

The Harvey Hext Trust- Annual Report

Introduction and summary

Welcome to the The Harvey Hext Trust annual report for 2020/2021.

It has once again been a year of immense challenge, change and growth for the charity which is reflected throughout this report and it gives me great pleasure and huge pride to be able to share the impact and support that the work of The Harvey Hext Trust continues to carry out for Bereaved families in Bristol and across the UK.

Why is this work needed:

Over 7000 Children and young people die in the UK each year. The support the families receive varies dramatically from region to region. In some regions the families are offered ongoing Support by bereavement services/hospices whilst in other regions the support is extremely limited.

Sibling support is often overlooked especially when finances are tight.

The Harvey Hext trust supplies siblings with bespoke wooden Memory boxes, designed by the child using personal photographs/images. Every Memory box tells a story and celebrates the life of a child and their relationship with their sibling. The Memory boxes give the child somewhere to keep their siblings belongings, to take ownership of these items and to feel that they can visit them whenever necessary without having to ask permission. The Children have full control throughout the process of producing their memory box. They choose the pictures that will be used, they choose a background colour and theme and wording or dates. Nothing is produced without their full consent. We have found that the children very much enjoy creating the memory boxes and knowing that they are being manufactured specifically to their request gives them a sense of pleasure and purpose. The Memory boxes are delivered to the family home once completed. The Memory bears enable the children to carry something special that belonged to their

brother or sister, bringing a comfort that they are holding something dear to them whilst still remembering their sibling.

We believe we are the only Charity in the UK to offer Bespoke Wooden Memory boxes of this quality.

We have built up some very close relationships with some of the hospitals bereavement departments and also various hospices around the country, and they use the Memory boxes as a part of their bereavement work with families both at the hospice and at home as part of their ongoing support programs. Our close relationship with hospitals and hospices across the country has gone from strength to strength.

Leeds Teaching hospital bereavement team

“The Memory boxes for siblings are such a fabulous idea and much needed in my experience. I am a Play Specialist working within the children's cancer outreach team at Leeds General Infirmary, my role involves supporting children with cancer within their own home, using play to help children who are struggling with procedures, understanding their diagnosis and very importantly children who are palliative and have chosen not to use a hospice but stay at home. I provide support to siblings both pre and post bereavement I find your memory boxes a huge support”

Our Memory boxes continue to only be available through bereavement services and charities and this has worked extremely well ensuring that families meet our criteria. We have supplied families with Memory boxes and Memory bears via numerous reputable

charities both locally and nationally such as Jessie May, CLIC Sargent, CBUK, The Henry Allen trust, Hugs from Henry, The Grace Kelly Ladybird trust and Great Ormand Street hospital and Brake road safety charity to name but a few.

We have continued and trusted relationships with local and national hospitals and hospices and in particular we work closely with bereavement staff at Young lives V's Cancer, Leeds General hospital and local hospices.

We work very hard to maintain these close relationships and continue to build new relationships.

With a grant from The Beehive foundation we have worked with Snook Digital to developed a back office ordering system so that families have a smoother ordering system and we may increase the amount of Memory box orders we are able to fulfil.

We continue to build awareness of our small charity through social media and word of mouth. As far as we are aware there are currently no other charities that provide the same bespoke Memory box services with Memory boxes of such high quality.

What have we achieved this period

It has once again been an extremely challenging year with fundraising due to the global pandemic.

We have found that our services are being used by different types of bereavement professionals including helplines that are having to adapt their services around the new rules and restrictions we are living with, although many restrictions have been lifted, some services have changed the way they work or closed completely. We have enabled bereavement workers to be able to support families with our services in the home as our Memory boxes are designed online.

This year we have supplied over 100 bereaved siblings with bespoke Memory boxes.

To date we have supplied over 500 Memory boxes and bears to bereaved families.

We are continually expanding our Memory box service to bereavement organisations up and down the country and have this year become a registered charity in Scotland. We hope to increase the number of Memory boxes we supply to bereaved siblings in 2022.

Financial Grants given in 2021

Whilst Memory boxes have become the main focus of the charity we have adapted our services to support bereaved families who have suffered financially due to COVID-19.

