

SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1172918

Details

Other names	CONNOR SOLAN FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST, TEAM SOLAN
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-05-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND PRESERVATION OF HEALTH OF PERSONS SUFFERING WITH CANCER AND THEIR FAMILIES LIVING WITHIN COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES NOT NORMALLY PROVIDED BY THE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES.

Activities: Team Solan is a charity created to help people impacted by a cancer. diagnosis or bereavement. Our aim is to help improve the quality of life of those affected by cancer within the North East of England. We provide bespoke help, support, advice and signposting for families and individuals who are dealing with the turmoil that cancer can bring.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria
- Darlington
- Durham
- Gateshead
- Hartlepool
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Yorkshire
- Northumberland
- Redcar And Cleveland
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-05	£391,847	£335,292	-	-
2024-05-05	£295,676	£328,770	-	-
2023-05-05	£268,540	£319,797	-	-
2022-05-05	£268,667	£232,411	-	-
2021-05-05	£235,991	£131,313	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Harry Hubber		2022-01-11
Paul William O'Hehir		2022-05-10
Ryan Graham Hudson		2024-12-18

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Accounts



**SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
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Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust

Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

Our purpose remains rooted in our vision that no one should have to face cancer alone. This year, we have continued to support individuals and families affected by cancer through every stage of their journey. We refer to those at the heart of our work as *Warriors*. They are people of all ages who are living with a cancer diagnosis, recovering from treatment, or experiencing the loss of a loved one.

The practical and emotional needs of our *Warriors* have remained at the centre of all activity. Our team of staff and volunteers have delivered personalised support including regular check-ins, counselling, transport to medical appointments, help with essential shopping and bills, and assistance in accessing equipment and services not otherwise available through statutory provision.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Charity's primary objective is to improve the quality of life for families affected by cancer in the North East of England. To achieve this aim and provide clear public benefit, the Charity provides a wide range of services designed to meet the diverse needs of our beneficiaries:

- **Counselling and Holistic Therapies:** Offering vital emotional and physical support to individuals facing challenging circumstances.
- **Hair and Beauty Treatments and Hair Loss Services:** Helping beneficiaries manage physical changes, boost self-esteem, and improve mental wellbeing.
- **Patient Transport Services:** Ensuring access to critical medical appointments and services, removing a significant barrier for vulnerable individuals.
- **Provision of Equipment:** Supplying essential mobility aids (e.g., stairlifts, wheelchairs, mobility scooters) to enhance independence and quality of life.
- **Support Hub Activities:** Facilitating social interaction, reducing isolation, and fostering a supportive community through regular coffee mornings, craft sessions, and exercise classes.
- **Warm Spaces Initiative:** Providing safe, comfortable, and heated spaces during colder months, directly addressing fuel poverty and offering a welcoming environment.
- **Community Allotment:** Encouraging physical activity, healthy eating, and social engagement through shared gardening activities.
- **Well-being Initiatives:** Organising social events such as afternoon teas, family meals, and trips to improve overall mental and social wellbeing.
- **Referrals and Raising Awareness:** Signposting beneficiaries to other relevant services and increasing community awareness of available support networks and health issues.

Through these activities, the Trustees are confident that the Charity provides a clear public benefit by improving health outcomes, reducing isolation, and enhancing the quality of life for our beneficiaries

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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Main Achievements

Warrior Support

Our small Warrior Support team is at the heart of everything we do. They provide personalised, compassionate support to individuals and families affected by cancer. This includes regular wellbeing check-ins, one-to-one counselling, help with transport, food, and household needs, and group sessions tailored to different stages and experiences of cancer. We work flexibly to meet people where they are, offering practical help alongside emotional care. Whether through our Hub, outreach groups, or home visits, we are there for our Warriors throughout treatment, recovery, and, when needed, in times of bereavement. No one faces cancer alone when they are part of Team Solan.

Creating special memories is a special part of our support for families facing cancer, especially when time together may be limited. Throughout the year, we provide memory-making treats such as family meals, day trips, afternoon teas, and personalised experiences that bring moments of joy during difficult times. At Christmas, we go even further, delivering festive food hampers, gifts, decorations, and full Christmas dinners to families who might otherwise struggle. For some, this may be their last Christmas together, and we are honoured to help make it as warm, meaningful, and memorable as possible.

The Hub Cafe

Our Hub Cafe in Spennymoor has grown into a lively and welcoming community space. It continues to offer daily activities including coffee mornings, art and crafts sessions, gentle exercise classes, and drop-in support. During the colder months, our Welcome Spaces provision has ensured that people could access a hot drink, a snack, and a friendly face.

The Hub Cafe has also become a venue for new preventative health and wellbeing programmes. This has included cancer awareness sessions, wellbeing meet-ups, and introductory workshops on self-care and mindfulness.

Additionally, we have initiated a schedule of events for Warriors and their families, delivered in our Hub Café, these have included a St Patricks Day celebration, Christmas parties, Easter events, pancake days, school holidays activities for Children and more.

The Wellness Centre

One of our most significant achievements this year has been the opening our new Wellness Centre. This has included the development of our new wig, therapy and treatment rooms, the reintroduction of holistic and beauty therapies, acupuncture and podiatry. These improvements reflect both the changing needs of our community and our desire to provide structured, inclusive, and professionalised support.

Outreach Groups

Beyond Spennymoor, we have continued to run outreach groups in Bishop Auckland and Billingham. These groups provide essential social and emotional support to people who may be unable to travel. We are actively exploring new locations and working with local partners to ensure our services are as accessible as possible.

Retail

The Team Solan Shop remains a central part of our identity and impact. Now firmly established on the high street, it continues to perform well despite a challenging retail environment. The Superstore offers furniture and clothing donated by our generous community and plays a vital role in supporting our charitable work. It creates volunteering and work experience opportunities for those rebuilding confidence after illness or bereavement. The shop also serves as a friendly, welcoming first point of contact and gateway to our organisation, often introducing new Warriors, volunteers, and supporters to our charity.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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Additional Note

Future Plans

This year we have developed five-year business plans for both the charity as a whole and the retail business. These plans provide a structured roadmap for delivery, sustainability, and impact. The charity business plan sets out our intention to grow our outreach work, expand the Wellness Centre offer, and strengthen our ability to support those experiencing bereavement.

We recognise that some groups, including men and younger people, may be less likely to engage with traditional forms of support. To reach these individuals, we are developing new approaches that reflect their interests and provide safe, informal ways to connect. This includes exploring gardening, DIY, music, film nights, songwriting sessions, fishing trips, and creative, arts-based group activities. These experiences will be designed not only to reduce isolation but to offer meaningful outlets for expression, reflection, and peer connection. By diversifying our offer in this way, we hope to create more inclusive and engaging opportunities.

