

Sweetpea Charity

The Sweetpea Charitable Trust

ACCOUNTS

For the year ended

5th April 2025

Charity Number 11122815

CHALMERS HB LTD

Chartered Accountants
20 Chamberlain Street
Wells
Somerset BA5 2PF

THE SWEETPEA CHARITABLE TRUST
ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity name
The Sweetpea Charitable Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

5th April 2025

Charity no
(if any)

11122815

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **05/04/2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

26/08/2025

Name:

Paul Dix

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

ICAEW & ACCA

Address:

Chalmers HB Ltd

20 Chamberlain Street, Wells, Somerset. BA5 2PF

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From Day 06 Month April Year 2024 To Day 05 Month April Year 2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name The Sweetpea Charitable Trust

Other names charity is known by Sweetpea Charity

Registered charity number (if any) 1122815

Charity's principal address 2-2A Bond Street, Edenfield

Ramsbottom

Bury

Postcode

BL0 0EW

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	Mr A Dodd	Chair		
2	Mrs P H Dodd			
3	Mr S Holland			

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
Accountants	Chalmers HB	20 Chamberlain Street, Wells, Somerset. BA5 2PF

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)	The charity was registered in February 2008 under a Trust Deed dated 15 th February 2008.
How the charity is constituted (eg trust, association, company)	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg appointed by, elected by)	The existing Trustees have the power to appoint new trustees

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.

Trustee appointment

The trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees, without restriction on the length of time they may serve the trust.

Related Parties

No related party transactions have occurred during the year.

Major Risks

The trustees have considered the major risks facing the charity and taken steps to lessen these risks.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The objectives of the charity are set out in the trust deed dated 15th February 2008, which states that funds are to be used to:

"Relieve sickness and preserve and protect the good health of children under the age of 18, who are resident in the UK in particular but not exclusively, those who are suffering or who may suffer from a congenital illness or who are in need of medical treatment or care in such ways as the Trustees shall think fit"

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)

Our objective is to spend as much of our income, on as many charities benefitting sick and disabled children, as we can. To this end, we were able to give grants to twenty-four charities during the year.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Many small charities like Sweetpea are still having to manage in a difficult financial environment. During the past twelve months there have been some significant changes both in the United Kingdom and further afield, including the election of Donald Trump in the US, conflict in the middle-east, war in Ukraine, political unrest in some European countries and a newly elected government in the United Kingdom. These have affected individuals, businesses and, of course, charities.

Many charities are still recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the largest and, one would have thought, most financially secure charities have advised their employees of potential redundancies. This not only impacts on their ability to fundraise but, more importantly, their ability to deliver services. Even those charities where crucial services are supported by government funds* are not immune as funding has reduced. For example, in 2021-22 government funding to the whole voluntary sector made up 26% of its total income. This was down from 30% in the previous year. With pressure on government spending, this downward trend is likely to continue into the foreseeable future.

Why is the above important and what does it mean for the Sweetpea Charitable Trust?

Sweetpea Charity was founded by the parents of Milly in 2009. Milly was brain damaged at birth and as a result was profoundly disabled.

Following Milly's death aged nine in 2008, her parents set up The Sweetpea Charitable Trust to relieve sickness and preserve and protect the good health of children up to 18 years of age living in the United Kingdom and to ensure that children in similar situations to Milly could be supported and enabled to live life to the best of their abilities.

As a small charity, operating on an entirely voluntary basis, the trustees want to ensure that they meet these aims as effectively and efficiently as practicable. The Trust's main source of income is dividends from investments. These are ably managed by investment adviser Stephen Talboys at EFG Harris Allday. While the costs associated with running the Sweetpea Charity are de minimis, the trustees are conscious of their responsibilities. They regularly monitor income and expenditure, and follow guidance from professional advisers. This, along with an understanding of the needs of charities providing services for children with disabilities, means that funds are better directed and spent more efficiently.