We have awarded 19 grants of £250 totalling £2000 to bereaved families who have been affected by the pandemic. All grants were made via referrals from bereavement services.

We have continued to supply our bereavement booklets to settings across the uk. Three sets of fantastic bereavement booklets for children. The booklets are titled My Brother has died, My Sister has died and My Friend has died. These booklets have been extremely well received and are available via bereavement services up and down the country as well as via the charities directly.

School Bereavement packs

We supply bereavement packs to schools, each containing 7 child friendly books on bereavement.

Family days out

Whilst we have been unable to host our group family days again this year we have purchased an annual pass that families can use at Noahs Ark, Bristol Zoo or The Wild Place. The passes allows two adults and three children to spend a day at one of the location's without having to think about the cost.

This has been very popular with families, enabling them to spend time outdoors with their children in a safe environment following the venues strict Covid-19 Guidelines. The pass's came at a cost of £725 and has been used 73 times, saving over £2000 on entrance fees.

We have enabled families to visit

Noahs Ark - 40 family visits

WildPlace -19 family visits

Bristol Zoo- 14 family visits

Training

We continue to learn about situations we may not be familiar with however, where possible, attended online webinars for support and will continue to do this in 2022.

We regularly hold training sessions for bereavement support works so that they are familiar with our online application system and also for them to be able to see a Memory box in “Real life” as they often do not see the finished version of the Memory boxes for the families they refer.

Employment

To ensure the future sustainability of the charity last year had permission from the charity commission to employ a member of staff for 15 hours a week.

Objectives

In the past 5 1/2 years The Harvey Hext Trust has offered support to siblings Nationwide by providing Memory boxes- thus also giving professionals another tool to use when working with bereaved siblings. This has been particularly important during the pandemic where services are restricted.

We aim to achieve the following outcomes for the families we work with:

- Improving Children’s emotional development by supporting the whole family
- Reduced social isolation and improved social and support networks
- More awareness of Child bereavement and the support available
- Improve Care and services for families who have lost a child

Impact and value of the service The Harvey Hext Trust delivers

We have continued to see a significant increase in the number of services that refer families to the charity.

We have continued to see an increase in demand for our services reflected in the number of families that we are working with.

Ambition and long term strategy

Our prime objective is to supply Memory boxes across the UK to Children who have lost a Sibling OR Parent.

The Family support groups show a constant need for ongoing support for bereaved families.

To fund Counselling services for bereaved children when an immediate need has been identified.

The Harvey Hext Trust is an incredible charity and has been extremely successful in delivering an understanding and compassionate service. This is possible due to the unfortunate circumstances that led to the creation of this Charity. The CEO has

a full understanding of the trauma of losing a child and is therefore able to communicate on a professional yet understanding level.

Annual accounts

Our annual account for the supporting period are attached.

Sarah Hext

CEO

15/12/2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/03/2021

To

28/02/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & Fundraising	43,202	-	-	43,202	16,724
Grant	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Bank Interest Received	1	-	-	1	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	53,203	-	-	53,203	16,724
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	53,203	-	-	53,203	16,724
A3 Payments					
Memory Boxes and Support Costs	20,355	-	-	20,355	22,077
Merchandise	53	-	-	53	200
Rent	3,060	-	-	3,060	2,235
Computer Expenses	1,140	-	-	1,140	805
Event Costs	9,669	-	-	9,669	4,715
Wages	6,240	-	-	6,240	4,160
Professional Fees	160	-	-	160	600
Postage, printing & stationery	187	-	-	187	432
Telephone	686	-	-	686	434
General Expenses	1,043	-	-	1,043	756
Just Giving Charges	288	-	-	288	216
Travel Costs	98	-	-	98	111
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	42,979	-	-	42,979	36,741
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	42,979	-	-	42,979	36,741
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,223	-	-	10,223	- 20,017
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,242	-	-	24,242	44,259
Cash funds this year end	34,465	-	-	34,465	24,242

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	35,770	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	35,770	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement	Error	OK


		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Stock	505	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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	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
	S Hext	
	M Bryant	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Harvey Hext Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

28 February 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1168844

Set out on pages

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

**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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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:

J. Cavaliero

Date:

10/11/23

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

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