The retail business plan focuses on maintaining a profitable and community-driven store that also supports our charitable aims. This includes investment in volunteer training, improved stock systems, and continued use of the shop as a platform for community fundraising and awareness.

Grants & Funding

In addition to individual donations and income from retail, we have secured grant funding from a range of sources including The Sir James Knott Trust, Awards for All, Point North (Formerly County Durham Community Foundation), The Hospital of God, The COSTA Foundation, Spennymoor Town Council and Bishop Auckland Town Council. Our corporate partnership scheme has continued to develop, with local businesses offering both financial support and in-kind assistance such as staff volunteering, equipment donations, and event sponsorship. We would particularly like to mention Meldrum Construction, and LEVIs for their financial and practical support over the year.

Operations

We have strengthened our referral pathways this year. Relationships with GP surgeries, hospital teams, community nurses, and Macmillan professionals have ensured that more people are being signposted to our services. Our reputation for providing rapid, compassionate, and bespoke personalised support continues to grow.

Over the past year, we introduced a new customer relationship management (CRM) system to strengthen how we record, monitor, and respond to the needs of our Warriors, volunteers, and supporters. This development marks an important step forward in our ability to track the impact of our work, streamline internal processes, and ensure that we are making the best possible use of our time and resources. While the rollout has brought some challenges, as is often the case with new systems, our team has shown great adaptability. We are now working to embed the system into daily operations and hope to see long-term value.

The Year Ahead

Our objectives for the coming year reflect the strategic priorities set out in our new five-year business plans and build on the progress made over the past twelve months. We will continue to expand the range of therapies available through our Wellness Centre, creating a more comprehensive and accessible offer that meets the complex emotional and physical needs of our Warriors. We aim to establish new outreach sites in underserved areas, reaching more people who may otherwise struggle to access support. Strengthening our mental health and bereavement services remains a focus, with plans to continue delivering tailored one-to-one and group support for our Warriors.

In line with our commitment to long-term resilience, we are also taking active steps to diversify our income. This includes maximising the potential of our trading activity and deepening our relationships with funders, partners, and donors. Our goal is to secure the financial stability needed to protect our services in the years ahead, without compromising our values or personal approach.

Financial Review

**Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025**

Financial Position

The Charity's financial position remains stable. Total income for the year was £391,847 reflecting ongoing community generosity and effective fundraising. Expenditure rose to £335,294, in line with the planned expansion of our services resulting in a surplus for the year of £56,553. Our reserves stand at £236,743, approximately 12 months of running costs, which provides security and flexibility as we move forward.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by a Board of Trustees who take an active role in strategic oversight and decision making. Day-to-day operations are led by the Chief Executive and delivered by a small staff team and our loyal volunteers.

Additional Note

Risk Management

Risk is regularly reviewed and mitigated, with particular attention to safeguarding, financial sustainability, and operational delivery.

Conclusion

In conclusion, this has been a year of consolidation, planning and working towards financial sustainability.

We are deeply grateful to our Warriors, supporters, volunteers, staff, funders and partners. Their commitment and generosity ensure that we can continue to be there for people at their most difficult and vulnerable times.

Team Solan looks to the future with confidence, compassion, and determination to build on the progress we have made and to reach even more families affected by cancer in the year ahead.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Mr Paul O'Hehir
Mr Allan Wheatley
Mr Harry Hubber
Mrs Debra Swinburn

Charity Number

CE009917

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Independent Examiner

Karl Gordon FCCA ACCA
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Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025**

Chartered Certified Accountants
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**Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025**

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Paul O'Hehir (Mar 2, 2026, 3:53pm)

Mr Paul O'Hehir

Trustee
02/03/2026

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 May 2025.

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

Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

Karl Gordon

Karl Gordon (Mar 2, 2026, 3:19pm)

Karl Gordon FCCA ACCA

02/03/2026
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Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Unrestricted funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	192,821	-	192,821	88,017
Charitable activities:					
The Hub		34,261	-	34,261	9,725
Shop		71,235	-	71,235	70,209
Other trading activities	4	93,530	-	93,530	103,787
		391,847	-	391,847	271,738
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	(138,855)	(39,540)	(178,395)	(204,901)
Charitable activities:	6				
Warrior Support		(111,524)	-	(111,524)	(61,199)
The Hub		(8,394)	-	(8,394)	(10,157)
Shop		(36,979)	-	(36,979)	(29,598)
		(295,752)	(39,540)	(335,292)	(305,855)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		96,095	(39,540)	56,555	(34,117)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		96,095	(39,540)	56,555	(34,117)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		180,189	-	180,189	214,306
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	15	276,284	(39,540)	236,744	180,189

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 May 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	10	24,084	-	24,084	36,547
		24,084	-	24,084	36,547
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	2,210	-	2,210	2,100
Debtors	12	9,500	-	9,500	2,040
Cash at bank and in hand		171,650	39,540	211,190	231,204
		183,360	39,540	222,900	235,344
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	13	(10,240)	-	(10,240)	(91,702)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		173,120	39,540	212,660	143,642
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		197,204	39,540	236,744	180,189
NET ASSETS		197,204	39,540	236,744	180,189
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				(39,540)	-
Unrestricted Funds				276,284	180,189
TOTAL FUNDS	15			236,744	180,189

On behalf of the board



Paul O'Hehir (Mar 2, 2026, 3:53pm)

Mr Paul O'Hehir

Trustee
02/03/2026

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

1. General Information

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number CE009917. The principal address is 26-28 High Street, Spennymoor, Co Durham, DL16 6DB.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity has a right to the economic benefit (entitlement), it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured with reasonable accuracy (certainty and measurement).

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

a) Donations and Grants

Voluntary income, including donations, grants, and gifts, is accounted for gross and recognised when the charity has an unconditional entitlement to the resources.

- **Unrestricted grants** (core funding) are credited to the SoFA upon receipt or when a formal offer is received and the conditions for receipt within the charity's control have been met.
- **Restricted grants** are recognised when the entitlement criteria are met. Where a grant is conditional upon performance and specific deliverables, it is accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Unspent funds subject to conditions (not just restrictions) are treated as deferred income on the balance sheet until the conditions are met.

b) Legacies

Legacies are recognised when the charity is notified of an impending distribution and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty, which is usually when the charity has an unconditional entitlement to the funds and receipt is probable (e.g., when the final accounts of the estate are approved).

c) Donated Services and Facilities (Gifts in Kind)

Donated services and facilities with a quantifiable value that would otherwise be purchased are recognised in the SoFA (both as income and expenditure) at their value to the charity where this value can be reliably measured. The value of services provided by volunteers is not included in the accounts but is acknowledged in the Trustees' Annual Report due to the difficulties in measuring their value reliably.

d) Income from Charitable Trading Activities

Income from events and the sale of goods/services as part of the charity's primary purpose is included in the SoFA when earned (accrual basis). All incoming resources are reported gross, and associated costs are shown as expenditure.

e) Investment Income

Investment income (e.g., dividends, interest, and rent from investment properties) is included in the SoFA when receivable.

