



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	01	2023		31	12	2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Stand-by-Me Bereavement Support Service for Children
Other names charity is known by	Stand-by-me
Registered charity number (if any)	1161035
Charity's principal address	Hitchin Youth Trust Ltd Lambourne House 111 Walsworth Road Hitchin Postcode SG4 9SP

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	Lesley Carol Morag READ	Chair and Safeguarding		
2	Sandra Rosamond BLACKER	Clinical		
3	John BOTLEY	Treasurer		
4	Keith Stuart WADSWORTH	Secretary		
5	Guy SKINNER	Fundraising		
6	Jane WALTON			
7	Andrew NELLIS	Digital		
8	Shirley AVERY	Development		
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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
Independent Examiner	Charles Goldstein	Charles Goldstein FCA Heartwood Accountants Ltd Riverside House 3 Place Farm Wheathampstead Hertfordshire AL4 8SB

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)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a 'Foundation' model constitution which was registered on 24 March 2015
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	<p>New Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees to maintain and ensure an appropriate skillset. The Constitution sets terms of office in order to secure stability and continuity but also change, refreshment and expertise. Fundraising is clearly more and more demanding and a volunteer was recruited to the Trustees to take a lead on this. The Trustees appointed a person with marketing experience and another to completely restructure digital record keeping and commensurate security, thus refreshing the charity's governance. This has resulted in a transformation of both the charity's social media profile and, therefore, accessibility, and recording and data analysis. New Trustees are appointed by invitation following consideration by all Trustees, references sought and scrutinised.</p> <p>After a time away a Trustee returned to take on the Development brief in light of changing funding streams. Long term consideration is being given to the eventual need for a new 'clinical' Trustee and the view is that, with changing employment law, the Trust would benefit from having a Trustee with Human Resources experience. There is no doubt that running the charity and securing its future is becoming increasingly demanding and put strain on Trustees.</p>

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.

Trustees have in place a range of relevant policies including Safeguarding, Code of Conduct and Conflicts of Interest. The charity's Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually and was developed significantly to enable online support to take place during the Covid restrictions. The following policies are reviewed every three years:

Health & Safety
Equality & Diversity
Confidentiality
Data Protection
Lone Working
Complaints

and other policies which are not mandatory but which guide the work of volunteers in the various types of work with both young people and adults. Counselling is now being offered to surviving parents and a policy has been devised for this.

Trustees receive induction, safeguarding and prevent training, as do staff and volunteers.

DBS clearance is mandatory for all.

It has become apparent that securing funding is increasing difficult and major, national donors have indicated that we will no longer receive support due to their own decreased income alongside increased demand for support. Trustees' time is devoted entirely to consideration of the sustainability of the service we provide. Strategic planning has been designed to secure funding to secure the future of the charity and that has involved a root and branch analysis of the structure, management and delivery of the service.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

To provide and protect the health of bereaved children and young people aged 0-19 living in North Hertfordshire and Stevenage by helping to prevent the negative outcomes of grief affecting their health, education and future life prospects through the provision of information, advice, support and guidance to them, their families, carers and associated professionals involved in their day-to-day care. In direct response to feedback from children and young people this has recently included developing targeted support for surviving parents in relation to their own support of their child/ren. The feedback was saying "help my Mum/Dad and you'll help me. "This is not specific adult bereavement counselling but parents take part in groups running concurrently with the young peoples' groups. There is limited support offered on an individual basis.

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)

'Grief is in two parts. The first is loss. The second is the remaking of life.' (Anne Rolphe). All trustees read the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when they were drafting Stand-by-Me's charitable objects as part of the successful application for charity registration as a CIO. Stand-by-Me's charity classification is:

- the advancement of education
- the advancement of health or the saving of lives.

Trustees continue to receive explicit evidence from self-assessment questionnaires completed by bereaved children and teenagers and both oral and written feedback from parents and family members that the charity's website and newsletter, free telephone advice line, and group programmes have all been beneficial and made a material difference to their lives following bereavement. These activities have

1. helped children and young people know what is happening and what can help
2. helped parents to understand and support their children
3. given professionals information to support bereaved children and young people
4. provided ways for bereaved families to meet and share their experiences.

