

MY SHINING STAR

England & Wales · Charity number 1170482

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-11-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 3. THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE AND THE PROMOTION OF GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:3.1 RELIEVING AND ASSISTING FAMILIES IN NEED OF SUPPORT WHEN THEIR CHILDREN ARE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER, IN ANY PART OF THE UK, WHO REQUIRE FINANCIAL AID AND ADVICE, BY PROVIDING THEM WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES/ADVICE, HOUSING SUPPORT, TRAVEL EXPENSES, FUNDRAISING ADVICE/SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE WITH ANY OTHER ISSUES THAT ARISE AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THEIR CHILD'S DIAGNOSES;3.2 FUNDING CONVENTIONAL MEDICAL TREATMENTS FOR CANCER THAT ARE UNAVAILABLE IN THE UK (THROUGH THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE/NHS OR FROM OTHER HEALTH PROVIDERS) WITH THE AIM OF EXTENDING OPTIONS FOR LIFE EXPECTANCY AMONG CHILDREN WITH CANCER, AND FUNDING MEDICAL RESEARCH INTO CANCER WITH THE AIM TO INCREASE CANCER SURVIVAL RATES (THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH BEING AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT).NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008

Activities: Support includes help with debts, food, parking, toys, grants, respite, trauma therapy, bereavement care, sibling support, specialist equipment, clothing, medicine storage, and signposting. We also offer gifts, extra magic experiences, and campaign for change, therefore easing burdens for families

facing childhood cancer.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£227,259	£150,875	-	-
2023-11-30	£222,192	£149,582	-	-
2022-11-30	£132,819	£125,700	-	-
2021-11-30	£124,086	£91,124	-	-
2020-11-30	£76,019	£59,376	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cheryl Ann Lane		2025-12-29
Gemma Wyatt		2020-01-20
Margaret Stanley		2021-03-22
Neil Aluwalia		2025-07-10
Ruth Portway		2025-07-08
Sarah Louise Rose		2025-12-29

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

T Bunn

Full name(s)

TRACY BUNN

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee / Treasurer,

Date

26/09/25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name My Shining Star	No (if any) 1170482
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/12/2023	To	Period end date 30/11/2024
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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 £
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Grants	39,500	-	-	39,500	-
Fundraising events	34,920	-	-	34,920	53,183
Other receipts	129	-	-	129	1,245
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	228,210	-	-	228,210	222,192
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	228,210	-	-	228,210	222,192
A3 Payments					
Grants and gifts given	28,041	-	-	28,041	21,660
Fundraising and merchandise	1,243	-	-	1,243	10,741
Office running costs	28,816	-	-	28,816	20,774
Organisers wages and expenses	97,896	-	-	97,896	71,012
Staff pensions	4,857	-	-	4,857	4,163
Advertising and website	1,118	-	-	1,118	14,052
Professional fees	2,840	-	-	2,840	2,440
Motor running expenses	2,564	-	-	2,564	2,943
Sundry expenses	1,274	-	-	1,274	1,797
Caravan costs	16,302	-	-	16,302	-
Sub total	184,951	-	-	184,951	149,582
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Office equipment	3,275	-	-	3,275	3,390
Vehicles	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Sub total	23,275	-	-	23,275	3,390
Total payments	208,227	-	-	208,227	152,972
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,983	-	-	19,983	69,220
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	127,799	-	-	127,799	58,579
Cash funds this year end	147,782	-	-	147,782	127,799

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	Current Account	147,709	-	-
	Cash in hand	73	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	147,782	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Office equipment	Unrestricted	7,048	-
	Vehicles	Unrestricted	47,095	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TRACY BUNN	26/9/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
My Shining Star

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 November 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1170482

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 30 November 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:

S M Rouse

Date:

26.09.2025

Name:

Samantha Rouse

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

FCCA DChA

Address:

Kreston Reeves LLP, Chartered Accountants

2nd Floor, Maritime Place, Quayside, Chatham Maritime

Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QZ

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.

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Full name(s)

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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Office equipment	Unrestricted	7,048	-
	Vehicles	Unrestricted	47,095	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TRACY BUNN	26/9/25



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

**On accounts for the year
ended** **Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages
(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 30 November 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:**

Name:

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

Address:

Section B Disclosure

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	12	2023		30	11	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

9a High Street	
Rainham	
Kent	
Postcode	ME8 7HX

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	Margaret Stanley			
2	Gemma Wyatt (Justice)			
3	Tracy Bunn		Appointed 18/03/2024	
4	Ruth Portway		Appointed 08/07/2025	
5	Neil Aluwalia		Appointed 10/07/2025	
6	Jennifer Marshall		Appointed 11/07/2025	
7	Anita Marinelli		Resigned 27/11/2023	
8	Dean Johnson		Resigned 04/03/2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Kreston Reeves LLP, Chartered Accountants	2 nd Floor, Maritime Place, Quayside, Chatham Maritime, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QZ
Independent Examiner	Samantha Rouse FCCA DChA	Kreston Reeves LLP, 2 nd Floor, Maritime Place, Quayside, Chatham Maritime, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QZ

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Anita Marinelli

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)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by interview process

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.

Trustees are trained in accordance to charity commission guidelines.

My Shining Star Trustee framework consists of as follows:

Gemma Justice - Chair
Margaret Stanley - Trustee
Tracy Bunn - Trustee/Treasurer
Ruth Portway - Trustee
Neil Aluwalia - Trustee
Jennifer Marshall – Trustee

During the year, the Charity received donations totalling £60 from its Trustees. One Trustee was reimbursed £150 for services they provided to the Charity. There were no other related party transactions during the year.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

Since 2015, My Shining Star has supported families facing the challenges of childhood cancer by providing vital emotional, practical, and financial assistance. Our mission is to ensure that no family has to worry about basic needs such as housing or food while coping with the trauma of childhood cancer—the leading cause of death in children under 16.

Key areas of support provided:

- Financial Relief: Help with debts, food costs, parking and travel expenses, and grants to families in crisis.
- Hospital and In-Hospital Support: Over 6,500 gifts donated to hospitals across the UK, plus direct grants and toys for children during hospital stays.
- Emotional and Psychological Support: Bereavement counselling, trauma therapy for the entire family, and sibling support to help children cope with separation and trauma.
- Practical Assistance: Provision of clothing, white goods (e.g. fridges to store medicine), and specialist equipment such as beds and orthotics not supplied by the NHS.
- Advocacy and Signposting: Campaigning for increased government support, and liaison with social services to ensure families access all available help.
- Respite and Special Experiences: Organising respite breaks and magical experiences with celebrities or organisations such as Disney, when possible.
- Celebration Support: Provision of birthday and Christmas gifts to bring joy during difficult times.