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2.3. Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, which means liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, and the amount can be reliably measured.

All expenditure is reported gross and categorized under headings that group related costs. When costs cannot be directly linked to a specific activity, they are allocated based on how the resources are used.

Key expenditure categories include Costs of Generating Funds, Expenditure on Charitable Activities, and Governance Costs. Governance Costs are considered support costs and are distributed among other expenditure categories. Grants payable are recognised when payment conditions are met and the recipient expects to receive the funds.

2.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	15% straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	15% straight line
Computer Equipment	15% straight line

2.5. Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Work in progress is reflected in the accounts on a contract by contract basis by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses.

At the end of each reporting period stocks are assessed for impairment. If an item of stock is impaired, the identified stock is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell and an impairment charge is recognised in the statement of financial activities. Where a reversal of the impairment is required the impairment charge is reversed, up to the original impairment loss, and is recognised as a credit in the statement of financial activities.

2.6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

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	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Donations and gifts	51,930	40,687
Member subscriptions and sponsorships	29,312	7,790
Gift aid	15,492	-
Grants	96,087	39,540
	192,821	88,017
	192,821	88,017

4. Income from Other Trading Activities

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Sponsorships	990	2,002
Fundraising events	92,540	101,785
	93,530	103,787
	93,530	103,787

5. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	12,463	-
	12,463	-

6. Analysis of Expenditure

		2025
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs
	£	(see note 7)
	£	£
Raising funds	37,947	140,448
Warrior Support	111,524	-
The Hub	6,747	1,647
Shop	33,859	3,120
	190,077	145,215
	190,077	335,292

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		2024
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 7)
	£	£
Raising funds	36,448	168,453
Warrior Support	57,199	4,000
The Hub	8,752	1,405
Shop	24,548	5,050
	126,947	178,908
		305,855

7. Support Costs

				2025
	Raising funds	The Hub	Shop	Total
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs	64,529	-	-	64,529
Premises expenses	29,017	1,647	3,120	33,784
General administration	34,439	-	-	34,439
Depreciation	12,463	-	-	12,463
	140,448	1,647	3,120	145,215

					2024
	Raising funds	Warrior Support	The Hub	Shop	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Employee costs	83,522	-	-	97	83,619
Premises expenses	23,088	-	1,405	4,953	29,446
General administration	61,843	4,000	-	-	65,843
	168,453	4,000	1,405	5,050	178,908

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8. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	124,499	85,872
Social security costs	5,111	291
Other pension costs	2,626	1,382
	<u>132,236</u>	<u>87,545</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

9. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: 6 (2024: 6)

10. Tangible Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 June 2024	74,087	1,535	7,466	83,088
As at 31 May 2025	<u>74,087</u>	<u>1,535</u>	<u>7,466</u>	<u>83,088</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 June 2024	44,961	460	1,120	46,541
Provided during the period	11,113	230	1,120	12,463
As at 31 May 2025	<u>56,074</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>2,240</u>	<u>59,004</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 May 2025	<u>18,013</u>	<u>845</u>	<u>5,226</u>	<u>24,084</u>
As at 1 June 2024	<u>29,126</u>	<u>1,075</u>	<u>6,346</u>	<u>36,547</u>

11. Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Stock	<u>2,210</u>	<u>2,100</u>

12. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	<u>9,500</u>	<u>2,040</u>

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13. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,508	14,785
Other creditors	1,761	75,086
Taxation and social security	5,638	1,164
Accruals and deferred income	1,333	667
	10,240	91,702

14. Pension Commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £2,626 (2024: £1,382).

At the statement of financial position date contributions of £NIL were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

15. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 June 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 May 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	180,189	391,847	(295,752)	276,284
Restricted funds				
Restricted Fund	-	-	(39,540)	(39,540)
Total funds	180,189	391,847	(335,292)	236,744

	As at 1 June 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 May 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	214,306	271,738	(305,855)	180,189
Total funds	214,306	271,738	(305,855)	180,189

16. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

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No trustee expenses have been incurred.

17. Related Party Disclosures

G Swinburn

Spouse of Mrs D Swinburn (Trustee)

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Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

	2025	2024
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	51,930	40,222
Donations from individuals	-	465
Sponsorships	29,312	7,790
Gift aid	15,492	-
Grants	96,087	39,540
	192,821	88,017
Charitable Activities:		
The Hub		
Sale of goods or services	10,743	-
Rental income	23,518	9,725
	34,261	9,725
Shop		
Sale of goods or services	71,235	70,209
	71,235	70,209
Other trading activities		
Sponsorships	990	2,002
Fundraising events	92,540	101,785
	93,530	103,787
	391,847	271,738
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Raising funds		
Opening stock and work in progress	(2,100)	-
Purchases	(400)	(1,143)
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	(14,670)	(17,027)
Travel and subsistence expenses	(253)	(1,301)
Recruitment costs	(420)	-
Hire and leasing of plant, equipment and vehicles	(3,809)	(4,325)
Hire and leasing of plant and machinery	(3,591)	(747)
Vehicle running costs	(879)	(341)
Vehicle insurance costs	(1,579)	(1,247)
Premises costs	(2,462)	(4,521)
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	(882)	(1,362)
Insurance	(194)	(1,767)
Support and administration costs	(993)	-
Data and telecommunications costs	(5,020)	(2,826)

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Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

Printing, postage and stationery	(812)	(666)
Subscriptions	(1,983)	(1,275)
Closing stock and work in progress	2,100	2,100
Wages and salaries	(55,461)	(81,428)
Employers NI	(5,111)	(291)
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	(2,626)	(1,382)
Staff training	(1,278)	(240)
Staff welfare	(53)	(181)
Rent	(19,920)	(20,880)
Light and heat	(1,713)	-
Repairs and maintenance	(6,553)	(589)
Cleaning	(831)	(1,408)
Premises insurance	-	(211)
Stationery	-	(115)
Telecommunications and data costs	-	(13,832)
Legal fees	(545)	(105)
Consultancy fees	(30,328)	(45,000)
Subscriptions	(3,033)	(2,670)
Bank charges	(533)	(100)
Sundry expenses	-	(21)
Depreciation of plant and machinery	(11,113)	-
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	(230)	-
Depreciation of computer equipment	(1,120)	-
	(178,395)	(204,901)

