amounts payable on hire purchase and other leasing agreements; and any other liabilities

Details

Nothing applicable

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Liabilities 21/22	Last Year 20/21
0	0	0	0

DONNA'S DREAM HOUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1072888

Accounts

Donna's Dream House
Registered Charity 1072888

Annual Report

For Year Ended 21st May 2022

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Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity Number	1072888
Registered Address	Donna's Dream House 21 Chapel Street Blackpool FY1 5AW
Trustees	Leonard Curtis MBE Michael Sugden Violet McIntyre Barbara Curtis
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland Talbot Square Blackpool FY1 1LE
Auditor	John McBride 160 Normoss Road Blackpool FY3 8QW

Mission Statement

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Donna's Dream House Accounts

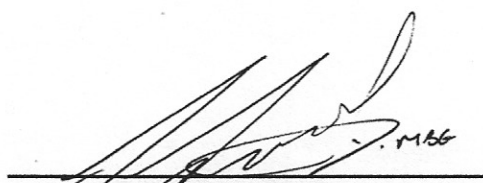
Year ended

21st May 2022

The Management Committee approved these accounts on

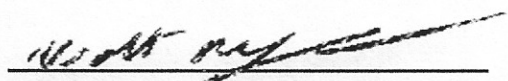
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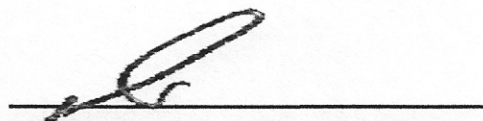
Chairman of Trustees
Len Curtis MBE

Signed

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Treasurer Trustee
Violet McIntyre

Signed

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Vice Chairman of Trustees
Michael Sugden

Trustees Annual Report

2021 – 2022

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 21 May 2022

As the Covid 19 Pandemic continued it was another difficult year which has been felt by all organisations such as ours. Whilst the year started slowly we made significant decisions to ensure that we could begin once again offering holidays to some of the special families we look after whilst at the same time keeping them and the Donna's Dream House team safe.

Achievements and performance

We have continued to do as much as possible working remotely and have spent a considerable amount of time looking at different options for opening up holiday stays for our special families. We have made the decision to limit the number of families staying at Donna's Dream House initially to one family at a time from Friday to Monday which will then allow us time to fully clean and disinfect all areas used before opening up again to other families.

To limit the risks to our special families and the core team we took the decision to carry on having all but the basic maintenance work carried out by professionals rather than a volunteer team. We felt that this would lesson the risk of Covid by completing work in a more timely manner, our expenditure in this area is therefore more than it has been previously.

We have continued to support other families that we have not been able to accommodate at Donna's Dream House by providing them with equipment where possible.

Our part time staff were furloughed until the end of the government scheme. We took the decision to purchase laptops to ensure that they were able to work remotely where possible.

Again we have struggled with not being able to hold the fundraising events that we would normally undertake, however due to the generosity of our supporters and through the government grants we have been able to confirm that the charity remains in a good position going forward.

Fundraising and Volunteers

As the pandemic has continued we still feel that the use of too many volunteers would impact our families, and our costs for maintenance have continued to be high as we have had to pay for the work to be done that we would previously have used volunteers for. We will be monitoring the effects of this going forward.

The Trustees would like to offer special thanks to the many organizations and individuals for their extra special support of Donna's Dream House throughout this year, without whom we would not be able to support so many families, there are too many to name individually but we all know who they are.

I should also thank the other trustees of the charity that assist me in keeping the charity moving forward with no financial benefit to themselves.

I must also thank those individuals who have continued to be in touch and have supported us in whatever way possible through this situation.

We end the year with promises of support from some of our big supporters and the expectation that the next year will allow us to

return further towards the normality that we were able to expect pre pandemic.

All in all, whilst it has been difficult at times, the charity continues to move forward and I look towards the future development of Donna's Dream House.

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Len Curtis MBE

Chairman of Trustees

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Donna's Dream House

I report on the accounts of the Charity year ended 21 May 2022

Basis of the Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the Charity Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention.

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements have not been met.
2. or to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



John McBride
160 Normoss Road, Blackpool FY3 8QW

Section A - Receipts & Payments

A1 Receipts

<i>This section should summarise all the receipts using either a natural or activity classification.</i>		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 21/22	Last Year 20/21
Total paid into DDH Bank Account		30,943		30,943	85,523
Total paid into Charity Shop Bank Account		0		0	150
Cash donations		278		278	0
Total paid into Fund Raising Bank Account		93,982		93,982	91,193
<i>Sub total</i>		125,203		125,203	176,866
A2	Asset & investment sale, etc may include: <i>Proceeds of sale of investment assets; proceeds of sale of other assets; loan repayments received and loans received from an external lender</i>	0.00		0.00	0.00
<i>Total receipts</i>		125,203		125,203	176,866

