

# TIME IS PRECIOUS (IN MEMORY OF BEN HALFORD)

England & Wales · Charity number 1141671

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2011-05-03

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ASSIST IN THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN WHO ARE AFFECTED BY ILLNESS OR THOSE CHILDREN WHO SUFFER FROM A FORM OF DISABILITY WHICH INVOLVES TREATMENT AND / OR A STAY IN HOSPITAL AND THEIR FAMILIES, BY PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AS THE TRUSTEES IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DETERMINE, FOR USE DURING THEIR TIME IN HOSPITAL OR AT HOME, WHILST RECEIVING TREATMENT, INCLUDING OPERATIONS AND REHABILITATION, IN PARTICULAR BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION TO SUPPORTING THIS OBJECT IN THE FOLLOWING HOSPITAL:-1) ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL BATH NHS TRUST CHILDREN CENTRE, COMBE PARK, BATH, BA1 3NG2) BRISTOL ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, PAUL O'GORMAN BUILDING, UPPER MAUDLIN STREET, BRISTOL, BS2 8BJ.3) YEOVIL DISTRICT, HOSPITAL CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT SERVICES, HIGHER KINGSTON, YEOVIL, BA21 4AT

**Activities:** Creating a more comfortable and relaxed atmosphere for children and their families in hospital or at home. The charity works alongside specialists to purchase equipment and refurbish areas to support not just those children who because of illness or disability find themselves in hospital for treatment but also their families who want to be with them because time is just that precious.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- Cardiff
- Cornwall
- Devon
- Dorset
- Gloucestershire
- Somerset
- Wiltshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£102,103	£76,317	-	-
2024-04-05	£91,335	£48,814	-	-
2023-04-05	£64,687	£65,161	-	-
2022-04-05	£53,405	£62,439	-	-
2021-04-05	£63,535	£35,598	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Deborah Bradley		2019-04-15
Debra Plummer		2013-05-19
Louise Alison Coate		2013-05-19
Michelle Margaret Richards		2014-05-07
NEIL LIAM HALFORD MBE		2011-05-03
NICOLA CLAIRE HALFORD MBE		2011-05-03
Robert David Willis		2025-09-15

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# Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
<b>From</b>	06	April	2024	<b>To</b>	05	April	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

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Radstock	
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7	Mr Robert Willis		Appointed February 2025

## Section B Structure, governance and management

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**Hospitals**

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Family and friends like to visit young patients, but visits can be cut short because it is difficult keeping brothers and sisters entertained. We want to be able to make visiting time as best we can for everyone so they can enjoy playing games, chatting and just being a family.

Hospital Wards, play and physiotherapy departments often need extra funding for resources and equipment as Hospital budgets are limited.

The Charity aims to fund the departments by raising monies to purchase equipment for the patients to use during their time in the hospital.

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- Bristol Children's Hospital
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**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****Charitable Activities**

One of the major highlights this year was the transformation of the main entrance to the Children's Ward at RUH Bath. This space has been thoughtfully redesigned to create a more welcoming and calming environment for young patients and their families. The improvements have made a real difference in the first impressions and experiences of those arriving at the ward.

Additionally, we have upgraded waiting areas in several key departments across the hospital to improve patient comfort and reduce stress during often difficult visits. These include:

- Radiology Department
- Eye Department
- Orthodontics
- Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT)

Each of these waiting spaces has been refreshed with patient-friendly designs and more comfortable seating, creating a more positive and supportive atmosphere.

In the anaesthetic room, we also installed a specially designed ceiling feature to help distract and soothe young patients as they prepare for procedures—an important contribution to reducing anxiety and improving overall care experience.

**Equipment Contributions**

We were also delighted to purchase three additional Century Voyager units, two for Bristol Children's Hospital and another for our local surgery. These state-of-the-art sensory units continue to be invaluable tools in supporting children through difficult treatments and procedures.

In addition to new purchases, this year has involved considerable work to repair and replace parts on many of our existing pieces of equipment, especially those in use at Bristol Children's Hospital. Keeping this equipment in top condition remains a priority, ensuring we continue to offer the highest quality support.

Bens gift has continued this year and we were able to provide young patient in need of an off-road wheelchair.

**Fundraising**

This year has been one of our most successful yet, with a variety of fundraising events and initiatives helping to raise vital funds to support our ongoing charitable work.

A major highlight was the Bath Half Marathon, where an incredible 70 runners took part on our behalf. Thanks to their dedication and the

generosity of their sponsors, this event alone raised over £30,000 — a fantastic achievement and a testament to the strength of our community of supporters.

We also introduced some exciting new fundraising events this year:

- The Haunted Car Wash – A spooky and fun experience that drew in families during the Halloween season.
- The Christmas Turkey Trot – A festive run that added some holiday cheer while raising valuable funds.