The trustees are pleased to report that during the year twenty-four small charities operating throughout the United Kingdom, providing often life-changing and life-affirming services to children with disabilities, received a grant of £1,000 each. Given the high costs associated with the care and provision of equipment and services to children with disabilities, the trustees will continue their stated aim of giving grants of at least £1,000. Where charities demonstrate their need for support for a longer term, or for a specific item of equipment or care with a higher cost, the trustees will give those applications due consideration. Applying on an annual basis, many charities have had more than one grant.

As in previous years the trustees received more applications for funds than they were able to provide.

The trustees are also extremely grateful to a small but loyal group of regular donors whose gifts by standing order are very helpful. Thank you.

In closing I wish to thank my fellow trustees Patricia and Simon for their continued support, guidance and commitment to the Sweetpea Charitable Trust.

Alan Dodd MSc. FRSA
Chair of Trustees

22nd June 2025

**Government funding is a complicated issue as it comes from different departments and covers contracts – services deemed necessary but those the government does not wish to carry out itself, and grants - where voluntary organisations compete for a share of a pot of money. Please see: www.civilsociety.co.uk article by Kirsty Weakley, “Which charities get government grants? 23rd September 2021.*

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Trust's reserves policy is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves necessary to generate the income required to run the trust on a day-to-day basis and to allow for and short-term contingencies or emergencies where possible.

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.

Investment Policy

The trustees review the investment strategy and the investments and are happy with the suitability of these in accordance with the Trustees Act 2011.

Summary of Results

Income generated totalled £25,318 (2024: £21,777) and expenditure totalled £30,650 (2024: £24,631) so expenditure exceeded income by £5,332 (2024: deficit of £2,854).

After taking into account the sale and purchase of investments, there was an overall cash deficit of £736 (2024: Deficit of £6,308).

Section F

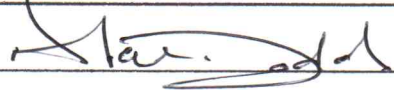
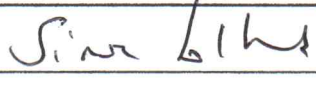
Other optional information

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)	ALAN DODD	SIMON HOLLAND
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	18 th August 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Sweetpea Charitable Trust

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

06/04/2024

To

05/04/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations received	6,815	-	-	6,815	4,314
Investment income	18,503	-	-	18,503	17,463
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,318	-	-	25,318	21,777
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of investments	17,321	-	-	17,321	3,836
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,321	-	-	17,321	3,836
Total receipts	42,639	-	-	42,639	25,613
A3 Payments					
Grants and Donations made	24,000	-	-	24,000	17,000
Accountancy	1,092	-	-	1,092	1,272
Bank Fees	708	-	-	708	833
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	35
Subscriptions	360	-	-	360	455
Phone & Internet costs	227	-	-	227	247
Investment Fees	4,133	-	-	4,133	4,092
Admin expenses	130	-	-	130	697
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,650	-	-	30,650	24,631
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase of investments	12,725	-	-	12,725	7,290
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,725	-	-	12,725	7,290
Total payments	43,375	-	-	43,375	31,921
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 736	-	-	- 736	- 6,308
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,693	-	-	9,693	16,000
Cash funds this year end	8,957	-	-	8,957	9,693

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Treasurers Account	947	-	-
	Barclays Community Account	2,315	-	-
	Stockbroker Deposit	2,644	-	-
	Stockbroker Earnings Account	3,050	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,957	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Accrued interest	1,053	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

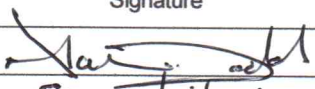

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Investment portfolio	Unrestricted	275,566	334,180
	Programme Related Investments	Unrestricted	66,000	66,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accruals	Unrestricted	1,740	Within 1 Year
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

ALAN DODD
 SIMON HOLLANDS

Date of approval

18/08/2025
 12/08/2025