



Annual report 2024/2025

Prepared by Sarah Hext-CEO



Introduction and Overview

**We are thrilled to share our annual
report for 2024/2025.**

In the face of a challenging economic landscape and continuous changes in the country, our organization has remained committed to assisting bereaved families in Bristol and beyond.

We take pride in showcasing the impact and progress we have made throughout this report.



In the year ending March 31, 2025, there were 3,492 deaths among children aged 0 to 17 in England, equating to an estimated rate of 28.7 deaths per 100,000 children.

While some areas provide bereavement services and hospice care for ongoing support, others offer limited assistance. Unfortunately, sibling support is frequently overlooked due to financial constraints. At the Harvey Hext Trust, we offer personalized memory boxes to children who have lost a parent or sibling, allowing them to craft a personal narrative through photographs and images. These memory boxes honor the lives of the deceased child or parent, giving children a place to preserve their belongings and maintain a connection to their memories. Our memory bears enable children to carry a cherished item that belonged to their loved one, providing comfort and a sense of closeness.



Distribution of Our Memory Boxes and Memory bears

Our Memory Boxes are exclusively distributed through charities and bereavement services. This approach has proven effective in ensuring that families meet our criteria. We have partnered with several reputable charities, both locally and nationally, to provide Memory Boxes and bears to families in need.

We continue to foster and maintain strong relationships with various organizations, both local and national. We frequently receive inquiries from new agencies interested in offering our services to their clients.

We are dedicated to sustaining these relationships and look forward to establishing new partnerships in the year ahead.



In September 2023, we were incredibly proud to unveil our latest initiative: Harveys Holdalls. These holdalls offer a compassionate way for parents to transport their child's belongings home after their passing. Traditionally, hospitals provide only plastic bags to grieving parents, and our goal was to enhance this experience.

The response to Harveys Holdalls has far surpassed our expectations; since launching in September 2023, we have distributed over 400 bereavement holdalls.

We foresee a steady demand for Harveys Holdalls as more hospital and hospice staff become aware of our service. Our holdalls are now filled with bereavement support items, including fingerprint kits, wooden hearts for caskets, as well as practical items like notebooks, pens, and tissues.



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 2025/2026

Financial Assistance for Bereaved Families

Like many charities, we've adapted our services, providing emergency grants totaling £1,800 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-£460.68

We the curious -PAYG

Puxton Park -£700

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



Fundraising Initiatives

We are thrilled to announce that The National Lottery has generously made another significant contribution to support our mission.

Commitment to Continuous Learning and Development

We are committed to expanding our knowledge and understanding. This year, we took part in training sessions to gain new skills and insights into challenging situations.

Furthermore, we collaborated with bereavement services through focus groups to improve 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 eight 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, 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.

To date the charity has provided 828 bespoke high quality Memory boxes to bereaved children.



Annual accounts

**Our annual account for the supporting period are
attached**

**Sarah Hext
Chair of Trustees
27/12/2025**



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
401/03/2023

To

Period end date
28/02/2025

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	55 165	-	-	55 165	62 280
Grant	20 000	-	-	20 000	20 000
Interwst received	154	-	-	154	48
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	75 319	-	-	75 319	82 329
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	75 319	-	-	75 319	82 329
A3 Payments					
Memory Boxes and Support Costs	24 847	-	-	24 847	20 053
Merchandise	8 100	-	-	8 100	8 182
Rent	3 060	-	-	3 060	3 060
Computer Expenses	2 549	-	-	2 549	682
Event Costs	19 343	-	-	19 343	14 337
Wages	6 240	-	-	6 240	6 240
Professional Fees	254	-	-	254	471
Postage, printing & stationery	538	-	-	538	815
Telephone	721	-	-	721	678
General Expenses	643	-	-	643	888
Just Giving Charges		-	-	-	562
Travel	1 183	-	-	1 183	1 874
Grants		-	-	-	3 211
Sub total	67 478	-	-	67 478	61 052
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	67 478	-	-	67 478	61 052
Net of receipts/(payments)	7 841	-	-	7 841	21 277
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	48 189	-	-	48 189	26 912
Cash funds this year end	56 030	-	-	56 030	48 189

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	56 030	-	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	56 030	-	-
	(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	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		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Harvey Hext Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

28/02/2025

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 28/02/2025

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 24/12/2024

Name:

M Strong

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

AAT

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.