

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

England & Wales · Charity number 1163021

Details

Other names	SULLIVANS' HEROES
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2015-08-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	74 Selsfield Road Turners Hill Crawley RH10 4PW
Phone	01
Email	hello@sullivansheroes.org
Website	www.sullivansheroes.org

Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES BY THE PROVISION OF GRANTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ADAPT THEIR HOME TO ACCOMMODATE THE CHILD'S NEEDS AS A WAY OF IMPROVING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN THEIR HOME ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: To relieve the needs of children with disabilities and their families by the provision of grants and financial assistance to adapt their home to accommodate the child's needs as a way of improving their quality of life within their home environment. Sullivan's Heroes operates in the United Kingdom.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£139,627	£236,526	-	-
2023-10-31	£197,092	£132,466	-	-
2022-10-31	£273,685	£399,630	-	-
2021-10-31	£337,674	£215,762	-	-
2020-10-31	£190,141	£148,589	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Broderick	Chair	2017-08-17
Amanda Cooper		2020-03-13
Fiona Smith		2015-07-14
Lia Lunn		2017-08-17
Richard Smith		2015-07-14

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	01	11	2023	To	31	10	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Sullivan's Heroes

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1163021

Charity's principal address

74 Selsfield Road

Turners Hill

West Sussex

Postcode

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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)
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Events and fundraising for families have remained slower than previous years. General concerns about the cost of living may have made people more reticent about asking for money through fundraising. Whilst families seemed willing to fundraise through JustGiving and have set up fundraising pages to this end, the families seem more hesitant to share the pages and ask for donations with the challenging financial climate during this period.

Families have required significant support due to building cost increases over the previous years, increasing the costs for many of the projects undertaken, whilst the local authority grant funding has remained static with no increase in the amounts awarded to the projects.

Some external charities previously used for sourcing funding have closed or have exhausted their available funding, whilst others are still able to help on an ad-hoc basis. Many are oversubscribed for support periodically, leading to some rejections, or the organisations are temporarily closed to applications for a set period of time.

Some organisations revise their eligibility criteria around the funding use on a regular basis to maximise their audience of applicants they can support, requiring strict adherence to specific funding use criteria. Some support was still available for ad-hoc applications through these avenues where the funding use meets the eligibility criteria. Some organisations are advising time constraints on re-applying for funding, to allow them to assist a greater number of beneficiaries over a set timeframe and protect their funds available, therefore the number of organisations available for funding support is reduced.

During the period from 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024, the charity received 23 applications from families with disabled children. All 23 applicants were placed on a waitlist for a Grant, to be pledged closer to the start of their building projects from unrestricted funds available.

A total of 7 grants were paid to applicant's families during this period for projects underway or nearing completion. The remainder of the applicants continue to fundraise towards their targets.

Due to the length of time for some of the projects to get underway and completed, only 5 of these grants paid out were to applicants who applied within the same year timeframe of 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024.

1 of the grants was paid to an applicant who applied during the previous financial year of 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023; whilst 1 of the grants was paid to an applicant who applied to the charity in the year time period ending 31st October 2022. These projects to which the grants have been paid out are now completed, many of which are featured in the completed

projects area of the charity's website at: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/who-we-are-helping/who-weve-helped/>

10 of the 23 applicant's families are fundraising through the Sullivan's Heroes website to raise additional funds towards their home adaptations, representing a slight decrease on the previous year – with 43% of the families signed up with the charity engaging in fundraising with the charity's support, compared to 47% in the prior year. This decline might be attributed to the cost-of-living fears of families, making them less inclined to actively fundraise in the financial climate.

The charity has provided all the families with fundraising support and information to enable them to reach their targets, and actively sought additional funding to successfully fund and complete their projects.

The charity has also provided information to 74 additional families in this financial year, and their relevant Social Workers, Occupational Therapists and other support workers, relating to home adaptations and accessing council grant funding where appropriate.

Applications have been received direct from families and through referrals from medical, council, social services and housing agency professionals, plus referrals via other charitable organisations. Many families are also being referred to the charity via previous families supported by Sullivan's Heroes, and their relevant Occupational Therapists.

Sullivan's Heroes has sourced further funding towards the applicants' home adaptations through charitable organisations. The charity has enabled the full funds required for the projects to be reached.

Without Sullivan's Heroes support to secure this funding and aid the fundraising these projects would not be able to proceed, and the beneficiaries' home disability adaptations would not be put in place to meet their care and health requirements.

Completed projects can be viewed on the charity's website at: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/who-we-are-helping/who-weve-helped/> with photos of the completed adaptations provided by the family, together with information from the family about the impact and differences the adaptations have made for their child.

Some families have also provided information for full case studies which are available on the website at: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/about-us/resources/#case-studies>, detailing how the fundraising was carried out, and explaining the benefits which Sullivan's Heroes has brought them throughout their fundraising and adaptations process.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Sullivan's Heroes operates a Reserves Policy to maintain a Financial Reserves Fund to provide financial stability for operational costs and future grant allocations for the proceeding 12 months.

At the financial year end of 31/10/24 there is a Financial Reserves Fund in place of £60,102.

Sullivan's Heroes' policies ensure that all monies raised for its supported families are reserved within restricted funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no 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 charity's main principal sources of funds are from donations either made to the charity as a whole or as restricted funds direct to a specific child whom the charity is supporting.

Funds have also been raised from events which either the charity attends, or external sources participate in on the charity's behalf. Individual families and their friends, family and colleagues have undertaken multiple challenges and events towards their target over the course of their fundraising. The general financial climate and cost-of-living concerns experienced during this year's timeframe has reduced the number of individual families fundraising publicly, though families have still been successful in obtaining donations from the general public where they have proceeded with fundraising activities.

Direct donations from corporates and other charitable organisations remain similar with the previous year, whilst JustGiving donations decreased by half year on year.

The overall income of the charity decreased by 29% to £139,627 in this financial year, compared with £197,092 in the previous year. Total expenditure increased by 79%, from the previous year, including Grants and funds paid to applicants, with £236,526 expenditure compared with £132,466 in the previous financial year. The comparatively increased expenditure is a result of payments being made for some large building projects, which has been fundraised for in the previous financial year.

The charity continues to operate in an entirely online presence. Charity expenditure is kept to a minimum. Salary paid to Fiona Smith for employment as Operations Manager as of 18/05/20 has been intentionally kept to a minimum level comparable to similar roles. Other expenditure is to cover running costs for the website, events, office software and third-party fees associated with online fundraising portals.

Section F

Other optional information

The Trustees of Sullivan's Heroes are pleased with the achievements of the charity over the course of the year, especially in a cautious and challenging financial climate. The number of charity applicants has remained similar year on year, and the families supported during this period have required and received the additional support from the charity to meet their requirements for their adaptation projects.

Whilst the overall funds raised this financial year has reduced year on year, the grants and funds awarded to these beneficiaries has remained consistent with the charity's objectives, and the charity has successfully continued to support every eligible applicant to the charity.

As awareness of the charity continues to grow the Trustees look forward to supporting an increased number of beneficiaries in the future.

As with previous years' reporting, it continues to be encouraging to see the number of medical, council and housing agency professionals who know of the charity and are directing their clients to apply to the charity; together with other charitable organisations referring families to apply to the charity.

