

CLOWNS IN THE SKY

England & Wales · Charity number 1105195

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2004-07-29

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE OR ASSIST IN THE PROMOTION OF RESEARCH INTO THE CAUSES, CURES AND PREVENTION OF CHILDHOOD BRAIN TUMOURS AND TO DISSEMINATE THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC. 2. THE RELIEF OF PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM CHILDHOOD BRAIN TUMOURS. 3. TO ASSIST THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM BRAIN TUMOURS IN NECESSITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES WITH TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION & OTHER UNAVOIDABLE EXPENSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TREATMENT OR CARE OF THE CHILD.

Activities: We are a registered charity who support children with brain tumours and their families across England. Our aim is to bring a smile to the face of sick children and provide support to help their families at a stressful time. Currently we have activity trolleys in oncology wards in many hospitals and shared care units, these trolleys can be enjoyed at anytime and provide a range of craft activities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-01	£90,532	£99,335	-	-
2024-04-01	£103,957	£100,114	-	-
2023-04-01	£120,937	£82,050	-	-
2022-04-01	£117,438	£80,447	-	-
2021-04-01	£117,159	£55,990	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
THE REVD WENDY JENNIFER SAUNDERS	Chair	
Karen Sayers-Irving		2021-05-10
LYNN WESTON		
RICHARD EDWARD CHAMBERS		

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Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 01.04.2025

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We have successfully funded additional refills on our Activity and Sensory Trolleys throughout the UK whilst maintaining our aims and continuing to ensure the sustainability of the Charity. We have enhanced the services provided under our Childrens Entertainer sessions, providing Childrens Author visits to the Hospitals.

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3. Grants to parents in financial need.

In 2024/2025 we made **8** grants to families, of £500.00 each and a two second grants of £350.00 to a family. Families apply to Clowns in the Sky through an application process via the website or direct email, phone, and postal contact methods. All applications are independently verified by the Hospital Clinical Teams.

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The understanding of brain cancer in children has improved significantly in recent years and modern treatment means that 7 out of 10 children can now survive for at least 5 years. We continue to support research with an annual donation of £4,300.00 made during this financial year.

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Voluntary help

The trustees are very grateful to many volunteers who helped by carrying out fund-raising on our behalf and giving administrative and practical support.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Lynn Weston
Co-Founder & Trustee
15/12/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended
1st April 2025

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as at 1st April 2025

W.J. Saunders
2nd December 2025

Clowns in the Sky
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 1 April 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	£	£
Income			
Fundraising from Trust Companies - unrestricted		39,935.00	41,832.62
Fundraising from Trust Companies - restricted		6,650.00	3,500.00
Charity ball		11,449.98	9,923.20
Other events		-	-
Donations received - unrestricted funds		6,011.03	4,748.09
Donations received - restricted funds		23,391.68	37,837.77
Sponsorship raised		2,823.50	5,755.47
Interest received		271.48	360.07
		90,532.67	103,957.22
Expenditure			
Family grants & associated administration		3,904.00	1,592.00
Research grants		4,300.00	4,000.00
Hospital trolleys		2,037.68	3,235.40
Hospital entertainers & authors' visits		9,456.92	8,201.18
Expenditure of restricted funds	4b	53,657.25	50,316.75
Charity ball		7,047.45	6,745.60
Other fund raising events		1,551.00	1,344.08
Professional fees - fundraising		8,678.10	14,375.02
Promotional merchandise		1,535.80	4,765.80
Website costs		512.00	360.00
Administration		6,268.78	4,992.80
Office equipment depreciation		386.91	185.99
		99,335.89	100,114.62
Excess of Expenditure / Income for Year		<u>£(8,803.22)</u>	<u>£3,842.60</u>

Clowns in the Sky
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 1 April 2025

