

DAISY CHAINS IW

England & Wales · Charity number 1156801

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2014-04-25

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

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND NEED FOR CHILDREN THAT SUFFER FROM LONG TERM HEALTH PROBLEMS, A LIFE LIMITING CONDITION, NEED EMERGENCY HOSPITAL TREATMENT OR HAVE A DISABILITY - TO INCLUDE PRE TERM BABIES AND THEIR FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MAINLAND HOSPITALS THAT ARE RESIDENT ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT, BY:A) PROVIDING AN EMERGENCY TRAVEL GRANT SCHEME FOR CHILDREN WHO NEED ASSISTANCE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TRUSTEES. B) PROVIDING TRAVEL GRANTS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS TO ENABLE THEM TO ACCESS APPOINTMENTS, TREATMENT, THERAPY OR CARE. C) PURCHASING (MEDICAL) AIDS AND EQUIPMENT THAT WILL HELP CHILDREN PROGRESS OR BE MORE COMFORTABLE THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON THE NHS D) PAYING FOR THERAPIES AT THERAPY CENTRES THAT WILL HELP OR AID THE CHILDREN TO PROGRESS OR MAINTAIN THEIR ABILITIES.

Activities: Daisy Chains IW supports Isle of Wight children and their families when a child has been diagnosed with a life limiting illness, long term health problem or disability this includes premature babies who need to travel to mainland hospitals for treatment/care or therapy, we also help with any costs associated with the treatment/illness/disability and also pay for any equipment or family support.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Isle Of Wight

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-06	£83,259	£83,304	-	-
2024-04-06	£66,995	£66,906	-	-
2023-04-06	£45,195	£49,996	-	-
2022-04-06	£33,801	£30,866	-	-
2021-04-06	£49,287	£44,057	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CLARE MICHELLE PLANT		2014-03-13
Elyse Rose		2018-04-01
PAULINE GROVES		2014-03-13

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Accounts

Daisy Chains IW

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Trustees annual report and end of year accounts

For the year ended 6th April 2025

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6th April 2025

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Trustees

Clare Plant – Chairperson

Pauline Groves

Elyse Rose

Structure Governance and Management

Charitable Incorporated Association

Foundation Model

Trustee Appointing: Trustees are appointed through the existing trustee members after receiving a nomination and majority vote by the board of trustees. Trustee applications will be subject to suitability checks before nominations are accepted.

Reserves Policy: The Trustees do not have a reserves policy at present

Objectives and Activities

We are dedicated to supporting Island families who have a child with a long-term health condition, life-limiting illness, disability, or a premature baby

transferred to a mainland hospital. Our mission is to ease the emotional and financial strain these families face by providing practical, compassionate support when it's needed most.

Travel Support

We fund and arrange travel to and from mainland hospitals for appointments, surgeries, and treatments — essential journeys that are not covered by any other funding.

For families with children in hospital for extended stays, we also cover travel costs for family visits, helping parents take much-needed breaks and supporting the child's emotional wellbeing.

Some families travel daily for treatments such as cancer care, while others travel weekly or monthly, these trips can run into thousands of pounds over the year which can cause so much financial strain on the family.

Food Support

We recognise that hospital stays and medical travel can create financial hardship, so we run two food support schemes:

Hospital Food Vouchers: Parents with a baby or child in a mainland hospital can apply for £50 vouchers (one or two per week) to use at hospital outlets such as M&S or Costa, helping them access meals and snacks without added stress.

Home Food Deliveries: Families registered with us experiencing food poverty can apply for up to five shopping deliveries per year. In emergencies, we also provide additional support to ensure no family goes hungry.

Neonatal Support

For Island families transferred to mainland neonatal units, we provide NICU boxes filled with essentials for both mum and baby, easing the pressure during those first difficult days. We also aim to maintain a baby trolley at the Isle of Wight NICU, stocked with nappies, wipes, and other essentials for parents to use while on the unit in the very near future.

Emotional and Practical Support

Our team is available 24 hours a day for ferry bookings and emotional

support. We also offer home visits, helping families with signposting, applications, and access to entitlements. Our goal is to ensure no family feels alone in their journey.

Family Outings and Community Connection

We organise family outings that bring children and parents together for fun, relaxation, and connection. These events allow families to meet others who understand their experiences. While we currently run this quarterly due to costs, we aim to expand to monthly Saturday sessions.

Wishes and Treats

Throughout the year, we provide special wishes and treats whenever possible — small gestures that bring joy and comfort to families facing challenging times as well as some much larger wishes for families that have

just lost a child, or their child has an end-of-life diagnosis.

We are here for Island families every step of the way — offering care, compassion, and community when it matters most.

Achievements and Performance

Annual Summary 2024-2025

The 2024-2025 year has been an extremely busy and impactful one for Daisy Chains IW. We have continued to fully fund all travel and accommodation needs for families referred to us by medical professionals or through self-referral.

Through the invaluable support of the **Household Support Fund (HSF)**, we have been able to provide essential help to families most in need — including food packages, vouchers, and heated blankets. Alongside this vital support, we have continued to offer special treats and trips for the growing number of families we work with, helping to bring moments of joy during difficult times.

The demand for our services has risen sharply once again. This increase is due not only to the reduction of local services on the Island but also to the ongoing rise in the cost of living — particularly food and heating. Many of our families are being pushed further into poverty, especially those with seriously ill children who must travel to mainland hospitals for treatment. Even with our travel support, the additional costs of food both at hospital and at home are driving families into financial crisis.

The introduction of our **food deliveries for Island-based families** and **food vouchers for those in hospital** has become almost as essential as our travel support this year

. With more services being removed from the Island hospital, families are now required to travel more frequently to Southampton, Portsmouth, and Great Ormond Street. As a result, we are receiving more referrals than ever before, with a significant rise in self-referrals — likely due to families seeking help directly in the current financial climate.