The benefits which the adaptation projects bring to the children who the charity is supporting are reported and documented on the charity's website once the projects are completed.

These website articles all contain wording, quotes, photos and videos supplied by the families supported, with full permission for usage, compiled from Feedback Forms provided to each family on completion of their project. The articles offer valuable insight and understanding into the impact each project has brought to the child, and highlighting the life-changing differences and benefits achieved by these home adaptations.

These articles and case studies can be found at:

Who we've helped: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/who-we-are-helping/who-weve-helped/>

Case Studies: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/about-us/resources/#case-studies>

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)	Fiona Smith	Helen Broderick
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair
Date	26/04/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/10/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1163021

Set out on pages

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements: Pages 1-4
Receipts and Payments Accounts (Form CC16a): Pages 1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/10/2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

2nd March 2025

Name:

Pippa Forde

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

AAT Level 3
IAB

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8 Dean House Gate

Allerton

Bradford BD15 8HF

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

FOR

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

Richard Smith, Treasurer
Sullivan's Heroes
74 Selsfield Road
Turners Hill
West Sussex
RH10 4PW

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

**CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

TRUSTEES:

Mr Richard Smith
Mrs Fiona Smith
Mrs Lia Lunn
Mrs Helen Broderick
Ms Amanda Cooper

REGISTERED OFFICE:

74 Selsfield Road
Turners Hill
Crawley
RH10 4PW

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:

1163021

SULLIVAN'S HEROES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	2024	2023
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Bank Interest Earned	1,395	1,014
Easy Fundraising	185	146
Ebay	0	0
Fund Raising Events	0	0
Gift Aid received	7,866	16,137
Gifts and Donations Income	135,058	170,197
Grants	-4,905	2,503
Sales	27	7,096
	<u>139,627</u>	<u>197,092</u>
COSTS OF INCOMING RESOURCES		
Events	70	0
Just Giving Fees	1,173	2,277
Other charges/Fees	24	20
Grants Pledged by SH	-1,211	2,503
	<u>56</u>	<u>4,801</u>
OPERATING COSTS		
Accounting fees	364	412
Bank Charges	107	136
Fundraising Equipment	23	10
IT Costs	4,449	5,291
Office Expense	459	18
Phone costs	270	277
Platform fees from Just Giving	562	562
Postage and Delivery	57	160
Professional Fees	132	0
Salaries and Wages	23,228	17,165
Pension	577	328
	<u>30,229</u>	<u>24,357</u>
GRANTS AND PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES		
Funds paid to families	198,241	89,557
Grants paid to families	8,000	13,751
	<u>206,241</u>	<u>103,308</u>
NET INCOMING RECOURCES	<u>-96,899</u>	<u>64,626</u>
RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD	220,534	155,908
RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>123,635</u>	<u>220,534</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Main bank account	64,370	68,274
Business Reserve account	59,893	148,369
Uncleared Bank Deposit	0	4,250
Less Creditors A/C Payable	-627	-360
	<u>123,635</u>	<u>220,534</u>
Cash at Bank	<u>123,635</u>	<u>220,534</u>

FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

General Funds	3,241	11,774
Financial Reserve funds	60,570	60,570

Restricted Funds

Allocated monies for Families	59,824	148,190
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Total Funds	<u>123,635</u>	<u>220,534</u>
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These financial statements are a true reflection of the financial position of the charity for the period ended 31 October 2024.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 26/04/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



26/04/2025

.....
Mrs Fiona Smith – Trustee

.....
Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Sullivan's Heroes	No (if any) 1163021
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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/11/2023	To	Period end date 31/10/2024
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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					
Supported Families		116,820	-	116,820	152,543
	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan's Heroes General Fund	22,807	-	-	22,807	44,549
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,807	116,820	-	139,627	197,092
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,807	116,820	-	139,627	197,092
A3 Payments					
Payments to supported Families	-	205,186	-	205,186	103,615
	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan's Heroes General Fund	31,340	-	-	31,340	28,852
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,340	205,186	-	236,526	132,466
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	31,340	205,186	-	236,526	132,466
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,533	- 88,366	-	- 96,899	64,626
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	72,343	148,190	-	220,534	155,908
Cash funds this year end	63,811	59,824	-	123,635	220,534

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		63,811	59,824	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	63,811	59,824	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		F. SMITH	26/04/25

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Events and fundraising for families remained slower than previous years. General concerns about the cost of living may have made people more reticent about asking for money through fundraising, so less families seemed willing to fundraise through JustGiving. In reality, the general public were still happy to donate to those families who were fundraising, but families seem more hesitant to ask for donations with the challenging financial climate during this period.

Families have required significant support due to building cost increases over the previous years, increasing the costs for many of the projects undertaken, whilst the local authority grant funding has remained static with no increase in the amounts awarded to the projects.

Some external charities previously used for sourcing funding have closed or have exhausted their available funding, whilst others are still able to help on an ad-hoc basis. Many are oversubscribed for support periodically, leading to some rejections, or the organisations are temporarily closed to applications for a set period of time.

Some organisations revised their eligibility criteria around the funding use on a regular basis to maximise their audience of applicants they can support, requiring strict adherence to specific funding use criteria. Some support was still available for ad-hoc applications through these avenues where the funding use meets the eligibility criteria.

During the period from 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023, the charity received 21 applications from families with disabled children. All 21 applicants were placed on a waitlist for a Grant, to be pledged closer to the start of their building projects from unrestricted funds available.

A total of 10 grants were paid to applicant's families during this period for projects underway or nearing completion.

Due to the length of time the majority of projects take to get underway and completed, only 2 of these grants were to applicants who applied within the same year timeframe of 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023.

7 of these grants were paid to applicants who applied during the previous financial year of 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022. 1 of the grants was paid to an applicant who applied to the charity in the year time period ending 31st October 2020. These projects to which the grants have been paid out are now completed, many of which are featured in the completed projects area of the charity's website at: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/who-we-are-helping/who-weve-helped/>

10 of the 21 applicant's families are fundraising through the Sullivan's Heroes website to raise additional funds towards their home adaptations, representing a slight decrease on the previous year – with 47% of the families signed up with the charity engaging in fundraising with the charity's support, compared to 57% in the prior year. This decline might be attributed to the cost-of-living fears of families, making them less inclined to actively fundraise in the financial climate.

The charity has provided all the families with fundraising support and information to enable them to reach their targets, and actively sought additional funding to successfully fund and complete their projects.

The charity has also provided information to 52 additional families in this financial year, and their relevant Social Workers, Occupational Therapists and other support workers, relating to home adaptations and accessing council grant funding where appropriate.

Applications have been received direct from families and through referrals from medical, council, social services and housing agency professionals, plus referrals via other charitable organisations. Many families are also being referred to the charity via previous families supported by Sullivan's Heroes, and their relevant Occupational Therapists.

Sullivan's Heroes has sourced further funding towards the applicants' home adaptations through charitable organisations. The charity has enabled the full funds required for the projects to be reached.

Without Sullivan's Heroes support to secure this funding and aid the fundraising these projects would not be able to proceed, and the beneficiaries' home disability adaptations would not be put in place to meet their care and health requirements.