Through these activities, we aim to reduce the emotional and financial burden on families, ensuring they feel supported and not alone during the most challenging times.

The charity have undertaken the purchase of a caravan in December 2023; this is to provide respite and has been adapted for children affected by cancer by addition of a disabled ramp. The caravan is within close proximity to our local hospital in case of any emergencies.

In December, My Shining Star supported the following hospitals by way of gifts, afternoon teas, toys, toiletries, gift cards and grants:

QEQM Hospital- Margate
Tunbridge Wells/ Pembury Hospital
Medway Maritime Hospital
St Georges Hospital- Tooting
Derriford Hospital- Plymouth
Barnet Hospital
Royal Victoria Infirmary Hospital- Newcastle
Sheffield Hospital
Southampton Hospital
Tayside Hospital- Dundee
Musgrove Park Hospital- Taunton
Kent and Canterbury Hospital
Manchester Hospital
Leeds General Infirmary
Addenbrookes Hospital- Cambridge
Alder Hay Hospital- Liverpool
St Marys Hospital- London
Royal Marsden- Sutton
Royal Belfast Hospital- Ireland
Bristol Hospital
Noah's Ark Hospice
Ellenor's Hospice- Gravesend
Kings College Hospital- London
Edinburgh Hospital
Cardiff Hospital- Wales
Great Ormond Street Hospital- London
Glasgow Hospital

The above equated to 5,000 presents.

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)

In the time period of this report, the charity has distributed 91 grants to families. The areas of need were for therapy, food vouchers, essential items such as washing machine, hospital pushchair, support with high priority bills and debts (red letter demands), clothing, sibling support, gifts for Christmas and birthdays, parking and petrol, food whilst in hospital. One gentleman had a child in hospital and his laptop was stolen from outside his address which meant he could not continue working from home whilst caring for his daughter. My Shining Star replaced this preventing him from falling further into poverty and putting further strains on the benefits system.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Our provisions are inclusive to all British citizens affected by childhood cancer.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During this time period we employed another member of staff, increased our charity activities and income on the previous year. We have increased our runners for the London Landmarks half marathon. We were able to host a large, successful summer event in the local community which both regular supporters, the general public and our families affected by cancer were able to attend. The charity received restricted income grants from:

Albert Trust
Anton Jurgens
Cantiacorum
Childwick
Colyer Fergusson
Henry Smith
Kent Community Foundation
Screw Fix Foundation

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity to always have a minimum of £40,000 in reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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 increase in income has helped with the employment of another member of staff- which has significantly increased our output in the local community and beyond and has increased our charitable objectives. Our income is largely based on donations due to our heavy presence in the community and the transparency of the support that we give.

Raising awareness and campaigning for change within the cancer community is also of extreme importance to our values. This can be either online, via Government policies, with MP's, working with the hospitals, the general public and generally advocating for more support and change for those affected. This is to reduce poverty and ease pressure on public services- including the NHS, counselling and the local authorities.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

T Bunn

Full name(s)

TRACY BUNN

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee / Treasurer,

Date

26/09/25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name My Shining Star	No (if any) 1170482
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/12/2023	To	Period end date 30/11/2024
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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 banked	153,661	-	-	153,661	167,764
Grants	39,500	-	-	39,500	-
Fundraising events	34,920	-	-	34,920	53,183
Other receipts	129	-	-	129	1,245
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	228,210	-	-	228,210	222,192
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	228,210	-	-	228,210	222,192
A3 Payments					
Grants and gifts given	28,041	-	-	28,041	21,660
Fundraising and merchandise	1,243	-	-	1,243	10,741
Office running costs	28,816	-	-	28,816	20,774
Organisers wages and expenses	97,896	-	-	97,896	71,012
Staff pensions	4,857	-	-	4,857	4,163
Advertising and website	1,118	-	-	1,118	14,052
Professional fees	2,840	-	-	2,840	2,440
Motor running expenses	2,564	-	-	2,564	2,943
Sundry expenses	1,274	-	-	1,274	1,797
Caravan costs	16,302	-	-	16,302	-
Sub total	184,951	-	-	184,951	149,582
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Office equipment	3,275	-	-	3,275	3,390
Vehicles	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Sub total	23,275	-	-	23,275	3,390
Total payments	208,227	-	-	208,227	152,972
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,983	-	-	19,983	69,220
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	127,799	-	-	127,799	58,579
Cash funds this year end	147,782	-	-	147,782	127,799

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	Current Account	147,709	-	-
	Cash in hand	73	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	147,782	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TRACY BUNN	26/9/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
My Shining Star

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 November 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1170482

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 30 November 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:

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Signed:

S M Rouse

Date:

26.09.2025

Name:

Samantha Rouse

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

FCCA DChA

Address:

Kreston Reeves LLP, Chartered Accountants

2nd Floor, Maritime Place, Quayside, Chatham Maritime

Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QZ

Section B

Disclosure

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MY SHINING STAR

England & Wales - Charity number 1170482

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.12.2022 Period start date - 30.11.2023 Period end date

