



**Merseyside Against Blood Cancers**

The Bloom Appeal

Trustees Report and Unaudited Financial  
Statements

For the Year

1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## **The BlooM Appeal**

**Accounts and Trustees report 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

### **TRUSTEES AND PRINCIPAL ADVISORS**

#### **TRUSTEES**

Abila Pointing MBE

Dr Priya Bhatnagar

Frank Donovan

Dr Emily Hill

Howard Lewis ( Appointed 23/2/2024)

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## **ACCOUNTANTS**

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## **The BlooM Appeal**

### **Accounts and Trustees Report 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

#### **Trustees Report**

The Trustees submit their report and the financial statements of the Bloom Appeal for the year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2014. (Number 1157459)

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives as set out in the Documents of association are:

- The relief of poverty, sickness and mental and emotional distress of those persons with blood cancer, their families and carers
- To provide funds to support research into blood cancer, its causes, treatment and cure, and publish the results of such research.
- To advance the education of the public, particularly those involved in the diagnosis, treatment and care of those suffering from blood cancers.

#### **ORGANISATION**

The Trustees determine the general policies of the Charity.

Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees and serve for a period of three years, for a maximum of three terms.

The maximum number of Trustees is nine although a quorum of Four is required at any meeting.

The Trustees agree the Board strategy and area of activity for the Charity, including consideration of fundraising, grant making, investment, reserves and risk management policies and performance,

The Board keeps the skills requirement for the Trustees under review. Where skills gaps are identified, Trustees may appoint a new Trustee from persons known to them or recommended to the Board by Donors or Sponsors. The ultimate decision to appoint is a matter for the Board of Trustees.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Trustees continue to be guided by the objectives set out in the CIO Association document.

The Trustees are mindful of their need to be appraised of current developments in the treatment of leukemia and related blood cancers and are therefore in continual dialogue with medical staff at the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre whose Contributions to the development of the Bloom Appeal are gratefully received.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The period under review is the ninth full year of activity for the Bloom Appeal. During this period, we have focused on raising income to perform our charitable activities. To this end, the Charity has been successful indicating that the public appreciate and support our activities. By the end of the period, we have been accepting and assessing grant requests in the total amount of £ 70832

We must thank the many individuals who have entered in to fundraising events on our behalf. Without their commitment and effort, it would not be possible to meet our objectives. We continue to look for suitable projects both to raise funds and for the Charity to support. While the Health Authorities and individuals continue to experience the effects of spending cuts, we want to ensure that the monies we raise are wisely spent and provide maximum benefit to patients.

## **RESERVES**

The General Fund amounted to £166514.00 as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This includes restricted funds of £85000.00 which were received during the period, which has been allocated to future grant giving, and patient support, the salary of a PHD Student, and a 15% retention which will provide the Charity with sufficient reserves to avoid financial difficulties.

The balance of reserves will be used to meet the Charities' aims.

The trustees consider the level of general funds to be prudent having regard to the Charity's anticipated future requirements.

## COMPLIANCE AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The Financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, the governing documents does not require that the accounts are prepared using the accruals basis.

## RISK

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed as identified by the Trustees have been reviewed and systems have been established to manage those risks.

The Trustees who were in office at the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed as far as they are aware, that the accounts are true and fair.

.....Chair  
.....Trustee

Date .....  
.....1/11/24.....

Date 1/11/24



## **The BlooM Appeal**

### **Accounts and Trustees Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

#### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BLOOM APPEAL**

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, which are set out in the following pages.

#### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (50(b) of the Charities Act and
- To state whether any matters have come to my attention.

# THE BLOOM APPEAL

## Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Donations Received	62078	85000	47865	19000
Bank Interest Received	2805		2180	
Events	13921		12263	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>78804</u>	<u>85000</u>	<u>62308</u>	<u>19000</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
Cost of Fundraising	3650		8365	
Misc Expenses	1208		780	
Grants and Donations	70832		42961	
Rent	1332		521	
Administration Costs	21981		6717	
Events	3457		11494	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>102460</u>		<u>70838</u>	
<b>Net of receipts ( Payments )</b>	-23656		-8530	
<b>Cash Funds last Year</b>	191486			
<b>Cash Funds this Year</b>	<u>81514</u>	<u>85000</u>	<u>191486</u>	<u>19000</u>



During my examination no matter has come to my attention 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 Charities Act 2011 and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011

Have not been met, or to which in my opinion attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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### Accounts and Trustees Report For the Year Ended 30th June 2024

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES For the Year Ended 30th June 2024

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
Cash at Bank	81514	85000	191486	19000

There are no assets retained  
for the Charities own use

There are no  
liabilities due to suppliers

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

#### FUNDS ACCOUNTING

During the reporting period the Charity received £60000 of funds that are designated  
for grant applications

The remaining funds are unrestricted and may be spent on  
any legitimate charitable aim as laid down  
by the Charities governing document

With the exception of £22000., which is ongoing  
funding of a PHD student.