Completed projects can be viewed on the charity's website at: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/who-we-are-helping/who-weve-helped/> with photos of the completed adaptations provided by the family, together with information from the family about the impact and differences the adaptations have made for their child.

Some families have also provided information for full case studies which are available on the website at: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/about-us/resources/#case-studies>, detailing how the fundraising was carried out, and the benefits the charity has brought them throughout their fundraising and adaptations process.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Sullivan's Heroes operates a Reserves Policy to maintain a Financial Reserves Fund to provide financial stability for operational costs and future grant allocations for the proceeding 12 months.

At the financial year end of 31/10/23 there is a Financial Reserves Fund in place of £60,570.

Sullivan's Heroes' policies ensure that all monies raised for its supported families are reserved within restricted funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's main principal sources of funds are from donations either made to the charity as a whole or as restricted funds direct to a specific child whom the charity is supporting.

Funds have also been raised from events which either the charity attends, or external sources participate in on the charity's behalf. Individual families and their friends, family and colleagues have undertaken multiple challenges and events towards their target over the course of their fundraising. Although the cost-of-living concerns experienced during this year's timeframe has reduced the number of individual families fundraising publicly, families have still been successful in obtaining donations from the general public where they have proceeded with fundraising activities.

Direct donations from corporates and other charitable organisations decreased by 19% compared with the previous year, whilst JustGiving donations decreased 25% year on year.

The overall income of the charity has decreased by 28% to £197,092 in this financial year, compared with £273,685 in the previous year. Total expenditure decreased by 67%, from the previous year, including Grants and funds paid to applicants, with £132,466 expenditure compared with £399,630 in the previous financial year. The comparatively decreased expenditure is a result of the previous year's increased expenditure year on year, due to lengthy projects held up over preceding years through building supply issues reaching completion point and subsequent payment of funds raised.

The charity continues to operate in an entirely online presence. Charity expenditure is kept to a minimum. Salary paid to Fiona Smith for employment as Operations Manager as of 18/05/20 has been intentionally kept to a minimum level comparable to similar roles. Other expenditure is to cover running costs for the website, events, office software and third-party fees associated with online fundraising portals.

Section F

Other optional information

The Trustees of Sullivan's Heroes are pleased with the achievements of the charity over the course of the year. The number of charity applicants has remained static year on year, and the families supported during this period have required and received the additional support from the charity to meet their requirements for their adaptation projects.

Whilst the overall funds raised this financial year has reduced year on year, the grants and funds awarded to these beneficiaries has remained consistent with the charity's objectives, and the charity has successfully continued to support every eligible applicant to the charity.

As awareness of the charity continues to grow the Trustees look forward to supporting an increased number of beneficiaries in the future.

As with previous years' reporting, it continues to be encouraging to see the number of medical, council and housing agency professionals who know of the charity and are directing their clients to apply to the charity; together with other charitable organisations referring families to apply to the charity.

The benefits which the adaptation projects bring to the children who the charity is supporting are reported and documented on the charity's website once the projects are completed.

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These articles and case studies can be found at:

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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)	Fiona Smith	Helen Broderick
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair
Date	22/08/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/10/2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1163021

Set out on pages

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements: Pages 1-4
Receipts and Payments Accounts (Form CC16a): Pages 1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2023.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

20th August 2024

Name:

Pippa Forde

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

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8 Dean House Gate

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

FOR

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

Richard Smith, Treasurer
Sullivan's Heroes
74 Selsfield Road
Turners Hill
West Sussex
RH10 4PW

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

CHARITY INFORMATION

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

TRUSTEES:

Mr Richard Smith
Mrs Fiona Smith
Mrs Lia Lunn
Mrs Helen Broderick
Ms Amanda Cooper

REGISTERED OFFICE:

74 Selsfield Road
Turners Hill
Crawley
RH10 4PW

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:

1163021

SULLIVAN'S HEROES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	2023	2022
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Bank Interest Earned	1,014	95
Easy Fundraising	146	285
Ebay	0	0
Fund Raising Events	0	0
Gift Aid received	16,137	20,068
Gifts and Donations Income	170,197	217,258
Grants	2,503	34,667
Sales	7,096	1,312
	197,092	273,685
COSTS OF INCOMING RESOURCES		
Events	0	0
Just Giving Fees	2,277	3,064
Other charges/Fees	20	5
Grants Pledged by SH	2,503	34,667
	4,801	37,735
OPERATING COSTS		
Accounting fees	412	278
Bank Charges	136	34
Fundraising Equipment	10	0
IT Costs	5,291	4,996
Office Expense	18	23
Phone costs	277	257
Platform fees from Just Giving	562	562
Postage and Delivery	160	204
Salaries and Wages	17,165	17,185
Pension	328	328
	24,357	23,867
GRANTS AND PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES		
Funds paid to families	89,557	319,526
Grants paid to families	13,751	18,500
	103,308	338,026
NET INCOMING RECOURCES	64,626	-125,944
RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD	155,908	281,852
RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>220,534</u>	<u>155,908</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Main bank account	£68,274	58,211
Business Reserve account	£148,369	98,056
Uncleared Bank Deposit	£4,250	
Less Creditors A/C Payable	-£360	-359
Cash at Bank	<u>220,534</u>	<u>155,908</u>

FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds		
General Funds	11,774	8,646
Financial Reserve funds	60,570	48,000
Restricted Funds		
Allocated monies for Families	148,190	99,262
Total Funds	220,534	155,908

These financial statements are a true reflection of the financial position of the charity for the period ended 31 October 2023.
The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22/08/2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:



22/08/2024

.....

Mrs Fiona Smith – Trustee

.....

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Sullivan's Heroes	No (if any) 1163021
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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/11/2022	To	Period end date 31/10/2023
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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					
Supported Families	-	152,543	-	152,543	240,950
	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan's Heroes General Fund	44,549	-	-	44,549	32,735
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	44,549	152,543	-	197,092	273,685
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	44,549	152,543	-	197,092	273,685
A3 Payments					
Payments to supported Families	-	103,615	-	103,615	338,696
	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan's Heroes General Fund	28,852	-	-	28,852	60,934
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,852	103,615	-	132,466	399,630
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	28,852	103,615	-	132,466	399,630
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,697	48,928	-	64,626	- 125,945
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,646	99,262	-	155,908	281,853
Cash funds this year end	72,343	148,190	-	220,534	155,908

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		72,343	148,190	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	72,343	148,190	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		F. SMITH	22/08/24

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

England & Wales - Charity number 1163021

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	11	2021		31	10	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Sullivan's Heroes

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1163021

Charity's principal address 74 Selsfield Road

Turners Hill

West Sussex

Postcode RH10 4PW

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	Fiona Smith	Secretary		
2	Richard Smith	Treasurer		
3	Helen Broderick	Chair		
4	Lia Lunn			
5	Amanda Cooper			

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for one year after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. All trustees give their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid in the year. Fiona Smith remains a Trustee whilst being employed as Operations Manager, as authorised by the Charity Commission and agreed with the Trustee Board.

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.

On appointment, new trustees sign a Trustee Eligibility Declaration committing them to giving of their time and expertise.

New trustees are given information including a history of the charity and its objects, a copy of the governing Constitution Document and a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The essential trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do'.