The main benefits to children and families have been

- the provision of an open access, early intervention, free at the point of need, varied level of bereavement support
- reduction in the need for referral to specialist services and target agencies because of escalating levels of need
- support for families to understand their grief reactions and enhance family functioning
- reduction of the social isolation frequently highlighted by children and families by creating new contacts with others experiencing bereavement
- provision of opportunities for forging new friendships and learning from others

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

During the period covered by this report the charity has continued to enjoy support from two types of volunteers:

- (1) Volunteers, of which new ones have been trained and others upskilled by building on their experience of running group programmes for bereaved children and teenagers. These group programmes remain at the core of what Stand-by-Me is seeking to provide as described above in its objects. Without the volunteers the delivery of the group programmes would be impossible. Two recipients of the Stand-by-me programme have become volunteers themselves. Since the pandemic it has become apparent that some young people are reluctant to attend the group sessions, or begin the course but drop out. A review of the content of the sessions has been undertaken.
- (2) Fundraising volunteers, have continued to organise various events and actively participated in fund-raising events, organised by donors. These have been vital in providing funds to strengthen the charity's ability to make a direct approach to bereaved children, teenagers and their families. They have also considerably raised public awareness of what Stand-by-Me has to offer bereaved families and of what resources are needed from donors in order to deliver the charity's services. One event has become a annual one which attracts a large following.

- (3) Trustees have also attended various functions to acknowledge the generosity of donors, raise awareness of the charity and educate people about the need for such a charity. A Trustee always attends to receive a donation and extend the charity's thanks.s[

Volunteers continue to organise and manage the now annual 'Remember-me' day when young people who have used Stand-by-me's programme, and their families, can reconnect. The Charity continues to enjoy free accommodation provided by Letchworth Heritage Foundation, Hitchin Youth Trust. All volunteers received a specially commissioned Safeguarding leaflet to explain the responsibilities placed upon them in accordance with the charity's Safeguarding Policy; and certificates for training have been created.

The Young Ambassadors programme has also initiated a number of fund-raising activities with young people who have benefited from the charity's programme now raising its profile and taking a lead in promoting it and raising funds. This programme is a powerful continuation of the effectiveness and positive outcome of the clinical programme.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Stand-by-me group sessions for children and young people remain at the heart of the Charity's work and have now supported over 700 bereaved children and young people. The demand continues and a list of prospective participants is maintained with support offered as early as possible. All children and young people are professionally assessed to ensure they are ready for involvement in group sessions. These full assessments, carried out prior to the young people joining a group, have increasingly led to volunteers offering support to other members of the children's families.

It should be said that there are issues regarding some young people committing to the groups. Some show interest, do the assessment but then not attending. Some start the course and drop out. This seems to reflect issues schools are experiencing with attendance but the content of the programme is continuously reviewed in response to feedback – which it should be said is almost entirely very positive from those who complete the course.

The Big Lottery donation which initially funded a Family Bereavement Support Worker (FBSW) ended and a successful application was made for Global Make Some Noise funding was made in order to continue this part of Stand-by-me's work. This allows for the employment of a person to draw a link between the children/young people, their families and their schools. This has proved to be enormously successful in linking school, families and bereaved young people but has also led to 'pressure' to provide support directly to bereaved parents. A successful pilot was run and this is now a fixed part of the delivery – surviving parents attend their own sessions, in another room, at the same time as their children attend their own sessions.

The Global Make Some Noise funding will come to an end and the Trustees are keen to find other sources of funding to continue the parent groups.

Separate secondary and primary age groups are fully re-established for face-to-face sessions.

The Contact-me programme for schools has been adopted by all the secondary schools in the Charity's area and most of the primary schools, schools, with volunteers (the primary author of the scheme and a clinician) continuing to provide training sessions primarily in schools. This revision and retraining programme will continue as schools seek more and more support in their work with bereaved children. All schools are facing increasing numbers of young people with mental health issues and bereavement is another factor which schools are expected to respond to.