Charitable Activities:

Warrior Support

Staging fundraising events	(1,039)	(3,534)
Wages and salaries	(50,630)	(2,709)
Travel and subsistence expenses	(3,359)	(6,945)
Premises costs	(12,681)	-
Support and administration costs	(11,602)	(19,798)
Other direct costs	(32,213)	(24,213)
Consultancy fees	-	(4,000)
	(111,524)	(61,199)

The Hub

Purchases	(3,284)	(5,017)
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	(965)	(114)
Travel and subsistence expenses	(892)	(1,357)
Hire and leasing of plant, equipment and vehicles	(1,606)	(2,264)
Light and heat	(1,647)	(1,405)
	(8,394)	(10,157)

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Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

Shop

Opening stock - materials	-	(2,100)
Purchases	-	(210)
Operating charity shops	(7,564)	(1,155)
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	(6,667)	(8,667)
Waste disposal	(1,220)	(1,802)
Wages and salaries	(18,408)	(1,735)
Premises costs	-	(8,879)
Staff welfare	-	(97)
Light and heat	(3,120)	(4,953)
	(36,979)	(29,598)
	(335,292)	(305,855)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	56,555	(34,117)



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SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1172918

Accounts

**SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
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Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Charity Information
For The Year Ended 31 May 2024

Charity Registered Number	CE009917
Registered Office	26-28 High Street Spennymoor Co Durham DL16 6DB
Accountants	Mitchell Gordon LLP Chartered Certified Accountants 43 Coniscliffe Road Darlington DL3 7EH
Trustees	Mr Allan Wheatley Mrs Debra Swinburn Mr Harry Hubber Mr Paul O'Hehir

**SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
31st MAY 2024**

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Company No. CE009917
Trustees Report for The Year Ended 31 May 2024

SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST
Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31st May 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust (“the Charity”) for the year ended 31st May 2024. This report reflects both the ongoing and expanded activities of the Charity and our achievements over the last year.

Objectives and Activities

We operate across North-East England, mainly currently in County Durham and our Vision is that ‘No one should have to face cancer alone.’ The principal objective of the Charity is to help people impacted by a cancer diagnosis or bereavement. We aim to fully support Warriors—individuals who have had a cancer diagnosis—through the physical, emotional, financial and mental stresses associated with the condition. Additionally, we provide support to their families during the treatment process and in cases of bereavement, offering financial assistance, practical support, and other activities not provided by statutory services.

To achieve this, the Charity provides a wide range of services, including:

- **Counselling and Holistic Therapies**
- **Hair and Beauty Treatments and Hair Loss Services**
- **Patient Transport Services**
- **Provision of Equipment** (e.g., stairlifts, wheelchairs, mobility scooters)
- **Support Hub Activities** (e.g., coffee mornings, craft sessions, exercise classes)
- **Warm Spaces Initiative**
- **Community Allotment**
- **Well-being initiatives** (e.g., afternoon teas, family meals, trips)
- **Referrals and Raising Awareness**

Achievements and Performance

Warrior Support

Warrior support continues to be central to our mission. The Charity provides tailored support for individuals and their families through every stage of their cancer journey. Our team of Warrior Coordinators offers:

- **Regular telephone check-ins** to monitor well-being.
- **Support groups** (e.g., bereavement groups, Stage 4-specific groups, and general coffee mornings).
- **Practical support** with requests such as transportation, groceries, tradesmen, and social activities.
- **One-to-one counselling and holistic therapies** to support mental health and emotional resilience.

Retail Operations

The Team Solan Superstore in Spennymoor continues to evolve. Following its launch in February 2023, the Superstore now combines furniture and clothing outlets under one roof, stocked through donations from the business and wider community and charity branded merchandise. It serves as a vital fundraising mechanism while also providing free furniture and clothing to Warriors in need.

The store supports the Charity’s goals of community engagement and empowerment, employing a mix of paid staff and volunteers, many of whom are Warriors rebuilding their confidence and learning new skills.

High street trading conditions continue to be challenging with several of our competitors and contemporaries closing or scaling back their operations. Our store however continues to be profitable and provides a valuable community service.

Support Hub Expansion

The ‘Hub’ remains a cornerstone of our operations. This year, services include:

- **Outreach groups** in Billingham and Bishop Auckland.
- **Exercise and well-being programs** such as chair Pilates, yoga, and tai chi.
- Enhanced partnerships with organizations such as MacMillan and Man Health, using Our Hub for their activities.

- **Improved kitchen facilities** and continued the Warm Spaces initiative, ensuring access to nutritious meals during colder months.

Plans to transform the Hub into a **wellness centre** are underway, with anticipated additions including therapy rooms, hair and beauty facilities, and expanded mobility equipment storage.

Grants and Funding

The Charity has successfully secured grants from multiple sources, including Area Action Partnerships, local councils, Awards for All and County Durham Community Foundation. We continue to develop our **Corporate Partnership Scheme**, which enables local businesses to support the Charity through financial contributions and non-financial assistance, such as volunteering and equipment donations.

Referrals and Partnerships

Referrals remain a vital entry point for our services and are increasing year on year. This year, we strengthened relationships with hospitals, GP practices, Macmillan, and other cancer-related organizations. Our outreach efforts have also included schools, colleges, and businesses, ensuring more individuals are aware of our services.

The Charity's growing partnerships with local tradespeople have enabled us to offer practical support such as home adaptations, gardening, and cleaning for Warriors and their families.

Review of 2023/24 Objectives

1. Increasing Warrior Numbers

We have successfully increased the number of Warriors accessing our services through partnerships with healthcare providers and community organizations.

2. Facility Refurbishments

- Continued progress toward transforming the Hub into a **Wellness Centre**, adding new therapy rooms and expanding capacity.

3. CRM System Implementation

Development of the Charity's CRM system is ongoing, with a launch expected in late 2024. This system will streamline operations and improve record-keeping, freeing resources for enhanced Warrior support.

4. Outreach Programs

- Continuing two outreach groups, enabling more Warriors to access our services and exploring the potential for further groups.
- Introduced new cancer education and prevention programs delivered through the Hub.

5. Social Media and Digital Expansion

The Charity has enhanced its online presence, increasing engagement across Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram. Our **interactive website** and closed support groups have helped us to reaching a wider audience.