Information on the previous years' annual reports and accounts are discussed with trustees at trustee meetings, together with the broad strategy and areas of activity for the charity.

A Conflicts of Interest Policy and Register of Interests is held and adhered to.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

To relieve the needs of children with disabilities and their families by the provision of grants and financial assistance to adapt their home to accommodate the child's needs as a way of improving their quality of life within their home environment.

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)

Sullivan’s Heroes provides its fundraising platform and grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit to improve the lives of disabled children, requiring significant adaptations to their homes, to ensure the children can continue to be cared for at home, safely and with dignity.

Together with raising funds towards grants for disabled children, Sullivan’s Heroes also enables families to promote fundraising activities for their child’s adaptations project should they wish to, by providing a website platform where public donations can be made.

Sullivan’s Heroes accepts applications from families with disabled children requiring support. The families who apply need to adapt their homes to meet the medical and care requirements of their disabled child and require to raise funds to meet the costs where they are above the statutory Disabled Facilities Grants, and any additional discretionary funding, available from the local authority, and the costs cannot be met elsewhere.

The charity has carried out fundraising throughout the year to raise funds for grants, via fundraising activities, sourcing corporate donations and funding from charitable organisations, and through direct donations.

Trustees of Sullivan’s Heroes have had regard to the commission’s public benefit guidance, and this has been taken into account in all operations and decision making within the charity.

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.

Families apply to Sullivan’s Heroes through an application process via the website or direct email, phone and postal contact methods.

One of the qualifying criteria for approval of application is that the family requesting support has already applied for, been approved for and accessed the Disability Facilities Grant (DFG) offered by UK County Councils for making disability adaptations to a home.

Applying for a DFG is a detailed process and upon approval by the relevant local authority is sufficient qualification for applying for financial assistance and support from Sullivan’s Heroes.

Qualification for support from Sullivan’s Heroes is also obtained through communications with NHS Occupational Therapy and medical teams, community nursing teams and with a requirement of a written report or letter of support from such organisations for application to the charity. Sullivan’s Heroes also requires detailed quotations from suppliers for the building works for approval of application for support.

Monies the organisation raises through fundraising activities is continually monitored to ensure a sufficient number of families with disabled children can be assisted through the awarding of grants.

The website platform has the capacity to assist all families who successfully apply, by enabling them to carry out their own fundraising through the web platform should they choose to.

As agreed by the Board of Trustees and authorised by the Charity Commission as being in the interests of the charity to do so, Fiona Smith has been employed as Operations Manager of Sullivan's Heroes since 18/05/2020 whilst retaining her position as Trustee of the charity, as one of the co-founders.

A Conflicts of Interest Policy has been instigated together with a Register of Interests and will be adhered to by all trustees accordingly.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The trustees report the number of applicants has remained the same as in the previous year, with 21 applicants in this financial year.

Building costs have remained increased through Covid, Brexit and supply issues. Most projects have been very slow with getting costed out from contractors and suppliers. This may be attributed to Brexit and supply issues, and also due to councils spending longer getting alternative quotes due to cost fluctuations.

Events and fundraising for families has been slower than previous years. The general cost-of-living crisis possibly made people more concerned about asking people for money through fundraising, so less families seemed willing to fundraise through JustGiving. In reality, the general public were still happy to donate to those families who were fundraising, but families seem more reluctant to ask for donations with the general overall financial climate during this period.

Families have required much support due to building cost increases over the course of their project; having to continue fundraising after initial targets were met and find new avenues for sourcing funding, with increased targets to meet revised quotes.

The majority of external charities and organisations have reopened for sourcing external funding since previous Covid pandemic affected times, but many are oversubscribed for support so many rejections received or very specific criteria are being adhered to. Some organisations were focussing on energy poverty and refugee issues rather than disability. Some support was still available for ad-hoc applications through these avenues.

The charity received 21 applications from families with disabled children during the period of 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022. 15 of the applicants were pledged grants by the charity towards their home adaptations works at the time of application, with 6 applicants being added to a waitlist for a Grant to be pledged nearer the start of the building project. All 21 applicants were supported by the charity to access funding through other avenues via Sullivan's Heroes. Unrestricted funds available allowed grant amounts awarded to be increased from April 2022, and then waitlisted from September 2022.

A total of 15 grants were paid to applicant's families during this period for projects underway and/or nearing completion. Only 1 of these grants was to an applicant who applied within the same year timeframe of 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022, due to the longevity of the projects getting underway. Comparatively in previous years, approximately a quarter to a half of the grants have been paid to applicants applying within the same financial year period.

11 of these grants were paid to applicants who applied during the previous financial year of 1st November 2020 to 31st October 2021; 3 of the grants were to applicants who applied to the charity in the year time period ending 31st October 2020. These projects to which the grants have been paid out are now completed.

12 of the 21 applicant's families are fundraising through the Sullivan's Heroes website to raise additional funds towards their home adaptations.

The percentage of families' fundraising through Sullivan's Heroes represents a slight decrease on the previous year – with 57% of the families signed up with the charity fundraising with the charity's support, compared to 66% of the families in the previous year. This could be attributed to the cost-of-living fears of families not wishing to actively fundraise through the unstable financial climate.

The charity has provided all the families with fundraising support and information to enable them to reach their targets, and actively seek additional funding where required to meet increased targets to successfully fund and complete their projects.

The charity has also provided information to 71 additional families in this financial year, and their relevant Social Workers, Occupational Therapists and other support workers, relating to home adaptations and accessing council grant funding where appropriate.

Applications have been received direct from families and through referrals from medical, council, social services and housing agency professionals, plus referrals via other charitable organisations. Many families are also being referred to the charity via previous families supported by Sullivan's Heroes, and their relevant Occupational Therapists.

Sullivan's Heroes has sourced further funding towards the applicants' home adaptations through charitable organisations. The charity has enabled the full funds required for the projects to be reached.

Without Sullivan's Heroes support to secure this funding and aid their fundraising these projects would not be able to proceed, and the beneficiaries' home disability adaptations would not be put in place to meet their care and health requirements.

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For the financial year ending 31/10/22 there is a Financial Reserves Fund in place of £48,000.

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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In previous years funds have been raised from events which the charity attends, and external sources participate in on the charity's behalf. Individual families may have undertaken multiple events towards their target over the course of their fundraising. Whilst in previous years the Coronavirus pandemic situation greatly shaped the look of this event fundraising for a significant period of time, families have since raised funds through challenges and events and many have reintroduced multiple events into their fundraising with great success. The cost-of-living issues experienced during this year's timeframe has reduced the number of individual families fundraising publicly, though families have still been successful in obtaining donations from the general public where they have proceeded with fundraising activities.

Direct donations from corporates and other charitable organisations decreased by 32% year on year, compared to a 163% increase year on year in the previous financial year due to some large donations from organisations direct to individual families.

JustGiving donations remain similar year on year, with a 1% decrease compared to the previous year.

