

Charity registration number: 1167037

ChemoHero

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024



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& BUSINESS ADVISERS

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

ChemoHero is a CIO governed by a formal constitution adopted on 11 May 2016 as amended on 6 November 2019.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

ChemoHero identifies the need for new Trustees, this may be due to vacancies arising due to resignations or due to a need for Trustees with a specific skill set.

After a selection process the Board of Trustees will then invite their preferred candidate to join the Board of Trustees.

Induction and training of trustees

New Trustees are issued a role profile along with the Charity Commission Essential Trustee Guide and Trustee Code of Conduct.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objects of ChemoHero are the preservation and protection of the good health and wellbeing of people with cancer in North Devon (that is, residents mainly residing in the North Devon Council area and Torridge District Council) by the provision of a box which contains items intended to provide relief from symptoms and to generally improve the conditions of life of those in ill-health.

From time to time the Trustees may agree that boxes may be provided upon request to chemotherapy patients who are seeking treatment at other hospitals in the UK, where appropriate.

Objectives, strategies and activities

ChemoHero has continued to raise awareness of the Charity to encourage donations/fundraising.

The Charity provides boxes, which contain items to provide relief from symptoms and generally improve the conditions of life of those in ill-health, to people receiving chemotherapy SACT (Systemic Anti Cancer Treatment).

The activities satisfy the definition/guidance of "public benefit" as issued by the Charity Commission.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Achievements and performance

Lisa Wallis

On 26 August 2021, our founder, Lisa Wallis, sadly passed away from cancer at our local hospice. The Board of Trustees remains committed to ensuring that Lisa's story continues to inspire all aspects of ChemoHero's work as we carry on her legacy.

Key Achievements in 2023-24

Boxes of Kindness

We gifted 481 Boxes of Kindness during the year, with 60 of these distributed to patients undergoing treatment outside of North Devon.

Counselling Support

We continued to fund a part-time counsellor at the Cancer Support Centre in the Fern Centre, North Devon District Hospital, to provide emotional support to cancer patients and their families.

ChemoHero Treat Trolley

This year, we introduced the ChemoHero treat trolley to the Seamoor Unit. Positioned near the treatment area, it provides patients with items they can help themselves to while receiving treatment on the ward.

Collaboration with the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

We strengthened our partnership with the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust by distributing gifts to patients at the Seamoor Unit during key times such as the Christmas advent period, Valentine's Day, and Easter.

Fundraising Events and Donations

Bideford Soap Box Derby

ChemoHero was once again chosen as the charity for the Bideford Soap Box Derby, raising an impressive £26,000 for our cause.

Annual Celebration Ball

Our annual Celebration Ball was held at The Cedars in Barnstaple, with 150 attendees and £5,000 raised in support of ChemoHero's work.

Pound the Pound Cross-Country Endurance Run

Held in partnership with the Calvert Trust Exmoor at Whistland Pound Reservoir, this event saw nearly 100 participants and raised £6782.12, which was shared between the two charities.

Music Bingo

We organised a Music Bingo event in Roundswell, Barnstaple, attended by 120 people who enjoyed a fun evening while supporting ChemoHero.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Volunteer Participation at Local Events

ChemoHero and its volunteers were invited to take part in various community events, including:

- Barnstaple Round Table Santa Sleigh
- Bideford Triathlon
- Beat the Fox Running Event (Fremington Trailblazers)
- The Arlington Court Canter (North Devon Road Runners)
- The Braunton 10k/10 Miler (North Devon Road Runners)
- Celebrity Football Match at Bideford AFC
- Launceston Vintage Rally
- The Doone Run (Ilfracombe Running Club)

Chosen Charity for Local Organisations

We were honoured to be chosen as the charity partner for the following local organisations:

- The Original Factory Store (South Molton)
- Tarka Home Improvements (Sponsored a year's supply of socks)
- West Buckland School
- Quince Honey Farm (Honey donated to our Boxes of Kindness)
- Fremington Trailblazers
- North Devon Classic Car Events in Westward Ho!, Bideford Park, and Barnstaple Pannier Market

Additional Highlights

- We received a generous donation of £1,250 from the Masonic Lodge Wake Fund, which will help support our ongoing efforts.
- A local artist designed a special selection of Christmas cards, which were sold online and at events. Each pack of five included a breast cancer awareness card, encouraging the importance of self-checking.
- Leah Legg, a long-standing supporter, was honored with a Voice FM Fundraising Hero Award in July, a day after completing the Three Peaks Challenge.
- We purchased a van to aid in delivering Boxes of Kindness and transporting our gazebo for events. The van, fully wrapped in ChemoHero branding, has become an excellent tool for raising awareness throughout North Devon.
- In April, two runners represented ChemoHero in the London Marathon—our first participants since the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020.
- We participated in Barnstaple Church's Festival of Trees and were thrilled to win Best Christmas Tree, showcasing our creativity and community spirit.

