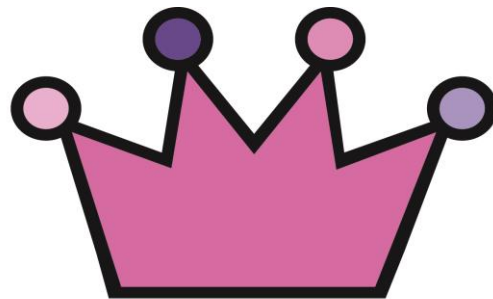




**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**



**Annabelle's  
Challenge**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021**

**Vascular EDS**

**Our Challenge To Find Your Cure**

Charity Registration No. 1157074



## Structure, Governance and Management

Names of Charity Trustees	Kate Manku Sarah Ward Jack Harris Emma Hallows Sarah Griffin Jean Hacking Ryan Griffin Jared Griffin	Resigned 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021 Resigned 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021 Resigned 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021 Resigned 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021
Patron	Emilia Ward	
Charity Registration Number	1157074	
Registered	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	
Registered Office	Annabelle's Challenge Walshaw Park House Walshaw Road, Bury BL8 1PY	
Independent Examiner	Jonathan Staples FCA Horsfield & Smith Tower House 269 Walmersley Road, Bury BL9 6NX	
Bankers	NatWest Virgin	

Annabelle's Challenge gained charity status on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its constitution dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 by a board of trustees.

The trustees delegate the day-to-day running of the charity to the founder & CEO Jared Griffin who in turn gains input from all trustees on major decision-making. Regular communication is maintained with all trustees.

The charity is managed by the trustee body and decisions carried with a majority vote. The trustees pay due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The charity is covered by £5,000,000 public liability and employers' liability insurance with Zurich.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 11/01/22 and signed on its behalf by:

Kate Manku  
Chairperson

## Annabelle's Challenge Vascular EDS Charity



Annabelle's Challenge is the leading charity for Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (Vascular EDS) in the UK.

At the heart of the charity is Annabelle Griffin, a brave 12-year-old girl from Bury who is the inspiration behind our challenge to raise awareness and support for patients and families touched by Vascular EDS.

Annabelle's Challenge was founded in January 2013 by Jared and Sarah Griffin, proud parents of Annabelle who was diagnosed with Vascular EDS (VEDS) in December 2012 aged three. The youngest to be diagnosed with VEDS in the UK at that time.

Vascular EDS is a life-threatening connective tissue disorder that affects all tissues, arteries and internal organs making them extremely fragile. Patients are at risk of sudden arterial or organ rupture. Vascular EDS (previously known as Ehlers-Danlos type IV) is a rare type of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome caused by an alteration, also known as a mutation in the *COL3A1* gene.

*COL3A1* gene is the instruction for making collagen type III a tough fibre-like protein that makes up a third of our body protein. When this gene is altered, it causes a lack or deficiency of this collagen making the connective tissue less effective, particularly in skin, lung, uterus, intestine and the vascular system.

At present, the life span for affected individuals is a median age of about 51 years (49 for males and 53 for females) but with a very large range from 10 years to 80 years. The prevalence is estimated as 1/50,000 to 1/200,000. It is suggested 740 people in the UK have Vascular EDS.

## Our Objectives

### EDUCATION

To advance the education of the general public and medical profession in all areas relating to Vascular EDS.

### RESEARCH

The relief of sickness and preservation and protection of good health by the provision of funding for the development of research and early diagnosis of Vascular EDS.

### SUPPORT

To promote and protect the physical and good mental health of sufferers of Vascular EDS, their families, and carers through the provision of financial assistance, support, education, and practical advice.

## Our Charity

- Provides information, leaflets, advice and a family support programme.
- Currently has 300 members who have been diagnosed with the condition.
- Has a website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram page.
- Organises events to raise awareness and raise funds.
- Produces newsletters, emails, and updates to current members.
- Works closely with the NHS EDS National Diagnostic Service.
- Collaborates with The Ehlers-Danlos Support UK charity.
- Raises awareness through media, organised events, sponsorship, and networking.
- Provides free MedicAlert UK membership & exclusive discounts.
- Has a dedicated freephone helpline service and patient coordinator.
- Provides conferences and family weekends.
- Hosts the annual REDS4VEDS global awareness campaign.
- Funds Research.