The growth in the scale, and success, of both these aspects of the Charity's work required a review of staffing in line with a full review of the Charity's business plan, in terms of its future sustainability. The input of the Trustee with digital expertise led to the introduction of secure digital collation of information and data which can be interrogated for analytical purposes and record keeping.

The Young Ambassadors programme has proved to be of great benefit to both the participants and to the Charity in terms of its profile and fundraising, with impressive presentations being made by the young people at various high-profile local events. Compilations of videos made by the young people themselves are used for fund- and awareness-

raising purposes and this approach will be used with new ambassadors to involve them fully.

Individual, corporate and local group donations have supplemented the initial three-year Children In Need grant for continuation of which an application has been made but long delays in CiN decision-making and awareness of their decreased funding and increased demand suggest their support will not continue.

Funding is constantly under review and the continuation of the Uniting Families programme, supported by Global Make Some noise may depend on securing other funding streams.

The 'regular giving' scheme the Trust designed has so far generated less than hoped but the marketing Trustee is actively seeking ways of promoting this, including exploring the possibility of contributions from local business.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trust's policy is to hold reserves to cover no less than six rather than three months expenses.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

The Trust has no funds invested. Its income is entirely through charitable donations from individuals, local organisations, fund-raising organisations outside the locality which have identified the Charity as one which they wish to support on a one-off basis and from national supporters i.e. Children in Need and Global Make Some Noise.

All income is directed exclusively to providing support for children and young people who have been bereaved and without the funding the Charity could not continue. Whilst all the clinical and therapeutic support is delivered by volunteers, they cannot also provide the essential administration, paperwork, etc. and this work is carried out, largely, by paid employees of the Trust. As the Charity moderately expands its work, the administrative support required commensurately increases. The Trustees keep that carefully monitored, ensuring that staff are properly remunerated, supported, trained and, when possible, upskilled.

Section F

Other optional information

The Charity faces a period of significant challenge. Funding streams are likely to significantly reduce whilst the quality and depth of what the Charity offers has grown. A great deal of work and many hours are being devoted to assessing the implications and devising strategies to secure the long-term future of Stand-by-me.

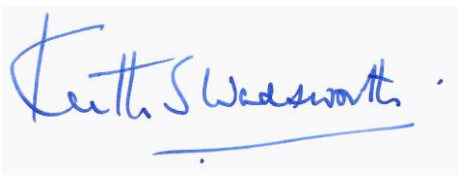
Section G

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)

Keith S Wadsworth

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

September 20 2024

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mrs Carol Reed	-	Chair
Mr John Botley	-	Deputy Chair & Finance Trustee
Mrs Sandra Blacker	-	Clinical Trustee
Mr James Lawrence	-	Marketing Trustee
Mrs Jane Walton	-	Health Trustee
Mr Andy Nellis	-	Digital Trustee ((resigned 31 October 2024)
Mr Guy Skinner	-	Fundraising Trustee (appointed 1 January 2024)
Mrs Shirley Avery	-	Development Trustee (appointed 1 August 2024)
Mr Keith Wadsworth	-	Secretary
Mrs Bobbi Dhillon	-	Volunteer Associate Trustee
Mr Jack Howie	-	Young Ambassador Associate Trustee

The charity's address is 111 Walsworth Road, Hitchin, SG4 9SP.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The charity's main activities continue to be to support bereaved children, young people and their families through our various innovative programmes including our Groupwork and Contact-me schools' programme. Following a successful pilot, the charity now also offers counselling for parents who had attended the parents' group and need further support as and when they need it.

ACHIEVEMENT & PERFORMANCE

The key achievements during the last year were:

- In November 2023, the charity was awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service which was presented to the charity by the Lord Lieutenant for Hertfordshire on 1st September 2024. This prestigious accolade is the highest honour a local voluntary group can receive in the UK, equivalent to an MBE.
- Following the improvements to our website and branding, the charity has also expanded our visibility on social media which has led to a significant increase in support from the local community through fundraising events and sponsorships.

