

CANCER ON BOARD



Charity Number 1172100

Annual Report and Accounts 2023

Chairman's Report 2023

Another quiet year for the charity, as each trustee has been busy with personal life events and other work commitments. We have managed to keep the charity ticking over, and look forward to our lives becoming more stable.

We continue to send badges to individual cancer patients, and to clinics and patient support organisations all over the country, and we look forward to being able to promote our goals to a wider audience in future.

Who we are

The objectives of the charity, as defined by our charter, are:

To supplement the treatment and care of persons undergoing treatment for cancer or in need of rehabilitation as a result of cancer, by the provision of goods and materials:

- A. To promote and protect the physical and mental health of cancer patients in the United Kingdom when using all modes of public transportation by seeking to enhance their comfort and overall experience whilst travelling on public transport;
- B. To support cancer patients when engaging and interacting with the general public transport community; and
- C. To advance the education and awareness of the general public transport community in all areas related to cancer and cancer patients.

What we do

We provide visible evidence, in the form of badges, to alert other passengers on public transport that the wearer is a cancer patient. This has two connected aims:

Firstly, it encourages able-bodied passengers to stand rather than sit, as the badge wearer may find it difficult to stand for the duration of their journey. This means cancer patients can feel much more independent, and have the confidence to travel rather than being limited to staying at home.

Secondly, having a visible badge generally raises awareness of cancer patients using public transport, and encourages wearers and other passengers to engage with one another. By making cancer patients more visible in their interaction with the general public, and encouraging dialogue, they improve the level of understanding of issues that cancer patients encounter every

Who benefits?

The benefit to cancer patients is that they find it easier to cope with journeys on public transport. Cancer patients often find that they lose their sense of independence, and the idea of going out in public, even for just a short while, can be daunting. The visual signal that you might be in need of a little extra consideration from fellow passengers can make all the difference.

Future Plans

Our aim as a charity remains the same and we continue to explore links with other cancer charities.

Because of our specific aim at transport related issues, we are able to work alongside charities which focus on different aspects of the cancer experience. We look forward to forming new relationships with like-minded organisations to promote the cause of cancer patients everywhere.

Money Spent

Our expenditure of £1078.04 for 2023 breaks down as below.

A bulk printing of 10,000 badges will keep us healthily stocked for this year and hopefully next year as well. Our only other costs are for sending badges in the post.

Badge Printing	£927.60
Postage	£114.49
Stationery & Packaging	£35.95

Donations

We received donations this year via Virgin Money Giving, Donr, Paypal, and direct donations by bank transfer.

In total we received £762.06

Our fundraising practices

Fundraising is carried out in accordance with the Code of Fundraising Practice, as specified by the Fundraising Regulator. Trustees of the charity perform their duties in line with the code, and also have particular regard to the Guide to Trustee Duties CC20 published by the Charity Commission.

All money into the charity is raised from the public, and we employ no professional fundraisers. Cancer On Board has not made any grants, and earns no income from contracts. We have received no grant funding from central government or any local authority.

The charity has no trading subsidiaries, trustees receive no remuneration of any kind, and we employ no staff.

What we plan to do with your donations

The charity has very few running costs, and is run by three trustees, who do not receive payment of any kind for this work. This means that we can run a very lean organisation and spend the vast majority of our money on printing badges and distributing them to the point of need.

Assets and Liabilities

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

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