## Our History



## Achievements and Performance

Most people who contact Annabelle's Challenge require information and support. We provide first-hand experience and advice to those who need emotional support especially with coping and adjusting to an uncertain future living with Vascular EDS.

The charity works closely with the EDS National Diagnostic Service, a highly specialised service commissioned by NHS England and receives patient referrals to enable us to support individuals and families touched by Vascular EDS. Membership is free and continues to grow and we now support over 300 members.

Our weekly e-newsletter had an open rate of 36.0%, we recognise that not all our members are on social media and will continue to use this resource to communicate with our subscribed members. Social media continues to grow with 5,432 Facebook, 2,821 Twitter and 1,248 Instagram followers.

As a small charity for a rare genetic disorder we need to amplify our voice and continue to work with Genetic Alliance UK and Genetic Disorders UK. We work with Findacure and are also proud stakeholders in the VEDS Collaborative Group in the US.





## Research

At Annabelle's Challenge, we are led by those affected by Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and work in partnership with the whole VEDS community.

With over 300 genetically confirmed patients registered on our database we are uniquely placed to facilitate research into this rare genetic condition. We're here to give hope for the future by funding research, save lives and help people to live well with VEDS.

### What we've done so far:

- We have jointly funded the creation of one of the largest VEDS research databases in the world.
- Worked closely with the NHS EDS National Diagnostic Service.
- We launched VEDS regional support groups and a VEDS steering group.
- We hosted the world's first ever conference for VEDS patients and clinicians.
- Proud stakeholders in the VEDS Collaborative Group.

## VEDS Collaborative

The VEDS Collaborative is a group of patients, family members, researchers, and clinicians dedicated to developing a patient-centered plan for scientific research to improve the management of Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and increase the quality of life for all those impacted by the disease.



## Psychosocial Study

Lead researcher Leanne Barrett MSc is a Genetic and Genomic Counselling student at Cardiff University and is exploring the psychosocial issues faced by patients suffering from Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (VEDS).

Psychosocial issues relate to factors that impact an individual's psychological and social functioning.

By interviewing patients with VEDS Leanne is hoping to gain a deeper understanding of the VEDS patient experience, which in turn, will improve the support available to patients provided by healthcare professionals, families and friends, as well as set a base for additional research to take place.

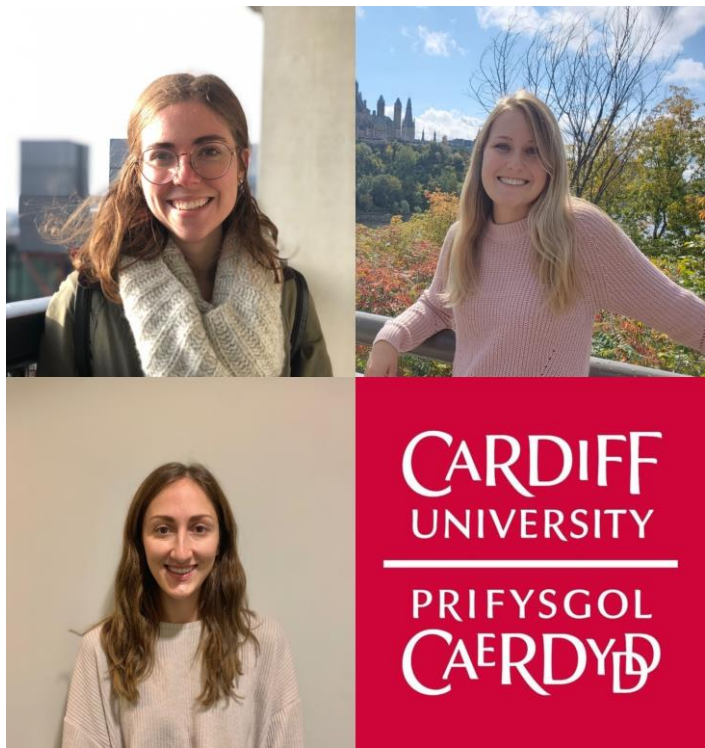
The results of this study will be available during 2021.

## Exploring perceived barriers to diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing care in Vascular EDS

We are delighted to share the next VEDS Research Study: Exploring VEDS Patients' Perception of Diagnosis, Treatment, and Access to Ongoing Care.

