

# **Donna's Dream House**

## **Registered Charity 1072888**

# **Annual Report**

**For Year Ended 21st May 2025**

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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

21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

The Management Committee approved these accounts on

18th March 2026


Signed

  
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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**

## **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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Len Curtis MBE', is written over a faint, stylized graphic element that resembles a large, abstract letter 'L' or a series of overlapping lines.

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**

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 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
<b>A2 Asset &amp; investment sale, etc may include:</b> <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		<b>160,204</b>	173,451

**A3 & A4 Payments**

<b>1 Brought in Services</b>	69,326		<b>69,326</b>	59,260
<b>2 Advertising / Functions</b>	6,279		<b>6,279</b>	5,139
<b>3 Meals, Food &amp; Drink</b>	2,980		<b>2,980</b>	4,250
<b>4 Rent / Rates</b>	34,240		<b>34,240</b>	40,198
<b>5 Repairs &amp; Renewals</b>	14,723		<b>14,723</b>	23,361
<b>6 Travel / Motor expenses</b> To include replacement vehicles/vans/boat	5,605		<b>5,605</b>	9,207
<b>7 Office Expenses</b> To include Telephone, Post, Utils, Stationary etc	7,854 2,166 8,923		<b>7,854 2,166 8,923</b>	11,473 7,951 9,553
<b>8 Insurances / Legal / Agency Fees</b>	10,841		<b>10,841</b>	11,764
<b>9 Gifts /Prizes /Raffles /Flowers /Sundries</b>	0 756 0		<b>756 0</b>	3,217 0
<b>10 Payment to restricted account</b>				
<i>Sub total</i>	163,693	0	<b>163,693</b>	185,373
<b>A4 Asset &amp; investment purchases, etc include:</b> <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>	163,693	0	<b>163,693</b>	185,373
<i>Net of receipts / (payments)</i>	-3,489		-3,489	-11,922
<b>A5 &amp; A6 Transfers and movements</b>				
<b>A5 Transfers between funds to include transfers from:</b> <i>unrestricted (general) funds to meet a deficit on a restricted fund; an expendable endowment to spend on charitable purposes</i>	115,366		<b>115,366</b>	126,930
<b>A6 Cash funds last year ends</b> <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	<b>1,881</b>	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**

DDH Bank account	2,269
Charity Shop Bank account	2
Fund Raising Bank account	1
Cash	130
Restricted funds	

**Total cash funds ( Closing balance 21 May 23 )**

*( agree balances with receipts & payments account )*

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 24/25	Last Year 23/24
2,269		2,269	4,823
2		2	2
1		1	257
130		130	287
	0		
2,402	0	2,402	5,369

**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 24/25	Last Year 23/24
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	6,849
Boat ( Donna Marie II )	556
Motor vehicles	8,813
Fixed assets	5,072

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21,290

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Assets 24/25	Last Year 23/24
6,849		6,849	9,132
556		556	742
8,813		8,813	11,750
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**

Nothing applicable

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Liabilities 24/25	Last Year 23/24
0	0	0	0