Charity name: MY SHINING STAR CHILDRENS CANCER CHARITY

Charity registration number: 1170482

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To support families through the trauma of childhood cancer. The 3 main focuses are: Hardship Bereavement Support Sibling Support
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Providing emotional support, counselling services where needed, assisting patients with equipment (such as specialist beds and orthotic boots) that are not available on the NHS. Providing gifts to promote emotional wellbeing and encouragement, hospital visits, food to help with alleviating food poverty, help with the cost of living, hospital parking, travel expenses, debt and arrears.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees adhere to an inhouse policy that is made up of guidance issued by the charity commission. Regular advice is sought and updated as needed. For transparency and interests of serving the public, all trustees are of no relation to eachother.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Major decisions regarding support are decided via the board- smaller day to day decisions are decided in the office with regular trustee counsel for less common requests.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We finally made a purchase of our first charity van, which has benefitted with our hospital visits, advertising, fundraising events and day to day family support. We have welcomed grants to help with the ongoing cost of running the vehicle.</p> <p>We held a Christmas grotto for the general public, local schools and for our families impacted by cancer. This was a wholesome charity event that created some everlasting memories for some children fighting and facing palliative care. Door to door visits at Christmas and Easter helped alleviate some of our oncology community facing more expense with presents, food, Easter eggs and we supported many of the same with events throughout the year such as birthdays.</p> <p>Arsenal and Fulham's GoalKeeper Bernd Leno lent his support by giving the charity some football memorabilia to auction.</p> <p>The staff took part in local Easter event and gifted boxes to the Royal Marsden Hospital.</p> <p>We saw an increase in 'In Memory' donations to the charity and a significant increase in local fundraising, of which we are often a part of- raising awareness as much as we can.</p> <p>We were lucky to be invited to the We Are the City Rising Stars awards, where our founder received an award in the Charity and Non- Profit category.</p> <p>We created some 'extra. Magic for a cancer suffer wanting to attend a specific game and this was supported by our friend and footballer Kai Havertz.</p> <p>Using our contacts in the media, we managed to raise an issue of a child with cancer in temporary</p>

		<p>accommodation over several months. Highlighting this issue resulted in getting them housed into a suitable property.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's income was increased by almost £100,00. From £136,819 to £222,192 in this financial period. This dramatically increased our financial activity and enabled us to make up for time lost during the Covid 19 pandemic.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is to never hold less than £40,000 in reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity continues to go from strength to strength, however- grant applications for more staff and a bigger office have been submitted to allow us to deliver our work more efficiently and to reach the ever- increasing demand we are faced with. Young Lives VS Cancer signposted MY SHINING STAR as the only charity giving our particular support to families in Kent sadly due to the pandemic- so demand has increased quite drastically for the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Fundraising and raising awareness is not only our only source of income. We do not receive any large or Government funding.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by the board, given their dedication to volunteering for My Shining Star and what important skills they can bring.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity consists of- ANITA MARINELLI- FOUNDER & CEO GEMMA JUSTICE- CHAIR & FOUNDING TRUSTEE DEAN JOHNSON- TRUSTEE AND BOARD MARGARET STANLEY- TRUSTEE TRACY BUNN- TRUSTEE- FINANCE
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	NONE
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	MY SHINING STAR CHILDRENS CANCER CHARITY
Other name the charity uses	MY SHINING STAR
Registered charity number	1170482

Charity's principal address	9A HIGH STREET RAINHAM KENT ME8 7HX

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	GEMMA JUSTICE		2016- TO DATE	ANITA MARINELLI
2	DEAN JOHNSON		2019 TO DATE	ANITA MARINELLI
3	MARGARET STANLEY		2019 TO DATE	ANITA MARINELLI
4	HEATHER O KEEFFE		2020 TO DATE	ANITA MARINELLI
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	TRACY BUNN	
Full name(s)	TRACY BUNN	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE - FINANCE	
Date	9/9/24	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

MY SHINING STAR

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/12/2022

To

Period end date
30/11/2023

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 banked	167,764	-	-	167,764	105,667
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	53,183	-	-	53,183	26,504
Other Receipts	1,245	-	-	1,245	648
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	222,192	-	-	222,192	132,819
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	222,192	-	-	222,192	132,819
A3 Payments					
Grants and Gifts given	21,660	-	-	21,660	40,244
Fundraising and Merchandise	10,741	-	-	10,741	6,164
Office Running costs	20,774	-	-	20,774	18,603
Organisers wages and expenses	71,012	-	-	71,012	54,633
Staff pensions	4,163	-	-	4,163	-
Advertising and Website	14,052	-	-	14,052	2,390
Professional fees	2,440	-	-	2,440	1,955
Motor running expenses	2,943	-	-	2,943	-
Sundry expenses	1,797	-	-	1,797	1,713
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	149,582	-	-	149,582	125,702
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
office equipment	3,390	-	-	3,390	383
Vehicle	-	-	-	-	27,094
Sub total	3,390	-	-	3,390	27,477
Total payments	152,972	-	-	152,972	153,179
Net of receipts/(payments)	69,220	-	-	69,220	- 20,360
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	58,579	-	-	58,579	78,939
Cash funds this year end	127,799	-	-	127,799	58,579

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	current account	124,858	-	-
	vat debtor	2,868	-	-
	cash in hand	73	-	-
	Total cash funds	127,799	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	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

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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

My SHINING STAR

On accounts for the year ended

30/11/2023

Charity no (if any)

1174082

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/11/2023.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded 2250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below) 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; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:

J Richardson

Date:

29/8/2024

Name:

JENNIFER M RICHARDSON

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

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (FCA)

Address:

32 STATION RD

RAINHAM, GILLINGHAM

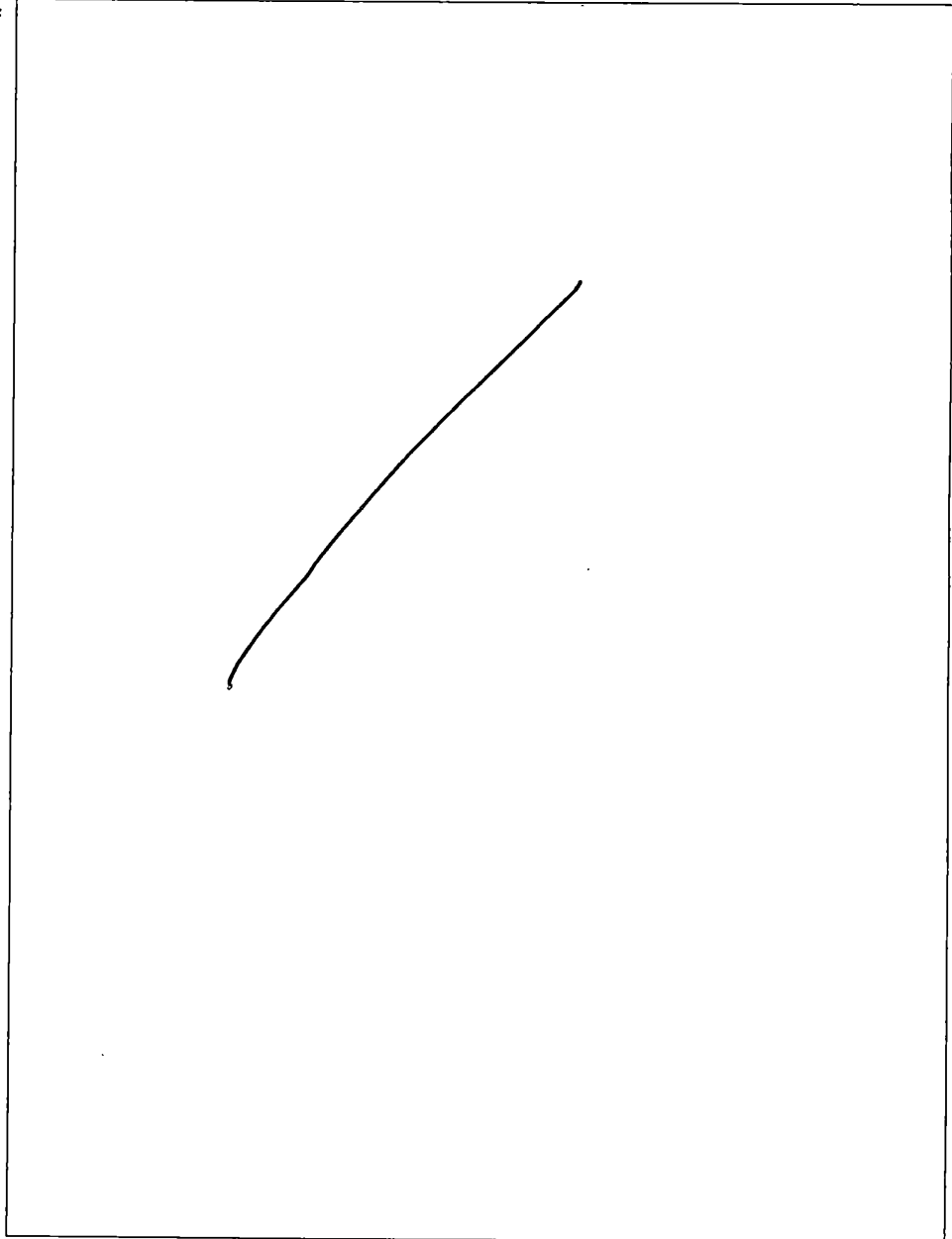
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Section B

Disclosure

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.



MY SHINING STAR

England & Wales - Charity number 1170482

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
	Our trustees are selected by their passion and dedication to the world of childhood cancer. They are chosen based on hours dedicated to the cause, skills that they can individually bring and on a position of trust.

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.

We have an in house trustee policy which all trustees read, sign and adhere to at all times. The charity seeks regular guidance from the Charity Commission to make sure that guidance and advice is up to date, particularly on public benefit. Specifically, but not limited to medical expenses (equipment), housing support, travel expenses, clothing, appliances, transport costs, hospital parking, food, therapy and mental health support. All of the above that arise as a direct impact of their child's diagnosis.

The board consists of:
 Anita Mannell (Founder, CEO, Trustee)
 Royal Marsden hospital in full PPE and to other units including Queen Elizabeth hospital. We took afternoon teas, gift vouchers, toiletries for Dean Johnson (Trustee)
 Heather O'Keefe (Trustee)

All major decisions such as grant making are put to the board regularly. The charity issued grants to the value of £240,245.95 which was approximately a £15,000 increase on the year before due to covid. We had to sign the final decision when trustees do not agree. However, this can be appealed to date the founder is quite strongly but his important difficult to reach a harmonious decision with its beneficiaries at the heart of everything we do.

Grants were made to support practical equipment such as pushchairs

Section C Objectives and activities

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

Our trustee Heather found ways to increase charity income by selling Adventure Island tickets as part of their charity Giveback scheme. The charity signed up to various recycling schemes as a way to raise funds and have a positive impact on the planet.

In March, we made a one off donation to CCI- Childhood Cancer International, who collect exclusively to help Ukrainian children with cancer after the war break out. The charity hub also became a hub temporarily to facilitate the transporting of clothes donations to our Ukrainian friends at such a difficult time.

April saw the launch of our new website, which is so much more resourceful than the last. Easter meant that we were back to collecting and distributing Easter Eggs to oncology families.

Fundraising events included recruiting some wonderful companies to nominate us as their charity of the year. My Shining Star were selected for some of the Tesco Community grants schemes.

We held a grotto and elf experience, a fun day, charity football matches and lent our support to other events organised for the charity within the community.

The charity income for the year was £132,818.16 which of course was a relief that our fundraising did not decline due to the pandemic.

Amongst a lot of our fundraising and spending, we made wishes for children come true with celebrities such as KSI and ~~our~~ March 2012 support was lent quite heavily to terminal and bereaved families.

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has reserves of £40.000 at all times.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No deficits to recall.

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.

Much of our funds are raised via our large social media following and businesses getting in touch to raise funds as a result of the work they see us do.

We continued to use our connections for children to be supported with positive messages and encouragement from players in the Premier League to raise their spirits.

We are extremely proud of the year we have had once again, considering so many difficulties that the world has faced and have learned to adapt to the many obstacles. To grow when many charities have shut down altogether has been difficult but extremely rewarding.

We believe this is testament to our passion for the cause and our willingness to adapt to any situation.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) A Marinelli

Full name(s) Anita Marinelli

Position (eg Secretary, Chair,

A MARINELLI	G JUSTICE
ANITA MARINELLI	GEMMA JUSTICE

Date etc)

FOUNDER/TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE/BOARD MEMBER
18 September 2023	

My Shining Star

Financial Activities

December 2021 - November 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
Charitable activities	26,504.08
Donations and legacies	105,666.54
Merchandise	258.25
Rental Income	333.33
Services	56.66
Total Income	£132,818.86
TOTAL	£132,818.86
Expenditures	
Advertising/Promotional	2,390.19
Computer Costs	3,675.28
Distribution Grants	40,243.95
Entertainment	51.32
Insurances	1,763.43
Office/General Administrative Expenses	840.70
Other Professional Services	1,955.00
Phone Costs	569.52
Premise expenses	10,238.23
Printing, Postage and Stationery	736.98
Raising funds	6,164.04
Subscription	394.02
Travel and Accommodation	214.22
Uncategorised Expense	0.00
Utilities	776.82
Van Hire	104.17
Vehicle Fuel	949.51
Wages	54,632.82
Total Expenditures	£125,700.20
NET OPERATING INCOME	£7,118.66
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£7,118.66



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
MY SHINING STAR

On accounts for the year
ended

30/11/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1174082

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Responsibilities and
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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").