We have seen a substantial increase in both the number of families we support and the frequency of their travel needs. Addressing **food poverty** and the **cost-of-living crisis** has become a major focus for our charity.

Families caring for a seriously ill child already face immense financial strain, and rising costs have made this even more challenging. Thanks to funding from the **Government Household Support Fund** and **Wight Aid**, we have been able to continue providing this crucial assistance something we expect will remain a growing part of our work in the years ahead.

This year also saw us expand our **treats and wishes** programme, offering more special experiences alongside our traditional Christmas gifts and family outings.

As always, our support remains dedicated exclusively to families registered on our system — those with a child who has a long-term, life-limiting, or complex health condition or disability — ensuring we continue to focus our help where it is most needed.

Fundraising Events 2024-2025

Our events this year have continued to be well supported and have generated vital funding for Daisy Chains IW. We are proud to have raised significant funds through our staple events — the **Easter Egg Hunt, Festival of Heroes, Isle of Wight Festival**, and our new **Superhero Sponsored Walk**.

These events are essential not only for raising funds but also for increasing awareness of the charity and the work we do to support Island families.

Each event has brought the community together, creating opportunities for families, supporters, and volunteers to connect and celebrate while contributing to a meaningful cause.

This year also saw the introduction of our **Gala Ball**, a new addition to our fundraising calendar. The event was a wonderful success, and we hope it will grow each year into one of our flagship annual fundraisers.

These events remain a cornerstone of our charity's sustainability, helping to ensure we can continue providing essential support, travel assistance, and care for families across the Island.

Families Supported: The Number of families we have supported this year has increased as it does year on year for travel, food and equipment support, with **36** new families being referred to us this year.

We continued to support **33** families that were already with us from previous years.

Over 2024-25 we have supported **69** Island families in total.

As in previous years, the length of time we support each family varies greatly — from a few weeks to several years — depending on their individual circumstances and needs.

Premature babies are typically referred to us for the duration of their stay in a mainland NICU, with the longest period of support lasting up to one year. These families often require intensive support over a shorter timeframe. Once their baby is discharged and returns home, the referral is usually closed unless ongoing medical issues are identified, in which case the family remains on our system for continued support.

Children with long-term or life-limiting diagnoses generally stay with us until their 18th birthday, or sadly, until they are no longer with us. The level of support these families need can fluctuate — there are times when they require significant help and other times when their needs are less intensive.

Each year, all families complete an update form so we can review their situation and determine whether continued support is needed. If a family no longer requires assistance, their case is closed, ensuring our resources are directed to those most in need.

This meant that by the end of this financial year we managed to close 7 referrals due to the child being premature and going home, finishing treatment, recovering, or sadly passing away.

62 families continue to receive support from us into 2025/26.

Brief roundup of support given in 2024-2025

Number of children supported from previous years **33**

Newly referred children **36**

Total supported this year **69**

Referrals closed during the year **7**

Families who will continue to receive support into 2024-25 **62**

Total number of families support since we began **327**

Conclusion

This year has been another positive and productive one. We are proud of the support we have provided to families within the limits of our funding.

While we recognise there is always more we could do, securing funding has become increasingly challenging in the current climate.

Despite this, we have entered the new financial year with strong momentum, successful events, and a commitment to developing new ideas to sustain and grow our work. In the coming year, we also hope to welcome additional volunteers to help us expand our reach and increase our impact within the community.

Looking ahead, we plan to introduce a fully stocked baby trolley in the Isle of Wight NICU, ensuring that every family has access to essential items during those first crucial days.

We will also be upgrading our mainland NICU boxes to more practical and user-friendly bags, which are easier to store on the wards and more useful for parents.

These updated bags will include coffee vouchers, giving parents a small but meaningful comfort during what can be an overwhelming time.

Our relationships with Southampton and Portsmouth NICUs continue to strengthen, and we are proud to be recognised as the “go-to” charity for Island babies admitted to either unit. This partnership ensures that no family is overlooked or left to face their challenges alone.

We continue to receive many referrals from Isle of Wight Community Nurses and Health Visitors, both Mainland PICU” S as well as a growing number of self-referrals from families who find us directly.

We always strive to help wherever possible, and in the rare cases where a family does not meet our criteria, we ensure they are signposted to the right organisations for alternative support. Our team remains available 24 hours a day to assist with travel, emotional wellbeing, and practical needs.

Our partnerships with Red Funnel, Wightlink, and Hovertravel remain vital to our mission. Their continued collaboration ensures that families can travel across the Solent with minimal disruption, allowing them to focus on what truly matters — being there for their child.

Income

Our income has increased slightly this year compared to last year, primarily due to funding received through the Household Support Fund (HSF) grants rather than an improvement in donations or general fundraising. These grants have been instrumental in allowing us to continue supporting families and ensuring their essential needs are met.

As in previous years, our spending closely matches our income. We are not a charity that holds reserves — the demand for help is constant, and funds are quickly directed to where they are most needed. We anticipate

this pattern of quick turnover and balanced spending to continue into the next financial year.

The Trustees declare they approve the above trustees report
Signed on behalf of the charity trustees

Clare Plant

Chairperson 29/01/2026

Daisy Chains IW

Statement of Financial Activities Year-end April 2025

Income. **2024/2025**

Donations

Direct Public Donations **£8707.79**

Public donations over £501

Sugar and Spice Fashion Show £1696

Osbourne Lodge £716

Kenzie's Bracelets £603.12

The Caravan Club £1019.41

Stars in their Eye £810

Hursts Staff £1882

Business Donations.

