

## UNLOCK A LIFE FOR LOCKEY ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

*Craft boxes for children in isolation following stem cell transplants.*

*Recreational family activities for families with a child fighting cancer.*

### Message from the Lockey's Parents

Unlockalifeforlockey was registered as a charity in 2014 just 3 months after our son Laughlin passed away from cancer in October 2014, aged seven. It was Laughlin's idea of creating craft boxes for children in isolation on the transplant ward at Great Ormond Street hospital, and this has enabled the charity to be one of the main providers of art and craft boxes to children on the stem cell transplant wards at Great Ormond Street Hospital, as well as other local hospitals in the East of England. The people of Norfolk have welcomed our charity with open arms and support us constantly.

Over 2021 - 2022, unfortunately the work of Unlock a life for Lockey had to come to a standstill due to the loss of Andrea's mum to a brain tumour. As a result, Andrea became the main carer to her mum and dad, and therefore the charity has been on standstill due to this loss.

Due to the above, future plans for the charity are on hold, as the directors' time and energy has been focused on caring for Andrea's mum and dad and getting through this time. The charity received donations from her mum's funeral.

### Unlock a Life for Lockey exists to:

(1) To promote and protect the physical and mental health of paediatric sufferers of cancer through the provision of items, facilities, financial assistance, support and practical advice.

(2) To relieve sickness and promote good health by providing information to the general public about all areas relating to stem cell donation.

In fulfilling these aims, the trustees of Unlock a Life for Lockey are fully aware of the need to ensure the charity works for the public benefit in line with Charity Commission guidance.

### Activities

In 2021-22 Unlock a Life for Lockey aimed to provide the following activities:

**TO CHILDREN ON STEM CELL TRANSPLANT WARDS** - Fox, Robin, Lion, Elephant and Giraffe wards at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), Norfolk and Suffolk Hospitals and Hospices

### Unlock Boxes

2021 -2022 there have been 0 boxes of art and craft materials distributed due to the charity being on standstill.

*'Making things' was close to Laughlin's heart.*

*Even if you can't leave your room, or even your bed - you can still play, together.*

*I still like to play, like the way we used to.*

*Who has been helped:*

Children undergoing stem cell transplants

Children undergoing stem cell harvesting and transplantation

Children who have relapsed

Siblings of these children

### **TO FAMILIES FIGHTING CANCER, TOGETHER:**

#### **The Happy Shack (Mk II):**

2021-2022 the Happy Shack has not been able to be used due to the lasting effects of the Covid pandemic.

*I can hear, I can smell, I can feel the sea.*

### **Achievements and performance**

The difference made:

#### **TO CHILDREN ON STEM CELL TRANSPLANT WARDS:**

Unlokalifeforlockey has improved the awareness of stem cell transplants and the need for donors, as well as raising awareness to the general public of the isolation these children face for months on end while preparing for and recovering from a transplant. There has been feedback from families and play workers that the creation and provision of Unlock boxes has had a significant impact in supporting and encouraging the children in their recovery.

#### **TO FAMILIES FIGHTING CANCER TOGETHER:**

When in isolation or bereavement, families need to know they are not alone, forgotten. The boxes help to remind them that there are people outside the transplant 'bubble' who are supporting them from afar. Both the activities in the boxes and the opportunity for a day out together enable all their children to still be kids, and to find some hope and positivity through treatment. There is also the opportunity for families to share their experiences, hope and fears with others who have had personal experience of children's treatment for cancer.

### **Fundraising**

A total of £1478.89 was raised by the charity in 2021-22. We are extremely appreciative of the kindness, generosity and commitment of both those who donated money, and those who arranged fundraising events to support the work of the charity.

The charity is signed up to Pay pal charity which sees regular funds coming into the charity.

### Finances - Treasurer's report

At the end of the 2021-22 financial year, Unlock a Life for Lockey had a balance of £50,637.11, and additional assets worth £7,000.00 (The Happy Shack Beach Hut).

In 2021-22 a total of £1478.89 income was received, while £1,575.65 was paid out in expenditure. This resulted in a balance of £50,637.11 at the end of 2021-22, a decrease of £96.76 (-0.2%) over the year.

However the total value of the Charity is the balance of the bank plus the value of assets (Beach Hut) = £50,733.97 + £7,000.00 = £57,733.97

The total assets at the end of 2021-22 is 796% of the charity's average annual expenditure. The current level of reserves would enable the charity to continue to operate at the present level for almost 8 years without further income.

Current reserves will be allocated to the above activities, or any other activities agreed by the trustees that fulfil the charitable aims of Unlock a Life for Lockey, such as the purchase of a holiday caravan or chalet and related expenditure.

Summary of income and expenditure are as follows:

<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>2021-22</b>		
	£		
Income	1,478.89		
	£	107	of annual
Expenses	1,575.65	%	income
	-£		of annual
<b>Balance</b>	<b>96.76</b>	-7%	income
	£	100	of annual
<b>Amount raised</b>	<b>1,478.89</b>	%	income
	£		
Spend on fundraising	-		
Spend on charitable	£	102	of amount
aims	1,510.99	%	raised
Spend on	£		of amount
administration	570.93	39%	raised
<b>Balance at bank</b>	<b>£ 50,637.11</b>		
	£		
<b>Assets</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>		
<b>Value of charity</b>	<b>£ 57,637.11</b>		

A full record of the 2021-22 accounts is also available.

The charity spent 3% spend on administration, primarily in relation to insurance premiums and website management.

## **Publicity and promotion**

Unlockalifeforlockey has benefited from developing a new web site for the charity. New leaflets and promotional material have been designed and updated with the new web site details.

The website and Facebook page continue to be our key means of communication with supporters and donors.

## Structure and Management

**Registered charity name:** Unlock a Life for Lockey  
**Registration number:** 1159826  
**Registration date:** 07.01.15  
**Registration type:** Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

### Current trustees:

- Andrea Poyser - Reappointed for 3 years until 06.01.24
- John Whiteley - Reappointed for 3 years until 06.01.23
- Raymond Poyser - Reappointed for 3 years until 06.01.25

The charity thanks all those involved as trustees and management over 2021-2022 for their commitment, hard work, teamwork and care for the children and families affected and bereaved by cancer.

### Unlock a Life for Lockey structure

Governing document - CIO constitution dated 16.08.14  
Organisational structure - Foundation model Charitable Incorporated Organisation - only voting members are the Charity Trustees  
Appointment/training of trustees - See Constitution  
Decision making - See Constitution

### **Future directions**

The last year has brought a lot of sadness to the directors of Unlock a Life for Lockey, with the family being forced to face once again a terminal brain tumour diagnosis, this time for Andrea's Mum. This may however, provide opportunities of new pathways of providing advice and support to families, such as supporting a local family with a family member fighting a brain tumour, advising them on grants etc.

The current view on a holiday home for the charity is that this is not at present a viable proposal due to the level of annual changes, along with the escalating cost of living. At present due to the uncertainty of annual funding, the running of a holiday home is not a possibility for charity as the ground rents and running are too costly.

At present we feel it would be unwise to make a major commitment. In the current climate the ongoing costs would stretch our charity and supporters, so we feel it is best to ensure that our financial footing is secure before committing a significant amount of our funds to this venture.

***"May the laughter of one child be louder  
and the day of one family be less daunting!" - Donor***

## **ADDENDUMS**

### **List of Trustees (2021-22)**

John Whiteley

Andrea Poyser

Raymond Poyser