The purpose of the study is to gain insight on the challenges people with Vascular EDS face in terms of diagnosis, treatment, and access to ongoing care. This study will investigate barriers at different levels of care (GP, genetic services, specialists, etc.).

Lead researchers: Taylor Speziale, Charlotte Cowan & Kaitlyn Johnston, MSc Genetic and Genomic Counselling Students.





## VEDS Steering Group

The VEDS Steering Group was launched in October 2019 and will help to shape the future of the charity as it continues to grow providing support, guidance and oversight of progress of all community-based projects including events and research in the UK.

The team is made up of volunteers who are directly touched by Vascular EDS including patients, parents, and carers, they are also supported by genetic counsellors from the EDS National Diagnostic Service.

VEDS Steering Group aims:

- Bring people touched by VEDS together and build strong relationships in and across our community.
- Speak to people and listen to what they have to say in our VEDS community.
- Commitment to equalities and inclusion.
- A willingness to speak their mind yet be respectful of other opinions.
- Active inclusion in the design and decision making in all aspects that affect and ultimately benefit our community including conferences, events, volunteers, and research enabling our community to have a stronger voice.
- Enable more people diagnosed with VEDS to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage through our VEDS Support Programme.

## VEDS Regional Support Groups

We were delighted to launch the first of our brand new VEDS Regional Support Groups, the first was hosted by The Leys School in Cambridge a week before the UK lockdown.

Our regional support groups across the UK are for those who are touched by Vascular EDS and all family members are welcome to attend.

The groups are managed by regional coordinators creating a safe, relaxed environment where people can share experiences, advice and provide peer support creating life-long friendships with others.

The groups are led and arranged by volunteers who are trustworthy friends of the charity and are also touched by VEDS themselves.

Our patient coordinator, Christina Cooper works closely with the volunteer area coordinators to help plan suitable venues and logistics.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic support groups have moved over to virtual groups and 1-2-1's whilst government restrictions are in place







## Queen's Award for Voluntary Service



Annabelle's Challenge are proud recipients of **The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service**. The unique UK national honour was created by Her Majesty to mark the Golden Jubilee in 2002 and to recognise the outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups of volunteers.

The award is equivalent to the MBE and is the highest award that can be made to a voluntary group.

Our founders Jared and Sarah received an invitation to attend a Buckingham Palace garden party hosted by Her Majesty The Queen and members of the royal family.

Jared "We are so proud to receive the Queen's Award on behalf of all our volunteers who support the important work we do for patients and families touched by Vascular EDS, receiving this award is a real morale booster recognising the work of the volunteers."

Annabelle's Challenge is among 27 other volunteer groups in the county to receive the award with 250 nationally announced on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018.

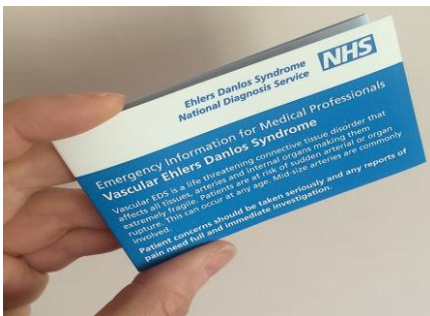






We are proud to work closely with the Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome National Diagnostic Service, a highly specialised service commissioned by NHS England for individuals and families who are suspected to have complex Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS).

Established in 2009 the service runs two specialist clinics for patients at Sheffield Northern General Hospital and the Northwick Park & St Mark's Hospitals in London.



## The aims of the service

- Correctly investigate and diagnose cases of suspected rare EDS types. DNA analysis mainly currently in Sheffield lab.
- Develop guidelines and pathways of care for the different subtypes of EDS.
- Provide information about EDS for patients and their carers.
- Research regarding rare types of EDS.

They provide an excellent diagnostic service for adults and children with suspected complex EDS and strive to incorporate new diagnostic techniques and developments in their practice.

Referrals are accepted from NHS Consultants in Secondary or Tertiary care for both adults and children.

- The service sees patients who are suspected of having a diagnosis of classical, vascular or a rare type of EDS. The service will also see patients with a known diagnosis of classical, vascular or a rare type of EDS.
- Patients with hypermobile EDS or Hypermobility Spectrum Disorder are not seen in this clinic.
- The clinic does not offer management for hypermobility.