These creative events brought in new audiences and helped broaden our fundraising efforts in fun, inclusive ways.

We were honoured to be selected as the Charity of the Year by FSM Solicitors, and we continue to benefit from the long-standing support of Parkers Transport.

A special thanks also goes to the Original Bristol Santa Float, which provided a £10,000 donation for the second consecutive year—an extraordinary contribution that has helped fund key projects.

Our fundraising in the community has continued to grow, with more collection pots placed in local shops this year, helping to raise awareness and regular small donations that quickly add up.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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### Further financial review details

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Through the fundraising efforts the charity achieved receipts in the period of £102k (2024: £91.3k).

Spending on core charitable activities totalled £42.8k (2024: £22.6k) in the year.

Cash reserves remain high at £400k (2024: £374k) as the charity continues to work towards hospital projects and in-home equipment donations.

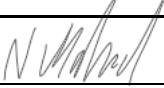
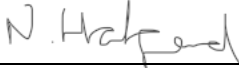
**Section F****Other optional information**

The charity continues to attract a large and growing number of committed volunteers.

**Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Neil Halford	Nicola Halford
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	Trustee
<b>Date</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2025

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Time Is Precious (in memory of Ben Halford)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

5 April 2025

**Charity no**

1141671

**Set out on page**

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**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
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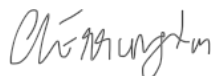
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**Independent  
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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**



**Date:**

17<sup>th</sup> Jun 2025

**Name:**

Gregory Errington MAAT

**Address:**

75 Blackberry Way

Midsomer Norton

Radstock BA3 2RN



Charity Name Time Is Precious (in memory of Ben Halford)	Number 1141671
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## Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period from	Period start date 6 April 2024	To	Period end date 5 April 2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary receipts	102 103	-	-	102 103	91 335
Activities for generating funds	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest received	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>102 103</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102 103</b>	<b>91 335</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	42 790	-	-	42 790	22 637
Generating voluntary receipts	33 527	-	-	33 527	26 177
Fundraising costs (trading activities)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>76 317</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76 317</b>	<b>48 814</b>
<b>Net of receipts</b>	<b>25 786</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25 786</b>	<b>42 521</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	374 380	-	-	374 380	331 859
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>400 166</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>400 166</b>	<b>374 380</b>

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

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Cash at bank	400 166	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>400 166</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Signed by the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Neil Halford	17th Jun 2025
	Nicola Halford	17th Jun 2025

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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

#### Charitable Activities

The main projects completed in the period at RUH Bath were in the A&E Department. This X-ray department has been refurbished, making the area more child friendly. Also, in the A&E Department, we have refurbished the Bereavement Room and in the Waiting Area have added TVs/DVDs/game consoles to keep children occupied.

Two more Sensory Voyagers (mobile interactive distraction units) were provided for Bristol Children's Hospital, costing £9k. This brings our total number of units across all hospitals to 15.

Our commitment to maintaining our previously purchased interactive and sensory equipment continues and increases year-on-year, ensuring the children continue to benefit. These cost £5.4k (2023: £4k).

The charity continues to be committed to the *Ben's Gift* help at home initiative. Fundraising work during the period has been done to support a family raising money to fund a large piece of mobility equipment.

#### Fundraising

The Bath Half Marathon, our main annual fundraising event, 100 people running for Time is Precious over two races during the period.

We were again chosen as event charity for the famous Santa Dash in Saltford. We were also chosen charity for local solicitors FSM. Long-standing support continued from local company Parkers Transport.

We received large donation of £9k from the Original Bristol Santa Float.

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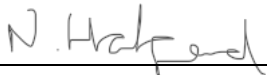
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<b>Full name(s)</b>	Neil Halford	Nicola Halford
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<b>Date</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	18 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

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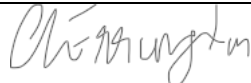
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<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary receipts	91,335	-	-	91,335	64,597
Activities for generating funds	-	-	-	-	90
Bank interest received	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>91,335</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,335</b>	<b>64,687</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	22,637	-	-	22,637	40,384
Generating voluntary receipts	26,177	-	-	26,177	24,777
Fundraising costs (trading activities)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>48,814</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,814</b>	<b>65,161</b>
<b>Net of receipts</b>	<b>42,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,521</b>	<b>- 474</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	331,859	-	-	331,859	332,333
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>374,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>374,380</b>	<b>331,859</b>

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

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Cash at bank	374,380	-	-
		-	-	-
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Signed by the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

#### Charitable Activities

The two main projects completed in the period was at RUH Bath. The first being the refurbishment of the paediatric recovery area. Secondly, the fitting of a living picture in the MRI department to distract children during anaesthetic procedures. These two projects cost a total of £15k.