Plans for the Future

Looking ahead, the Charity's objectives for 2024/25 include:

- **Completing the Wellness Centre Transformation**

Expanding the Hub to include more therapy rooms, beauty services, and mobility equipment storage.

- **Further Expanding Outreach Services**

Launching additional support groups in other areas and increasing accessibility for Warriors unable to travel.

- **Developing the Corporate Partnership Scheme**

Strengthening relationships with local businesses and securing new funding streams.

- **Enhancing Educational Programs**

Introducing cancer prevention workshops and further developing well-being initiatives.

- **Staff Recruitment**

Expanding the team to include additional support workers, ensuring timely and efficient delivery of services.

Financial Review

The Charity generated an income of £295,676 during the year, reflecting strong community support and successful fundraising initiatives. Expenditure increased to £328,770 as a result of expanding services and implementing new programs.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Company No. CE009917
Trustees Report (Continued) for The Year Ended 31 May 2024

The Trustees are satisfied with the Charity's financial position and remain focused on maintaining sufficient reserves (currently £254,538) to cover six to twelve months of operational costs.

Structure and Governance

Structure

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered charity number 1172918). Trustees oversee governance and delegate day-to-day operations to the CEO and support team.

Risk Management

Trustees have assessed key risks, including financial sustainability and operational challenges, and have implemented mitigation strategies to ensure continuity of services.

Conclusion

The past year has been one of sustainable growth and achievement for the Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust. Despite challenges, we have maintained and expanded our services, strengthened partnerships, and deepened our impact on the lives of Warriors and their families.

We are grateful to our supporters, partners, volunteers, funders, and staff for their continued commitment to our mission. Together, we will build on this year's successes and continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

Mr Mark Solan

CEO
Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Trustees Report (Continued) for The Year Ended 31 May 2024

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 25/02/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Paul O'Hehir FCCA
Trustee

**Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Independent Examiner's Report
For The Year Ended 31 May 2024**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust ('the Charity')

We report to the charity Trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

We report in respect of our examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. We confirm that we are qualified to undertake the examination because we are a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

We 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. This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

Karl Gordon

25/02/2025

Dated: _____

Karl Gordon FCCA

Mitchell Gordon LLP
43 Coniscliffe Road
Darlington
DL3 7EH

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 May 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Income from:	Note				
Donations and legacies	3	174,987	-	47,986	112,900
Charitable activities		70,087	39,540	157,251	149,652
Other trading activities		11,062	-	11,062	5,988
Total		256,136	39,540	295,676	268,540
Expenditure on:	4				
Raising funds		47,559	-	47,559	20,739
Charitable activities		281,211	-	281,211	299,058
Separate material item of expense		-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-
Total		328,770	39,540	328,770	319,797
Net movement in funds		(72,634)	39,540	(33,094)	(51,257)

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Balance Sheet
As At 31 May 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	5		36,547		39,994
			36,547		39,994
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	6	2,100		2,100	
Debtors	7	2,038		2,159	
Cash at bank and in hand		231,206		235,364	
			235,344		239,623
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	8		(17,353)		(13,669)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)			217,991		225,954
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			254,538		265,948
NET ASSETS			254,538		265,948
Charity funds					
Restricted funds			21,684		52,666
Unrestricted funds			254,538		265,948
MEMBERS' FUNDS			254,538		265,948

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 25th February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Paul O'Hehir
Trustee

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 May 2024

1. General Information

The Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and was incorporated on 09 May, registered number CE009917. The registered office is 26-28 High Street, Spennymoor, Co Durham, DL16 6DB.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2024

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	15% straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	15% straight line
Computer Equipment	15% straight line

2.8 Debtors

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and monies held on deposit.

2.10 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2024

3. Income from donations, fundraising and grants

Donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and gifts	47,986	-	47,986	91,753
Income from Charitable events	117,711	-	117,711	19,707
General grants provided by government	-	-	-	-
Sponsorships which are in substance donations	9,290	-	9,290	1,440
Total	174,987	-	174,987	112,900
 Charitable activities				
Shop Sales	70,087	-	70,087	139,723
Grant income Restricted	-	39,540	39,540	9,929
Total	70,087	39,540	109,627	139,723

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2024

4. Expenditure	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
Expenditure on fundraising:			£			£
Opening stock	2,100	-	2,100	-	-	-
Merchandise	1,142	-	1,142	3,662	-	3,662
Events	27,472	-	27,472	6,200	-	6,200
Advertising and marketing Costs	16,845	-	16,845	10,877	-	10,877
Total expenditure	47,559	-	47,559	20,739	-	20,739
Expenditure on charitable activities:						
Direct support and assistance	55,598	-	55,598	57,928	-	57,928
Other direct costs incurred	8,963	-	8,963	7,486	-	7,486
Closing stock - materials	- 2,100	-	- 2,100	- 2,100	-	- 2,100
Waste disposal	1,802	-	1,802	2,071	-	2,071
Wages and salaries	85,872	-	85,872	91,581	-	91,581
Employers NI	291	-	291	528	-	528
Employers pensions	1,283	-	1,283	1,320	-	1,320
Staff training and welfare	682	-	682	683	-	683
Temporary staff and recruitment	-	-	-	11,670	-	11,670
Travel and subsistence	1,301	-	1,301	269	-	269
Rent	29,547	-	29,547	26,000	-	26,000
Shop expenses	14,987	-	14,987	19,587	-	19,587
Light and heat	1,405	-	1,405	5,990	-	5,990
Cleaning	1,408	-	1,408	1,130	-	1,130
Hire and leasing	5,072	-	5,072	6,053	-	6,053
Vehicle fuel costs	341	-	341	1,607	-	1,607
Computer software costs	3,074	-	3,074	20,716	-	20,716
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	5,488	-	5,488	346	-	346
Insurance	1,671	-	1,671	2,812	-	2,812
Printing, postage and stationery	782	-	782	3,276	-	3,276
Telecommunications	3,009	-	3,009	5,925	-	5,925
Accountancy fees	-	-	-	2,050	-	2,050
Legal fees	105	-	105	480	-	480
Professional fees	98	-	98	16,198	-	16,198
Consultancy fees	45,000	-	45,000	-	-	-
Subscriptions	871	-	871	1,299	-	1,299
Bank charges	100	-	100	573	-	573

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Credit card charges	-	-	-	593	-	593
Bad debts written off	440	-	440	1,080	-	1,080
Depreciation of plant and machinery	11,113	-	11,113	11,347	-	11,347
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	230	-	230	230	-	230
Depreciation of computer equipment	1,120	-	1,120	231	-	231
Sundry expenses	1,658	-	1,658	330	-	330
Total expenditure	281,211	-	281,211	299,289	-	299,289

SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1172918

Accounts

**SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023**

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Director's Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 May 2023

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**Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Company Information
For The Year Ended 31 May 2023**

Charity Registered Number	CE009917
Registered Office	26-28 High Street Spennymoor Co Durham DL16 6DB
Accountants	Mitchell Gordon LLP Chartered Certified Accountants 43 Coniscliffe Road Darlington DL3 7EH
Trustees	Mr Allan Wheatley Mrs Debra Swinburn Mr Harry Hubber Mr Paul O'Hehir

Charity number 1172918

SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
31st MAY 2023

SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST

Trustees Report

Year ended 31st May 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust ("Charity") for the year ended 31st May 2023.