FINANCE

The charity received funds of £111,818 in 2024 compared with £117,602 in the prior period. The decrease was due to our bid for funding from Children in Need being unsuccessful. They have encouraged us to re-apply in June 2025. The drop in this income was partially offset by an increase in income from fundraising events and sponsorships. Expenditure was tightly controlled during the year totalling £112,206 compared with £135,806 the previous year (the latter including a considerable investment in the new IT system). As a result, despite the drop in income, the deficit for the year was restricted to £388 compared with a deficit of £18,203 the previous year.

Cash resources at the year-end were £94,288 (2023 - £94,676) made up of £66,460 unrestricted and £27,828 restricted funds.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees are in the process of reviewing all its services and an updated Business Plan including Risk Management strategy will be completed during 2025.

Public Benefit Statement

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 May 25 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs Carol Read - Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF STAND-BY-ME BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 4 to 8.

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 this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 09 May 2025

STAND-BY-ME BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

				31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Children in need			8,323	-	8,323	33,380
Big Lottery						1,916
Global Make Some Noise			27,000	-	27,000	32,000
North Herts Prosperity Fund			8,119		8,119	
Letchworth Heritage Fund			8,000		8,000	
Herts Community Fund			5,000		5,000	
Other Funds			1,500		1,500	1,400
Fundraising Events		2,782			2,782	1,308
Just Giving		5,632	-	-	5,632	8,620
Grants and donations		39,694	-	-	39,694	34,455
Enthuse Donations		4,185			4,185	3,164
Investment and other income		<u>1,583</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,583</u>	<u>1,359</u>
Total incoming resources		53,876	57,942	-	111,818	117,602
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of generating funds						
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-	-
Charity running costs		54,798	41,645	-	96,443	104,961
Charitable activities						
Governance						
Direct charitable spending		<u>14,338</u>	<u>1,425</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,763</u>	<u>30,845</u>
Total resources expended		69,136	43,070	-	112,206	135,806
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		(15,260)	14,872	-	(388)	(18,204)
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation of investments		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(15,260)	14,872	-	(388)	(18,204)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Transfers between funds		(1,720)	1,720	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		<u>83,440</u>	<u>11,236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,676</u>	<u>112,880</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		66,460	27,828	-	94,288	94,676

STAND-BY-ME BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	31 Dec 2024			31 Dec 2023	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	66,460	27,828	-	94,288	94,676
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CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS	66,460	27,828	-	94,288	94,676
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	66,460	27,828	-	94,288	94,676
NET ASSETS	66,460	27,828	-	94,288	94,676
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				66,460	83,440
Restricted funds				27,828	11,236
Endowment funds				-	-
TOTAL FUNDS				94,288	94,676

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 May 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mrs Carol Read - Chair

STAND-BY-ME BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Reserves

Given experience during the Covid pandemic, the charity's policy on holding was amended to hold reserves equal to 6 months (previously 3 months) of expenditure in separate bank accounts.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

STAND-BY-ME BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	unrestricted	restricted	2024	2023
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Grants	-	-	-	-
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Payments	unrestricted £	restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Project Managers Salaries	20,777	37,984	58,761	59,014
Administrator & other salary costs	27,419	3,427	30,846	34,084
Clinical/assessment costs	-	-	-	-
Recruitment	-	-	-	-
Supervision & Training	1,344		1,344	1,930
Travel expenses - volunteers / clients	536		536	416
Group - Resources / expenses incurred	1,644	234	1,878	4,428
Family Event & Other Childrens Group	543		543	1,114
DBS Clearance	273	-	273	342
Youth Ambassadors Project funded HCF	827	-	827	1,271
Uniting Families Project – other direct costs	1,435		1,435	2,363
Communications - Mobiles / Postage	1,266	150	1,416	1,681
Schools Programme costs	-	-	-	-
Website support / IT costs	6,588	285	6,872	19,831
Access Insurance - Public & Liability Insurance		856	856	836
Stationery / office costs	359	70	429	649
Fund raising & Marketing costs	4,075		4,075	5,667
Consultancy				-
Accountancy	720	-	720	792
Other miscellaneous costs	1,331	64	1,395	1,388
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