Established in 2009



Sheffield & London



Genetic Counselling



Diagnostic Service



## Financial Review

The accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 shows a deficit of £3,810 and total funds carried forward of £70,089. We need to ensure our reserve policy is sustainable and provide the required funds so we can deliver a conference in May 2022 (postponed from May 2020 due to the pandemic), provide support for patients and families, and increase designated funds for future research into Vascular EDS.

Expenditure during the year has mainly been due to the cost of generating funds and charitable activities including a family support programme. In addition, the charity has provided grant funding of £290 to members affected by Vascular EDS, a research grant £6,958 and in total £54,421 funded our charitable activities.

The fundraising by our members and supporters has gone extremely well despite the pandemic with a total income of £61,928 (down £55,709 on the previous year), we are grateful to all our volunteers, members, and fundraisers for supporting the charity during these challenging times. Despite the negative impact in income, we are still in a strong position to fund vital research into Vascular EDS with £40,000 designated in reserves and continue to deliver our support programmes.

## Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Our aim is to maintain reserves in unrestricted funds at a level of £18,000 to cover operational, support costs and unforeseen expenditure over at least a 6-month period. This level of reserves has been increased due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

## Safeguarding Policy

We have reviewed and improved our safeguarding policy and undergone safeguarding training. This policy applies to anyone working on behalf of Annabelle's Challenge including senior managers, board of trustees, paid staff, volunteers and students.

- to protect children and young people who receive support from Annabelle's Challenge. This includes the children of adults who use our services.
- to provide parents, staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection and safeguarding for children and adults.

## Privacy Policy

We take privacy very seriously. For that reason, we have set out a privacy policy, so patients and families can make sure they understand how and why we use the information they give us. The charity is also registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) number ZA450659.



## Equality & Diversity Policy



Annabelle's Challenge is an equal opportunity charity taking into account the diversity within our community, staff, members and volunteers.

We believe that everyone should be treated equally, regardless of their religion, beliefs, age, gender, race, disability or sexual orientation.

The Equality & Diversity Policy requires commitment from everyone within the Charity. Our Founder, Jared Griffin, is responsible for the implementation and effective operation of this policy.

## Fundraising Promise

This promise outlines the commitment made to our donors and the public when fundraising and we are registered with the Fundraising Regulator. We agree to ensure our fundraising is legal, open, honest and respectful. The standards for fundraising are set out in the Code of Fundraising Practice.



## Fundraising Highlights

Our fundraisers and volunteers have been working tirelessly to help raise awareness and vital funds for Annabelle's Challenge.

Since the first lockdown the charity and volunteers have been working tirelessly in adapting to the new challenges especially with many events cancelled and the disruption of lockdowns and restrictions. The charity benefited from a very successful and well supported REDS4VEDS Day campaign and numerous virtual fundraising events undertaken by our members.

### Leah's 2.6 Challenge

Leah is one of our amazing volunteers doing amazing in the local community with the 2.6 Challenge raising a huge £220!

"In the past week I have baked 15 cakes and delivered them to 26 different places or people in bury that are helping us during this pandemic.

I have doubled my target that I set to raise for Annabelle's challenge, thank you to everyone that has donated."



"Here I am at my final drop off point at North West Ambulance Service."



### GM Fire & Rescue Service

Thank you to Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Bury trainees for raising £166.97 for Annabelle's Challenge.

Fundraising in the local community took place pre-lockdown so unfortunately we could not thank them all in person due to Covid restrictions.

Big thank you to Jess at GMFRS for supporting Annabelle's Challenge and other charities in the local community.







## Bella's Bike Ride

9 miles done! It took longer for us to do the My RideLondon due to extra break stops needed for Annabelle which was a priority, she managed to complete 15 miles, an absolutely awesome effort re-joining Jared & Christina for the final mile for a well-deserved ice cream!!

Thank you to our supporters Annabelle has raised £350 for Annabelle's Challenge and between all our participants over £2,000 which will help us fund future research into Vascular EDS.

## Jeans for Genes

Jeans for Genes celebrated their 25th anniversary! Thank you to our neighbours Cosalea café for supporting Annabelle's Challenge and for wearing their jeans to raise awareness of rare genetic disorders like Vascular EDS.