Objectives and activities

The principal objective of the charity is to help people impacted by a cancer diagnosis or bereavement. The charity looks to fully support persons (Warriors) who have had a cancer diagnosis with both the physical and mental stresses associated with the condition. The charity offers support within the County Durham, Darlington, Northumberland, Cleveland, North Yorkshire and Cumbria areas. The charity also offers support to the immediate family members throughout the treatment process and in some cases bereavement, by providing financial assistance, equipment and activities not normally provided by statutory authorities.

This is achieved through several support services both on site and in the field including:

- Counselling / Holistic Therapies.
- Hair and beauty treatments
- Hair loss services.
- Patient transport – to hospitals/GP appointments
- Supply of equipment – stairlifts, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and other mobility aids.
- Retail outlets – Team Solan Superstore.
- Support hub and kitchen.
- Donations and corporate sponsorships.
- Partnerships – Corporate, Charity and community.
- Events and fundraising.
- Home visits.
- Various support groups – Bereavement, Stage 4, Warrior coffee morning and cancer specific groups.
- Referrals and raising awareness.
- Well-being breaks - afternoon teas, family meals and spa days.
- Community allotment.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The Charity continues to provide a wide range of practical, emotional and financial support to Warriors who have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis or bereavement as well as support to their families.

Warrior support

The Warrior support function provides bespoke support to the Warriors and their immediate families throughout their cancer journey as we are aware that every warrior has a different need and a different set of circumstances. The Charity operates a telephone support service where warriors receive regular calls from our Warrior Coordinators and monthly/weekly support groups which are to check on their well-being.

Other services such as counselling, holistic therapy, one-to-one support, and wig services are key to providing support to warriors and these services have helped with the warriors wellbeing and mental health. Warrior support also facilitates all warrior requests, for example, patient transport, tradesmen, cleaners, social activities and help with utilities and groceries.

Retail outlet

The Charity currently operates one retail outlet based in Spennymoor which sells donated items and charity branded merchandise. We also use this facility where required to supply Warriors with additional furniture and clothing free of charge. This outlet also allows the charity to support volunteers and warriors by offering them part time roles both paid and voluntary in order to grow their self-confidence and potentially learn new skills so that they can begin to rebuild their lives and move forward.

Team Solan Superstore

In February 2023 the Furniture store and the Boutique were merged to form one "Superstore". The new Superstore was set up in the existing Furniture store which was located in a prominent position on Spennymoor High Street. The Superstore sells a number of goods, Furniture, Men's, Ladies & Children's Clothing, Electrical goods, Bric a brac, Books, DVD's, Videos etc. The shop is stocked purely on donations of goods from members of the public and corporate partnerships. The shop is staffed by 20 members of staff both volunteers and paid staff with a ratio of 90% being volunteers and 50% being Warriors. The current Manager is one of our Warriors who has benefitted from the full support of the charity during her own cancer journey and now she is one of the paid members of staff.

Support Hub

The Hub opened in August 2021. This has enabled the charity to offer support groups for Warriors who can take part in a range of activities including craft sessions, participate in exercise classes and join in coffee mornings. The Charity continues to hold regular events & Activities including film nights, bingo, quizzes, Themed events, and Easter egg hunts. The Hub has also been made available to other charities and community groups including NHS, MacMillan, Warm Spaces, and Man Health. In addition, the Hub can also be used as a events/meeting facility for our corporate, community and charity partners.

Grants & Funding

Throughout the year the Charity has applied for and received grants from local Area Action Partnerships, in Spennymoor and Ferryhill, Durham Community Action Team, Various Town Councils, and Awards for All. The Charity has also received funding from locally based businesses including Aldi, and M&S, Sainsburys. We have also continued the "Warm Spaces" initiative in the Hub, the allotment and kitchen and IT equipment required to run the Charity.

Donations

The Charity has received donations from sponsorships and businesses supporting the Charity. In addition to donations from individuals and third-party fund-raising events, the charity has continued to grow its partnership database and has launched a new corporate sponsorship scheme.

Referrals

Referrals are received daily from a wide range of sources that include Macmillan, GP practices, hospitals, self-referral, other charitable organisations, support organisations and charity partners. The development of relationships with all the mentioned help promote awareness amongst employees who may know someone or have a family member diagnosed with cancer which could lead to an increase in referrals.

Partnerships

Raising awareness is a key priority for the Charity and we do this through various activities, events, social media and our website. The Charity also engages with GP surgeries, hospitals, hospices and other cancer-related organisations including Macmillan. The Charity is constantly trying to build new partnerships and relationships with other cancer charities and organisations who operate throughout our catchment area and beyond. The Charity has also developed partnerships with local

builders and tradespeople to provide essential support services for families including gardening, cleaning, decorating, provision of equipment including stair lifts, mobility scooters, downstairs beds which all to help to support Warriors and families struggling with a cancer diagnosis and its associated problems. The Charity continues to work with businesses and organisations to support both Warriors and the day-to-day operation of the Charity. The charity has also launched a new “Corporate Partnership Scheme” which gives businesses a number of ways to support the charity.

Review of aims and objectives for the 2022/23 year:

The Charity will continue to seek to increase Warrior numbers as the demand grows.

The charity has increased the number of partners in the healthcare sector. This has also included reaching out to schools, Colleges and businesses to raise awareness of the services that the charity offers. As well as the CEO delivering talks the charity has also appointed a Community partnership coordinator on a voluntary basis to raise awareness in the local community by reaching out to health care professionals and community groups.

