



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2024	To	31	12	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alan Tingey	Chairman		
2	Cheryl Causebrook	Vice Chairman/Treasurer		
3	Ella Brocklebank	Secretary		
4	Aimee Clayton-Brennan		Resigned 8 October 2024	
5	Connor Styche	Marketing		
6	Matt Pitchacaren	Compliance		
7	Dan Dyer			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointment of charity trustees

- (1) At the first annual general meeting of the members of the CIO all the charity trustees shall retire from office;
- (2) The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot;
- (3) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (5) of this clause;
- (4) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee; whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause 15 (Retirement and removal of charity trustees), or as an additional trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause 12(3) on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded;
- (5) A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (2) and (3) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

For further details please feel free to contact us on info@dwad.org

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

There were no major edits or additions to policies in 2024

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To further such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

Donations With A Difference is a grant making trust supporting general charitable purposes. It is the policy of the trustees to make grants to a wide range of charitable bodies and individuals.

Grants are made primarily, but not limited to, registered charities, charitable organisations and individuals in the UK within the following funding areas; Physical Health, Mental Health & Education.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity continues to raise funds in numerous ways by running various events as described in "Section D Achievements and performance". Some of the sporting events not only raise funds for the charity but also improves and encourages physical health.

The funds are used for grants which we receive online through our website at the following address:

<https://dwad.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

Grants in 2024 were as follows:

Kent Cheer Academy - £250.00 (G2024-01)

12 young individuals travelling to Barcelona for a competition – donation towards their travel cost

Castle View Primary School - £9,000.00 (G2024-02)

Castle Hill Community Primary School is located in East Folkestone, it is in an area of extremely high deprivation and serves a community with great needs. Over the past four years they have leased a minibus to provide transport for a wide variety of events. Unlike many schools most of the families do not drive or have access to cars, so the school provide it all themselves. At our fund-raising ball in November 2023, we held a reverse auction and monies were donated, we topped this up to £9,000 with local businesses having their logos printed on the minibus

A crucial lifeline for Millie - £19,500.00 (G2024-03)

In 2017, aged 17 Millie was living her best life, studying her last year of A-levels, having driving lessons and deciding on all the wonderful things that she wanted to accomplish in her life. Millie was a typical teenage girl until she was struck down with a serious and debilitating illness which had no know cure in the UK. The pain caused her to pass out multiple times and at one point she stopped breathing. Within 24 hours of being in A&E her whole body started to shut down and she lost the use of all four limbs, all taste and touch. The family raised significant funds to take Millie to the US for treatment. We were able to provide top up needed to allow Millie to travel and stay in the US for her treatment.

Daytime Hub - £250.00 (G2024-04)

Donation to Gravesend daytime hub helping vulnerable adults through a networking event

Wildwood Trust - £250.00 (G2024-05)

Donation to charity following a networking event

Tennis equipment for St Margaret's School - £514 (G2024-06)

Equipment was provided to the school for inclusivity with all pupils and community.

A Forest School for Morehall Primary School - £3,000 (G2024-07)

The initiative is raising £10,000 to create an all-weather outdoor learning space for children and families. With increasing concerns over children's mental health, worsened by COVID and living costs, the project aims to provide early intervention. The space will serve as a sanctuary where individuals can connect with nature, promoting well-being, sustainability, and food growth. It will also support SEND children and those from disadvantaged backgrounds, with 33% of students at Morehall Primary qualifying for Premium Pupils status. Having secured a £1,500 Tesco Blue Token grant, the initiative seeks to raise an additional £6,000 by April 2024 for construction. We agreed to a 50% donation.

A new buggy for William - £399.98 (G2024-08)

William, a seven-year-old non-verbal boy with autism, requires a specialised buggy to stay safe when moving around, as he has no understanding of danger and doesn't follow instructions. This is crucial for his safety, especially in busy or stimulating environments. The buggy also allows his younger sibling to be kept safe and receive attention. The current buggy, provided three years ago, has worn out and is no longer fully functional. A new Mobiquip buggy was provided for William to continue accessing the world safely, supporting his inclusion and daily needs.

Come and see the Otters at Wildwood - £1,985.89 (G2024-09)

Some new sign boards were required by the charity to make their enclosures more inclusive and have a positive impact on the visitors.

Stepping Out with Abi - £333.16 (G2024-10)

Abi's mum applied for a grant to purchase a multi-function treadmill and body weight scale for her 8-year-old son, who has Down syndrome. Abi has gained significant weight and needs to increase his activity levels to improve his health. The treadmill will allow him to exercise indoors, especially during winter when outdoor activities are difficult. The goal is to help Abi develop a healthy lifestyle, lose weight, and improve his fitness. Olayemi (Abi's mum) plans to track Abi's progress and gradually increase his exercise routine.