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Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body], Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed:

J. Richardson

Date:

28/9/23

Name:

JENNIFER M RICHARDSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

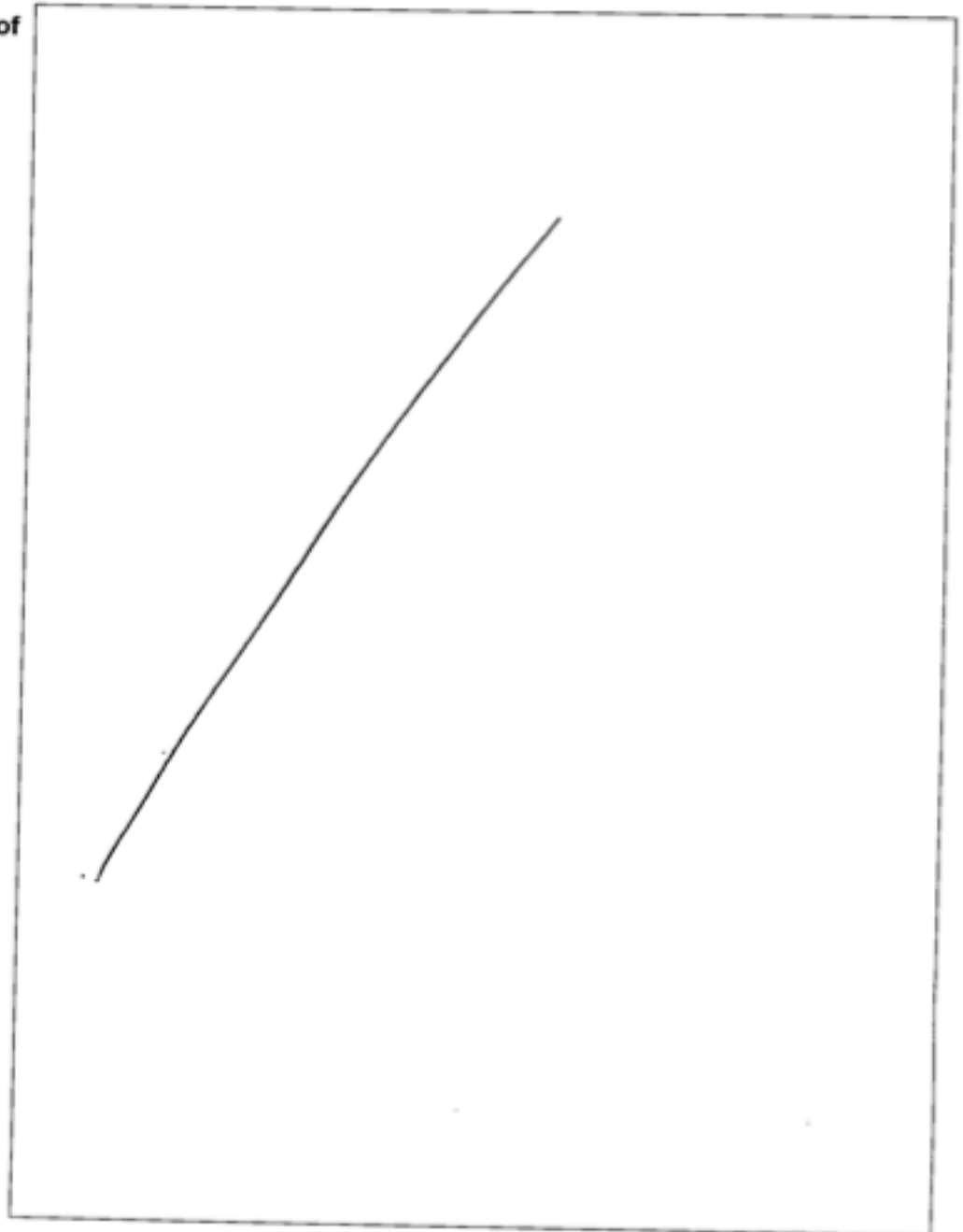
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (FCA)

(if any):	
Address:	32 STATION ROAD, RAINHAM
	GILLINGHAM
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Section B Disclosure

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

MY SHINING STAR (No (if any))

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/12/2021	To	Period end date 30/11/2022
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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					
Donations Banked	105,667	-	-	105,667	107,115
Grants	-	-	-	-	13,900
Fundraising Events	26,504	-	-	26,504	1,365
Other Receipts	648	-	-	648	597
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	132,819	-	-	132,819	122,907
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	132,819	-	-	132,819	122,967
A3 Payments					
Grants and Gifts Given	40,244	-	-	40,244	23,962
Fundraising and Merchandise	6,164	-	-	6,164	4,293
Office Running Costs	18,599	-	-	18,603	18,887
Organisers Wages and expenses	54,633	-	-	54,633	35,230
Advertising and Website	2,390	-	-	2,390	1,197
Professional Fees	1,955	-	-	1,955	1,665
Christmas Gifts	-	-	-	-	1,384
Sundry Expenses	1,713	-	-	1,713	1,263
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	125,698	-	-	125,702	87,891
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Computer and Equipment	-	-	-	383	2,113
Vehicle	-	-	-	27,094	-
	-	-	-	27,477	2,113
Sub total	-	-	-	27,477	2,113
Total payments	125,698	-	-	153,179	90,004
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,121	-	-	20,360	32,963
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	78,939	45,976
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	7,121	-	-	58,579	78,939

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	Current Account	55,324	-	-
	VAT Debtor	3,255	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	58,579	-	-

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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
VAT Debtor	3,255	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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

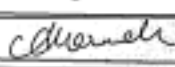
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Anita Marinelli	28/09/2023

MY SHINING STAR

England & Wales - Charity number 1170482

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	12	2020		30	11	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

