

## Chairman Report 2nd February 2024 to 1st February 2025

Ollies Heroes is an independent Charity that supports children under the age of 16 who have been diagnosed with a cancer in the East of England.

The current Board of Trustees have been in position for just over 9 years now The Charity has found a settled place in the local community. We have had our annual discussion about our positions and all are not only happy to remain in place but feel we feel the experience we all have will enable us to continue the vital work we do in supporting families. The board have established an organised charity in terms of operation and financially we are organised and in a strong position. We believe we have a very strong Board of Trustees in place which each operate to their own strengths.

Name	Position	Experience	Skills/ Strengths
Jamie Gray	Chairman	Paramedic. Former School Governor	Finances project development
Claire Gray	Trustee	Mum Carer Teaching Assistant	Organisation, Fundraising.
Linda Grainge	Trustee	Sales Manager	Organisation, Fundraising.

Post COVID-19 we have been able to resume our normal fundraising activities, although everyone is experiencing financial hardship we have been extremely fortunate in our fundraising. We were again able to hold our annual cake sale which is our biggest fundraising event of the year, along with our grand raffle, which we are lucky enough to continue to be supported by Potters Leisure resorts. For this we cant thank them enough. We also were able to continue in partnership with another Charity Topcats and able to host our summer ball which as always was a hugely popular night. Frustratingly we haven't been able to include the funds raised on the night in the accounts as we were waiting for them to be released from Topcats accounts. We also received some amazing support from our local community, of note is a local ladies dart league who kindly nominated us as there charity of the year raising over £3000 for us. This has enabled us to keep on making grants.

Our costs are usually minimal again this year we have reported zero costs We are fortunate to be supported by some wonderful local business's who have helped cover costs such as printing. After the turmoil of last year it has been refreshing to have funds available, we continue to be in great demand, and work closely with young lives v cancer as our main agent for making referrals for families in need. Going forward we can predict issues in maintaining a suitable bank balance any previous reserves are now extinguished. We are aware of the current financial climate and cost of living crisis. We will regroup and look for new revenues of fundraising. This has been our busiest year to date with a total of 63 grants. Which brings the total number of families supported to an incredible 298.

As the chairman and Ollies Dad I am incredibly proud to be approaching the milestone of supporting our 300<sup>th</sup> family this highlights the importance of all the hardwork that goes in to fundraising so we are able to continue to support families in there times of need. We are eternally grateful for all the support offered to us and really can't thank everyone enough. Despite the amount of support we have received, We need to continue looking at alternative revenue streams in order to keep us functioning and supporting as many families in need as possible  
We still aim to turn around applications within a week (normally within 2 days)

We are particularly proud of our local community and there ongoing support Ollies Heroes is a well known charity and much respected which means the world to us.

Regards

Jamie Gray (Chairman)

I have prepared the financial statements for the year ending 1st February 2024. From the records vouchers and other information available to me.

To the best of my knowledge and belief these financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with such information

### **INCOME**

St Marks Ladies Group	£100.00
Cash Donations	£980.00
Darren Sprunt Marathon	£1,725.00
Cake Sale	£1,711.85
Darts Ladies	£3,200.00
Barclays £for£	£2,000.00
Sum Up Machine Payments (Cake Sale)	£287.10
Shell Donation via Tom Eade	£500.00
Suffolk Sight	£100.00
Summer Ball 2023	£1,730.00

Total Income from 2nd February 2024 to 1st February 2025	£12,333.95
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### **EXPENDITURE**

	£15,750.00
Grants Made (Total of 63)	
Other Expenses	0

Total Expenditure from 2nd February 2024 to 1st February 2025	£15,750.00
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**Excess Income Over Expenditure**

Funds Bought Forward	£3,572.47
Total Income from 2nd February 2024 to 1st February 2025	£15,750.00
Total Expenditure from 2nd February 2024 to 1st February 2025	
Total Funds Carried Forward	£156.42

Jamie Gray  
Chairman Ollies Heroes

## **INCOME**

A Deacon Donation	£120.00
Amazon Smile	£25.86
Anne Gray Donation	£5,000.00
Cake Sale	£4,103.48
Cash Donations Donation	£355.00
Barclays £for£	£2,000.00
RAOB Beccles	£250.00
Pauline Liddle Fund Raising	£1,075.00
Garden Gig	£314.00
Ambulance Service Fundraising	£305.00
Jones Donation	£500.00
Paypal	£672.09

Total Income from 1st February 2022 to 2nd February 2023      £14,720.43

## **EXPENDITURE**

Grants Made (Total of 46)      £12,758.00

Total Expenditure from 1st February 2022 to 2nd February 2023      £12,758.00

## **Excess Income Over Expenditure**

Funds Bought Forward	£1,610.04	
Total Income from 1st February 2023 to 2nd February 2024	£14,720.43	£16,330.47
Total Expenditure from 2nd February 2023 to 1st February	£12,758.00	

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Total Funds Carried Forward

£3,572.47