

The Fun Walk Trust  
Charity Number 1151626  
Trustees' Annual Report  
Year Ended 31st December 2024

**The Fun Walk Trust**

1151626

C/O BBW CVS

The George Hurd Centre

Audley Way

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SS14 2FL

**Trustees**

Mr John Baron CBE

Mrs Sylvia Kent

Mrs Christine Brewster

Ms Sandra Bastow

All new Trustees will be provided with a copy of the Governing Document (Constitution) and the most recent Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements.

**Structure & Governance**

Governing Document: Constitution

Charity Constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee Selection: Appointment by election by the current trustees.

**Summary of Objects Set Out in Constitution**

The objects of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) are to advance such exclusively charitable purposes as the Charity trustees from time to time determine for the public benefit.

**Main Activities**

The Fun Walk Trust publicises an annual Fun Walk event and creates the material to enable participating charities and local community groups to organise their own sponsored walk(s) during the selected month. This leaves the participating organisations free to focus on encouraging their supporters to participate and raise sponsorship money for the organisation's projects and good causes. A bonus pot donated by local businesses and individuals incentivises supporters to take part, and is distributed on a pro-rata basis, over and above the money the organisations raise themselves through their supporters' walks.

### Achievements During the Last Period

This year's Fun Walk was held through September, and allowed charities and community groups to register and complete their sponsored walk anywhere and anytime during the month in support of their good causes.

We lost one key donor this year but had slightly increased donations from those that remained meaning that the total donations increased from 2023 to 2024. We remain extremely grateful for the support of our sponsors, and their contribution to the Fun Walk Bonus Pot provides a strong incentive for organisations to register and for supporters to get out and do a walk for their chosen charity or good cause.

These donations allowed us to pay a bonus amount of 30% over and above the money raised by participating organisations themselves. This compares to a Bonus of 40% that was paid in 2023.

Nearly £101,000 was raised. £77,369.41 was raised by Fun Walkers which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest amount in the Trust's history and a Bonus Pot of £23,334.00 was distributed to the 63 participating organisations, plus an additional £500 in donations was made to two other good causes during the year.

In 2023, the Trustees made the decision to organise our own celebration evening in Billericay, requiring the active assistance of all of the Trustees and a number of local organisations, and this was repeated in November 2024. Our thanks go to the fundraising organisations that participated, and all those that assisted in making the evening such a success. This provided a great opportunity for networking and also some great publicity to share with future participants and donors.

The Fun Walk Trust Chairman, John Baron CBE, retired as a Member of Parliament this year, but has confirmed he will continue his role with the Trust, which was established in 2002, and which has since raised over £1,635,000 for local charities and good causes.

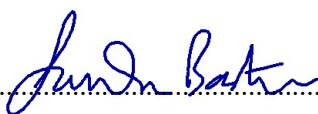
By means of the annual walk, The Fun Walk Trust has been able to serve the local community and beyond, benefiting registered charities, local schools, community interest companies, churches and supporting groups, sports clubs, resident associations and other community groups.

### Financial Information

The charity holds surpluses of income from time to time in reserve until such time as the trustees give approval to expenditure plans in furtherance of the objectives. There are no material deficits in any of the charity's funds or accounts.

### Declaration

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



08-04-2025

Sandra Bastow – Trustee

**The Fun Walk Trust**  
**Charity Number 1151626**  
**Income And Expenditure Account**  
**For The Year Ended 31st December 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Donations And Sponsorship</b>			
Donations Received		32,600	29,350
		<u>32,600</u>	<u>29,350</u>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Other Income		401	0
		<u>401</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Monies Raised (Before Costs)</b>		<u>33,001</u>	<u>29,350</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Costs</b>			
Management Fees		1,800	1,800
Event Costs		403	570
Postage, Stationery And Advertising		4	210
Travel Expenses		107	58
Insurance		0	146
Website Costs		44	30
Depreciation And Loss On Disposal		122	40
Accountancy		586	508
		<u>3,066</u>	<u>3,362</u>
<b>Total Monies Raised (After Costs)</b>		<u>29,935</u>	<u>25,988</u>
<b>Donations</b>			
Bonus Monies	1	23,334	24,599
		<u>23,334</u>	<u>24,599</u>
Other Donations		500	640
		<u>23,834</u>	<u>25,239</u>
<b>Excess Of Expenditure Over Income</b>		<u><u>6,101</u></u>	<u><u>749</u></u>

**The Fun Walk Trust**  
**Charity Number 1151626**  
**Balance Sheet As At 31st December 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Equipment		0	122
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash At Bank		15,638	9,357
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accruals		528	470
		15,110	8,887
		<u>15,110</u>	<u>9,009</u>
<b>General Reserve</b>			
As At 1st January 2024		8,659	7,910
Excess Of Expenditure Over Income		6,101	749
		<u>14,760</u>	<u>8,659</u>
<b>Special Reserve</b>	<b>2</b>		
As At 1st January 2024		350	100
Transferred To Income And Expenditure Account		-350	-100
Donations Received		350	350
		<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>
As At 31st December 2024		<u>15,110</u>	<u>9,009</u>

I approve these financial statements on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

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8th April 2025

Mr John Baron CBE  
Trustee

**The Fun Walk Trust**  
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**Notes To Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 31st December 2024**

**1 Bonus Monies**

The fun walking organisations received a bonus, funded from Donations Received, of approximately 30 pence for every pound raised and collected as a result of the Fun Walk 2024.

**2 Special Reserve**

This reserve is made up of Donations Received in advance of the Fun Walk to take place in the following year.

**3 Restricted and Unrestricted Funds**

All the funds of the charity are designated as unrestricted.

**The Fun Walk Trust**  
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**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**For The Year Ended 31st December 2024**

***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:

- i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- ii) 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
- iii) 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:
  - i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - ii) 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.

8th April 2025

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