	Note	£	2025	£	£	2024	£
Fixed Assets							
Office equipment				754.00		479.00	
Current Assets							
Stocks	2	300.00			500.00		
Prepaid expenses		5,200.00			4,700.00		
Cash at bank - general funds		137,488.29			121,962.63		
Cash at bank - restricted reserves	3	<u>45,212.62</u>			<u>68,828.19</u>		
				<u>188,200.91</u>		<u>195,990.82</u>	
				188,954.91		196,469.82	
Liabilities							
Sundry creditors		<u>7,222.12</u>			<u>5,933.81</u>		
				7,222.12		5,933.81	
Net Assets							
				<u>£181,732.79</u>		<u>£190,536.01</u>	
Reserves							
Unrestricted funds	4a		136,520.17			121,707.82	
Restricted funds	4b		45,212.62			68,828.19	
			<u>£181,732.79</u>			<u>£190,536.01</u>	

Clowns in the Sky
Notes to the Accounts
For the Year Ended 1 April 2025

1 Details of certain items of expenditure				2025	2024
				£	£
Fee for the examination and preparation of the accounts				<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
2 Stocks					
Trolleys not yet delivered to hospitals and their contents, along with supplies of promotional merchandise are included at cost.					
3 Cash at bank - Restricted reserves				2025	2024
				£	£
This figure represents donations and grants received where restrictions exist on either the nature or geographic location of its expenditure amounting to:				<u>45,121.62</u>	<u>68,828.19</u>
4 Reserves				2025	2024
				£	£
4a Unrestricted funds					
Balance at 02/04/2024				121,707.82	108,886.24
Excess income for the year				14,812.35	12,821.58
Balance at 01/04/2025				<u>136,520.17</u>	<u>121,707.82</u>
4b Restricted funds					
Where a donor specifies that the donation must be used for a particular objective or in a specific geographical location they are credited to the statement of financial activities in the year received and treated as restricted funds.					
The relevant amounts are set out in the tables below.					
	Brought forward	Receipts	Payments	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Trust companies	5,432.00	6,650.00	(6,332.00)	5,750.00	5,432.00
Other funds	63,396.19	23,391.68	(47,325.25)	39,462.62	63,396.19
	<u>68,828.19</u>	<u>30,041.68</u>	<u>(53,657.25)</u>	<u>45,212.62</u>	<u>68,828.19</u>
Restricted fund expenditure					
Family grants				1,500.00	2,000.00
Hospital trolleys				31,403.35	29,014.51
Hospital entertainers & authors' visits				5,845.00	5,986.96
Grant monitoring costs				14,908.90	13,315.28
				<u>53,657.25</u>	<u>50,316.75</u>

Clowns in the Sky

Statement of Principal Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) and with Accounting Standards as set out in FRS102.

All income and expenditure shown relates to the principal activity of the Charity.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Income:

This is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when:

- The charity is entitled to the resources
- The trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
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Income from restricted private donations is recognised in the period received.

Grants and donations received in advance in respect of specific projects or relating to a specific geographic location where the associated expenditure has not yet been incurred as at the report period end date is shown as recognised income at the balance sheet date but treated as restricted funds pending future expenditure and details shown at note 4 of these accounts.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Expenditure and liabilities are accounted for in the period in which there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tax

The Charity is not registered for VAT. Any VAT incurred is shown as part of the expense to which it relates. The Charity is exempt from taxation in respect of income received to the extent that it is applied to its charitable purposes.

Fixed Assets

Office equipment is stated at cost and depreciated over its anticipated useful life on a 25% reducing balance basis.

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Clowns in the Sky, Charity number 1105195

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Clowns in the Sky ("the Trust") for the year ended 1 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
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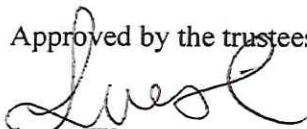
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07/09/2024

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for the year ended
1st April 2024