We are also very pleased to introduce four 'Rocking R' gaming carts in Bristol Children's and Yeovil hospitals. These keep children entertained at their bedsides. These cost a total £9.5k.

This period was a busy year for maintaining and repairing our previously donated interactive and sensory equipment, ensuring the children continue to benefit. These cost £4k.

Through *Ben's Gift* help at home, a specialised mobility chair was donated to Henry.

We are continuing to fundraise to support children with specialised equipment at home with the *Ben's Gift* initiative.

#### Fundraising

The Bath Half Marathon returned this year (after COVID-19 disruption), our main annual fundraising event, 80 people running for Time is Precious.

We were chosen event charity for the famous Santa Dash in Saltford. During the period we were Charity of the Year for Hunter's Estate Agents of Bristol. Long-standing support continued from local company Parkers Transport.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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### Further financial review details

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Through the fundraising efforts the charity achieved receipts in the period of £64.7k (2022: £53.4k).

Spending on core charitable activities totalled £40.4k (2022: £42k) in the year.

Cash reserves remain high at £332k (2022: £332k) as the charity continues to work towards hospital projects and in-home equipment donations.


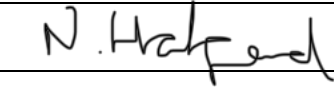
**Section F****Other optional information**

The charity continues to attract a large and growing, committed volunteer base.

**Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Neil Halford	Nicola Halford
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	Trustee
<b>Date</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Time Is Precious (in memory of Ben Halford)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

5 April 2023

**Charity no**

1141671

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responsibilities of  
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**Basis of independent  
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**Independent  
examiner's 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:
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**



**Date:**

12<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023

**Name:**

Gregory Errington MAAT

**Address:**

75 Blackberry Way

Midsomer Norton

Radstock BA3 2RN



Charity Name Time Is Precious (in memory of Ben Halford)	Number 1141671
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## Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period from	Period start date 6 April 2022	To	Period end date 5 April 2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary receipts	64,597	-	-	64,597	52,439
Activities for generating funds	90	-	-	90	966
Bank interest received	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>64,687</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,687</b>	<b>53,405</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	40,384	-	-	40,384	42,012
Generating voluntary receipts	24,777	-	-	24,777	20,427
Fundraising costs (trading activities)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>65,161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,161</b>	<b>62,439</b>
<b>Net of receipts</b>	<b>- 474</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 474</b>	<b>- 9,034</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	332,333	-	-	332,333	341,367
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>331,859</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>331,859</b>	<b>332,333</b>

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

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash funds			
Cash at bank	331,859	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>331,859</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Signed by the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Neil Halford	12th Sep 2023
N. Halford	Nicola Halford	12th Sep 2023

**TIME IS PRECIOUS (IN MEMORY OF BEN HALFORD)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1141671

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# Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
<b>From</b>	06	April	2021	<b>To</b>	05	April	2022

**Section A Reference and administration details**

**Charity name** Time Is Precious (in memory of Ben Halford)

**Registered charity number** 1141671

**Charity's principal address** 25 Preachers Vale  
 Coleford  
 Radstock  
 Somerset BA3 5PT

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mr Neil Halford		
2	Mrs Nicola Halford		
3	Miss Debra Plummer		
4	Miss Louise Coate		
5	Miss Michelle Burge		
6	Mrs D Bradley		
7			

**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Type of governing document** Trust Deeds

**How the charity is constituted** Trust

**Trustee selection methods** Appointed by existing Trustees

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

To assist in the relief of sickness and the preservation and protection of children who are affected by illness or those children who suffer from a form of disability which involves treatment and / or a stay in hospital and their families, by providing such services, facilities and equipment as the trustees in their absolute discretion determine, for use during their time in hospital or at home, whilst receiving treatment, including operations and rehabilitation, in particular but without limitation to supporting this object in the following hospitals :- 1) Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust Children Centre, Combe Park, Bath, BA1 3NG; 2) Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, Paul O'Gorman Building, Upper Maudlin Street, Bristol, BS2 8BJ; 3) Yeovil District Hospital Children & Adolescent Services, Higher Kingston, Yeovil, BA21 4AT

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects**

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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

#### Charitable Activities

The main project completed in the period was the RUH Bath children's garden, opened in September 2021. Three years in the making, the project cost approximately £25k over that period. Once equipment for the COVID ward has been removed from the site, this will clear the way for further equipment and improvements to the facility.

We have purchased another specialised DVD/TV display (£16k), fitted into the MRI scanner at Bristol Children's Hospital. This was after the success of the same equipment installed at RUH Bath. Total hospital equipment purchased for the year was £36k.