£3,919.81

Business donations over £501

Hays Travel £2000

Carisbrooke C/E £1197.87

Grants for Specific use. £15717.50
Grants over £500
IW Council Household support fund £15717.50

JustGiving Donations and sponsored events £3503.70
Donations over £501
Martyn Thorpe £600

JustGiving Gift Aid £537.27

Events Income

Events £4580.27

IW Festival £14,957.16

Festival of Heroes £31,335.48

Gross Income £83,258.98

Less costs of Events and Sponsored Activities

£32,391.44

Total Net Income £50,867.54

Expenditure

Family Travel Granting £13,043.70

All Other Family Support Costs £30,235.60

Treatment, Therapy Wishes and Family Treats £7,505.84

Regular family support £10,080

NICU Boxes £239.02

Food, Heat and Basic Essentials Funding £12,410.74

Insurance £667.17

Rent, Rates and Utilities £3321.60

Postage and Stationery £588.17

The above financial information is approved by the trustees and signed for on their behalf by

Mrs Clare Plant
Chair of Trustees

Signed.....Clare Plant Date ...29/01/26.....

Daisy Chains IW
Balance Sheet
Year-end April 2025

(All unrestricted funds)

Current Assets

Cash at bank	£1780.17
Cash in Hand	£46.02

Creditors

Amounts falling due within 1 year	£0
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Net current assets	£1826.19
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<u>Total assets less current liabilities</u>	<u>£1826.19</u>
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<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>£1826.19</u>
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These financial statements are approved by the board and signed on their behalf by

Chairperson ...Clare PlantDate...26/01/26.....

Independent Examiners Report of Daisy Chains IW

**I report on the accounts for the charity for the year end April 6th, 2025
as set out in this document.**

The charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the section 144(2) of the charities act 2011 (the 2011 act) but that an independent examination is sufficient.

I can confirm I have examined the accounts and must state if any particular matters have come to my attention, I have examined the accounting records of the charity and made a comparison with the accounts presented with those records.

I have also considered if any items are unusual in any way and would seek explanations if this was the case, the procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion can be given as to whether the accounts present a true or fair view, and this report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 2011 Act.

- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and principles of statement of recommended practice, accounting and reporting by charities have not been met or
- 2) To which my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account's to be reached.



Examiner: Amy Graham

Date: 30/01/2026

Address: 69 Manor Crescent, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2BJ.

Position: Finance Assistant.

DAISY CHAINS IW

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Accounts

Daisy Chains IW

Charity Number: 1156801

Trustees annual report and end of year accounts

For the year ended 5th April 2024

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Foundation Model

Trustee Appointing: Trustees are appointed through the existing trustee members after receiving a nomination and majority vote by the board of trustees. Trustee applications will be subject to suitability checks before nominations are accepted.

Reserves Policy: The Trustees do not have a reserves policy at present

Objectives and Activities

To support families with children between birth and 18 years of age on the Isle of Wight that suffer long term health problems, life limiting conditions and disabilities that need essential life changing treatment, hospital treatment at mainland hospitals, or long-term care, this also includes pre-term infants transferred to mainland units.

Support is provided by way of travel grants to families, we assist with the booking and payment of travel costs to include ferry travel, train, and taxis we can also provide where needed financial support for any accommodation the family may require while tending to their child.

The funding is available for both emergency and general medical appointments for the above children and their families, emergency appointments will however take precedence if funds are low.

Our team offer 24-hour family support as and when it is needed and are available via text, phone, or email anytime.

Families are referred to us via local community nurses, health visitors, NICU Staff to name a few and also by way of self-referral.

Financial support is also provided for equipment that will aid or help improve the well-being of a child and for costs of recognised therapies that are not available through the NHS.

We have the flexibility to assess any child between 0-18 years that may need support on the Island and can offer support where needed.

During the year we also run and hold family enrichments events such as our Christmas party, day trips and “wishes” for those who are on our support system. During these events children may receive a gift, be entertained by children’s entertainers or anything which we feel will offer the children some fun with their siblings and parents. This can also include gifts being sent to children who are in hospital for a long time or those who are isolated in their home due to illness.

Our NICU box project is running permanently within Southampton General Hospital. This is where we keep boxes with all the essentials the mum of an unexpected premature baby will need for the first few days after birth, along with info on the support we provide.

Achievements and Performance

2023-2024

2023 -2024 has been a good year overall for our charity with our highest income to date , however we were affected by the cancellation of some of our bigger events due to poor weather which did lead us to have very low funding available in January but after a plea on our social media this soon turned around and we were able to continue supporting the Daisy Chains Families as normal.

The demand for our services has again risen this year due to more and more services being removed from the Island hospital and patients needing to travel for most appointments to Southampton / Portsmouth and Great Ormand Street. we are receiving more referrals than ever with an big surge in self-referral particularly, we think this is due to people searching for support themselves due to the current financial climate .

We have again this year seen a bug jump in the amount of requests we have for ferries spending over £15,000 on this alone the most we ever have in one year; we have also supported a lot more or of our families with the cost of living and with the help of grant funding been able to fund almost £18,000 of food hampers and items to support them with Heating also.

Food poverty support and the cost of living crisis is something we have really had to embrace within our charity as our families are really struggling with this at the moment , having a poorly child already puts a huge financial strain on the families so with rising costs of food and heating it's a real problem , we have been able to support them through funding from the Government Household support fund, Cash for Kids and Wight Aid, this is something we are sure will continue and become an even bigger part of what we do.

This year also saw us expand our treats and wishes that we offer our families and as well as the usual Christmas gifts and outings we were able to fund our first large wish for a family who lost their beautiful little girl, we were able to send the siblings and parents on a much-needed holiday together. We would like to build on Daisy's Wishes over the coming years and hope to be able to support more families this way.