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as at 1st April 2024

W. J. Saunders

8/9/2024

Clowns in the Sky
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 1 April 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Fundraising from Trust Companies - unrestricted			41,832.62		36,450.00
Fundraising from Trust Companies - restricted			3,500.00		4,600.00
Charity ball			9,923.20		7,731.26
Other events			-		-
Donations received - unrestricted funds			4,748.09		11,107.21
Donations received - restricted funds			37,837.77		49,936.30
Sponsorship raised			5,755.47		10,860.69
Interest received			360.07		251.68
			103,957.22		120,937.14
Expenditure					
Family grants & associated administration		1,592.00		1,934.20	
Research grants		4,000.00		4,000.00	
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Administration		4,992.80		4,396.36	
Office equipment depreciation		185.99		28.00	
			100,114.62		82,050.40
Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year					
			<u>£3,842.60</u>		<u>£38,886.74</u>

Clowns in the Sky
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 1 April 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Office equipment		479.00	85.00
Current Assets			
Stocks	2	500.00	700.00
Prepaid expenses		4,700.00	500.00
Cash at bank - general funds		121,962.63	113,936.24
Cash at bank - restricted reserves	3	<u>68,828.19</u>	<u>77,807.17</u>
		195,990.82	192,943.41
		<u>196,469.82</u>	<u>193,028.41</u>
Liabilities			
Sundry creditors		<u>5,933.81</u>	<u>6,335.00</u>
		5,933.81	6,335.00
Net Assets			
		<u>£190,536.01</u>	<u>£186,693.41</u>
Reserves			
Unrestricted funds	4a	121,707.82	108,886.24
Restricted funds	4b	68,828.19	77,807.17
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We now have **90** trolleys nationwide in hospital wards. We aim to refill these trolleys three times a year, we do accept requests from all our hospitals for additional refills when required. These trolleys continue to bring the playroom to the child when the child may be unable to visit the playroom. **£400** pays for a trolley in a hospital to be refilled for a year.

2. Children's Entertainers.

We provide children's entertainers in partnership with another registered charity who specialise in providing entertainers to visit the children's bedsides in hospitals and know there is a huge demand. **£50** pays for an entertainer's session; The post pandemic measures are slowly lifting in many of the Hospitals throughout the UK. We anticipate these sessions will increase during the year returning to fully operational for 2023/2024.

2a. Childrens Author visits.

Following a pilot scheme begun in the post pandemic hospital environment, and under the umbrella of our Childrens entertainer visits, we launched, the Childrens Author visits. These visits build on the relationships we have developed with the Play Therapists in the Hospital environment. Each visit consists of a Children's Author joining us in one of the Hospitals we support. The Author will read from one of their books in a group setting within the main playroom and engage in a group discussion about the characters in the story, truly bringing their book to life. In addition, if requested by the hospital, the Author will visit the beside of a child who may be too poorly to visit the playroom. Clowns in the Sky, purchase copies of the Authors books and these are gifted to each child, often signed by the Author during the visit. The sense of inclusion for the children is evident and we plan to expand these visits during 2023/2024.

3. Grants to parents in financial need.

In 2022/2023 we made **8** grants to families, of £500.00 each and a second grant of £350.00 to a family. Families apply to Clowns in the Sky through an application process via the website or direct email, phone, and postal contact methods. All applications are independently verified by the Hospital Clinical Teams.

4. Research.

The understanding of brain cancer in children has improved significantly in recent years and modern treatment means that 7 out of 10 children can now survive for at least 5 years. Following the pause, we placed on our donation to research in 2021/2022, we are pleased to confirm we reinstated our donation to research in 2022/20223 making our annual donation of £4,000.00 to Brain Tumour Research.

Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and review of the state of affairs of the charity at the year end and of its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

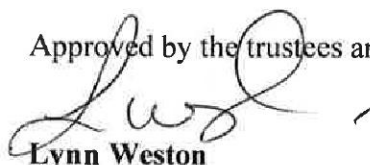
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- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. We have fulfilled these obligations.

