



SUPPORT 4 SUNFLOWERS

TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1157438

Section 1: Charity Trustee Report

1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of the charity's activities and governance during the financial year ending 31st March 2024. It aims to give stakeholders insight into the charity's mission, achievements, financial status, and future plans.

2. Charity Mission and Vision

The charity's mission is to enhance the stay of the children and young people residing at Sunflowers Care Ltd, a 4-bedroom care home for children with severe disabilities. This is achieved through raising money for additional equipment and therapeutic playthings, trips out and a holiday each year. Our vision is to make their stay as positive and meaningful as it can be, given their complex medical needs.

3. Activities and Achievements

Over the last year, the charity has successfully delivered on its core activities, impacting 7 young people who stayed at Sunflowers during this financial year. Some key achievements include:

- **Sensory Garden** – we embarked on a one-off large project this year, which was to create a new outdoor space that the children could enjoy without having to leave the site of Sunflowers care home. An amazing sensory garden with wheelchair accessible swing was created and officially opened in September 2024. It also has an area for a memory garden to remember those who are no longer with us, where family can visit. Most of the fundraising and the donations received this year has gone towards this project.
- **Holiday to Center Parcs:** Which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children who were able to go. We plan on going again this financial year.
- **Fundraising Efforts:** We held several fundraising events such as runners in the Cambridge Half Marathon in March, a fantastic Bingo night, Cottenham Colts Tough Mudder in April, to name but a few, which contributed to funding the sensory garden project. We were also lucky enough to be chosen to be the Co-op Local Community Fund charity and raised a significant amount of money from them over the course of the year (Oct 23 to Oct 24).
- **Donors:** Support 4 Sunflowers is well supported locally in the community with several donations given to us, and many who donated raffle prizes. One hugely significant donation this year was from Ellesmere Opportunity Group based in Newmarket, without whom, we could not have completed the sensory garden project so quickly.

4. Financial Overview

The charity's financial position remains strong, with income of £48,249 and expenditures of £50,376. The charity has continued to manage its funds prudently to maximize its impact.

- **Income:** Our income primarily comes from fundraising activities arranged by Sunflowers Care employees, and kind donations from local businesses and supporters. This year, we raised £11,725 through fundraising and £36,524 from donations.

- **Expenditure:** The charity has used its resources to fund the garden, many trips out for the young people, holidays, birthday parties and more. Our spending continues to reflect the charity's commitment to efficiency and transparency.

A detailed financial statement, including the annual accounts, is available in section 2 of this report.

5. Governance and Management

The Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the strategic direction and governance of the organisation. We are pleased to report that the Board has continued to be highly engaged in the work of the charity, providing guidance and support throughout the year. The trustees have met twice during the year and have contributed to decisions on spending of the charity money. The trustees are contacted as and when required in order to consider and assess applications for grants for which they are solely responsible for approving or refusing.

The charity has continued to comply with all legal and regulatory requirements.

The trustees remained unchanged this year:

- Gary Slynn
- Rob Ross Russell
- Helen Richardson

We would like to thank each trustee for their dedication, expertise, and commitment to the charity's work.

The Charity does not employ any staff directly; all of the administration is on a voluntary basis by personnel vetted by the trustees. This is likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

6. Risk Management

The charity manages its risk through the adoption of good financial control. All purchases are required to be approved by the Trustees before a payment can be made.

There are no safeguarding risks for the charity.

7. Future Plans

Looking ahead, the charity is focused on the usual activities, trips out, toys, birthday and Christmas presents and a holiday. No large purchases / projects are expected.

Planned fundraising activities for the next financial year so far include:

- Cottenham Fen Edge Colour Run
- London Landmarks Half Marathon
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8. Acknowledgements

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of our supporters, including our volunteers, the staff at Sunflowers Care, donors, and fundraisers. Their generous contributions have made it possible for us to continue our vital work.

9. Conclusion

This has been a year of growth and achievement for the charity, and we are excited for the year ahead. We remain committed to our mission and will continue to work towards creating positive change in the lives of those we serve.

Signed:



Gary Slyn

Chair of Trustees

9th December 2024

Section 2: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Total and Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total and Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Donations	36,524	5,008
Fundraising	11,725	13,358
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	48,249	18,366
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable expenditure:		
Direct charitable expenditure	50,376	16,263
Governance costs	0	0
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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (Note 2)	50,376	16,263
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NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	(2,127)	2,103
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	13,525	11,422
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	11,398	13,525
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the current period and previous year.

The notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

Section 3: STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank	11,398 ✓	13,525 ✓
Donations receivable	-	-
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CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year (Note 3)	8,880	9,490
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NET CURRENT ASSETS	2,519	4,035
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TOTAL ASSETS	2,519	4,035
	=====	=====
	2024	2023
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REPRESENTED BY FUNDS:		
Unrestricted – General funds	2,519	4,035

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APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES ON 9th December 2024

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF TRUSTEES BY



Gary J Slynn

Section 4: NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. There were no restricted funds for the period under review.

INCOMING RESOURCES

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

2. EXPENDITURE

	2024	2023
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No trustee has received any remuneration, benefits in kind or reimbursement of expenses in the year or previous period.

3. CREDITORS

Accounts payable	0	0
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Support 4 Sunflowers

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Support 4 Sunflowers for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Support 4 Sunflowers 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 Support 4 Sunflowers' 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 the Support 4 Sunflowers 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 applicable 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.

Signed:



Name: M.V. QUEENS

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACMA

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Date: 23/01/2025