



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	January	2023		31	December	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Brown Dog Charity Group

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1111550

Charity's principal address 1 St Charles Close

Midsomer Norton

Postcode BA3 2XA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ian Alexander	Treasurer		
2	Martha Carline	Marketing Manager		
3	Tim Carter	Challenge Manager		
4	Richard Little	Challenge Manager		
5	Richard Parkes	Risk Manager		
6	Mark Storer	Managing Director		
7	Grace Wardle	Secretary & Communications Manager		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 18 June 2005
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	New trustees are elected by the existing trustees and advised to the membership. The membership has the ability to nominate potential candidates.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Suggestions concerning annual "Challenge" events are fully discussed by the Trustees regarding their suitability, degree of challenge, logistics and costs. Full route and logistics planning is undertaken, and "dry runs" completed with subsequent discussion at Trustee Meetings. Full regard is given to participants' safety throughout the challenge.

During the months preceding a challenge event, regular contact is made with those registered to ensure full information is available concerning the actual event, degree of challenge (vis-a-vis fitness levels) and associated logistical information.

The Trustees regularly review the skills and expertise required to manage and operate Brown Dog effectively and meets the organisation's needs. These needs are, on occasions, used as a proactive tool to approach targeted individuals.

Succession planning is aided through new trustees being recruited plus the need to document key processes and procedures that have been developed over time, e.g. finances, secretarial duties; challenge planning, etc.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Directly and effectively to meet the needs of men, woman and children who have cancer as the Trustees from time to time determine.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Primarily "Brown Dog" undertakes "challenges" in which the challengers are sponsored to help raise funds towards those who are affected with cancer. In addition, ad-hoc fund-raising events are organised by individual members, usually in and around where they live.

All funds raised are used towards varying projects where funding is not normally available via the NHS or other public bodies.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

Apart from Bank credit/debit card processing fees and those levied by “Just Giving” all monies raised goes, directly or indirectly, to those affected by cancer – no other overheads or operating costs are incurred.

All the Trustees are volunteers who give their time and expertise freely.

All challengers and support personnel pay for their own expenses and the associated costs of running the charity and individual events.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We commenced 2023 with £8,969 as a good base to start a campaign to raise a challenging £50,000 to purchase a Logiq Fortis Radiology Ultrasound Scanner for the Leicester Hospitals Charity Group.

Our chosen challenge was to walk 24 miles in the beautiful Peak District Starting at Ladybower Reservoir, walking along the River Derwent to Hope Valley and into Castleton, where we then climbed Cave Dale and Mam Tor, before crossing the Great Ridge and returning to Ladybower. 55 individuals took part in the challenge, raising £26,447.

The annual netball tournament was also able to be successfully held raising £2,816 thanks to the local community participating in a sociable and fun day.

In addition, throughout the year, other fundraising activities were organised by supporters of Brown Dog and donations were also received. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to the following:

- a management team from BT who raised c£4k
- Donations from Mattioli Woods, Next and Saffron Catering totalling c£5.5k
- An individual who donated c£1k on our behalf.
- Those individuals who support Brown Dog throughout the year with one-off donations, regular donations or utilising the Amazon “Smile”, “Charitable Giving” and “Give As You Earn” schemes.

The year ended (in December) with the purchase of the “scanner” for the Leicester Hospitals Charity at a cost of £47,198.

In summary, the 2023 financial income & expenditure statement reports:

Income: £47,983 (*primarily via fundraising activities as stated above*)

Expenditure: £47,198 (*as stated above*)

Finally, the Trustees would like to thank everyone for their contribution during the year and we hope that Brown Dog will continues to make a difference to so many individuals

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Brown Dog does not have a "reserves" policy as there are no operating costs and all funds raised are available for distribution.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

The Brown Dog Board of Trustees would like to thank all its members who continue to fund their own expenses ensuring all monies raised goes directly to those affected by cancer.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mark Storer	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair & Managing Director	
Date	8 June 2024	

BROWN DOG CHARITY

2023 Income & Expenditure Statement for the "Brown Dog" Charity (financial year 1 January to 31 December)

Opening Balance as at 1 January 2023

£ 8,969.69

Income

- 2023 Fundraising Activities
 - Great Ridge Challenge £26,447.08
 - Netball Tournament £ 2,816.95
- Additional income received during the year
 - Annual Dinner Fundraising £ 201.10
 - General Donations £12,644.62
 - Amazon Smile Donations £ 52.65
 - Charities Aid Foundation - "Give As You Earn" £ 60.00
 - Charitable Giving £ 120.00
 - Gift Aid claimed & received during 2023 £ 5,362.37
- Bank Interest Received (gross) £ 278.53

Total Income

£ 47,983.30

Payments:


- Leicester Hospitals Charity
 - (Radiology Ultrasound Scanner) £47,198.42

Total Expenditure

(£ 47,198.42)

Closing Balance as at 31 December, 2023

£ 9,754.57


MARK STOREY 8.6.24
CHAIR OF TRUSTEES



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

BROWN DOG

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1111550

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's 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 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed:

Heleen Storer

Date:

8 June 2024

Name:

H. STORER

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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