We do as always keep our support just for the families registered on our support system who all have a child with a long term, life limiting/long

term health condition or disability so we are keeping within our expected support area.

Our Events this year have continued to be well supported and bring in good funding even though our largest event Festival of Heroes was cancelled due to poor weather we were able to still navigate this well as our sponsors covered any costs incurred and pre-sale tickets still gave us an income although these will be honoured at the next event in 2024

Families Supported: The Number of families we have supported this year has increased as it does year on year for travel and equipment support, with 25 new families being referred to us this year.

We continued to support 31 families that were already with us from previous years.

Over 2023-24 we have supported 56 Island families. As mentioned in previous years, the length of time support is given to each family can range from weeks to years.

Usually, the premature babies will be referred to us for the period they are in the NICU on the mainland our longest being 1 year, these families usually have a lot of support over a shorter period, we then close the referral when they go home unless other medical issues are found then they will stay on our system.

Children that have a long-term diagnosis will usually stay with us until their 18th birthday or sadly until they are no longer with us, these children can have times when they need us a lot and times when they don't need us as much.

Each year all our families fill in an update form so we can look at how things are going and if they still need support if not, they will be closed from the system.

This meant that by the end of this financial year we managed to close 23 referrals due to the child being premature and going home, finishing treatment, recovering, or sadly passing away.

33 families continue to receive support from us into 2024/25.

Brief roundup of support given in 2023-2024

Number of children supported from previous years **31**

Newly referred children **25**

Total supported this year **56**

Referrals closed during the year **23**

Families who will continue to receive support into 2024-25 **33**

Total number of families support since we began **291**

In conclusion the year has been another good one but funding is becoming increasingly hard to find and this seems to be something that won't change now in the new climate we live in , with this in mind we are going to be streamlining our events and only moving forward with the most profitable ones and have ideas for new annual ones that will make a more regular income for us in coming years.

Going into the next financial year we are planning to apply for more outside grants that could be available to us and also work on our bigger events to make them even better alongside the new ones we hope to bring such as our Super Hero Sponsored walk and our May Ball , we hope these will become annual and really be well supported.

As in previous years our relationship with Southampton NICU and Portsmouth continue to strengthen. We are now both units "go to" charity as soon as an Island baby is admitted. This ensures no family is missed or left to struggle alone.

We still get many Isle of Wight referrals from Community Nurses and Health Visitors and lots of families finding us themselves and using our self-referral system. We always help where we can, however, there are rare times when the family do not meet our criteria. In these cases, we always signpost them and talk them through who can help and how to apply for alternative support. We are also available to the families 24 hours a day for support with travel and emotional and wellbeing support.

We continue to work closely with Red Funnel, Wightlink and Hover travel, to ensure families are supported and able to get across the Solent with the minimum amount of disruption.

Funding: Funding and donations have been up this year however a lot of our income was for specific things such as food hampers etc so we need to make sure we are fundraising well for the other things we do into the next year , spending was also up but this was to be expected and we do expect it to rise again next year due to high demand for services.

The Trustees declare they approve the above trustees report
Signed on behalf of the charity trustees

Clare Plant

Chairperson 26/01/2025

Daisy Chains IW

Statement of Financial Activities **Year-end April 2024**

Income.

2023/2024

Donations

Public Donations

£9017.51

Public donations over £500

Sandown Fire Cadets £567

Business Donations.

£4969.94

Business donations over £500

Charities trust £500

Milford Del £1000

Entertainer pennies Grant £1000

Renodrain £1250

Grants for Specific use.

£17,675.00

Grants over £500

Cash for kids Cost of Living £1800

Wight Aid £1900

IW Council Household support fund - £11,675

**JustGiving Donations and sponsored events
£7424.88**

Donations over £500

Aston Rose- Kirby £827

Jareds Skydive £510

Apex Competition £3107.84

**JustGiving Gift Aid
£166.00**

Events Income

Small Events

£2923.75

Online Events

£1408.30

IW Festival

£9,739.05

Festival of Heroes

£13,670.97

Gross Income

£66,995.40

Less costs of Events and Sponsored Activities

£22,402.67

Total Net Income

£44,592.73

Expenditure

Family Travel Granting

£15,764.70

All Other Family Support Costs

£25,009.35

Equipment Grants £0

Treatment, Therapy Wishes and Family Treats £4821.95

Regular family support £10,825.20

NICU Boxes £0

Food , Heat and Basic Essentials Funding £9362.20

Insurance
£229.08

Rent, Rates and Utilities
£2,256.00

Postage and Stationery
£343.04

Advertising
£90.09

JustGiving Fees
£216

Office Equipment
£95.88

Volunteer Costs
£499.70

Total spending at bank £66,906.51

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Daisy Chains IW
Statement of financial activities year end April 2024

Opening Balance
£1782.03

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Gross Income
£66,995.40

Total Expenditure
£66,906.51

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Total Funds Carried Forward
£1870.92

Total at Bank
£1870.92

The above financial information is approved by the trustees and signed for on their behalf by

Mrs Clare Plant
Chair of Trustees

Signed.....Clare Plant Date ...
26/01/25.....

Daisy Chains IW
Balance Sheet
Year-end April 2024

(All unrestricted funds)

Current Assets

Cash at bank
£1870.92

Creditors

Amounts falling due within 1 year
£0

Net current assets
£1870.92

Total assets less current liabilities
£1870.92

Total Funds
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Examiner: Amy Graham

Date: 30/01/2025

Address: 69 Manor Crescent, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2BJ.

Position: Finance Assistant.

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Clare Plant – Chairperson

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We have the flexibility to assess any child between 0-18 years that may need support on the Island and can offer support where needed.