The Charity will plan and fully implement a refurbishment the current facilities at the head office following an increase in Warrior numbers and introduction of additional support services. This will include:

- *The refurbishment of the hair and beauty room.*
- *The merger of the of the boutique and furniture store to form one “Super Store” to be located at the site of the current furniture store.*
- *An off-site warehouse storage.*
- *An extension to the support Hub to increase capacity*
- *A change of use of the current boutique space into a support area with three rooms proving hair and beauty, therapy and consultation rooms, a reception area, mobility equipment storage area and a warrior food bank/ pantry.*
- *To improve and expand Patient transport services.*

The charity continues to develop new facilities at Head Office which will include a new “Wellness center”, which will include new beauty/therapy rooms and an extension to the current Support hub. The charity successfully merged the Boutique and furniture stores in to one larger “Superstore” which continues to develop and grow. The charity also secured a storage unit off site where donations can be stored and processed prior to being sold.

Recruitment to the Warrior support team to extend the operation hours to 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

The charity now has a team of 6 members of staff in Warrior support which has allowed the charity to offer more services in a more timely and efficient manner and the charity now operates 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

Launch outreach support groups throughout the Charity areas.

The charity has now identified volunteers and locations for 2 proposed outreach groups, one in Billingham and the other in Bishop Auckland. These will be launched in Q1/Q2 of the next financial year.

Launch cancer education and prevention programs in addition to exercise and wellbeing programs to be ran from the hub This will include chair pilates and yoga.

Education and prevention programs are ongoing through a number of guest speakers/organisations and now have timetabled support groups covering a number of areas such as bereavement, coping with cancer and Stage 4 groups where people with shared experiences can come together in a safe, relaxed and controlled environment.

The Charity is looking at the introduction of a CRM system which will allow for the improved record keeping, enable the Charity to streamline its operation and become more efficient in its operation and practice, and giving more time and resource to increase the Warrior support provision.

This is still ongoing and is currently in the testing and development phase. The system is estimated to be ready for launch on Q3/Q4 of the next financial year.

The Charity will look to improve social media services available to Warriors, users and partners by improving the website and social media platforms.

The charity continues to grow its social media footprint, which includes a custom-built interactive website, Facebook, Twitter, Linked in, Instagram and various Whats App groups. The charity also has “closed groups” which are only accessible to specific groups only.

The Charity will look to further increase the use of the Support Hub facilities by continuing the Warm Spaces initiative and by renting out the space to other organisations including Macmillan, Teenage Cancer Trust, and CLIC Sargent, to further strengthen the existing partnerships and to foster new ones.

The Warm Spaces initiative is ongoing and funding has now been secured which will take the charity into the next financial year. Hub rental has also increased, and a number of different organisations /groups are using the support hub. They include Man Health, MacMillan and a number of groups which includes craft groups, flower arranging, art group, sew & chat etc

This coming year, the Charity will also be looking to establish new partnerships with local schools to have the use the Support Hub and allotment and businesses including Mediquip who provide mobility aids.

The charity has established several links with educational establishments including schools, Colleges and private training providers (who now have access to the charities support hub facility and allotment. Some of those are Rosa Street Primary school, North Park Primary school, Whitworth Park Academy, Bishop Auckland College, and New college Durham. There is an increase in public and privately run businesses using the support hub and allotment facilities which includes the probation service, HMP Prison Service, Mears Construction and Cummings.

The Charity will continue to develop the links to local businesses with the planned launch of a revised corporate sponsorship initiative.

The charity is currently planning to launch a new “Corporate sponsorship scheme” which will give business the opportunity to support the charity on a financial basis. This will also include a “Corporate Social Responsibility” program which allows Business to support the charity in a non-financial way for example supplying the charity with volunteers on an ongoing basis.

The Charity will also looking to recruit staff to support efficient operation and deliver the anticipated increase in services. This will include an Operations Manager, Fundraising and Events Manager and a Warrior support Manager.

The charity ran a successful recruitment campaign and has recruited an Operations Manager, Fundraising and events coordinator and a warrior support manager. They have all been set targets and will be monitored on a regular basis including monthly management meetings.

Financial Review

The charity generated income of £258,611 during the year and incurred expenditure of £319,797. The Trustees are pleased with the results of the charity in its fifth year, believe there is a solid foundation to continue developing in the future and have made plans to do so.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to hold between three to six months fixed operating costs as reserves. The charity's undesignated reserves currently stand at 265,948 representing more than three months' expenditure and the Trustees are satisfied with this position. Planned future expenditure includes the opening of additional premises in Spennymoor for the storage and sale of larger items, the further development of the hub with multi use activities available to further support the program of support to those suffering from cancer and their families and also further outreach shops and drop-in centers throughout the Northeast of England.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Plans for the future.

Aims for the 2023/2024 year include:

The Charity will continue to seek to increase Warrior numbers through establishing new partnerships with healthcare professionals and other likeminded charitable organisations.

The Charity will plan and fully complete a refurbishment of the current facilities at the head office with the introduction a a new "Wellness Centre".

The refurbishment will include:

- A new Beauty Room
- Hair loss Services
- Counselling
- Holistic Therapies
- Extension of the current Support Hub due to increased numbers and usage

Continue to Recruit to the Warrior support team so the services can be delivered more efficiently.

Launch 2 Pilot outreach support groups for the purpose of reaching Warriors that cannot access our current services due to transport/mobility issue.

Continue to develop cancer education and prevention programs in addition to exercise and wellbeing programs to be ran from the hub This will include chair pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi and low-level exercise classes.

Full implementation of a CRM system which will allow for the improved record keeping, enable the Charity to streamline its operation and become more efficient in it' operation and practice, and giving more time and resource to increase the Warrior support provision.

The Charity will continue to look to improve social media services available to Warriors, users and partners by improving the website and social media platforms.

The Charity will look to further increase the use of the Support Hub facilities by continuing the Warm Spaces initiative and by renting out the space to other organisations.

This coming year, the Charity will also be looking to further extend new partnerships with local schools to have the use of the Support Hub and allotment and businesses.

The Charity will continue to develop the links to local businesses with the planned launch of a revised corporate sponsorship initiative.

The Charity will also be looking to recruit more staff and volunteers to support the efficient running of the charity and ultimately increase the level of services that the charity offers.

Structure and governance

Structure

The Charity was incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered charity number 1172918) on 9th May 2017.

Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are appointed by the current Trustees under the terms of the trust deed. Induction is provided to the new trustees as required.

The Trustees delegate some aspects of the day-to-day management of the charity to the CEO, and coordinators, including the day to day running of the shop, health and safety matters, events and treatment of those with cancer.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular, those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks.

