

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	06	April	2023	To	05	April	2024

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	Mrs Michelle Richards		
6	Mrs D Bradley		
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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

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 Hospital
- 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 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.

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 £91.3k (2023: £64.7k).

Spending on core charitable activities totalled £22.6k (2023: £40.4k) in the year.

Cash reserves remain high at £374k (2023: £332k) as the charity continues to work towards hospital projects and in-home equipment donations.

Section F

Other optional information

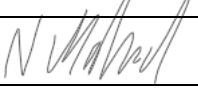
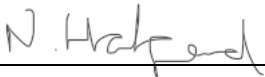
The charity continues to attract a large and growing, committed volunteer base.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Neil Halford	Nicola Halford
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	18 th June 2024	18 th June 2024

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 2024

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.

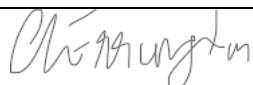
**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

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.

Signed:



Date:

18th Jun 2024

Name:

Gregory Errington MAAT

Address:

75 Blackberry Way

Midsomer Norton

Radstock BA3 2RN

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period from	Period start date 6 April 2023	To	Period end date 5 April 2024
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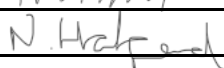
Section A Receipts and payments

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

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	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	374,380	-	-

Signed by the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Neil Halford	18th Jun 2024
	Nicola Halford	18th Jun 2024