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Achievements and Performance

2022-2023

As we move into the 10th year of our charity being formed it has been another challenging year to be a charity as we are now solidly in a cost-of-living crisis and this has really affected our Income with our business donations and donations from the public being well down, thankfully we were able to bring back our outdoor events which have been hugely successful and well supported, this along with our online fundraising has kept us going this year.

The year started off as we would expect with our monthly travel support being about £500 a month however as the year has gone on we have seen a big rise in requests with some months requests doubling our usual rate, we think this is due to the closure of the only 2 other charities that were supporting with travel on the Island leaving us as the only one doing this now , we fully expect this trend to continue into the future and possibly growing even more over the time as we take on more families that were with the other charities.

While we continue with our usual objectives we are now beginning to support the families with more cost of living support as it is so needed to help with this we are applying for more and more grants that can be used for this as you can see in the financial round up, we believe this is something we will need to do into the future as people are finding general living costs so tough at the moment , we do keep this funding just for the families we support who all have a child with a long term, life limiting/long term health condition or disability so we are keeping within our expected support area.

Due to the success of our events our income has risen back to pre-pandemic levels and we hope that we can now continue and grow as we were before Covid 19 hit, we aim to do this mostly by growing our events as the success of them is clear with our Easter Egg Hunt, Festival of Heroes and pop up café at IW Festival raising £25k of our total income.

Families Supported: The Number of families we have supported this year has increased as it does year on year for travel and equipment support, with 20 new families being referred to us this year.

We continued to support 46 families that were already with us from previous years.

Over 2022-23 we have supported 66 Island families. As mentioned in previous years, the length of time support is given to each family can range from weeks to years.

Usually, the premature babies will be referred to us for the period they are in the NICU on the mainland our longest being 1 year, these families usually have a lot of support over a shorter period, we then close the referral when they go home unless other medical issues are found then they will stay on our system.

Children that have a long-term diagnosis will usually stay with us until their 18th birthday or sadly until they are no longer with us, these children can have times when they need us a lot and times when they don't need us as much.

Each year all our families fill in an update form so we can look at how things are going and if they still need support if not, they will be closed from the system.

This meant that by the end of this financial year we managed to close 35 referrals due to the child being premature and going home, finishing treatment, recovering, or sadly passing away.

31 families continue to receive support from us into 2023/24.

Brief roundup of support given in 2022-2023

Number of children supported from previous years **46**

Newly referred children **20**

Total supported this year **66**

Referrals closed during the year **35**

Families who will continue to receive support into 2023-24 **31**

Total number of families support since we began **266**

It has been another tough year for Daisy Chains. However, we are proud of how we managed to come through and bring back our events and get things back on track.

Our aim going into the next financial year is to continue to grow our events and be ready to support even more families. We will be looking to grow our Daisy's Wishes side of the charity and also look at how best to help with the COL crisis as we move forward, and things change.

As in previous years our relationship with Southampton NICU and Portsmouth continue to strengthen. We are now both units “go to” charity as soon as an Island baby is admitted. This ensures no family is missed or left to struggle alone.

We still get many Isle of Wight referrals from Community Nurses and Health Visitors and lots of families finding us themselves and using our self-referral system. We always help where we can, however, there are rare times when the family do not meet our criteria. In these cases, we always signpost them and talk them through who can help and how to apply for alternative support.

We continue to work closely with Red Funnel, Wightlink and Hover travel, to ensure families are supported and able to get across the Solent with the minimum amount of disruption.

Our NICU box project has been on hold for this year due to the other things we have funded and the time we need to do them however we aim to bring them back for the coming year and recruit a volunteer to run this project with us.

Our Annual Christmas Party did not happen this year but instead we had a cinema day for those that could come and Elf deliveries for those that couldn't.

This worked well, and we hope to do something different each Christmas now.

We have again been lucky enough to be supported by The IOW Toy Appeal, cash for kids and Hamilton and Marshall Funeral directors.

We also held an extra celebration this year a 10th Birthday party for the charity, this was an amazing day with families old and new coming to see us over the day to enjoy activities, characters, magic shows, pottery painting and more.

Funding: Funding as we mentioned has been down this year, business and the public are being a lot more careful with spending so both kinds of donations were down this year, however as mentioned we more than made this up with our events. Having said this, we have still has some fabulous donations from Island Rds., Ford Takeover, Ryde Town Club to name a few.

In conclusion this has been another challenging year to be a charity, but we have managed to keep enough of an income to be able to support lots of families.

The Trustees declare they approve the above trustees report
Signed on behalf of the charity trustees

Clare Plant

Chairperson 26/01/2024

Daisy Chains IW

Statement of Financial Activities
Year-end April 2023

Income.

2022/2023

Donations

Public Donations

£3779.82

Public donations over £500

Calbourne car boot £1193.58

Melodic choir £538.69

Sunrise Rotary £500

Business Donations.

£4178.31

Business donations over £500

Ford Takeover £500

Ryde Town Club £1000

Vestas £500

Island Rds £721.48

Grants for Specific use.