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	ANITA MARINELLI		2016 TO DATE	ANITA MARINELLI
2	GEMMA JUSTICE		2016 TO DATE	
3	DEAN JOHNSON		2019 TO DATE	
4	MICHELLE JONES		2019 TO DATE	
5	MARGARET STANLEY		2019 TO DATE	
6	ESTELLE THOMPSON		2019 TO DATE	
7	HEATHER O KEEFFE		2020 TO DATE	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Our trustees are selected by their passion and dedication to the world of childhood cancer. They are chosen based on hours dedicated to the cause, skills that they can individually bring and on a position of trust.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>We have an in house trustee policy which all trustees read, sign and adhere to at all times. The charity seeks regular guidance from the Charity Commission to make sure that guidance and advice is up to date, particularly on public benefit.</p> <p>All trustees at the charity are of no relation to each other, for transparency.</p> <p>The board consists of:</p> <p>Anita Marinelli (Founder, CEO, Trustee) Gemma Justice (Founding Trustee) Dean Johnson (Trustee) Heather O'Keeffe (Trustee)</p> <p>All major decisions such as grant making are put to the board regularly. Smaller decisions such as counsel are extended to wider trustees. The CEO has the final decision when trustees do not agree. However, this has never happened to date – the founder feels quite strongly that is important to come to a harmonious decision with its beneficiaries at the heart of everything we do.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

For the benefit, relief and assistance of the public- specifically families in need of support when their children are diagnosed with cancer. This can be any part of the UK only who require advice, support, financial aid. Specifically, but not limited to medical expenses (equipment), housing support, travel expenses, clothing, appliances, transport costs, hospital parking, food, therapy and mental health support. All of the above that arise as a direct impact of their child's diagnosis.

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)

We extended our therapy sessions to support families by obtaining a grant from the National Lottery (£10,950)
The charity issued grants to the value of £24,466. Due to lockdown and the distinct lack of fundraising events being able to take place, we had to proceed with caution. This was to ensure the longevity of the charity through such a difficult period.

Grants were made to support practical equipment such as pushchairs, medical equipment not available on the NHS, help with travel expenses, food, utilities, clothing, therapy, sibling support, promoting mental health and small treats.

Our Christmas hospital visits were replaced by gifts and practical items sent remotely. This included vouchers, hampers, afternoon teas, toys, toiletries. The charity had a wishlist which meant that people could donate, we could then store the items for a period of time to quarantine them and then forward on.

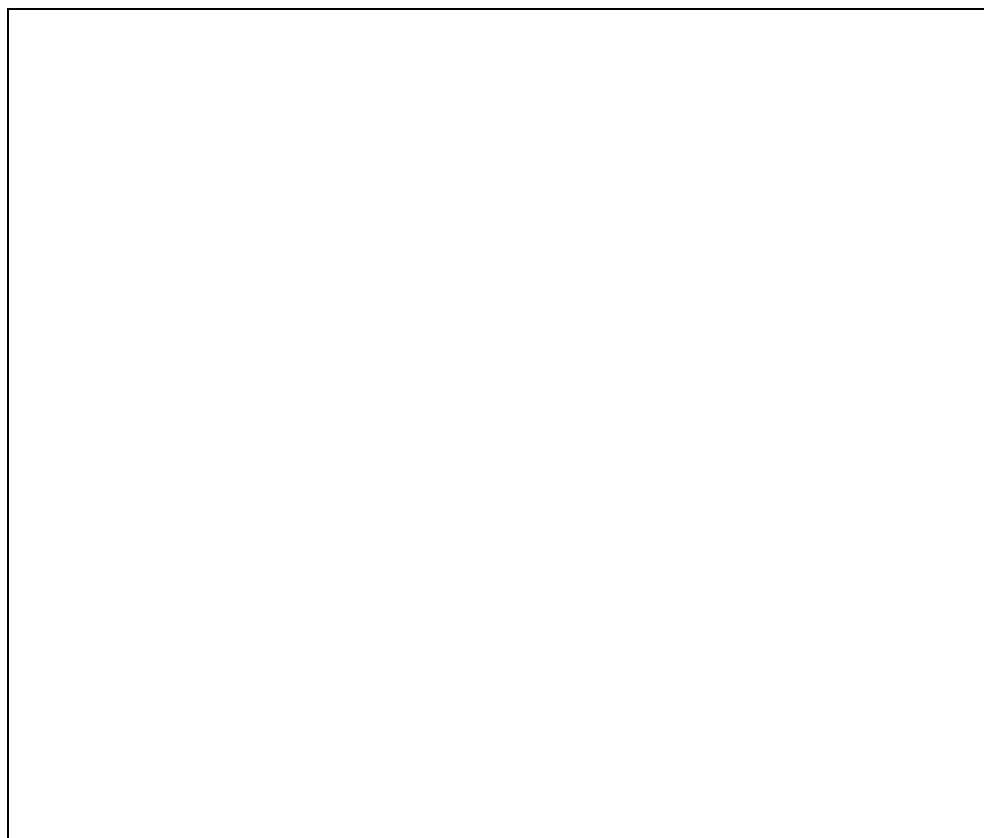
We switched to online fundraising and tried our best to reduce our already small office costs.

The charity income for the year was £124,086

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.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has reserves of £40,000 at all times.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No deficits to recall.

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.

Much of our funds are raised via our large social media following and businesses getting in touch to raise funds as a result of the work they see us do.

We continued to use our connections for children to be supported with positive messages and encouragement from players in the Premier League to raise their spirits.

We are extremely proud of the year we have had considering so many difficulties that the world has faced and have learned to adapt to the many obstacles the charity has faced,

Compared to last years charity accounts which were £76,019, we successfully navigated covid and brought the charity income forward by almost £50,000. We believe this is testament to our passion for the cause and our willingness to adapt to any situation.

