

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

### 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		
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### 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

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### 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

The aim of the charity is to help create 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.

#### **We can help at home**

Time Is Precious aim to help as many children as possible who may need extra equipment not supplied by the NHS at home. This could also include sensory equipment, specialised devices such as Eye Gaze Communication etc. Every child is unique & will need equipment to suit them, working alongside hospital staff, to ensure the needs of the child is met correctly.

#### **Hospitals**

Hospital life can be extremely stressful when you have an ill child. Time is precious purchase amazing equipment to help relax the children as well as helping distract them from traumatic procedures.

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.

The principal hospitals to Benefit are as follows:

- Bristol Children's Hospital
- RUH Bath Children's Ward
- Booster Therapy Centre in the RUH Bath
- Yeovil Hospital Children's Ward



## 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.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

The charity started off with a large lump sum of money transferred from The Ben Halford Foundation (money raised by the public to try to send Ben to USA to keep him alive, but he deteriorated quicker than expected, so his parents set up Time Is Precious).

We only commit to projects & equipment we know we can afford/ raise, being realistic. If any grants are donated to a specific project this is always honoured.

As money raised within the Yeovil area, will be spent on Yeovil Hospital. Any money raised not within this area, will go towards either Bath RUH or Bristol Children's. Donors may be specific on which hospital it is put towards.

### Further financial review details

The financial Receipts and Payments Accounts are set out on page 6.

Through the fundraising efforts the charity achieved receipts in the period of £63.5k (2020: £91.1k).

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**

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

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		

**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 examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**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:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
  2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	22 SEP 2021
<b>Name:</b>	Gregory Errington MAAT		
<b>Address:</b>	40 Old Print Works Road		
	Paulton		
	Bristol BS39 7AR		

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

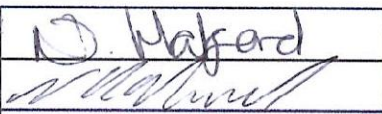
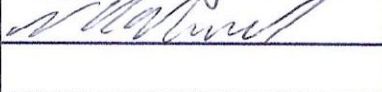
## Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
Cash funds	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