Loads of new Space for Rockitts - £7,983.36 (G2024-11)

A new home for Rockitts Sensory meant they have more room for better equipment. We were able to fund the outfitting of SEN room, dedicated to supporting children with the most severe needs. This space will be equipped for one-on-one sessions, separate from the sensory rooms, soft play areas, and projector room. Rockitts recognise Donations with a Difference as a key supporter, featuring our name on a prominent supporter wall and potentially naming the room or installing a plaque to acknowledge our charity's contribution to the creation of this vital SEN space.

Thomas' New Wheels - £3,834 (G2023-12)

Thomas is 16 and has four limb cerebral palsy. He has outgrown his NHS chair but was not eligible for a new one. We were able to provide a much-needed chair that will take Thomas into adulthood. The chair is more robust and has off road wheels that can be easily changed. With a tilt function on the chair Thomas can sleep with a tilt on the angle of the chair rather than his head flop forward.

Stand Up for Liam! - ££18,670.00 (G2024-13)

We were delighted to work with Cinque Ports Mobility again to provide a standing wheelchair for an amazing 15-year-old young man.

Liam was a healthy 8-year-old and out of the blue he started to drag his foot and tripping. He went to the GP, but they said there wasn't anything wrong. Within 3 months Liam was completely unbalanced and was referred to a pediatrician. With a 35 week wait the family went private. After 3 years of tests Liam was diagnosed with HPDL gene mutation, only 3 people have in the UK and 17 worldwide.

Liam's new Prototype standing electric wheelchair helps with his circulation, mobility, digestion, confidence and independence.

By working with Walker Construction Charity and the Freemasons we were able to provide Liam with his chair – when asked what he would do first – he said “Go to the toilet on my own”. Very humbling..

Liam's mum says he is a new boy and standing alongside his friends, who comment that he was “so tall!”

Rueben is flying high - £2,500 (G2024-14)

We have assisted Reuben before in his disabled tennis ambition, and he is smashing through the Junior ranks. We were delighted we were able to support him in travelling to Turkey for the next level of competition.

Knock knock, who's there? - £2,561.88 (G2024-15)

Oasis Domestic Abuse were in need of Ring Door bells, cameras and phones for their clients and we were able to assist. We provided 15 complete sets to keep victims of domestic abuse safe in their own homes.

A new shed for Mason - £1,346 (G2024-16)

Mason is an 8-year-old boy with specialist needs. After moving to a more suitable house the family needed a shed to house mason's wheelchair to give more space in the house

Helping out Dover Smart - £1,033.99 (G2024-17)

Dover Smart will be moving to a new space and would like to be able to offer their Young Carers a more enriched experience by improving the facilities they have available to them.

With the support of Donations with a Difference we introduced a digital element to the work and purchased an Interactive Digital whiteboard and installed it in the new space. The Young Carers were able to directly interact and have a more immersive experience in creativity through this new tool. It will bring their creative ideas to life.

Whitfield Aspen School - £2,966 (G2024-18)

At Whitfield Aspen School, a mainstream school with a large specialist provision, children with a range of needs are supported. The school seeks to purchase an adapted trike, allowing wheelchair-bound children to use their legs in various ways and move around the playground to engage with their peers. A trike that is suitable for one child, a 5-year-old child with complex medical needs will initially benefit, and other children with physical disabilities will also have access over time and can be used by others in the future.

Wyvern's new Eye Gaze System - £3,209.20 (G2024-19)

The special school in Ashford identified a requirement for an eye gaze system, which would significantly enhance their ability to support and communicate with their clients who have severe communication challenges.

Bloomers Trust - £493.80 (G2024-20)

The Bloomers Trust supplies items requested by Caseworkers for vulnerable parents whom they are supporting that are survivors of Sexual Exploitation and Domestic Violence. We will support these requirements up to £3,000 buying the equipment when needed

Lucy's special new bath time - £5,010 (G2024-21)

Lucy is fifteen and due to a unique chromosome issue, has severe learning disability and complex medical needs. She is a full time wheelchair user and at the end of the day loves nothing better than a nice warm bath to relax her muscles and have sensory play in.

The new bath has jets that can be used, lights that change colour for calming and best of all, the whole bath turns into a speaker where you can 'feel' the music through the water. Lucy experiences this new technology sometimes at school and loves it. The bath also has a built in hi-lo bath seat which pivots out of the bath and lowers so that Lucy can access and sit in the bath safely. As the product is designed for care settings, it is made from anti-bacterial plastics and has a large shower arm attachment that makes washing hair much easier on a carer's back.

Keep Blooming! - £6,900 (G2024-22)

At our annual Ball fundraiser, we invited Bloomers Trust along and asked Anna to speak about what her charity does for women and children who have been sexually trafficked and exploited. The room was silent. The charity must pay £6,000 rent per year just for the unit they store their donations in. We appealed to the room and managed to get a charity donation of £6,900 – this will go a long way to help many women and their newborns.