We are continuing to fundraise to support two children with specialised equipment at home with the *Ben's Gift* initiative.

#### Fundraising

Due to the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bath Half Marathon 2022, our main annual fundraising event, along with many other fundraising events and activities were cancelled or postponed. In an effort to make up for this shortfall, online raffle and smaller fundraising events were organised.

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Spending on core charitable activities continued to be restricted in the period due to the COVID-19 pandemic, totalling £42k (2021: £20.4k) in the year.

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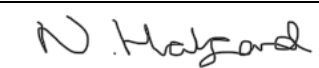
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Neil Halford	Nicola Halford
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	Trustee
<b>Date</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022

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Time Is Precious (in memory of Ben Halford)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

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**Date:**

5<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Name:**

Gregory Errington MAAT

**Address:**

40 Old Print Works Road

Paulton

Bristol BS39 7AR



Charity Name Time Is Precious (in memory of Ben Halford)	Number 1141671
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## Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period from	Period start date 06 April 2021	To	Period end date 05 April 2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary receipts	52,439	-	-	52,439	61,853
Activities for generating funds	966	-	-	966	1,682
Bank interest received	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>53,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,405</b>	<b>63,535</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	42,012	-	-	42,012	20,395
Generating voluntary receipts	20,427	-	-	20,427	15,203
Fundraising costs (trading activities)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>62,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,439</b>	<b>35,598</b>
<b>Net of receipts</b>	<b>- 9,034</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 9,034</b>	<b>27,937</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	341,367	-	-	341,367	313,430
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>332,333</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>332,333</b>	<b>341,367</b>

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

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#### Signed by the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Neil Halford	5th July 2022
	Nicola Halford	5th July 2022

**TIME IS PRECIOUS (IN MEMORY OF BEN HALFORD)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1141671

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date **06 April 2020** Period end date **05 April 2021**  
**From To**

## Section A Reference and administration details

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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

#### Charitable Activities

The main project completed in the period was the funding of two video tours to show what will happen when children are admitted into hospital for surgery. The films are virtual reality so all the different areas of the hospital can be fully explored whilst watching the films. We hope these films will help alleviate any worry young patients may have about their surgery.

We have purchased a second large interactive multi-touch screen for Bristol Children's Hospital after the success of the same equipment previously funded for RUH Bath.

We are also pleased to have helped four more children at home through the *Ben's Gift* initiative by funding mobility equipment including chairs, frames and stands.

The garden project in the RUH continued to progress and subsequently completed with an opening ceremony in September 2021.

#### Fundraising

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bath Half Marathon 2021, our main annual fundraising event, along with many other fundraising events and activities were cancelled. This income shortfall was partially mitigated by virtual and online events and post-race donations from Bath Half 2020.

We continued to be Charity of the Year for both Curo Group and Mendip District Council. Continued support from local company Parkers Transport.

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### Further financial review details

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Spending on core charitable activities was restricted in the period due to the COVID-19 pandemic, decreasing from £117.0k to £20.4k. This has been achieved through the introduction of Help at Home funding and increased donations of hospital equipment.

Cash reserves remain high at £341k (2020: £313k) as the charity continues to work towards hospital projects and in-home equipment donations.


**Section F****Other optional information**

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**Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	N. Halford	
Full name(s)	MRS NICOLA HALFORD	MR NEIL L HALFORD
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
Date	22-9-21	

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Time Is Precious (in memory of Ben Halford)		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	5 April 2021	<b>Charity no</b>	1141671
<b>Set out on page</b>	6		

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**Signed:**  **Date:** 22 SEP 2021

**Name:** Gregory Errington MAAT

**Address:** 40 Old Print Works Road  
Paulton  
Bristol BS39 7AR



Time Is Precious (in memory of Ben Halford)		1141671	
<b>Receipts and Payments Accounts</b>			
For the period		To	
from	06 April 2020		05 April 2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary receipts	61,853	-	-	61,853	88,698
Activities for generating funds	1,682	-	-	1,682	2,388
Bank interest received	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>63,535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,535</b>	<b>91,086</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	20,395	-	-	20,395	117,045
Generating voluntary receipts	15,203	-	-	15,203	14,130
Fundraising costs (trading activities)	-	-	-	-	714
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,598</b>	<b>131,889</b>
<b>Net of receipts</b>	<b>27,937</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,937</b>	<b>- 40,803</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	313,430	-	-	313,430	354,233
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>341,367</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>341,367</b>	<b>313,430</b>

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

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Cash at bank	341,367	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>341,367</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Signed by the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	N. HALFORD	22/9/21
	NEIL L HALFORD	22/9/21