The overall income of the charity has decreased by 19% to £273,685 in this financial year, compared with £337,674 in the previous year. Total expenditure increased by 85%, from the previous year, including Grants and funds paid to applicants, with £399,630 expenditure compared with £215,762 in the previous financial year. This increase in expenditure is a result of many projects having been fundraised for throughout the previous year ending October 2021, but due to covid pandemic and supply issue hold-ups the projects took a significantly longer time to complete, therefore these funds were not paid out towards the projects until this financial year ending October 2022.

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Whilst the overall funds raised this financial year has reduced the grants and funds awarded to these beneficiaries has increased compared to the previous year. The charity has continued being able to support every eligible applicant to the charity.

As awareness of the charity continues to grow the Trustees look forward to supporting an increased number of beneficiaries in the future.

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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)	Fiona Smith	Helen Broderick
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair
Date	29/08/23	



Section A

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of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

24/08/2023

Name:

Pippa Forde

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

AAT Level 3
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Address:

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Allerton

Bradford BD15 8HF

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

FOR

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

Richard Smith, Treasurer
Sullivan's Heroes
74 Selsfield Road
Turners Hill
West Sussex
RH10 4PW

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

CHARITY INFORMATION

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

TRUSTEES:

Mr Richard Smith
Mrs Fiona Smith
Mrs Lia Lunn
Mrs Helen Broderick
Ms Amanda Cooper

REGISTERED OFFICE:

74 Selsfield Road
Turners Hill
Crawley
RH10 4PW

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:

1163021

SULLIVAN'S HEROES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

	2022	2021
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Bank Interest Earned	95	12
Easy Fundraising	285	249
Ebay	0	0
Fund Raising Events	0	0
Gift Aid received	20,068	20,714
Gifts and Donations Income	217,258	274,849
Grants	34,667	39,121
Sales	1,312	2,729
	273,685	337,674
COSTS OF INCOMING RESOURCES		
Events	0	20
Just Giving Fees	3,064	3,073
Virgin Money Giving Fees	5	24
Grants Pledged by SH	34,667	39,121
	37,735	42,238
OPERATING COSTS		
Accounting fees	278	278
Bank Charges	34	
Fundraising Equipment	0	0
IT Costs	4,996	2,690
Office Expense	23	77
Phone costs	257	254
Platform fees from Just Giving	562	562
Postage and Delivery	204	302
Salaries and Wages	17,185	18,401
Pension	328	328
	23,867	22,892
GRANTS AND PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES		
Funds paid to families	319,526	135,883
Grants paid to families	18,500	14,750
	338,026	150,633
NET INCOMING RECOURCES	-125,944	121,912
RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD	281,852	159,940
RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD	155,908	281,852
REPRESENTED BY		
Main bank account	58,211	204,560
Business Reserve account	98,056	77,690
Uncleared Bank Deposit		
Less Creditors A/C Payable	-359	-397
Cash at Bank	155,908	281,853

FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

General Funds	8,646
Financial Reserve funds	48,000

Restricted Funds

Allocated monies for Families	99,262
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Total Funds	<u><u>155,908</u></u>
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These financial statements are a true reflection of the financial position of the charity for the period ended 31 October 2022.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24/08/23 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs Fiona Smith – Trustee

29/08/23

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Sullivan's Heroes	1163021

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/11/2021	To	Period end date 31/10/2022
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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					
Supported Families	-	240,950	-	240,950	273,748
	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan's Heroes General Fund	32,735	-	-	32,735	63,926
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,735	240,950	-	273,685	337,674
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,735	240,950	-	273,685	337,674
A3 Payments					
Payments to supported Families	-	338,696	-	338,696	151,425
	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan's Heroes General Fund	60,934	-	-	60,934	64,336
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	60,934	338,696	-	399,630	215,762
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,934	338,696	-	399,630	215,762
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 28,199	- 97,746	-	- 125,945	121,913
A5 Transfers between funds	84,644	- 84,644	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	201	281,652	-	281,853	159,940
Cash funds this year end	56,646	99,262	-	155,908	281,853

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		- 27,998	183,906	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	- 27,998	183,906	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Agreement Error

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



F. SMITH

29/08/23

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 11 2020	To	31 10 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Sullivan's Heroes

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1163021

Charity's principal address 74 Selsfield Road

Turners Hill

West Sussex

Postcode

RH10 4PW

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	Fiona Smith	Secretary		
2	Richard Smith	Treasurer		
3	Helen Broderick	Chair		
4	Lia Triunfo			
5	Amanda Cooper			

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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

Constitution

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

Unincorporated Association

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

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for one year after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment.

All trustees give their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid in the year.

Fiona Smith remains a Trustee whilst being employed as Operations Manager, as authorised by the Charity Commission and agreed with the Trustee Board.

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.

On appointment, new trustees sign a Trustee Eligibility Declaration committing them to giving of their time and expertise.

New trustees are given information including a history of the charity and its objects, a copy of the governing Constitution Document and a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The essential trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do'.

Information on the previous years' annual reports and accounts are discussed with trustees at trustee meetings, together with the broad strategy and areas of activity for the charity.

A Conflicts of Interest Policy and Register of Interests is held and adhered to.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

To relieve the needs of children with disabilities and their families by the provision of grants and financial assistance to adapt their home to accommodate the child's needs as a way of improving their quality of life within their home environment.

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)

Sullivan's Heroes provides its fundraising platform and grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit to improve the lives of disabled children, requiring significant adaptations to their homes, to ensure the children can continue to be cared for at home, safely and with dignity.

Together with raising funds towards grants for disabled children, Sullivan's Heroes also enables families to promote fundraising activities for their child's adaptations project should they wish to, by providing a website platform where public donations can be made.

Sullivan's Heroes accepts applications from families with disabled children requiring support. The families who apply need to adapt their homes to meet the medical and care requirements of their disabled child and require to raise funds to meet the costs where they are above the statutory Disabled Facilities Grants, and any additional funding, available from the local council, and the costs cannot be met elsewhere.

The charity has carried out fundraising throughout the year to raise funds for grants, via fundraising activities, sourcing corporate donations and funding from charitable organisations, and through direct donations.

Trustees of Sullivan's Heroes have had regard to the commission's public benefit guidance, and this has been taken into account in all operations and decision making within the charity.

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.

Families apply to Sullivan's Heroes through an application process via the website or direct email, phone and postal contact methods.

One of the qualifying criteria for approval of application is that the family requesting support has already applied for, been approved for and accessed the Disability Facilities Grant (DFG) offered by UK County Councils for making disability adaptations to a home.

Applying for a DFG is a detailed process and upon approval by the relevant local council is sufficient qualification for applying for financial assistance and support from Sullivan's Heroes.

In the event of a disabled child not qualifying for the DFG then qualification for support from Sullivan's Heroes is achieved through communications with NHS Occupational Therapy and medical teams, community nursing teams and with a requirement of a written letter from such organisations. Sullivan's Heroes also requires detailed quotations from suppliers for the building works for approval of application for support.

Monies the organisation raises through fundraising activities is continually monitored to ensure a sufficient number of families with disabled children can be assisted through the awarding of grants.

The website platform has the capacity to assist all families who successfully apply, by enabling them to carry out their own fundraising through the web platform should they choose to.

As agreed by the Board of Trustees and authorised by the Charity Commission as being in the interests of the charity to do so, Fiona Smith has been employed as Operations Manager of Sullivan's Heroes since 18/05/2020 whilst retaining her position as Trustee of the charity, as one of the co-founders.