Voluntary help

The trustees are very grateful to many volunteers who helped by carrying out fund-raising on our behalf and giving administrative and practical support.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Lynn Weston
Co-Founder & Trustee
23/12/2023

CLOWNS IN THE SKY

(Registered Charity Number 1105195)

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for the year ended
1st April 2023

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as at 1st April 2023

Clowns in the Sky
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For the Year Ended 1 April 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
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Fundraising from Trust Companies - restricted			4,600.00		7,600.00
Charity ball			7,731.26		10,260.00
Other events			-		-
Donations received - unrestricted funds			11,107.21		10,523.05
Donations received - restricted funds			49,936.30		32,465.62
Sponsorship raised			10,860.69		8,909.63
Interest received			251.68		-
			120,937.14		114,838.30
Expenditure					
Family grants & associated administration		1,934.20		3,490.00	
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Hospital trolleys		8,106.18		4,951.43	
Hospital entertainers		1,609.30		820.00	
Expenditure of restricted funds	4b	41,000.21		35,541.85	
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Professional fees - fundraising		10,171.26		14,472.90	
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Website costs		597.56		503.92	
Administration		4,396.36		4,557.19	
Office equipment depreciation		28.00		38.00	
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Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year					
			£38,886.74		£36,048.71

Clowns in the Sky
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		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Office equipment		85.00	113.00
Current Assets			
Stocks	2	700.00	850.00
Prepaid expenses		500.00	500.00
Cash at bank - general funds		113,936.24	83,072.59
Cash at bank - restricted reserves	3	<u>77,807.17</u>	<u>64,271.08</u>
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Liabilities			
Sundry creditors		<u>6,335.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
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3. Grants to parents in financial need.

In 2021/2022 we made **12** grants to families, of £500.00 each. Families apply to Clowns in the Sky through an application process via the website or direct email, phone and postal contact methods. All applications are independently verified by the Hospital Clinical Teams.

4. Research.

The understanding of brain cancer in children has improved significantly in recent years and modern treatment means that 7 out of 10 children can now survive for at least 5 years. The Trustees met in February 2021 and decided that the annual donation to research of £4,000.00 would be placed on hold for the year 2021/2022 to facilitate a greater response to family grants from the charity's income. We were able to increase the number of Family grants @ £500.00 each by nine during this year.

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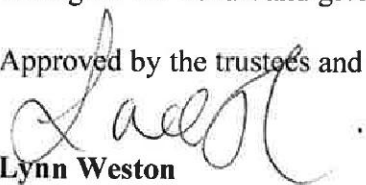
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25/03/2022

CLOWNS IN THE SKY

(Registered Charity Number 1105195)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended
1st April 2022

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as at 1st April 2022

Independent Examiner's Report

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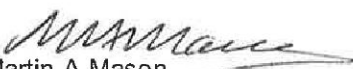
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26 March 2023

Clowns in the Sky
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 1 April 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	£	£
Income			
Fundraising from Trust Companies - unrestricted		45,080.00	41,880.00
Fundraising from Trust Companies - restricted	4b	7,600.00	5,990.00
Charity ball		10,260.00	-
Other events		-	1,045.00
Donations received - unrestricted funds		10,523.05	3,718.93
Donations received - restricted funds	4b	32,465.62	64,525.97
Sponsorship raised		8,909.63	-
Interest received		-	-
		114,838.30	117,159.90
Expenditure			
Family grants		3,490.00	1,500.00
Research grants		-	4,000.00
Hospital trolleys		4,951.43	6,899.87
Hospital entertainers		820.00	-
Expenditure of restricted funds	4b	35,541.85	14,493.66
Charity ball		9,428.19	800.00
Other fund raising events		3,441.91	2,906.25
Professional fees - fundraising		14,472.90	17,780.00
Promotional merchandise		1,544.20	1,240.80
Website costs		503.92	645.55
Administration		4,557.19	5,673.90
Office equipment depreciation		38.00	50.00
		78,789.59	55,990.03
Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year		£36,048.71	£61,169.87

Clowns in the Sky
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 1 April 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Office equipment		113.00	151.00
Current Assets			
Stocks	2	850.00	6,434.00
Prepaid expenses		500.00	500.00
Cash at bank - general funds		83,072.59	50,605.65
Cash at bank - restricted reserves	3	<u>64,271.08</u>	<u>59,747.31</u>
		148,693.67	117,286.96
		<u>148,806.67</u>	<u>117,437.96</u>
Liabilities			
Sundry creditors		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>5,680.00</u>
		1,000.00	5,680.00
Net Assets			
		<u>£147,806.67</u>	<u>£111,757.96</u>
Reserves			
Unrestricted funds	4a	83,535.59	52,010.65
Restricted funds	4b	64,271.08	59,747.31
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Clowns in the Sky

Statement of Principal Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

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The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Expenditure and liabilities are accounted for in the period in which there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tax

The Charity is not registered for VAT. Any VAT incurred is shown as part of the expense to which it relates. The Charity is exempt from taxation in respect of income received to the extent that it is applied to its charitable purposes.

