

Donna's Dream House

Registered Charity 1072888

Annual Report

For Year Ended 21st May 2024

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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

To provide free family holiday experiences for Children and Teenagers with life threatening illnesses, to enjoy the holiday of a lifetime with their immediate family or carers giving full support and benefit where needed.

Donna's Dream House Accounts

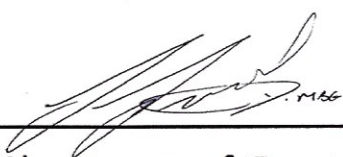
Year ended

21st May 2024

The Management Committee approved these accounts on

12th March 2025

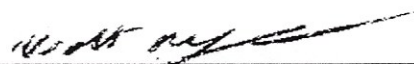
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Chairman of Trustees

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

2023 – 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 21 May 2024

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.

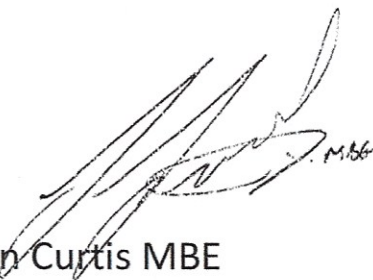
Fundraising and Volunteers

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.

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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Len Curtis MBE', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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 2024

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.

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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 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		9,207		9,207	9,032
To include replacement vehicles/vans/boat					
7 Office Expenses		11,473		11,473	18,538
To include Telephone, Post, Utils, Stationary etc		7,951		7,951	7,521
		9,553		9,553	11,385
8 Insurances / Legal / Agency Fees		11,764		11,764	16,556
9 Gifts /Prizes /Raffles /Flowers /Sundries		0			
		3,217		3,217	3,500
		0		0	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</i>		0		0	0
<i>charitable loans to beneficiaries and loan repayments to an external lender</i>					
<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:		126,930		126,930	181,000
<i>unrestricted (general) funds to meet a deficit on a restricted fund;</i>					
<i>an expendable endowment to spend on charitable purposes</i>					
A6 Cash funds last year ends		17,292		17,292	22,511
<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>					
<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**

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

Details

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;

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

Nothing applicable

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Investment Assets 23/24	Last Year 22/23
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

Computers, audio, fixtures & fit
Boat (Donna Marie II)
Motor vehicles
Fixed assets

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Assets 23/24	Last Year 22/23
say			
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

Details

Nothing applicable

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Liabilities 23/24	Last Year 22/23
0	0	0	0