£1650

Grants over £500
Cash for kids Cost of Living £1650

JustGiving Donations.
£7116.62

JustGiving donations over £500
Apex Competition £1425
Glynn Groves memorial £840
Charlotte Wellard £500
Adrian Godfrey £2000
Emily Newman £620
Batemans-Collins £1000

JustGiving Gift Aid
£954.47

Events Income

Small Events
£998.74

Online Events
£1176.93

IW Festival
£6,959.75

Festival of Heroes
£18,470.90

Gross Income
£45,285.54

Less costs of Events and Sponsored Activities

£15608.86

Total Net Income
£29,676.68

Expenditure

Family Travel Granting
£9203.95

Premature baby travel £2829.38
General family travel £6374.57

All Other Family Support Costs

£21,419.44

Equipment Grants £278.74

Treatment, Therapy and Family Treats £6430.70

Regular family support £12230

NICU Boxes £0

Food , Heat and Basic Essentials Funding £2480

Insurance

£186.08

Rent, Rates and Utilities

£2086.27

Postage and Stationery

£476.37

Advertising

£315.09

JustGiving Fees

£216

Office Equipment

£135.10

Volunteer Costs

£349.06

Events and Sponsored activities

£15608.86

spending at bank £34390.36 **Total**

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Daisy Chains IW

Statement of financial activities year end April 2023

Opening Balance

£6493.01

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Gross Income
£45,285.24

Total Expenditure
£49,996.22

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Total Funds Carried Forward
£1782.03

Total at Bank
£1782.03

The above financial information is approved by the trustees and signed for on their behalf by

Mrs Clare Plant
Chair of Trustees

Signed.....Clare Plant Date ...
26/01/24.....

Daisy Chains IW
Balance Sheet
Year-end April 2023

(All unrestricted funds)

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand
£1782.03

Creditors

Amounts falling due within 1 year
£0

Net current assets
£1782.03

Total assets less current liabilities
£1782.03

Total Funds
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Independent Examiners Report of Daisy Chains IW

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Examiner: Amy Graham

Date: 26/01/2024

Address: 69 Manor Crescent, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2BJ.

Position: Finance Assistant.

DAISY CHAINS IW

England & Wales - Charity number 1156801

Accounts

Daisy Chains IW

Charity Number: 1156801

Trustees annual report and end of year accounts
For the year ended 5th April 2022

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Achievements and Performance

2021-2022 has been another challenging year to be a charity, after coming through the worst of the Covid 19 pandemic we have found ourselves in a position where we are still unable to fundraise in the usual way via our annual events, this is due to the current guidelines and risks involved, meaning we have had to continue with online events as best we can and asking for donations via our social media channels.

Many charities have found that in this post pandemic time it is harder to fundraise than in the actual pandemic, people are slowly going back to 'normal' but there are still many restrictions in place limiting what we can do.

This has been tricky to manage as we are receiving exceptionally high volumes of requests for help due to the many missed appointments, worsening of illness and the financial impact of work changes that families have faced due to covid 19.

As we were unable to hold events in this funding year our accounts will show that our income is reduced this year and yet our funding for families has increased to more than double last year's costs, this is due to a combination of rising costs of travel and the increase in families supported.

We were however able to attend a late IOW Festival with our pop-up café in September which helped hugely towards the end of the year, we hope this is the start of us being able to return to our usual events.

Families Supported: The Number of families we have supported this year has increased as it does year on year for travel and equipment support, with 31 new families being referred to us this year.

We continued to support 33 families that were already with us from previous years.

Over 2021-22 we have supported 64 Island families. As mentioned in previous years, the length of time support is given to each family can range from weeks to years.

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Each year all our families fill in an update form so we can look at how things are going and if they still need support if not, they will be closed from the system.

This meant that by the end of this financial year we managed to close 18 referrals due to the child being premature and going home, finishing treatment, recovering, or sadly passing away.

46 families continue to receive support from us into 2022-23.

Brief roundup of support given in 2021-2022

Number of children supported from previous years **33**

Newly referred children **31**

Total supported this year **64**

Referrals closed during the year **18**

Families who will continue to receive support into 2022-23 **46**

Total number of families support since we began **246**

It has been another tough year for Daisy Chains. However, we are proud of how we managed to come through what has been some of the most difficult and trying times we have ever faced.

We hope that going into the next financial year we can bring back our much-loved events such as our Easter Egg Hunt and Festival of Heroes and also be able to get our families together again for some much-needed treats and fun.

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We still get many Isle of Wight referrals from Community Nurses and Health Visitors and lot of families finding us themselves and using our self-

referral system. We always help where we can, however, there are rare times when the family do not meet our criteria. In these cases, we always signpost them and talk them through who can help and how to apply for alternative support.

Zoom calls have stayed with us this year and for the latter part of the restrictions we ran a Zoom Premature Baby Support Group once a week which was funded by HIWCF , we had mums who had been through the premature journey already along with new mums of preemies , some still in hospital, it has been a valuable tool to allow mums to meet and not feel alone, we did not continue with this group once funding ran out as we were able to meet face to face again at this point .

We continue to work closely with Red Funnel, Wightlink and Hover travel, to ensure families are supported and able to get across the Solent with the minimum amount of disruption.

Our NICU box project is slowly coming back in to use, however we only managed one small delivery this year but aim to get it back in full swing in the coming months.

Our Annual Christmas Party was unfortunately unable to go ahead again this year due to the restrictions, so we again sent our Elves out to the children and families with lots of Christmas goodies and treats.

We have again been lucky enough to be supported by The IOW Toy Appeal and Hamilton and Marshall Funeral directors.

Funding: Funding has again been extremely difficult this year as we have been unable to do our events. We have been extremely lucky to have been supported by some large companies such as ICR Touch, Co-op, Newport youth Football team and be the beneficiary of some Christmas light displays, all of which have made a huge difference to us. We look forward to the return of our event to be able to fundraise again for ourselves.

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Clare Plant

Chairperson 17/01/2023

Daisy Chains IW

Statement of Financial Activities **Year-end April 2021**

Income.

2021/2022

Donations

Public Donations

£7,555.44

Public donations over £500

Matt Wilson £1436

Whitecross Lane Christmas Lights £850

Long Lane Christmas Lights £2250

K Miles - £500

Business Donations.