Section F Other optional information

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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)	A MARINELLI	G JUSTICE
Full name(s)	ANITA MARINELLI	GEMMA JUSTICE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	FOUNDER/TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE/BOARD MEMBER
Date	13.09.2022	



Receipts and payments account

For the period from	01/12/2020	To
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Donations Banked	66,374	-	-
Donations via Just Giving/Facebook	42,457	-	-
Grants	2,950	10,950	-
Fundraising events	1,355	-	-
Vat reclaimed	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	113,136	10,950	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	113,136	10,950	-
A3 Payments			
Grants and Gift given	24,466	-	-
Fundraising and Merchandise	4,293	-	-
Office Running costs	21,760	-	-
Organisers wages and expenses	36,720	-	-
Advertising & Website	1,197	-	-
Professional Fees	1,425	-	-
Sundry Expenses	1,263	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	91,124	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	91,124	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	22,012	10,950	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds at year end	56,927	-	14/09/2022

Cash funds this year end	78,939	10,950	-
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance	78,939
		-
		-
	Total cash funds	78,939

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Rent deposit and prepayment	4,580
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment assets		

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Office furniture and equipment	unrestricted funds

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates
B5 Liabilities		
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

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Total funds

Last year

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

66,374	35,551
42,457	39,817
13,900	-
1,355	651
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
124,086	76,019

-	-
-	-
-	-

124,086	76,019
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24,466	19,137
4,293	2,464
21,760	18,745
36,720	17,141
1,197	598
1,425	925
1,263	365
-	-
-	-
91,124	59,376

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91,124	59,376
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32,962	16,643
-	-
56,927	29,333

89,889	45,976
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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
10,950	-
-	-
-	-
10,950	-

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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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-	-

Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
-	
-	

-	
-	
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name MY SHINING STAR

On accounts for the year ended

30 NOVEMBER 2021

Charity no (if any)

1174082

Set out on pages

(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 30/11/21

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.

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Signed:

J Richardson

Date:

29/9/22

Name:

JENNIFER M RICHARDSON FCA

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

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT - ICAEW

Address:

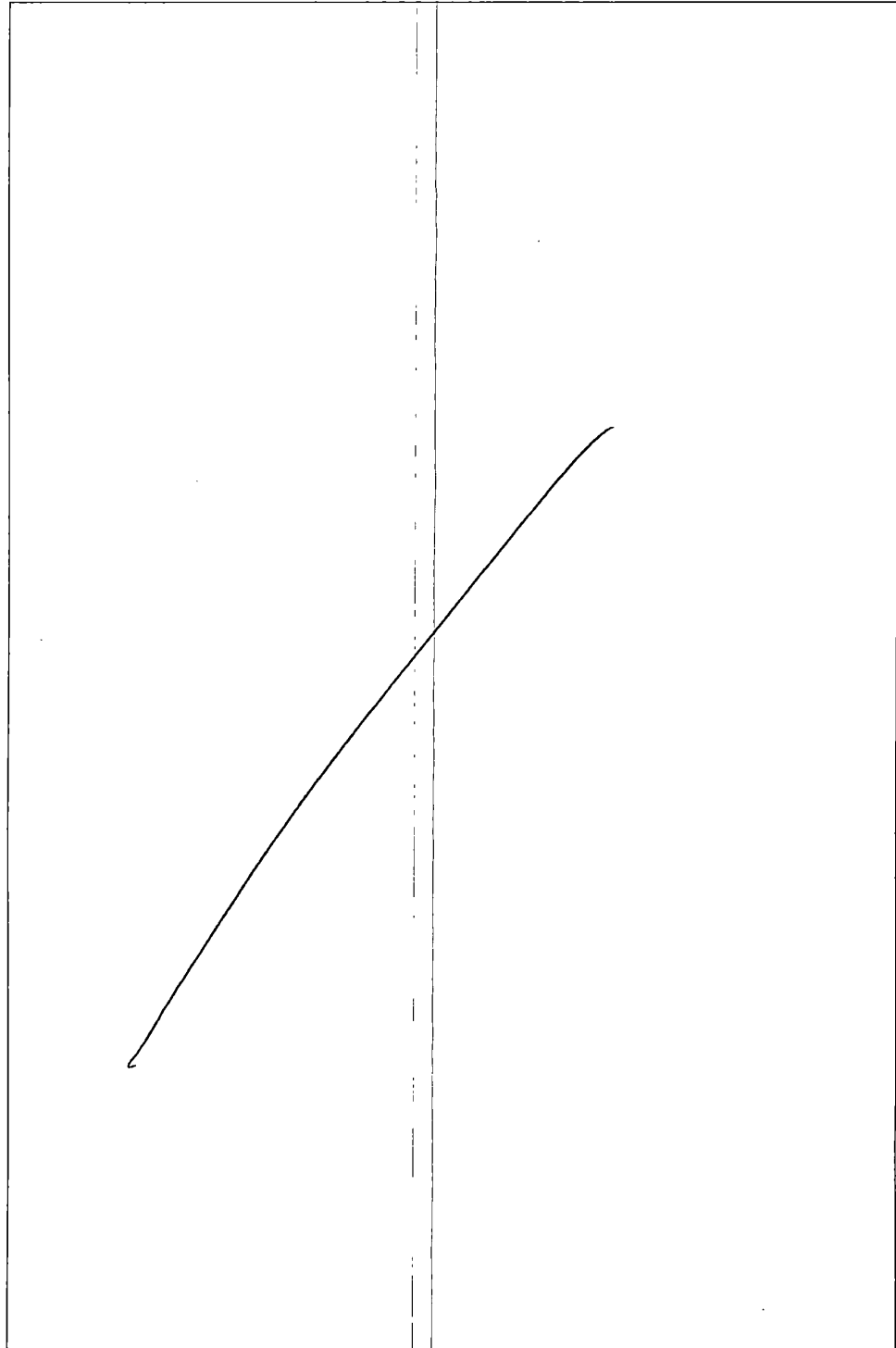
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Section B

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.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

MY SHINING STAR

No (if any)
1174082

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/12/2020	To	Period end date 30/11/2021
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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					
Donations banked	64,658	-	-	64,658	35,551
Donations via Just Giving/Facebook	42,457	-	-	42,457	39,817
Grants	2,950	10,950	-	13,900	-
Fundraising Events	1,355	-	-	1,355	651
Other Receipts	597	-	-	597	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	112,017	10,950	-	122,967	76,019
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	112,017	10,950	-	122,967	76,019
A3 Payments					
Grants and Gifts given	23,962	-	-	23,962	19,137
Fundraising and Merchandise	4,293	-	-	4,293	2,464
Office Running Costs	18,887	-	-	18,887	18,745
Organisers wages and expenses	35,230	-	-	35,230	17,141
Advertising & Website	1,197	-	-	1,197	598
Professional Fees	1,665	-	-	1,665	925
Christmas gifts	1,394	-	-	1,394	-
Sundry Expenses	1,263	-	-	1,263	366
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	87,891	-	-	87,891	59,376
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Computer & Equipment	2,113	-	-	2,113	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,113	-	-	2,113	-
Total payments	90,004	-	-	90,004	59,376
Net of receipts/(payments)	22,013	10,950	-	32,963	16,643
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,976	-	-	45,976	29,333
Cash funds this year end	67,989	10,950	-	78,939	45,976

