

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Henry Allen Trust

Other names charity is known by

THAT

Registered charity number (if any)

1156701

Charity's principal address

7 Hexham Gardens

Bletchley

Milton Keynes

Postcode

MK3 5EY

### 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	Mark Allen			
2	Dawn Allen			
3	Emma Dixon			
4	Tim Cox			
5	Nicola Case			
6	Louise Cole			
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### 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

## 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)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by a Board of Trustee

### 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.

The Board of Directors has continued to reaffirm The Henry Allen Trust's mission and charitable objectives. All directors remain fully aligned with and supportive of these goals.

As a charity, The Henry Allen Trust continues to thrive in its mission to support children, teens, young adults, and their families battling childhood cancer, from birth to 18 years of age, across the UK.

Throughout the year, the Board has faced significant challenges, particularly due to reduced funding, lower levels of donor giving, and fewer opportunities to host fundraising events.

Despite these difficulties, Team Henry has continued to foster meaningful collaborations with national and local companies, media partners, local charities, and hospital clinicians. These partnerships have been crucial in sharing knowledge and enhancing support for the families we serve.

The Trustees have maintained a consistent meeting schedule, convening monthly online and quarterly in person, to review progress and implement new strategies aligned with long-term financial sustainability.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of our CIO are for the benefit of patients of children's hospital oncology units: -

(i) to relieve sickness and to preserve health by providing or assisting in the provision of equipment, facilities, recreation, and services ancillary to those provided by the doctors, for individuals and groups.

(ii) to promote and protect their physical and mental health through the

provision of financial assistance, support, education, practical advice, and counselling.

(iii) to relieve the sickness of child oncology patients by offering respite through the provision of short breaks and holidays.

(iv) to advance the education of the public relating to life threatening diseases and terminal illness in children including the hope and encouragement that can be found through better understanding, and through survivor's success stories.

## **Trustee Statement 2024**

### *The Henry Allen Trust – Celebrating 10 Years of Henry's Legacy*

2024 marked a significant milestone for The Henry Allen Trust (THAT), as we proudly celebrated 10 years of Henry's legacy. It has been one of the most rewarding yet challenging years to date. As a registered charity, our commitment remains unwavering, to bring joy, support, and comfort to children, teens, young adults, and their families battling childhood cancer across Milton Keynes, surrounding areas, and nationally.

The Board of Trustees, alongside our dedicated Events Committee and THAT Support Committee, continues to work tirelessly to ensure the sustainability and growth of the charity. The dedication of our volunteer base has also grown considerably, with passionate individuals supporting our events and initiatives throughout the year.

Following on from our 2023–2024 strategy focused on expanding major events and engaging corporate partners. By streamlining resources and increasing collaboration, we enhanced our fundraising efforts and raised awareness with greater efficiency.

## **Impact and Outreach**

Through the incredible work of Team Henry, we have reached more families than ever before. Our ongoing partnerships with hospital teams, particularly within Milton Keynes University Hospital and the Thames Valley Cancer Network, have contributed to improvements in care, shared decision-making, and facilities for young oncology patients.

Our commitment to raising awareness of childhood cancers remains strong. We have distributed educational materials, maintained a strong social media presence, and delivered presentations at seminars, conferences, and professional training sessions.

## **Henry's Home Vision**

While the vision for "Henry's Home" remains on hold due to financial constraints, a potential piece of land has been identified, and preliminary investigations are underway. We continue to evaluate this project as a future priority, holding onto hope that it will become a reality in the coming years.

## **Clinical and Family Support**

We are incredibly proud of the support provided across UK hospitals including MKUH, Stoke Mandeville, Addenbrooke's, John Radcliffe, Birmingham Children's Hospital, and UCLH. Families received tailored care packs, arts and crafts, toy bundles, and essential equipment.

Our monthly THAT Support meet-ups have remained a vital space for families to connect, share, and heal. We've also delivered hospital visits with food and treats, launched a reliable taxi service to treatment centres, and continued to utilise the THAT vehicle to deliver care packages and

**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)**

gifts.

### **Grants, Wishes and Well-being**

Our Treats and Wishes programme has brought joy to many families through gifts such as Merlin Annual Passes, National Trust memberships, family outings, holiday vouchers, and more. Financial grants—delivered in collaboration with YLVC social workers and oncology teams—have now expanded to the majority of UK oncology wards and remain one of our most in-demand services.

We continue to support the SIOPEN clinical trial for Neuroblastoma, and our ongoing collaboration with YLVC social workers ensures wraparound support for families. Our trained counsellor has provided invaluable emotional support and well-being services, working alongside healthcare professionals to meet holistic family needs.

### **Leadership and Advocacy**

Founder and Director Dawn Allen continues to be a powerful voice for children and families affected by cancer. She represents paediatric cancer patients on several boards and committees, including her role as Chairperson of the Milton Keynes Cancer Patient Partnership and contributor to numerous CCGs and MDTs. Our Junior Trustees also remain active contributors, offering a fresh perspective and continuing to influence Henry's Legacy meaningfully.

### **Looking Ahead**

While the long-term effects of the pandemic continue to impact fundraising and family well-being, Team Henry remains committed to finding innovative solutions. Financial pressures persist, but our resilience, community support, and determination to uphold Henry's legacy remain stronger than ever.

We extend heartfelt thanks to every supporter, volunteer, corporate partner, and healthcare professional who has stood beside us. Together, we will continue to make a difference—because no family should face childhood cancer alone.

### **The Board of Trustees**

The Henry Allen Trust  
October 2024

**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.

### Engagement and Development in 2024

Networking has remained a valuable tool for The Henry Allen Trust, enabling us to access external expertise and support, particularly within the corporate sector. These relationships continue to play a crucial role in expanding our reach and strengthening our capabilities.