£14,378.09

Business donations over £500

ICR Touch £3186.95

HIWCF £ 2986

Milford Del £2000

Masonic Charitable Foundation £500

Newport Youth Football Team £1214.02

Co-op Charity of the year £2617.23

Wight Aid Foundation £500

Apes Vapes £1000

JustGiving Donations.

£4741.38

JustGiving donations over £500

Ryde Town Club £1000

Ryde House £1000

JustGiving Gift Aid

£631.39

Events Income

Daisy Events

£0

Online Events

£1789.28

Pop up Café

£4488.32

Festival of Heroes

£0

Sponsored Events Income

Cash

£217.36

Gross Income

£33,801.26

Less costs of Events and Sponsored Activities

£2146.76

Total Net Income

£31,654.50

Expenditure

Family Travel Granting

£12,217.22

Premature baby travel £5673.71

General family travel £6543.51

All Other Family Support Costs

£14,389.37

Equipment Grants £0

Treatment, Therapy and Family Treats £2459.42

Regular family support £11,700

NICU Boxes £229.95

Insurance
£194.72

Rent, Rates and Utilities
£3241.93

Postage and Stationery
£26.42

Advertising
£187.26

JustGiving Fees
£216

Miscellaneous
£135.27

Office Equipment
£158.11

Volunteer Costs
£100

spending at bank £30,866.30 **Total**

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Daisy Chains IW
Statement of financial activities year end April 2021

Opening Balance
£5704.81

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Gross Income
£33,801.26

**Total Expenditure
£33,013.06**

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**Total Funds Carried Forward
£6493.01**

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**Mrs Clare Plant
Chair of Trustees**

**Signed.....Clare Plant Date ...
17/01/23.....**

**Daisy Chains IW
Balance Sheet
Year-end April 2020**

(All unrestricted funds)

Current Assets

**Cash at bank and in hand
£6493.01**

Creditors

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£0**

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Accounts

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Trustees annual report and end of year accounts

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Achievements and Performance

2020-2021 has been a challenging year. We implemented some temporary changes to cope with the Coronavirus global pandemic. It became clear early in the first lockdown that demand for our services would not be required in the normal way given the strict guidelines set out by the Government, meaning very few people were able to visit a hospital or attend therapy. With this in mind we took the decision to temporarily broaden our service user criteria and applied for local grant funding from a number of sources that would allow us to provide food parcels and baby essentials parcels to families on the Isle of Wight that were living in poverty, due to the pandemic.

We worked together with the community to identify families that were in desperate need of support, this included:

1. Families who were shielding due to having a poorly child.
2. Those that were self-employed and did not qualify for funding from government and could not afford to feed their family.
3. Families with children where the parent had been furloughed and the drop in income meant they could not afford food or essentials.
4. Families whose circumstances had changed due to Covid 19 and were awaiting in a 6–10-week backlog for their new universal credit claim to be reviewed leaving them with no money to feed their family.

The Food parcels contained enough supplies to feed a family of four for 5 days and included items for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. We also provided snacks for the children, fruit, and toiletries. The baby boxes contained, nappies, baby milk, wipes, baby food, toiletries and snacks if requested. The boxes cost between £35 -£40 each. We also took into consideration substitutes for anyone with allergies or intolerances.

Families could apply to us direct via our online portal. We also worked closely with Barnardo's, the local schools, The Youth Offending Team and Health Visitors to ensure that no family in need was missed.

To keep this new project under our charitable criteria we only worked with families on the IOW and only families where there were children under the age of 18.

We had some great support from local businesses and national grants. To enable the project to work, we received grant funding totalling £16,875. The money was ringfenced solely for COVID 19 Poverty and was used between April 2020 and August 2020. During this time we picked, packed and delivered 428 food parcels and baby essentials parcels.

As the restrictions were eased, we returned to our normal service and had an influx of travel support requests due to the many children who missed essential appointments in the lockdown. We supported a year's worth of families in just 6 months

Due to the Covid 19 Basic essentials fund we did see our income grow over the pandemic meaning our 2020- 2021 income will be higher than any previous year, however if we

disregard that funding, you can see that our income is on a par with the previous year which we feel was a huge achievement in these difficult times for charities

We were unable to hold any face to face events in this funding year. Therefore, have solely relied on online events such as raffles, quizzes, balloon races and online fun days. We were also lucky to have been picked for Charity of the Year for a few businesses which was essential for us to keep us going across the year.

Families Supported: The Number of families we supported this year has more than doubled. This is due to the Covid 19 fund which brought in 83 new families needing support. Alongside this, the pandemic has created a huge impact on people financially. Over the year we received 30 new referrals for travel support too.

We continued to support 32 families that were already with us from previous years.

Over 2020-21 we have supported 145 Island families. As mentioned in previous years, the length of time support is in place is shorter for some families. We have seen many premature babies, they come to us from birth and remain with us for 2-8 months until they come home or are transferred to the island's local hospital.

This meant that by the end of the financial year we managed to close 112 referrals. 83 of these were due to the Covid 19 Basic Essentials fund coming to an end and 29 referrals were closed due to the child being premature and going home, finishing treatment, and recovered or sadly passing away. 33 families continue to receive support from us, and will envisage they will continue to do so into what looks to be like a very busy 2021-22.

Brief roundup of support given in 2020-2021

Number of children supported from previous years **32**

Newly referred children **113**

Total supported this year **145**

Referrals closed during the year **112**

Families who will continue to receive support into 2020-21 **33**

Total number of families support since we began **242**

It has been a tough year for Daisy Chains. However, we are proud of how we managed to come through what has been some of the most difficult and trying times we have ever faced. We hope, that even though we remain in a position where we are unable to bring back our fundraising events, we are confident we will come out the other side of the pandemic in a positive way. We feel that we are well established within the local community that people have continued to support us despite the pandemic. We have received feedback from the community and supporters that can see the difference we make to families, which is always lovely to hear.