Fixed Assets

Office equipment is stated at cost and depreciated over its anticipated useful life on a 25% reducing balance basis.

Clowns in the Sky
Notes to the Accounts
For the Year Ended 1 April 2022

1 Details of certain items of expenditure	2022 £	2021 £
Fee for the examination and preparation of the accounts	1,000.00	1,000.00

- 2 **Stocks**
Trolleys not yet delivered to hospitals and their contents, along with supplies of promotional merchandise are included at cost.

3 Cash at bank - Restricted reserves	2022 £	2021 £
This figure represents donations and grants received where restrictions exist on either the nature or geographic location of its expenditure amounting to:	64,271.08	59,747.31

Government restrictions during the year has meant that the Charity continued to operate at a reduced level of activity.

4 Reserves	2022 £	2021 £
4a <u>Unrestricted funds</u>		
Balance at 02/04/2021	52,010.65	46,863.09
Excess income for the year	31,524.94	5,147.56
Balance at 01/04/2022	83,535.59	52,010.65

4b Restricted funds

Where a donor specifies that the donation must be used for a particular objective or in a specific geographical location they are credited to the statement of financial activities in the year received and treated as restricted funds.

The relevant amounts are set out in the tables below.

	Brought forward £	Receipts £	Payments £	2022 £	2021 £
Trust companies	2,640.00	7,600.00	(6,740.00)	3,500.00	2,640.00
Other funds	57,107.31	32,465.62	(28,801.85)	60,771.08	57,107.31
	59,747.31	40,065.62	(35,541.85)	64,271.08	59,747.31

Restricted fund expenditure

Family grants	3,000.00	-
Hospital trolleys	25,452.75	17,373.80
Hospital entertainers	-	-
Grant monitoring costs	7,089.10	-
	35,541.85	17,373.80

Independent Examiner's Report

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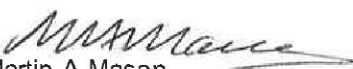
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26 March 2023

CLOWNS IN THE SKY

England & Wales - Charity number 1105195

Accounts

Clowns in the Sky

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31.03.2021

Registered Charity Number 1105195

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Trustees

Wendy Saunders –Chair of Trustees

(Appointed 10th August 2007)

Trustees

W Saunders (appointed 16 April 2004)

E S Carter (appointed 16 April 2004)

Richard Chambers (appointed 7th October 2006)

Lynn Weston (appointed 7th October 2006)

Administrator

L Weston

Registered Office

82 Middle Park Avenue, Eltham, London SE9 5HT

Accountant – Independent Examiner

Martin Mason, CTA

22 Inverine Road, London SE7 7NL

Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31/03/2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the charity's trust deed and applicable law.

Constitution and objects

Clowns in the Sky is constituted under a trust deed dated 16 April 2004 and is a registered charity No. 1105195.

Our aim is to bring a smile to the face of a child and their family, by providing distraction from their treatment.

Clowns in the Sky offers discretionary support grants to enhance the quality of life for those who have been affected by childhood brain tumours.

Organisation

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1

Trustees are appointed by the board of trustees and serve for up to five years after which period they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. The trustees meet annually but will when appropriate meet quarterly and monthly.