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Lisa Wallis Room

In March, we opened the Lisa Wallis Room, where pre-treatment meetings take place, and where our Boxes of Kindness are given to patients before starting chemotherapy. We furnished the room and commissioned unique paintings from local artists to create a warm and welcoming space for patients.

Financial review

During the year end 30 April 2024, ChemoHero received income totalling £139,928 (2023: £92,639). During the year the charity received restricted donations totalling £1,100 (2023: Nil)

During the year the charity had net income totalling £9,776 (2023: net expenditure totalling £395). As at 30 April 2024 ChemoHero was holding cash balances of £204,841 (2023: £195,065).

Policy on reserves

The Charity's policy on reserves is to maintain sufficient funds to support the objects of the Charity, including running costs and overheads, for a 12-18 month period without the requirement for additional sponsorship or donation.

Plans for future periods

- Continue to gift Boxes of Kindness to cancer patients starting treatment in North Devon, Torridge, and selected areas outside of North Devon, as decided by the Trustees.
- Maintain funding for the part-time counsellor based at the Fern Centre, North Devon District Hospital.
- Organise a Celebration Ball in December 2024.
- Continue exploring ways to enhance the experience of cancer patients during treatment and provide additional support not covered by the NHS.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on ^{29/01/2025} and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Nicola Baddick
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of ChemoHero

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of ChemoHero for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of ChemoHero as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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



Catherine Williams FCA DChA
Independent Examiner
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Date: 7th February 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts:					
Donations and legacies	2	110,920	1,100	112,020	74,980
Trading income	3	9,713	-	9,713	7,328
Events income	3	10,995	-	10,995	9,905
Investment income	4	7,200	-	7,200	426
Total receipts		<u>138,828</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>139,928</u>	<u>92,639</u>
Payments:					
Wages and salaries		(23,394)	-	(23,394)	(19,313)
Equipment		(15,818)	-	(15,818)	(23)
Computer costs		(962)	-	(962)	(1,311)
Printing, Postage & Stationery		(1,790)	-	(1,790)	(874)
Counselling costs		(19,546)	-	(19,546)	(12,276)
Accountancy and payroll fees		(726)	-	(726)	(660)
Legal fees		(399)	-	(399)	(1,227)
Marketing		(69)	-	(69)	(64)
Online Store Products		(5,308)	-	(5,308)	(191)
Materials		(43,988)	(1,100)	(45,088)	(47,132)
Donation expenses		(912)	-	(912)	(806)
Event Costs		(8,613)	-	(8,613)	(4,905)
Miscellaneous expenditure		(395)	-	(395)	(105)
Purchases - other gifts		(6,372)	-	(6,372)	(4,147)
Insurance		(760)	-	(760)	-
Total payments		<u>(129,052)</u>	<u>(1,100)</u>	<u>(130,152)</u>	<u>(93,034)</u>
Net receipts/(payments)		9,776	-	9,776	(395)
Cash brought forward		<u>195,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>195,065</u>	<u>195,460</u>
Cash carried forward	8	<u>204,841</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,841</u>	<u>195,065</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 8.

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at [30 April 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>204,841</u>	<u>195,065</u>
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>204,841</u>	<u>195,065</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 13 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 29/01/2025..... and signed on their behalf by:



Nicola Baddick
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

ChemoHero meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity receives the income. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations are received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on a payments basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations	110,920	1,100	112,020
	<u>110,920</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>112,020</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £		Total 2023 £
Donations		74,980	74,980
		<u>74,980</u>	<u>74,980</u>

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Online store	9,713	9,713
Events income	10,995	10,995
	<u>20,708</u>	<u>20,708</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Online store	7,328	7,328
Events income	9,905	9,905
	<u>17,233</u>	<u>17,233</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable on bank deposits	7,200	7,200
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable on bank deposits	426	426

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	22,737	18,793
Pension costs	657	520
	<u>23,394</u>	<u>19,313</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Employees	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

8 Funds

	Balance at 1 May 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
Unrestricted Funds	195,065	138,828	(129,052)	204,841
Restricted funds				
Tarka Home sock sponsorship	-	1,100	(1,100)	-
Total funds	<u>195,065</u>	<u>139,928</u>	<u>(130,152)</u>	<u>204,841</u>
	Balance at 1 May 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 April 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
Unrestricted Funds	<u>195,460</u>	<u>92,639</u>	<u>(93,034)</u>	<u>195,065</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

During 2024, £1,100 was received from Tarka Home towards the purchase of socks.

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 April 2024 £
Current assets	<u>204,841</u>	<u>204,841</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 April 2023 £
Current assets	<u>195,065</u>	<u>195,065</u>