



2023/2024

Annual Report

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The Harvey Hext Trust Annual Report 2023/2024

Introduction and Overview

**We are delighted to present our annual report
for 2023/2024.**

**Despite the challenging economic climate and
ongoing changes in the country, our
organization has remained dedicated to
supporting bereaved families in Bristol and
beyond. We are proud to highlight the impact
and progress we have achieved throughout this
report.**



The Importance of Our Work:

There were 3,577 child (0 – 17 years) deaths in England in the year ending 31 March 2024 according to the NCMD

While some areas offer bereavement services and hospice care to provide ongoing support, other regions offer limited assistance.

Unfortunately, sibling support is often disregarded when financial resources are limited.

At the Harvey Hext Trust we provide bespoke memory boxes to children who have lost a parent or a sibling, allowing them to create a personal narrative using photographs and images. These memory boxes celebrate the life of the child or parent who have died, providing a place for Children to keep their belongings and feel connected to their memories.

Our memory bears enable children to carry a special item that belonged to their loved one, bringing comfort and a sense of closeness.



Providing Support for Families using our Memory Boxes

Our close relationships with hospital bereavement departments and hospices across the country have enabled them to incorporate our Memory boxes into their bereavement care with families, both at the hospice and at home. We are proud to have expanded our referral network and continue to build new partnerships with hospitals, hospices, and charities.

Distribution of Our Memory Boxes is exclusively through Charities and Bereavement Services

Our Memory boxes are only accessible through bereavement services and charities, which has proven to be an effective strategy in ensuring that families meet our criteria. We have collaborated with multiple reputable charities both in the local and national arena, to provide Memory boxes and bears to families.

We have continued to nurture and maintain strong relationships with local and national organisations. We are constantly receiving enquiries from new agencies wishing to offer our services to their service users.

We are committed to continuing these relationships and hope to establish new relationships in the upcoming year.



New for 2023

In September 2023, we took immense pride in launching our newest initiative: Harveys Holdalls. These holdalls provide a respectful means for parents to carry their child's belongings home after their passing. Typically, hospitals can only offer plastic bags to parents, and we aimed to improve this experience. The response to Harveys Holdalls exceeded our expectations; since the service began in September 2023, we had distributed 145 bags by the year's end.

We anticipate that the demand for Harvey's holdalls will remain consistently high as more hospital and hospice staff learn about our service.

We have also had enquiries from Police forces across the country who would like to use our holdall services.



Increasing Awareness of Our Small Charity and Its Unique Services

Our small charity has been gaining traction through social media and word of mouth as we continue to promote our bespoke Memory box and Holdall services.

To our knowledge, no other charity provides the type of service's we share.

Expanding Our Services Across the Country

We plan to expand our services to bereavement organisations across the nation and expect a busy 2024/2025.

Financial Assistance for Bereaved Families

Like many charities, we've adapted pur services, providing emergency grants totaling £3,211 to bereaved families.



Local Support

Thanks to the support of local businesses we have provided families with passes to four well-known fabulous family venues in Bristol.

This allows families to spend some quality time together in the fresh air.

The Wild Place £302.40

Noah's Ark £423.70

We the curious PAYG

Puxton Park £700

Circus Star Free

We hope to offer Walk and talk coffee mornings for bereaved parents in the future, working with other bereavement services, this will enable us to build our local family connections once more, enabling families to support each other



Our collaboration with The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust has enabled us to co-fund a collection of bereavement booklets designed specifically for young children who have lost a sibling. These booklets are now being distributed in hospitals and hospices across the UK to provide comfort and guidance.

Fundraising Initiatives

We are excited to share that The National Lottery has once again generously provided us with a substantial contribution to further our mission.

Commitment to Continuous Learning and Development

We are dedicated to enhancing our knowledge and understanding. This year, we participated in training sessions to acquire new skills and insights into challenging situations. Additionally, we engaged with bereavement services through focus groups to enhance the effectiveness of these support services.



Contributing to Group Efforts in Support of Bereaved Families

The Harvey Hext Trust has joined forces with other Bristol-based charities and professional organizations to develop a database for bereaved families and professionals in the area.

The goal is to connect these individuals with the right support as needed. We are proud to be part of this collaboration and convene with fellow members on a quarterly basis.

Objectives

Over the past seven and a half years, The Harvey Hext Trust has provided memory boxes to bereaved children nationwide. We aim to achieve the following outcomes for the families we work with:

- Supporting the whole family to improve children's emotional development
- Reducing social isolation and improving social and support networks
- Raising awareness about child bereavement and available support
- Enhancing care and services for families who have lost a child
- Demonstrating the impact and value of The Harvey Hext Trust's services.



Over time, we have seen a noticeable increase in the number of services that refer families to our charity. This is in line with the rise in demand for our services and the fact that we are now offering Memory boxes to children who have lost a parent, as evidenced by the growing number of families we work with. Our aim is to provide Memory Boxes to children while also offering ongoing support to bereaved families.

This now included offering bereaved parents Harvey's holdalls.

We recognise to achieve our goals and services, we need to expand our team by hiring a full-time employee to manage day-to-day operations, plan events, fundraise, and manage Memory Box orders and other services offered by the charity.



Testimonial-

Jenifer Wakefield- Day Services Manager
Weston Hospicecare

“Our patient was dad to two children, who received memory boxes through the Harvey Hext Trust. When he died at the hospice, we offered our emotional support and bereavement counselling to the children as we usually would. The impact of having the boxes, having taken part in the process of designing the boxes, having conversations as a family and opening up the opportunity to talk together, meant that they were better able to support each other through his death and when living with their grief.

It meant that they didn't need to have formal bereavement support from the hospice. The impact of having the memory boxes was clear to see. We're delighted to have the option to work with the Harvey Hext Trust, particularly with our younger families.”



Annual accounts

Our annual account for the supporting period are attached

Sarah Hext

Chair of Trustees

27/12/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Harvey Hext Trust

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/03/2023	To	Period end date 29/02/2024
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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					
Donations	62,280	-	-	62,280	39,359
Grant	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Interewst received	48	-	-	48	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	82,329	-	-	82,329	39,359
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	82,329	-	-	82,329	39,359
A3 Payments					
Memory Boxes and Support Costs	20,053	-	-	20,053	16,613
Merchandise	8,182	-	-	8,182	1,708
Rent	3,060	-	-	3,060	3,060
Computer Expenses	682	-	-	682	1,579
Event Costs	14,337	-	-	14,337	15,507
Wages	6,240	-	-	6,240	6,240
Professional Fees	471	-	-	471	530
Postage, printing & stationery	815	-	-	815	364
Telephone	678	-	-	678	610
General Expenses	888	-	-	888	1,252
Just Giving Charges	562	-	-	562	560
Travel	1,874	-	-	1,874	194
Grants	3,211	-	-	3,211	-
Sub total	61,052	-	-	61,052	48,217
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	61,052	-	-	61,052	48,217
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,277	-	-	21,277	- 8,858
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,912	-	-	26,912	35,770
Cash funds this year end	48,189	-	-	48,189	26,912

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 accounts	48,189	-	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	48,189	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		S Hext	23/12/2024	
	M Bryant	M Bryant	23/12/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Harvey Hext Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

29/02/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1168844

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 29/2/2024

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, 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:

23/12/2024

Name:

M Strong

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

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Address:

86 Shirehampton Road

Stoke Bishop

Bristol

Section B

Disclosure

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.