Our dedicated volunteer team remains at the heart of our charity. We are pleased to report that not only have our core volunteers remained committed, but we have also seen encouraging growth in new volunteer engagement across various activities and events.

We are incredibly grateful for the contributions from our well-being counsellors, who continue to dedicate time voluntarily. Their work has been vital in supporting the emotional and mental health of the families we serve.

In 2024, we also made a strategic investment in developing our capacity for grant and bid writing. This has been an important step in securing additional funding sources to ensure the sustainability and growth of our services.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

#### Key Achievements in 2024

This year, The Henry Allen Trust has proudly expanded the reach and impact of our **Treats and Wishes** and **Financial Grant** programmes, supporting even more children, teens, young adults, and their families across the UK affected by childhood cancer. These initiatives continue to bring comfort, joy, and critical financial relief during some of the most challenging times.

We have also strengthened our voice within the NHS, raising further **awareness of childhood cancers** by actively participating in various national boards and cancer groups. Advocacy remains a vital part of our mission, and we are committed to ensuring childhood cancer remains a priority on the national healthcare agenda.

Our ongoing **funding of Oncology nursing courses** reflects our dedication to supporting and improving outcomes for young cancer patients.

This year's **Easter Egg Appeal** broke all previous records, receiving the highest number of donations in our charity's history, an incredible show of community support and kindness.

Despite ongoing challenges, we have remained firmly rooted in our **charitable aims and objectives**, continuing to adapt and innovate to ensure our work remains sustainable. Our team has embraced **new and creative fundraising approaches**, helping us stay resilient and effective in a changing economic landscape.

Our **Annual Family Fun Day** was a tremendous success bringing families together and returning to fundraising levels. These moments of joy and unity are at the heart of what we do.

**Team Henry** has also continued to take on various **fitness challenges and charity bike rides**, which have become highly successful fundraising and awareness campaigns, as well as fantastic ways to engage new supporters.

We've been able to offer more **in-person support to families** and extend our reach to even more **hospitals across the UK**, ensuring our services remain accessible and impactful.

A special highlight this year was the national recognition for the following awards: -

- Cancer Support MPO of The Year 2024 / 2025, Buckinghamshire
- Family Support MPO of The Year UK
- Most Compassionate Children's Cancer Charity 2024 for Southeast England
- Childhood Cancer Family Support Organisation of The Year 2024 England

## Section E Financial review

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

Restricted funds are only used in accordance with the subject of use.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

Not applicable.

### 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.

Fundraising performance saw a marked improvement in 2024, reflecting both increased engagement and the successful return of in-person events.

After several years of disruption due to the pandemic, the ability to once again connect face-to-face with our supporters, corporate partners, and community members has been both encouraging and impactful.

These events not only strengthened relationships but also significantly contributed to income generation, awareness, and volunteer involvement. The renewed sense of community spirit and shared purpose has played a crucial role in helping us sustain and grow our services during a financially challenging climate.

## Section F Other optional information

The Board of Trustees remains hopeful and committed that 2024 and 2025 will continue to be successful years, enabling us to uphold and fulfil Henry's lasting wish.

## 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>	D. ALLEN	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Dawn Allen	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Founder and Director	
<b>Date</b>	09.10.2025	



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-24		31-Dec-24

### Section A Receipts and payments


	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	94,825	-	-	94,825	123,113
Fundraising	20,724	-	-	20,724	13,213
National Lottery & Community Grants	2,000	-	-	2,000	9,928
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	117,549	-	-	117,549	146,254
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	117,549	-	-	117,549	146,254
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising & PR	9,801	-	-	9,801	30
Employee Costs - Pension Costs	920	-	-	920	592
Employee Costs - Staff Training	1,682	-	-	1,682	943
Employee Costs - Wages & Salaries	47,497	-	-	47,497	52,626
Employees Costs - Uniforms	43	-	-	43	-
Family/THAT Support	6,701	-	-	6,701	9,253
Fundraising Costs	28,561	-	-	28,561	31,562
General Office Expenses	1,137	-	-	1,137	1,254
Grants & Wishes	4,013	-	-	4,013	18,432
Hospital Visits & Care Packages	5,423	-	-	5,423	7,434
Insurance	2,563	-	-	2,563	2,289
Interest Paid	9	-	-	9	6
Inventory Storage	5,148	-	-	5,148	4,670
IT & Software	1,058	-	-	1,058	927
Light, Heat & Power	1,800	-	-	1,800	-
Meetings & Networking	3,099	-	-	3,099	4,679
Motor Vehicle Expenses - Running Costs	2,334	-	-	2,334	2,283
Motor Vehicle Expenses - Vehicle Leasing	10,263	-	-	10,263	4,246
Postage	9	-	-	9	147
Professional fees	810	-	-	810	210
Stationery, Printing & Telephone	652	-	-	652	675
Subscriptions	465	-	-	465	154
Sundry Expenses	146	-	-	146	22
Travel & Subsistence	1,374	-	-	1,374	1,384
Volunteer expenses	106	-	-	106	341
Wellness & Counselling	200	-	-	200	205
<b>Sub total</b>	135,814	-	-	135,814	144,364
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	135,814	-	-	135,814	144,364
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 18,265	-	-	- 18,265	1,890
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	26,418	-	-	26,418	26,418
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	8,153	1	-	8,153	30/10/2023 28,308



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	8,153	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	8,153	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Dawn Allen	31/10/2025



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

The Henry Allen Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1156701

**Set out on pages**

*Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets.*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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

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

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

**Name:**

Anthony Channing

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

**Address:**

32 Tennyson Drive

Newport Pagnbell

MK16 8PH

**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.**

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