A Conflicts of Interest Policy has been instigated together with a Register of Interests and will be adhered to by all trustees accordingly.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The trustees report the number of applicants has decreased year on year from 25 in the previous year to 21 in this financial year, representing a 16% decrease.

This decrease is attributed to difficulties post-Covid situation and increases in building costs post-Brexit in being able to access quotes for building works to proceed, and staffing shortages and timeframes within council departments in getting adaptations projects approved to go ahead.

Building costs have increased 40% through Covid, Brexit and supply issues. This has deterred some councils from going ahead until prices may level out. Some families have seen issues obtaining quotes from builders and moving forward with Occupational Therapists and council departments to get works underway.

Projects have been requoted at significantly greater costs. Families already fundraising have required extra support due to building cost increases over the course of their project; having to continue fundraising after initial targets were met, with increased targets to meet revised quotes.

The charity received 21 applications from families with disabled children during the period of 1st November 2020 to 31st October 2021. All 21 applicants have been pledged grants by the charity towards their home adaptations works. Unrestricted funds available allowed grant amounts awarded to be increased from April 2021.

A total of 15 grants have been paid to applicant's families during this period for projects already underway and/or nearing completion. 7 of these grants were to applicants who applied during the 1st November 2020 to 31st October 2021 time period; 8 of the grants were to applicants who applied to the charity in the previous year (ending 31st October 2020). These projects to which the grants have been paid out are now completed.

14 of the 21 applicant's families are fundraising through the Sullivan's Heroes website to raise additional funds towards their home adaptations.

The percentage of families' fundraising through Sullivan's Heroes represents a slight increase on the previous year – with 66% of the families signed up with the charity fundraising with the charity's support as opposed to 60% of the

Section D

Achievements and performance

families in the previous year. This is an encouraging increase again year on year from previous years, showing that families are seeking to enable their fundraising through the charity as much as they are able to, where possible.

The charity has provided all the families with fundraising support and information to enable them to reach their targets.

The charity has also provided information to 77 additional families in this financial year, and their relevant Social Workers, Occupational Therapists and other support workers relating to home adaptations.

Applications have been received direct from families and through referrals from medical, council, social services and housing agency professionals, plus referrals via other charitable organisations. Many families are also being referred to the charity via previous families supported by Sullivan's Heroes, and their relevant Occupational Therapists.

Sullivan's Heroes has sourced further funding towards the applicants' home adaptations through charitable organisations. The charity has enabled the full funds required for the projects to be reached.

Without Sullivan's Heroes support to secure this funding and aid their fundraising these projects would not be able to proceed, and the beneficiaries' home disability adaptations would not be put in place.

Completed projects can be viewed on the charity's website at: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/category/who-weve-helped/> with photos of the completed adaptations provided by the family, together with information from the family about the impact and differences the adaptations have made for their child.

Some families have also provided information for full case studies which are available on the website at: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/about-us/resources/-case-studies/>, detailing how the fundraising was carried out, and the benefits the charity has brought them throughout their fundraising and adaptations process.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the end of this financial year (ending October 2021) the charity has unrestricted funds of £201 with the restricted funds account balance at £281,652.

Sullivan's Heroes policies ensure that all monies raised for its supported families are reserved within restricted funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no 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 charity's main principle sources of funds are from donations either made to the charity as a whole or as restricted funds direct to a specific child whom the charity is supporting.

In previous years funds have been raised from events which the charity attends, and external sources participate in on the charity's behalf. Individual families may have undertaken multiple events towards their target over the course of their fundraising. Whilst the Coronavirus pandemic situation greatly altered the outlook for these events in the previous year, preventing almost all events from going ahead during the spring to autumn of 2020, some families have since raised funds through one main 'challenge' event and many others have reintroduced multiple events into their fundraising with great success.

Direct donations from corporates and other charitable organisations increased by 163% (compared to 38% reduction year on year in the previous Covid affected year).

JustGiving donations have increased again year on year by 39% which is encouraging to see. The overall income of the charity has increased by 78% from £190,141 in 2019/20 to £337,674 in 2020/21. Total expenditure, including Grants and funds paid to applicants, has increased by 45% from £148,589 in 2019/20 to £215,762 in 2020/21.

The charity continues to operate in a completely online presence. Charity expenditure is kept to a minimum. Salary paid to Fiona Smith for employment as Operations Manager as of 18/05/20 has been intentionally kept to a minimum level comparable to similar roles, and has not increased since initiation. Other expenditure is to cover running costs for the website, events, office software and third-party fees from online fundraising portals.

Section F

Other optional information

Sullivan's Heroes Trustees are pleased with the achievements of the charity over the course of the year. Although the number of charity applicants has slightly decreased year on year, there are recognised reasons for this reduction, and the families supported during this period have required additional support from the charity to meet their requirements due to cost increases to be met.

Both the funds raised and funds awarded to these beneficiaries has increased. The charity has continued being able to support every eligible applicant to the charity.

As awareness of the charity continues to grow the Trustees look forward to supporting an increased number of beneficiaries in the future.

As with previous years' reporting, it continues to be encouraging to see the number of medical, council and housing agency professionals who know of the charity and are directing their clients to apply to the charity; together with other charitable organisations referring families to apply to the charity.

The benefits which the adaptations projects bring to the children who the charity is supporting are reported and documented on the charity's website once the projects are completed.

These website articles all contain wording, quotes and photos supplied by the families supported, with full permission for usage, taken from Feedback Forms provided to each family on completion of their project. The articles give great insight and understanding into the impact each project has brought to the child, and the differences and benefits the project has brought about.

These articles and case studies can be found at:

Who we've helped: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/category/who-weve-helped/>

Case Studies: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/about-us/resources/#case-studies>

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)	Fiona Smith	Helen Broderick
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair
Date	22/08/22	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

On accounts for the year
ended

31/10/2021

Charity no
(if any)

1163021

Set out on pages

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements: Pages 1-3
Receipts and Payments Accounts (Form CC16a): Pages 1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/10/2021**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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
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under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
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come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me
cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 16th August 2022

Name:

Pippa Forde (Mrs)

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

AATGB Membership Number 20332974

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Guiselley

Leeds LS20 9BX

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

FOR

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

Richard Smith, Treasurer
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SULLIVAN'S HEROES

**CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

TRUSTEES:

Mr Richard Smith
Mrs Fiona Smith
Ms Lia Triunfo
Mrs Helen Broderick
Ms Amanda Cooper

REGISTERED OFFICE:

74 Selsfield Road
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Crawley
RH10 4PW

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:

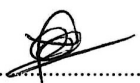
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SULLIVAN'S HEROES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