## Ride for Marshal in the US



"I ride for Marshal. I choose this week to hop on Marshal's old bike and take the Challenge to ride for VEDS for Annabelle's Challenge! I wanted to ride 10 miles and raise \$1,000 in honor of Marshal to raise awareness, education, and money for the charity.

**I am excited to announce I beat both my goals! I rode 11 miles and raised \$1,865! Thank you!**

Vascular Ehlers Danlos Syndrome the genetic disorder Marshal was born with, but not diagnosed with until his late 20's. VEDS is a stealer of time.

We knew of possible outcomes, lifetime expectancy's, statistics, but we wanted to beat all of the odds.

I looked at Marshal, and all he had beat, overcome, and all he had accomplished, and thought not my Marshal. VEDS does not discriminate though or care about my feelings. It comes out of nowhere and refuses to be ignored.

Marshal continues to inspire me every single day. 2020 no doubt has been difficult for many. My year started off as my absolute worst nightmare literally happening in front of my eyes, and I was utterly helpless.

My husband was taken from this earth far too soon. I think of him constantly and I wonder what he would think about everything that has happened this year. My guess is he would be less than impressed, with a lot of opinions, but through all the crazy and sadness he would be making us laugh. I get up every day to face this "new reality". It is not easy most days to be completely honest, but here I am. Waking up, showing up and doing the best I can. I stay driven by all Marshal, and our love taught me.

To simply live, and not take my time for granted. Anything else feels as a dishonor to the beautiful life he lived. I am choosing to focus on the good as much as I can, and fully accepting God is in control. Wherever my journey takes me from here, I pray that it glorifies the Lord! I know I may never see His big plan in all of this. I am but a small puzzle piece in His big picture. I just hope and pray Marshal's story, and the story I will continue to write from here on out is for His Kingdom."

Payton Castillo







## Holly & Bradley Jones in Australia

Well done to Holley and Brad for an awesome effort and fantastic \$1,500 raised during the pandemic!

"40 metres of material, 2 kilometres of cotton, 48 hours of work, over 300 masks & \$1,500 donated to Annabelle's Challenge for research of Vascular Ehlers Danlos Syndrome. We cannot thank every single person enough for purchasing masks, for your generous donations, kind words and gifts"



## Rebecca's Skydive

Huge thank you to Rebecca Johnson for completing a 14,000ft skydive in support of her sister and nephew raising an amazing £620.

"I am raising money in aid of Annabelle's Challenge charity by doing a tandem skydive (dive paid for by me) This charity means so much to me because my sister Amy and 1 year old nephew Oliver were recently diagnosed with vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome".

"Best experience of my life! Thank you so much to everyone who donated, it really means the world to me".







## TREADS4VEDS

"We will be walking approximately 26 miles between the 6 outlets in the Farr Brew estate.

Starting at the 8 Bells, Old Hatfield moving on to The Rising Sun, Slip End, The Red Cow, Harpenden, The Elephant & Castle, Great Amwell, The Reading Rooms, Wheathampstead and ending at the brewery on Samuels Farm.

Simultaneously, Sam Paterson will be cycling a 'metric century' (100km) and will meet up with us at one of our stops.

The inspiration behind our challenge is our 8-year-old nephew Hugo, who was diagnosed with vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (VEDS) at the young age of 2. VEDS is a life-threatening connective tissue disorder that affects all tissues, arteries and internal organs making them extremely fragile and at risk of sudden rupture at any age, at any time."



## SUP CHALLENGE

Carolyn & Phil completed their 32-mile Paddle boarding challenge from Lincoln to Boston in 11 hours 50mins! Carolyn is one of our amazing VEDS members and together with Phil from Yellowbelly SUP School they took to the waters at 5.20am for their epic journey along the River Witham.

Thanks to their wonderful supporters & donors over £2,100 was raised for four of Carolyn's chosen charities including Annabelle's Challenge. Well done Carolyn and Phil from all of us at Annabelle's Challenge.



## COVID-Support

We have been awarded a grant of £9,576 from The National Lottery Community Fund and Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

Funding from the Coronavirus Community Support Fund, distributed by The National Lottery Community Fund, has helped us to provide a VEDS Family Covid-19 Support Programme to enable us to increase support during the outbreak and post lockdown for our Vascular EDS community. Thank you to the Government for making this possible.