As in previous years our relationship with Southampton NICU and Portsmouth continue to strengthen. We are now both units “go to” charity as soon as an island baby is admitted. This ensures no family is missed or left to struggle alone.

Isle of Wight referrals from Community Nurses and Health Visitors have risen as have self-referrals. We are now finding many people contact us directly looking for support. We always help where we can. However, there are time when the family do not meet our criteria. In these cases, we always signpost them and talk them through who can help and how to apply for alternative support.

As with the rest of the world, zoom calls have enabled us to stay in touch virtually with our families. This has allowed us to chat face to face with parents. We are planning on continuing running a weekly zoom support for families, plus another virtual group for parents of premature babies. Zoom has been a really important tool for those needing emotional support which we have seen rise in the past 2 years.

We continue to work closely with Red Funnel, Wightlink and Hover travel, to ensure families are supported and able to get across the Solent with the minimum amount of disruption.

Our NICU box project had a short pause at the beginning of the pandemic due to lockdown where we were unable to deliver to the hospitals. We found sourcing the contents for the boxes very difficult, however, it is now back on track, and we are planning a big delivery to the hospitals shortly.

Our Annual Christmas Party was unfortunately unable to go ahead this year due to the restrictions. To not disappoint the children and families all the children and siblings received doorstep a visit from an elf with lots of treats and gifts to brighten their Christmas after such a hard year. We repeated this at Easter, with a special visit from Peter Rabbit. We have again been lucky enough to be supported by The IOW Toy Appeal and Hamilton and Marshal Funeral directors.

Funding: Funding has been extremely difficult this year as we have been unable to do any events. We have been extremely lucky to have been supported by some large companies such as Co-op, Red Funnel Ferries and be in receipt of a discretionary grant from the IOW council. Without this support we are certain we would have struggled to stay open. Our aims are to get back to our own fundraising and events as soon as we are allowed to but at this stage we do not know when full restrictions will be lifted.

In conclusion this has been one of the most challenging years to be a charity, but we have managed to keep a steady income and support more families than ever. We have learnt that we are adaptable and can support whenever and wherever it is needed.

The Trustees declare they approve the above trustees report
Signed on behalf of the charity trustees

Clare Plant Chairperson 26/01/2022

Daisy Chains IW

Statement of Financial Activities Year-end April 2021

<u>Income.</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>
<u>Donations</u>	
Public Donations	£3,329.98
Business Donations.	£24,017.23
IW Council Discretionary fund £10,000	
SWR £4897	
M&S charity of the Year £750	
Waitrose Green Token £334	
Co-op Charity of the year £239.82	
Red Funnel Charity of the Year £7621.41	
Scooter Club £175	
Covid 19 Specific Funding	£16,875.65
Wave 105 cash for kids £5040	
Hampshire IW community Foundation £8120	
The Vinci Foundation £2500	
Neighbourly Fund £400	
Novum Law £350	
The Holiday Shop £200	
JustGiving Campaign BEF £265.65	
<u>Events Income</u>	
Daisy Events	£1390.68
Pop up Café	£0
Festival of Heroes	£0
<u>Sponsored Events Income</u>	
Cash	£0
JustGiving / Paypal Giving	£3268.52
Gift Aid	£404.92
<u>Gross Income</u>	<u>£49,286.98</u>

Less costs of Events and Sponsored Activities

£387.99

Total Net Income

£48,898.99

Expenditure

Family Travel Granting

£5882.40

Premature baby travel £2771.20

General family travel £3111.20

COVID 19 Basic Essentials Funding

£16,987.40

All Other Family Support Costs

£13,069.88

Equipment Grants £1057

Treatment, Therapy and Family Treats £3193.95

Regular family support £8575.40

NICU Boxes £243.53

Insurance

£190.40

Rent, Rates and Utilities

£4286.96

Postage and Stationery

£297.73

Advertising

£122.54

JustGiving Fees

£216

Miscellaneous

£19.99

Office Equipment

£2,596.03

Total spending at bank £43,669.33

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Daisy Chains IW
Statement of financial activities year end April 2021

Opening Balance	£475.15
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Gross Income	£49,286.98
Total Expenditure	£44,057.32
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Total Funds Carried Forward	£5704.81

The above financial information is approved by the trustees and signed for on their behalf by

Mrs Clare Plant
Chair of Trustees

Signed.....Clare PlantDate ...26/01/22.....

Daisy Chains IW
Balance Sheet
Year-end April 2020

(All unrestricted funds)

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand **£5704.81**

Creditors

Amounts falling due within 1 year **£0**

Net current assets **£5704.81**

Total assets less current liabilities **£5704.81**

Total Funds **£5704.81**

These financial statements are approved by the board and signed on their behalf by

Chairperson ...Clare PlantDate26/01/22.....

Independent Examiners Report of Daisy Chains IW

I report on the accounts for the charity for the year end April 5th, 2021 as set out in this document.

The charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the section 144(2) of the charities act 2011 (the 2011 act) but that an independent examination is sufficient.

I can confirm I have examined the accounts and must state if any particular matters have come to my attention, I have examined the accounting records of the charity and made a comparison with the accounts presented with those records.

I have also considered if any items are unusual in any way and would seek explanations if this was the case, the procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion can be given as to whether the accounts present a true or fair view and this report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 2011 Act.
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and principles of statement of recommended practice, accounting and reporting by charities have not been metor
- 2) To which my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account's to be reached.



Examiner: Amy Graham

Date: 27/01/2022

Address: 69 Manor Crescent, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2BJ.

Position: Finance Assistant.