Review of the activities and future developments

The trustees are pleased with the success of the fundraising which has allowed us to meet our charitable objectives. During the year our focus has been on responding to the increased needs from the Hospitals during the Covid-19 Pandemic. We have successfully funded additional refills on our Activity and Sensory Trolleys throughout the UK whilst maintaining our aims and continuing to ensure the sustainability of the Charity

The trustees met virtually (during the pandemic) throughout the year for decisions and discussions via email to approve Family Grants and new trolley locations. A formal on-line meeting was held on 20th February 2021 with the main Agenda item being, how to ensure the longevity of the charity. The Trustees examined the role of the Founders and current Trustees. It was agreed that a new Trustee would be invited to join with a view of bringing fresh development and diversity, a short list was drawn up and we hope to welcome a new Trustee in 2021.

1. Activity and Sensory trolleys.

We now have **79** trolleys nationwide in hospital wards.

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3. Grants to parents in financial need.

In 2020/2021 we made 3 grants to families, of £500.00 each.

4. Research.

The understanding of brain cancer in children has improved significantly in recent years and modern treatment means that 7 out of 10 children can now survive for at least 5 years. We fund research in this area and believe that it will continue to yield practical results. We donated £4,000.00 to Research for 2020/2021.

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17/04/2021

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for the year ended
1st April 2021

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as at 1st April 2021

Clowns in the Sky
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 1 April 2021

		2021		2020	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Fundraising from Trust Companies - unrestricted			41,880.00		29,269.79
Fundraising from Trust Companies - restricted			5,990.00		10,375.00
Charity ball			-		14,638.31
Other events			1,045.00		-
Donations received - unrestricted funds			3,718.93		4,168.09
Donations received - restricted funds			64,525.97		3,002.40
Sponsorship raised			-		3,612.44
Interest received			-		-
			117,159.90		65,066.03
Expenditure					
Family grants			1,500.00		4,000.00
Research grants			4,000.00		3,000.00
Hospital trolleys			6,899.87		8,208.27
Hospital entertainers			-		8,400.00
Expenditure of restricted funds	4b		14,493.66		17,373.80
Charity ball			800.00		10,989.36
Other fund raising events			2,906.25		5,318.55
Professional fees - fundraising			17,780.00		14,040.00
Promotional merchandise			1,240.80		898.80
Website costs			645.55		763.11
Administration			5,673.90		5,746.70
Office equipment depreciation			50.00		67.71
			55,990.03		78,806.30
Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year					
			<u>£61,169.87</u>		<u>£(13,740.27)</u>

Clowns in the Sky
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 1 April 2021

			2021		2020
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Office equipment			151.00		201.00
Current Assets					
Stocks	2	6,434.00		750.00	
Prepaid expenses		500.00		500.00	
Cash at bank and in hand	3	<u>110,352.96</u>		<u>49,637.09</u>	
			<u>117,286.96</u>		<u>50,887.09</u>
			<u>117,437.96</u>		<u>51,088.09</u>
Liabilities					
Sundry creditors		<u>5,680.00</u>		<u>500.00</u>	
			5,680.00		500.00
Net Assets					
			<u><u>£111,757.96</u></u>		<u><u>£50,588.09</u></u>
Reserves					
Unrestricted funds	4a		52,010.65		46,863.09
Restricted funds	4b		59,747.31		3,725.00
			<u><u>£111,757.96</u></u>		<u><u>£50,588.09</u></u>

Clowns in the Sky
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For the Year Ended 1 April 2021

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2	Stocks					
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3	Cash at bank in hand	2021	2020			
		£	£			
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	Government restrictions over the last year has meant that the Charity had to operate at a reduced level of activity.					
4	Reserves	2021	2020			
		£	£			
4a	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
	Balance at 02/04/2020	46,863.09	56,606.96			
	Excess income/(expenditure) for the year	5,147.56	(9,743.87)			
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	Trust companies	3,225.00	5,990.00	(6,575.00)	2,640.00	3,225.00
	Other funds	500.00	64,525.97	(7,918.66)	57,107.31	500.00
		<u>3,725.00</u>	<u>70,515.97</u>	<u>(14,493.66)</u>	<u>59,747.31</u>	<u>3,725.00</u>
	Restricted fund expenditure					
	Family grants			-		-
	Hospital trolleys			14,493.66		17,373.80
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24 January 2022