We would also like to thank our members and VEDS Steering Group who took part in the online surveys earlier in the year, your valuable feedback has helped us to secure this vital funding during these challenging times.

## VEDS Online Support Groups

During the pandemic we launched a series of six special meetings over 2021 in partnership with Ehlers-Danlos Support UK for those living with Vascular EDS.

Meetings will take place via Zoom and will be topic led including guest speakers.

## Mental Health First Aid

Jared and Christina passed their mental health first aid course and are now both accredited by MHFA England. Mental Health First Aider qualification will equip them with the knowledge to identify those who require mental health support and the confidence to offer assistance when required.



**VEDS ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS**

**6 EDS UK Online Support Group Meetings in partnership with Annabelle's Challenge for people with Vascular EDS.**

Topic	Topic
<b>Weds 10th Feb 11am - 12.30pm</b>	<b>Topic: Veds Clinics &amp; support available across the UK</b>
<b>Thurs 8th April 7.30pm - 9pm</b>	<b>Topic: Wellbeing - keeping mentally healthy</b>
<b>Weds 9th June 11am - 12.30pm</b>	<b>Topic: Genetic Clinic - What is it &amp; what to expect?</b>
<b>Mon 2nd Aug 7.30pm - 9pm</b>	<b>Topic: Difficult conversations - explaining Veds</b>
<b>Fri 15th Oct 11am - 12.30pm</b>	<b>Topic: Managing Veds symptoms - sharing ideas</b>
<b>Tues 30th Nov 7.30pm - 9pm</b>	<b>Topic: Members led session - general questions</b>

Zoom Link: [www.ehlers-danlos.zoom.us/j/96637588693](https://www.ehlers-danlos.zoom.us/j/96637588693)

[ehlers-danlos.org](https://ehlers-danlos.org) [annabelleschallenge.org](https://annabelleschallenge.org)







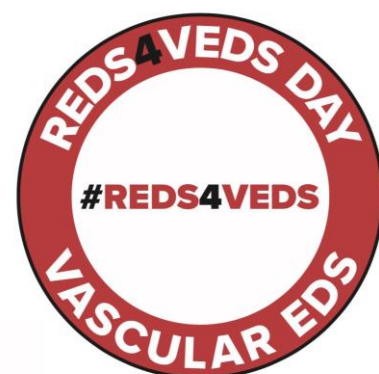
## REDS4VEDS

REDS4VEDS Day takes place on the **third Friday of May** with supporters and followers wearing red to raise awareness of Vascular EDS across the globe.

Using the hashtag **#REDS4VEDS** news feeds turn red worldwide and is now an annual awareness campaign hosted by Annabelle's Challenge. Funds raised from the sale of official merchandise and donations supports VEDS research.

This year's REDS4VEDS day took place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May moving to a virtual 'stay at home' campaign during lockdown and raised £8,825 for the charity.

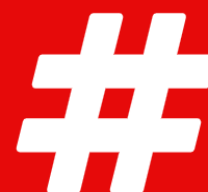
We adapted the campaign during the lockdown to include TikTok and a colouring competition.



**WEAR  
RED**



**TAKE A  
PHOTO**



**SHARE  
IT**

Wear something red, take a photo & share it on your social media using the hashtag

**#REDS4VEDS**



## How we spent money raised

100% of all funds raised directly helps our charity to carry out its objectives for the public benefit. As a small UK charity, we do not receive any NHS funding and rely on public donations to help fund our charity to raise awareness and provide essential support to families touched by Vascular EDS.

In preparation for the possible effects of the pandemic and reduced income we reviewed the cost base of the charity line by line to reduce costs where possible, we also adapted to remote working and a decision was made to increase the levels of support we could provide to the VEDS community.

This year we have continued to provide grants and free MedicAlert subscription to members affected by Vascular EDS. We spent a total of £54,421 on charitable activities including the delivery of a family support programme and the following projects and support costs:

- Mental Health First Aid Training      £420
- Northwick Park VEDS Research      £6,958
- Office and Storage costs      £5,318
- Postage and stationery      £1,750
- Travel      £1,146
- Website, Telephone and Internet      £2,912
- Salaries & Wages      £35,420

## Office Relocation

During the year we relocated our office from Europa House to Walshaw Park House. The new office provides the charity a safe and private space to support the VEDS community and improve the logistics of our operations. The new location includes Cosalea Café which will be utilised for future North West VEDS support groups and host to any visitors attending the new office.