	2021	2020
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Bank Interest Earned	12	122
Easy Fundraising	249	118
Ebay	0	372
Fund Raising Events	0	0
Gift Aid received	20,714	14,344
Gifts and Donations Income	274,849	140,897
Grants	39,121	30,249
Sales	2,729	4,039
	<u>337,674</u>	<u>190,141</u>
COSTS OF INCOMING RESOURCES		
Events	20	406
Just Giving Fees	3,073	2,331
Virgin Money Giving Fees	24	18
Grants Pledged by SH	39,121	30,249
	<u>42,238</u>	<u>33,004</u>
OPERATING COSTS		
Accounting fees	278	251
Fundraising Equipment	0	0
IT Costs	2,690	7,773
Office Expense	77	148
Phone costs	254	247
Platform fees from Just Giving	562	562
Postage and Delivery	302	49
Salaries and Wages	18,401	6,366
Pension	328	82
	<u>22,891</u>	<u>15,478</u>
GRANTS AND PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES		
Funds paid to families	135,883	86,110
Grants paid to families	14,750	14,000
	<u>150,633</u>	<u>100,110</u>
NET INCOMING RECOURCES	<u>121,913</u>	<u>41,549</u>
RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD	159,940	118,391
RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>281,853</u>	<u>159,940</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Main bank account	204,560	27,565
Business Reserve account	77,690	133,429
Uncleared Bank Deposit		0
Less Creditors A/C Payable	-397	-1,054
Cash at Bank	<u>281,853</u>	<u>159,940</u>

These financial statements are a true reflection of the financial position of the charity for the period ended 31 October 2021.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 18/08/22 and were signed on its behalf by:

..... 

Mrs Fiona Smith – Trustee

..... 22/08/22

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Sullivan's Heroes	No (if any) 1163021
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/11/2020	To	Period end date 31/10/2021
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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					
Supported Families	-	273,748	-	273,748	147,918
	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan's Heroes General Fund	63,926	-	-	63,926	42,223
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	63,926	273,748	-	337,674	190,141
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63,926	273,748	-	337,674	190,141
A3 Payments					
Payments to supported Families	-	151,425	-	151,425	100,523
	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan's Heroes General Fund	64,336	-	-	64,336	48,066
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	64,336	151,425	-	215,762	148,589
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	64,336	151,425	-	215,762	148,589
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 410	122,323	-	121,913	41,552
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	611	159,329	-	159,940	118,388
Cash funds this year end	201	281,652	-	281,853	159,940

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		201	281,652	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	201	281,652	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK OK OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	F. SMITH	22/08/22

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

England & Wales - Charity number 1163021

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 11 2019	To	31 10 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Sullivan's Heroes

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1163021

Charity's principal address 74 Selsfield Road

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Postcode

RH10 4PW

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	Fiona Smith	Secretary		
2	Richard Smith	Treasurer		
3	Helen Broderick	Chair		
4	Lia Shoubridge			
5	Amanda Cooper			

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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

Constitution

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

Unincorporated Association

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

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for one year after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment.

All trustees give their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid in the year.

Fiona Smith remains a Trustee whilst being employed as Operations Manager from 18/05/20, as authorised by the Charity Commission and agreed with the Trustee Board.

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.

On appointment, new trustees sign a Trustee Eligibility Declaration committing them to giving of their time and expertise.

New trustees are given information including a history of the charity and its objects, a copy of the governing Constitution Document and a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The essential trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do'.

Information on the previous years' annual reports and accounts are discussed with trustees at trustee meetings, together with the broad strategy and areas of activity for the charity.

A Conflicts of Interest Policy and Register of Interests is held and adhered to.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To relieve the needs of children with disabilities and their families by the provision of grants and financial assistance to adapt their home to accommodate the child's needs as a way of improving their quality of life within their home environment.

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)

Sullivan's Heroes provides its fundraising platform and grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit to improve the lives of disabled children, requiring significant adaptations to their homes, to ensure the children can continue to be cared for at home, safely and with dignity.

Together with raising funds towards grants for disabled children, Sullivan's Heroes also enables families to promote fundraising activities for their child's adaptations project should they wish to, by providing a website platform where public donations can be made.

Sullivan's Heroes accepts applications from families with disabled children requiring support. The families who apply need to adapt their homes to meet the medical and care requirements of their disabled child and require to raise funds to meet the costs where they are above the statutory Disabled Facilities Grants available from the local council, and the costs cannot be met elsewhere.

The charity has carried out fundraising activities throughout the year to raise funds for grants, via events, sourcing corporate donations and funding from charitable organisations, and through direct donations.

Trustees of Sullivan's Heroes have had regard to the commission's public benefit guidance, and this has been taken into account in all operations and decision making within the charity.

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.

Families apply to Sullivan's Heroes through an application process via the website or direct phone and postal contact methods.

One of the qualifying criteria for approval of application is that the family requesting support has already applied, been approved and accessed the Disability Facilities Grant (DFG) offered by UK County Councils for making disability adaptations to a home.

Applying for a DFG is a detailed process and upon approval by the relevant local council is sufficient qualification for applying for financial assistance and support from Sullivan's Heroes.

In the event of a disabled child not qualifying for the DFG then qualification for support from Sullivan's Heroes is achieved through communications with NHS Occupational Therapy and medical teams, community nursing teams and with a requirement of a written letter from such organisations. Sullivan's Heroes also requires detailed quotations from suppliers for the building works for approval of application for support.

Monies the organisation raises through fundraising activities is continually monitored to ensure a sufficient number of families with disabled children can be assisted through the awarding of grants.

The website platform has the capacity to assist all families who successfully apply, by enabling them to carry out their own fundraising through the web platform should they choose to.

As agreed by the Board of Trustees and authorised by the Charity Commission as being in the interests of the charity to do so, Fiona Smith has been employed as Operations Manager of Sullivan's Heroes since 18/05/2020 whilst retaining her position as Trustee of the charity, as one of the co-founders.

A Conflicts of Interest Policy has been instigated together with a Register of Interests and will be adhered to by all trustees accordingly.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The trustees are pleased to report the number of applicants has increased year on year from 23 in the previous year to 25 in this financial year, representing a 9% increase.

Considering the difficulties posed by Covid lockdowns from April 2020 onwards, preventing building projects to be quoted for, to get under way, continue or complete, the increased number of applicants from the previous year is very encouraging and a great achievement.

The charity received 25 applications from families with disabled children during the period of 1st November 2019 to 31st October 2020. All 25 applicants have been pledged grants by the charity towards their home adaptations works. Unrestricted funds available allowed grant amounts awarded to be increased from March 2020.

A total of 22 grants have been paid to applicant's families during this period for projects already underway and/or nearing completion. 9 of these grants were to applicants who applied during the 1st November 2019 to 31st October 2020 time period; 12 of the grants were to applicants who applied to the charity in the previous year (ending 31st October 2019); and 1 grant was to an applicant who applied three years previous during year ending 31st October 2017. These projects to which the grants have been paid out are now completed.

15 of the 25 applicant's families are fundraising through the Sullivan's Heroes website to raise additional funds towards their home adaptations.

The percentage of families' fundraising through Sullivan's Heroes represents a significant increase on the previous year – with 60% of the families signed up with the charity fundraising with the charity's support as opposed to 26% of the families in the previous year.

The charity has provided all the families with fundraising support and information to enable them to reach their targets.

The charity has also provided information to 59 additional families and their relevant Social Workers and Occupational Therapists relating to home adaptations.

Applications have been received direct from families and through referrals from medical, council, social services and housing agency professionals, plus referrals via other charitable organisations.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Sullivan's Heroes has sourced further funding towards the applicants' home adaptations through charitable organisations. The charity has enabled the full funds required for the projects to be reached.