A3 & A4

Payments

1	Brought in Services	49,288		49,288	46,588
2	Advertising / Functions	0		0	0
3	Meals, Food & Drink	1,573		1,573	0
4	Rent / Rates	29,723		29,723	25,736
5	Repairs & Renewals	40,222		40,222	27,369
6	Travel / Motor expenses	9,032		9,032	8,780
	To include replacement vehicles/vans/boat				
7	Office Expenses	21,023		21,023	15,108
	To include Telephone, Post, Utils, Stationary etc	8,074		8,074	7,962
		12,376		12,376	8,570
8	Insurances / Legal / Agency Fees	15,237		15,237	14,162
9	Gifts /Prizes /Raffles /Flowers /Sundries	0		0	0
		3,000		3,000	2,000
		0		0	0
10	Payment to restricted account				
<i>Sub total</i>		189,548	0	189,548	142,114
A4	Asset & investment purchases, etc include: <i>purchase of assets retained for investment purposes or charity's own use charitable loans to beneficiaries and loan repayments to an external lender</i>	0		0	0
<i>Total Payments</i>		189,548	0	189,548	142,114
<i>Net of receipts / (payments)</i>		-64,345		-64,345	34,752
A5 & A6	Transfers and movements				
A5	Transfers between funds to include transfers from: <i>unrestricted (general) funds to meet a deficit on a restricted fund; an expendable endowment to spend on charitable purposes</i>	169,000		169,000	77,700
A6	Cash funds last year ends <i>the cash balances brought forward from last year end should be those held in all the charity's cash and 'near cash' accounts</i>	86,047		86,047	38,696
<i>Cash funds this year ends</i>		21,702	0	21,702	73,448

Section B - Statement of assets & liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

should include all cash, and bank balances where cash can be withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due

Details

DDH Bank account	2,416		2,416	16,258
Charity Shop Bank account	52		52	52
Fund Raising Bank account	19,718		19,718	69,737
Cash	325		325	809
Restricted funds		0		

Total cash funds (Closing balance 21 May 20)
(agree balances with receipts & payments account)

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 21/22	Last Year 20/21
2,416		2,416	16,258
52		52	52
19,718		19,718	69,737
325		325	809
	0		
22,511	0	22,511	86,856

B2 Other monetary assets may include:

tax reclaim due; recoverable grants and charitable loans;

Details

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Unrestricted	Restricted	Total other Assets	Last Year

B3 Investment assets may include:

term deposits, government stocks, other securities; properties held primarily for investment purposes; investments in subsidiary or associated companies; other investments

Details

Nothing applicable				
	0	0	0	0

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Investment Assets 20/21	Last Year 19/20
	0	0	0

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use may include:

land and buildings primarily occupied by the charity; motor vehicles, computers and other equipment; furniture, fixtures and fittings; other heritage assets and other assets used by the charity in delivering its objectives

Details

Computers, audio, fixtures & fittings	16,234		16,234	16,313
Boat (Donna Marie II)	1,318		1,318	1,758
Motor vehicles	20,889		20,889	27,852
Fixed assets	12,023		12,023	16,031
	50,465		50,465	61,953

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Assets 21/22	Last Year 20/21
say			
16,234		16,234	16,313
1,318		1,318	1,758
20,889		20,889	27,852
12,023		12,023	16,031
50,465		50,465	61,953

B5 Liabilities may include:

those immediately due, for example: taxes due but not yet paid; amounts due to staff for wages, salaries, etc and suppliers accounts not yet paid; those payable some time in the future or that are contingent, for example: loan liabilities; amounts payable on hire purchase and other leasing agreements; and any other liabilities

Details

Nothing applicable				
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Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Liabilities 21/22	Last Year 20/21
0	0	0	0

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Year ended

21st May 2021

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15th March 2022

Signed



Chairman of Trustees

Len Curtis MBE

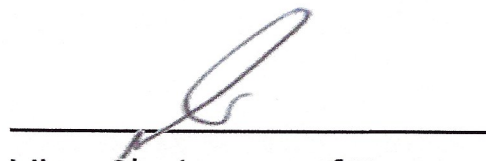
Signed



Treasurer Trustee

Violet McIntyre

Signed



Vice Chairman of Trustees

Michael Sugden

Trustees Annual Report

2020 – 2021

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 21 May 2021

As with the whole world we have felt the significant effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Whilst it has been difficult to meet our objectives, we have undertaken what work we could to support those around us.

Achievements and performance

We have been forced to move to a more streamlined method of working with our admin and financial work being done remotely, unfortunately over the last year it has been extremely difficult for much of the maintenance work and everyday care of our site to be completed by volunteers, we therefore increased our expenditure in certain areas whilst cutting down in others, we do feel that we are in a strong position going forward to achieve the future success of Donna's Dream House.

Unfortunately due to the Pandemic we felt that it was not appropriate to have families stay at Donna's Dream House, we did however find other ways to support the families. By providing them with goods and services where required.