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 Balance	67,989	10,950	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	67,989	10,950	-

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

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Rent Deposit and Prepayment	4,580	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Office Furniture and Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	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
		30/09/2022

MY SHINING STAR

England & Wales - Charity number 1170482

Accounts



Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 1/12/2019 - 30/11/2020

Charity name: MY SHINING STAR CHILDRENS CANCER CHARITY

Charity registration number: 1170482

Company number:

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the benefit, the relief and assistance of the public, specifically families in need of support when their children are diagnosed with cancer in any part of the UK, who require financial aid and advice, by providing them with medical expenses/ advice, housing support, travel expenses, fundraising advice/support and guidance with any other issues that arise as a direct result of their child's diagnosis. The long term goal of the charity will be to help fund treatment currently unavailable in the UK, extending options for life expectancy and funding future medical research to increase survival rates.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Activities for public benefit as stated in accounts: £59,376 towards providing diagnosed children and their families with respite in the form of a family hub, by funding practical items such as washing machines, medical equipment unavailable on the NHS, therapy sessions promoting mental health, grants to assist with debt and housing crisis, food and travel expenses, support at Christmas to ensure that some families actually get one, assistance of the same to hospitals in Kent, London and Surrey areas, particularly The Royal Marsden oncology unit.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All named Trustees have received regular guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	See appendix one- Criteria on grant applications.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The volunteer contribution has been very restricted this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. December 2019 saw support once again from Buckland Media who helped us transport 1200 gifts and essentials for families, alongside businesses and supporters who had their own collections for the charity. March 2020 saw our official family hub opening and we had support in the way of decorating, cake making, hair donations to raise funds.
Other		

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The most significant aspect that impacted the charity during this period is the worldwide lockdown and Covid 19 pandemic. We realised very early on once all fundraising events had to be cancelled, marathons cancelled, that we needed to change the way we were operating to stay afloat. To save money and to still support families as much as possible - we decided to run the charity from home. This meant cancelling our utilities that were not needed (for example- bin collections and London Landmarks charity marathon places to save money). Many charities and businesses have not recovered, however, this forward thinking has allowed us to cut back slightly but still give the support and care to the families at already such a difficult time- when compared with the year before.
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		<p>We were still able to give grants but in smaller quantities by reviewing the charity account from month to month. We realised that we had to adapt to mainly online fundraising – helping our local hospital in the process by designing our own ‘Thank you NHS’ stickers The proceeds were split between the charity and providing Medway Hospital with portable DVD players. This alleviated anxiety for children in isolation due to Covid 19. We designed and sold My Shining Star charity masks and collected gifts for NHS workers.</p> <p>We are not a wish making organisation, however our connections have meant that we were able to give comfort to some terminally ill children. My Shining Star has built a connection with some Premier League footballers who send messages of support when needed and when time allows. This has left parents with long lasting positive memories of their child’s last few days, despite such difficult circumstances.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Achievements against objectives set were particularly difficult, due to the unprecedented year we have had. New objectives were set in March, just after our official opening and that was to save costs and find new way to fundraise and not operate at a loss on the year before. Our accounts show that we have increased on the year before on both income and grant making.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite 6 months of lockdown, we have grown as a charity- within the community and in terms of the grants and support given. This has proved to be the strongest charity year to date, despite substantial challenges.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is to never have less than £10,000 in the bank to cover operational costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	In excess of £25,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	

How is the charity constituted? for example limited company, unincorporated association, CIO	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Volunteers that have proven their worth in terms of passion for the work we do, time dedicated to the cause and skills that they can bring voluntarily to the organisation.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	We seek regular guidance from the Charity Commission to keep policies and procedures up to date. When taking on trustees, we use the same method and make sure the relevant documents are read, signed and understood.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	MY SHINING STAR CHILDRENS CANCER CHARITY
Other name the charity uses	MY SHINING STAR
Registered charity number	1170482
Charity's principal address	9A HIGH STREET, RAINHAM, ME8 7HX

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	ANITA MARINELLI			ANITA MARINELLI
2	DEAN JOHNSON			
3	HEATHER O KEEFFE			
4	MARGARET STANLEY			
5	MICHELLE JONES			
6	GEMMA JUSTICE			
7	ESTELLE THOMPSON			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
ANITA MARINELLI	
HEATHER O KEEFFE	

DEAN JOHNSON	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NA
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NA
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NA

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounts	Tracy Bunn	
Counselling Services	Genovieve Feasey	
Accounts	Jennifer Richardson	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)	A Marinelli	
Full name(s)	Anita Marinelli	
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Founder, Chair & Trustee	
Date	07.09.2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
My Shining Star

1174082

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/12/2019	To	Period end date 30/11/2020
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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					
Donations Banked	35,551	-	-	35,551	44,590
Donations via Just giving	39,817	-	-	39,817	26,832
Grants	-	-	-	-	4,000
Fundraising events	651	-	-	651	1,597
Vat Reclaimed	-	-	-	-	1,107
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	76,019	-	-	76,019	78,126
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	76,019	-	-	76,019	78,126
A3 Payments					
Grants and Gifts Given	19,137	-	-	19,137	20,389
Fundraising & Merchandise	2,464	-	-	2,464	7,789
Office Running costs	18,745	-	-	18,745	9,985
Organisers Wages and expenses	17,141	-	-	17,141	15,202
Advertising & website	598	-	-	598	772
Professional Fees	925	-	-	925	2,880
Sundry expenses	365	-	-	365	869
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	59,376	-	-	59,376	57,885
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-	-	2,493
Rent deposits	-	-	-	-	4,580
Sub total	-	-	-	-	7,074
Total payments	59,376	-	-	59,376	64,959
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,643	-	-	16,643	13,168
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,333	-	-	29,333	16,165
Cash funds this year end	45,976	-	-	45,976	29,333



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

Report to the trustees/ members of	My Shining Star	
On accounts for the year ended	30 th November 2020	Charity no (if any) 1174082
Set out on pages		
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 November 2020.</p> <p>As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>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.</p>	
Independent examiner's statement	<p>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,:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or • the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or • the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. <p>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.</p> <p><i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i></p>	
Signed:	<i>T Bunn</i>	Date: 06/09/2021
Name:	Tracy Bunn	
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MAAT	