Ivy Ward welcomes Winnie - £2,500 (G2024-23)

Now this is a truly donation with a difference! We were delighted to help with the funding of a support dog for Ivy, she is 4 years old, has an translocation of chromosomes which means she's disabled a young girl with severe medical needs. The support dog will greatly help her and her family and they want to take it into care homes, schools and hospitals once it is trained.

Keeping Catching Lives clients warm - £493.04 (G2024-24)

We were delighted to support one of our supporters, Morgan Sindall, at a networking event. We provided new hats, scarves, gloves and socks to the homeless and vulnerable around Canterbury.

Porchlight's Christmas Dinner Gifts - £3,717.90 (G2024-25)

For the 5th year, we provided 85 gift bags for the annual Porchlight Christmas Dinner. Packed full with useful items for the clients, who are either homeless or in temporary accommodation

Match Funding for the Big Give – The Fifth Trust - £2,465 G2024-26)

The Fifth Trust is a Kent-based charity that supports adults with learning disabilities from the age of 16.

They provide a day care service for around 170 students at two skills centres in the beautiful Elham Valley near Canterbury, offering a huge range of activities and opportunities. When they were Charity of the Match at the Canterbury Rugby Club we donated to them to match fund on the Big Give Charity fundraiser

Ara's Big Girl Chair- £1,900 (G2024-27)

Ara had outgrown her car seat and needed the larger size suitable for her development and specialist needs. We were able to work with her family and the supplier to get a specialist seat from Germany

A new look for the day rooms at Kent & Canterbury Brabourne Ward - £1,406.43 (G2024-28)

When one of our staunch supporters needed the use of the oncology ward at Kent & Canterbury hospital, his wish list included new things for the day room and wards. We provided DAB radios and toiletries for in patients and new crockery and cutlery for the ward's Day Room

Kent Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre Ball - £500 (G2024-29)

We donated towards hydrotherapy sessions by supporting KMSTC at their annual Ball

Building new room for Rockitts - £7,983.36 (G2024-30)

A grant was provided for Rockitt to extend their new facility – we were able to assist with the funds through another funder's donation.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Grant Making Policy

Grants are made primarily, but not limited to, registered charities, charitable organisations and individuals in the UK within the following funding areas; Physical Health, Mental Health and Education

Please note that the trust does not fund expeditions or any entity registered or incorporated outside the UK.

Our Supporters

Many people have helped us make our charity the success it is. Please click on the link below to see the people and companies that have helped us:

<https://dwad.org/our-supporters/>

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity had great success throughout *previous years* with fundraising throughout the following events:

Golf Days

Charity Ball

Nominated charity funding.

Special events nominating us as the benefactor charity

During the course of 2024 our primary focus has continued to be to manage the grant fund we generate wisely.

For further detail of our usual events please visit us at our news section:

<https://dwad.org/news/>

For history of all previous grants and fund-raising initiatives please visit our website and you'll easily find this from our top menu

<https://dwad.org/our-grants/>

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not have a specific policy regards reserves. It is the responsibility of the treasurer to maintain enough money in the bank accounts to fund all forthcoming grants and/or expenses. No grants are awarded without first a monthly review of funds available for the pending decisions. At no point during the financial period was the account overdrawn.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

All income comes from fund raising activities. The majority of this comes from the events that we hold, as mentioned in Section D. We do also have a small element of funds coming from nominations, either entities or individuals who can choose us to be the benefactor of their charitable intentions and activities.

Section F

Other optional information

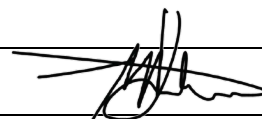
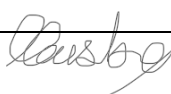
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Cheryl Causebrook

Matt Pitchacaren

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Trustee

Date

31 October 2025



Charity Name		No (if any)		CC16a
DONATIONS WITH A DIFFERENCE		1157927		
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, legacies & grants	44,528	-	-	44,528	7,983
Fundraising events	108,620	-	-	108,620	53,904
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	153,147	-	-	153,147	61,887
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	153,147	-	-	153,147	61,887
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	27,480	-	-	27,480	20,104
Telephone, internet & postage	192	-	-	192	58
Bank and PayPal charges	1,328	-	-	1,328	-
General admin	336	-	-	336	1,979
Grants and donations paid	109,974	-	-	109,974	31,840
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	139,310	-	-	139,310	53,982
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	139,310	-	-	139,310	53,982
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,837	-	-	13,837	7,905
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	57,278	-	-	57,278	49,374
Cash funds this year end	71,115	-	-	71,115	57,278

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	71,115	-	-
	Paypal	-	-	-
	Paypal 2	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	71,115	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Donations With A Difference

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1157927

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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:

Date:

31 October 2025

Name:

Eddi Taylor

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

ICAEW

Address:

252-254 Wincheap, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 3TY

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.