Without Sullivan's Heroes support to secure this funding and aid their fundraising these projects would not be able to proceed, and the beneficiaries' home disability adaptations would not be put in place.

Completed projects can be viewed on the charity's website at: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/category/who-weve-helped/> with photos of the completed adaptations provided by the family, together with information from the family about the impact and differences the adaptations have made for their child.

Some families have also provided information for full case studies which are available on the website at: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/about-us/resources/-case-studies/>, detailing how the fundraising was carried out, and the benefits the charity has brought them throughout their fundraising and adaptations process.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the end of this financial year (ending October 2020) the charity has unrestricted funds of £611 with the restricted funds account balance at £159,329.

Sullivan's Heroes policies ensure that all monies raised for its supported families are reserved within restricted funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no 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 charity's main principle sources of funds are from donations either made to the charity as a whole or as restricted funds direct to a specific child whom the charity is supporting.

Funds have previously been raised from events which the charity attends, and external sources participate in on the charity's behalf. The Coronavirus pandemic situation prevented almost all events from going ahead during the spring to autumn of 2020 which would usually be attended by the charity for fundraising purposes, or the charity would gain funds from. No funds were raised by events for the charity's general funds during this time period. The charity instead focused the event fundraising effort into selling the donated items online and this doubled the efficacy of funds previously raised through events.

The charity continues to receive support from corporate entities, though the

pandemic situation greatly impacted the amount raised via these sources, reducing this income overall by 38% on the previous year. Support has been received from a number of organisations who have pledged to continue their support on an ongoing basis for future applicants to Sullivan's Heroes.

Funds raised directly via the families through their fundraising pages has increased by almost three times compared to the previous years' activity. Many families opted for one main 'challenge' event once Covid Lockdown eased, choosing a socially distanced challenge to raise funds, undertaking a long-distance activity from their home to the hospital their child attends for example.

The Covid pandemic situation fortunately did not affect or disrupt the day-to-day operations of the charity. The charity already operates in a completely online presence, so the lack of face-to-face contact caused no issue or disturbance to productivity and functionality of the charity.

Charity expenditure is kept to a minimum. Salary paid to Fiona Smith for employment as Operations Manager as of 18/05/20 has been intentionally kept to a minimum level comparable to similar roles. Other expenditure is to cover running costs for the website, events, office software and third-party fees from online fundraising portals.

The overall income of the charity has increased by 31% from £145,086 in 2018/19 to £190,141 in 2019/20.

Total expenditure, including Grants and funds paid to applicants, increased by 17% from £126,644 in 2018/19 to £148,589 in 2019/20.

Section F

Other optional information

Sullivan's Heroes Trustees are pleased with the achievements of the charity over the course of the year. The number of charity beneficiaries has continued to increase year on year, and the funds awarded to these beneficiaries has increased. The charity has continued being able to support every eligible applicant to the charity.

As awareness of the charity has continued to grow the Trustees look forward to supporting an increased number of beneficiaries in the future.

It has been encouraging to see the number of medical, council and housing agency professionals who know of the charity and are directing their clients to apply to the charity; together with other charitable organisations referring families to apply to the charity.

The benefits which the adaptations projects bring to the children who the charity is supporting are reported and documented on the charity's website once the projects are completed.

These website articles all contain wording, quotes and photos supplied by the families supported, with full permission for usage, taken from Feedback Forms provided to each family. The articles give great insight and understanding into the impact each project has brought to the child, and the differences the project has brought about.

These articles and case studies can be found at:

Who we've helped: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/category/who-weve-helped/>

Case Studies: <https://www.sullivansheroes.org/about-us/resources/#case-studies>

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)	Fiona Smith	Helen Broderick
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair

Date 23/08/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/10/2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1163021

Set out on pages

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements: Pages 1-3
Receipts and Payments Accounts (Form CC16a): Pages 1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/10/2020**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 19th August 2021

Name:

Pippa Forde (Mrs)

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

AATQB Membership Number 20332974

Address:

48 Oxford Avenue

Guiseley

Leeds LS20 9BX

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

FOR

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

Richard Smith, Treasurer
Sullivan's Heroes
74 Selsfield Road
Turners Hill
West Sussex
RH10 4PW

SULLIVAN'S HEROES

CHARITY INFORMATION

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

TRUSTEES:

Mr Richard Smith
Mrs Fiona Smith
Mrs Lia Shoubridge
Mrs Helen Broderick
Mrs Amanda Cooper

REGISTERED OFFICE:

74 Selsfield Road
Turners Hill
Crawley
RH10 4PW

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:

1163021

SULLIVAN'S HEROES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

	2020	2019
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Bank Interest Earned	122	21
Easy Fundraising	118	88
Ebay	372	61
Fund Raising Events	0	2,103
Gift Aid received	14,344	5,253
Gifts and Donations Income	140,897	132,860
Grants	30,249	4,640
Sales	4,039	60
	<u>190,141</u>	<u>145,086</u>
COSTS OF INCOMING RESOURCES		
Events	406	0
Just Giving Fees	2,331	774
Virgin Money Giving Fees	18	7
Grants Pledged by SH	30,249	4,640
	<u>33,004</u>	<u>5,421</u>
OPERATING COSTS		
Accounting fees	251	50
Fundraising Equipment	0	78
IT Costs	7,773	3,593
Office Expense	148	110
Phone costs	247	240
Platform fees from Just Giving	562	562
Postage and Delivery	49	37
Salaries and Wages	6,366	0
Pension	82	0
	<u>15,478</u>	<u>4,670</u>
GRANTS AND PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES		
Funds paid to families	86,110	107,413
Grants paid to families	14,000	9,140
	<u>100,110</u>	<u>116,553</u>
NET INCOMING RECOURCES	<u>41,549</u>	<u>18,442</u>
RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD	118,391	99,946
RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>159,940</u>	<u>118,388</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Main bank account	27,565	5,515
Business Reserve account	133,429	112,934
Uncleared Bank Deposit	0	0
Less Creditors A/C Payable	-1,054	-61
	<u>159,940</u>	<u>118,388</u>
Cash at Bank		

These financial statements are a true reflection of the financial position of the charity for the period ended 31 October 2020.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23/08/21 and were signed on its behalf by:



23/08/21

Mrs Fiona Smith – Trustee

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Sullivan's Heroes	No (if any) 1163021
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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/11/2019	To	Period end date 31/10/2020
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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					
Supported Families	-	147,918	-	147,918	99,055
	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan's Heroes General Fund	42,223	-	-	42,223	46,010
	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest earned	-	-	-	-	21
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,223	147,918	-	190,141	145,086
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,223	147,918	-	190,141	145,086
A3 Payments					
Payments to supported Families	-	100,523	-	100,523	116,803
	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan's Heroes General Fund	48,066	-	-	48,066	9,841
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	48,066	100,523	-	148,589	126,644
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	48,066	100,523	-	148,589	126,644
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,843	47,395	-	41,552	18,442
A5 Transfers between funds	1,000	- 1,000	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,454	112,934	-	118,388	99,946
Cash funds this year end	611	159,329	-	159,940	118,388

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		611	159,329	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	611	159,329	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	F. SMITH	23/08/21