## Raising Awareness

To help broaden the knowledge and learning of Vascular EDS and research, our CEO Jared Griffin continues to advocate for the community by attending virtual conferences, symposiums & workshops.

Christina Cooper, Patient Coordinator and Jessica Bowen, Genetic Counsellor, presented at the Festival of Genomic & Biodata about Vascular EDS, the EDS service and Annabelle's Challenge.

The genomic festival opened its doors to a global audience of 5,000+ attendees which has helped to raise vital awareness to healthcare professionals and students, research, pharma, government, investors and many more.

Unfortunately Jared was unable to attend at the last minute, however his heartfelt words were truly represented through Christina. Well done on delivering a brilliant presentation Jess and Christina.



## Plans for Future Period

We are proud that Annabelle's Challenge and Ehlers-Danlos Support UK will be jointly hosting the next Vascular EDS Conference, unfortunately due to COVID-19 it has now been postponed until May 2022.

A designated fund of £40,000 for research projects has been generated from funds raised by the VEDS community. We also plan to invest in future training & development for our staff, trustees and volunteers.



Although we have been adversely affected by the pandemic both financially and in our ability to meet our members face-to-face, the charity continues to grow and has increased the support provided to the VEDS community during lockdown and government restrictions.

# ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2021

Statement of Financial Activities	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>						
Voluntary Income		38,083.93		400.00	38,483.93	89,125.04
Activities for generating funds		611.98			611.98	14,025.75
Gross Trading		3,442.76			3,442.76	4,349.32
Gift Aid		7,313.12			7,313.12	6,887.43
Grants (1)		12,076.00			12,076.00	3,250.00
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		61,527.79		400.00	61,927.79	117,637.54
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities		4,351.46			4,351.46	24,437.95
Gross trading payments		2,219.20			2,219.20	3,625.96
Charitable Activities		54,420.94			54,420.94	56,497.77
Governance Costs		4,746.33			4,746.33	657.68
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		65,737.93			65,737.93	85,219.36
<b>Net income for the year before transfers</b>		(4,210.14)		400.00	(3,810.14)	32,418.48
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		28,456.39	40,000.00	5,442.97	73,899.36	41,481.18
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>24,246.25</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>5,842.97</u>	<u>70,089.22</u>	<u>73,899.36</u>

All of the charity's activities are classed as continuing

(1) Grants received 2020/21: £2,500 from Bury Council Covid-19 support & £9,576 from TNL Covid-19 fund

## Benefits and payments to charity trustees and connected persons

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Mr Jared Griffin (CEO) received remuneration of £28,600 (2020: £27,600) during the year. Consent under clause 6.2 of the CIO constitution dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014. These payments were made in respect of management services to the charity, admin, family support and helpline.

No other trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

## Balance Sheet

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		£		£	£	£
Tangible Assets		3,688.66			3,688.66	3,688.66
Investments						-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		3,688.66			3,688.66	3,688.66
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Other debtors		-	-	-	-	-
Prepayments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash in Bank						
NatWest		4,293.42	-	400.00	4,693.42	7,784.50
PayPal		1,032.23	-	-	1,032.23	1,585.64
Petty Cash		-	-	-	-	100.00
Virgin Reserve		15,000.03	40,000.00	5,442.97	60,443.00	60,443.00
CAF Bank		231.91	-	-	231.91	297.56
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		20,557.59	40,000.00	5,842.97	66,400.56	70,210.70
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
.Other creditors		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		20,557.59	40,000.00	5,842.97	66,400.56	70,210.70
<b>Net Assets</b>		24,246.25	40,000.00	5,842.97	70,089.22	73,899.36

## Funds of the Charity

Unrestricted Funds	64,246.25	68,456.39
Restricted Income Funds	5,842.97	5,442.97
<b>Total Funds</b>	70,089.22	73,899.36

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Name

Kate  
Manku

Date

Chairperson 31/01/2022





## ANNABELLE'S CHALLENGE

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ANNABELLE'S CHALLENGE

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of Annabelle's Challenge, 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 Annabelle's Challenge'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 examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Annabelle's Challenge as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Jonathan Staples BSc FCA DChA  
Independent examiner

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Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**



# Thank You!

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