Our other part time staff were furloughed for most of the year, however the government grants and other income meant that we could continue to pay them their full wages.

It has not been possible to hold the fundraising events that we would normally undertake, however due to the generosity of our supporters and through the government grants we have been able to confirm that the charity remains in a good position going forward.

Fundraising and Volunteers

Unfortunately due to the pandemic we have not been able to have the support of the volunteer community we would normally expect, and our costs for maintenance have significantly increased as we have had to pay for the work to be done that we would normally use volunteers for however moving forward we hope that we will be able to move back to our volunteer workforce in the future.

The Trustees would like to offer special thanks to the many organizations and individuals for their extra special support of Donna's Dream House throughout this year, without whom we would not be able to support so many families, there are too many to name individually but we all know who they are.

I should also thank the other trustees of the charity that assist me in keeping the charity moving forward with no financial benefit to themselves.

I must also thank those individuals who have been in touch and promised support in whatever way possible through this situation.

Like many of us, we await more news and hope to be back to normal in the very near future.

All in all, whilst it has been difficult at times, the charity continues to move forward and I look towards the future development of Donna's Dream House.

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Len Curtis MBE

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Section A - Receipts & Payments**A1 Receipts**

<i>This section should summarise all the receipts using either a natural or activity classification.</i>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 20/21	Last Year 19/20
Total paid into DDH Bank Account	101,371		101,371	100,409
Total paid into Charity Shop Bank Account	150		150	4,192
Cash donations	0		0	3,650
Total paid into Fund Raising Bank Account	91,193		91,193	70,106
<i>Sub total</i>	192,715		192,715	178,358
A2 Asset & investment sale, etc may include: <i>Proceeds of sale of investment assets; proceeds of sale of other assets; loan repayments received and loans received from an external lender</i>	0.00		0.00	0.00
<i>Total receipts</i>	192,715		192,715	178,358

A3 & A4**Payments**

1 Brought in Services	46,588		46,588	37,412
2 Advertising / Functions	0		0	9,010
3 Meals, Food & Drink	0		0	3,316
4 Rent / Rates	25,736		25,736	23,039
5 Repairs & Renewals	27,369		27,369	13,133
6 Travel / Motor expenses To include replacement vehicles/vans/boat	8,780		8,780	8,083
7 Office Expenses To include Telephone, Post, Utils, Stationary etc	15,108 7,962 8,570		15,108 7,962 8,570	13,593 6,481 14,018
8 Insurances / Legal / Agency Fees	14,162		14,162	16,000
9 Gifts /Prizes /Raffles /Flowers /Sundries	0 2,000 0		0 2,000 0	0 137 0
10 Payment to restricted account				
<i>Sub total</i>	156,276	0	156,276	144,223
A4 Asset & investment purchases, etc include: <i>purchase of assets retained for investment purposes or charity's own use charitable loans to beneficiaries and loan repayments to an external lender</i>	0		0	0
<i>Total Payments</i>	156,276	0	156,276	144,223
<i>Net of receipts / (payments)</i>	36,439		36,439	34,135
A5 & A6 Transfers and movements				
A5 Transfers between funds to include transfers from: <i>unrestricted (general) funds to meet a deficit on a restricted fund; an expendable endowment to spend on charitable purposes</i>	78,400		78,400	38,740
A6 Cash funds last year ends <i>the cash balances brought forward from last year end should be those held in all the charity's cash and 'near cash' accounts</i>	38,696		38,696	3,163
<i>Cash funds this year ends</i>	75,134	0	75,134	37,298

Section B - Statement of assets & liabilities at the end of the period

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Details

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Restricted funds	

Total cash funds (Closing balance 21 May 20)
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Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 20/21	Last Year 19/20
16,258		16,258	8,029
52		52	777
69,737		69,737	31,244
809		809	809
	0		
86,856	0	86,856	40,859

B2 Other monetary assets may include:

tax reclaim due; recoverable grants and charitable loans;

Details

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Unrestricted	Restricted	Total other Assets	Last Year

B3 Investment assets may include:

term deposits, government stocks, other securities; properties held primarily for investment purposes; investments in subsidiary or associated companies; other investments

Details

Nothing applicable

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Investment Assets 20/21	Last Year 19/20
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Boat (Donna Marie II)	1,758
Motor vehicles	27,852
Fixed assets	16,031
	61,953

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Assets 20/21	Last Year 19/20
say			
16,313		16,313	21,750
1,758		1,758	2,344
27,852		27,852	37,136
16,031		16,031	21,375
61,953		61,953	82,604

B5 Liabilities may include:

those immediately due, for example: taxes due but not yet paid; amounts due to staff for wages, salaries, etc and suppliers accounts not yet paid; those payable some time in the future or that are contingent, for example: loan liabilities; amounts payable on hire purchase and other leasing agreements; and any other liabilities

Details

Nothing applicable

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Liabilities 20/21	Last Year 19/20
0	0	0	0