This report was approved by the trustees on 5th March 2024.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Company No. CE009917
Trustees Report (Continued) For The Year Ended 31 May 2023

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 05/03/2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Paul O'Hehir FCCA
Trustee

**Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Independent Examiner's Report
For The Year Ended 31 May 2023**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust ('the Charity')

We report to the charity Trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

We report in respect of our examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. We confirm that we are qualified to undertake the examination because we are a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

We 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. This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

Karl Gordon

Dated: 05-03-2024

Karl Gordon FCCA

Mitchell Gordon LLP
43 Coniscliffe Road
Darlington
DL3 7EH

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 May 2023

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Income from:	Note				
Donations and legacies	3	122,829	-	112,900	132,320
Charitable activities		139,723	9,929	149,652	130,307
Other trading activities		5,988	-	5,988	6,040
Total		258,611	9,929	268,540	268,667
Expenditure on:	4				
Raising funds		20,739	-	20,739	17,400
Charitable activities		299,058	-	299,058	215,011
Separate material item of expense		-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-
Total		319,797	-	319,797	232,411
Net movement in funds		(61,186)	9,929	(51,257)	36,256
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		36,256	-	36,256	-
Total funds carried forward		(24,930)	9,929	(15,001)	36,256

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Balance Sheet
As At 31 May 2023

	Notes	31 May 2023		31 May 2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	5		39,994		50,036
			39,994		50,036
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	6	2,100		2,100	
Debtors	7	2,159		1,080	
Cash at bank and in hand		235,364		274,716	
		239,623		277,896	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	8	(13,669)		(10,727)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)			225,954		267,169
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			265,948		317,205
NET ASSETS			265,948		317,205
Charity funds					
Restricted funds			52,666		45,698
Unrestricted funds			213,282		271,507
MEMBERS' FUNDS			265,948		317,205

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 5th March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Paul O'Hehir
Trustee

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 May 2023

1. General Information

The Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and was incorporated on 09 May, registered number CE009917. The registered office is 26-28 High Street, Spennymoor, Co Durham, DL16 6DB.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 May 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	15% Straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	15% Straight line

2.8 Debtors

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and monies held on deposit.

2.10 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 May 2023

3. Income from donations, fundraising and grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	91,753	-	91,753	71,069
Income from Charitable events	19,707	-	19,707	55,340
General grants provided by government	-	-	-	5,911
Sponsorships which are in substance donations	1,440	-	1,440	
Other	-	-	-	6,040
Total	112,900	-	112,900	138,360
Charitable activities				
Shop Sales	139,723	-	139,723	130,307
Grant income Restricted	-	9,929	9,929	5,911
Total	139,723	9,929	149,652	136,218

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 May 2023

4. Expenditure

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
			£			£
Expenditure on fundraising:						
Merchandise	3,662	-	3,662	5,998	-	5,998
Events	6,200	-	6,200	11,402	-	11,402
Advertising and marketing Costs	10,877	-	10,877	-	-	-
Total expenditure	20,739	-	20,739	17,400	-	17,400
Expenditure on charitable activities:						
Direct support and assistance	57,928	-	57,928	29,383	-	29,383
Other direct costs incurred	7,486	-	7,486	-	-	-
Closing stock - materials	(2,100)	-	(2,100)	-	-	-
Waste disposal	2,071	-	2,071	-	-	-
Wages and salaries	91,581	-	91,581	96,737	-	96,737
Employers NI	528	-	528	-	-	-
Employers pensions	1,320	-	1,320	-	-	-
Staff training and welfare	683	-	683	-	-	-
Temporary staff and recruitment	11,670	-	11,670	-	-	-
Travel and subsistence expenses	269	-	269	9,892	-	9,892
Rent	26,000	-	26,000	25,850	-	25,850
Shop expenses	19,587	-	19,587	40,206	-	40,206
Light and heat	5,990	-	5,990	-	-	-
Cleaning	1,130	-	1,130	-	-	-
Hire and leasing	6,053	-	6,053	-	-	-
Vehicle fuel costs	1,607	-	1,607	-	-	-
Computer software costs	20,716	-	20,716	-	-	-
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	346	-	346	-	-	-
Insurance	2,812	-	2,812	-	-	-
Printing, postage and stationery	3,276	-	3,276	-	-	-
Telecommunications	5,925	-	5,925	-	-	-
Accountancy fees	2,050	-	2,050	-	-	-
Legal fees	480	-	480	-	-	-
Professional fees	16,198	-	16,198	1,440	-	1,440
Subscriptions	1,299	-	1,299	-	-	-
Bank charges	573	-	573	1,395	-	1,395
Credit card charges	593	-	593	-	-	-
Bad debts written off	1,080	-	1,080	-	-	-
Depreciation of plant and machinery	11,347	-	11,347	10,108	-	10,108
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	230	-	230	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	330	-	330	-	-	-
Total expenditure	299,058	-	299,058	215,011	-	215,011

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5. Tangible Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 June 2022	72,537	-	72,537
Additions	-	1,535	1,535
As at 31 May 2023	72,537	1,535	74,072
Depreciation			
As at 1 June 2022	22,501	-	22,501
Provided during the period	11,347	230	11,577
As at 31 May 2023	33,848	230	34,078
Net Book Value			
As at 31 May 2023	38,689	1,305	39,994
As at 1 June 2022	50,036	-	50,036

6. Stocks

	31 May 2023	31 May 2022
	£	£
Stock	2,100	2,100
	2,100	2,100

7. Debtors

	31 May 2023	31 May 2022
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	480	1,080
Other debtors	1,679	-
	2,159	1,080

8. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	31 May 2023	31 May 2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	10,906	7,276
Other taxes and social security	636	1,107
Other creditors	2,127	2,344
	13,669	10,727

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9. Employees

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	31 May 2023	31 May 2022
	£	£
Charitable activities	6	6

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust

Report to the Trustees on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts of Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust for the year ended 31 May 2022

We report to the trustees on the preparation and examination of the accounts for Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust for the year ended 31 May 2022.

In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us. We have carried out an independent examination of those records and our comments are reported in our separate control letter to the committee.

A large, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Hall & Co", is written over the printed name and extends across the page.

Stuart Hall & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
1 Hutton Close
South Church Enterprise Park
Bishop Auckland
Durham
DL14 6XG

Date: 28.2.2023

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Statement of Financial Activities - Income and Expenditure
for the year ended 31 May 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Shop Sales	130,307	53,635
Donations	67,254	90,222
Collection Tins	3,815	2,166
Income from Charitable events	55,340	4,526
Grant Income	5,911	79,242
Rents received	6,040	6,200
Total	<u>268,667</u>	<u>235,991</u>
Expenditure		
Events	11,402	7,797
Wages and salaries	96,737	34,875
Shop and office expenses	40,206	47,919
Professional fees	1,440	900
Travel expenses	9,892	8,671
Rent	25,850	-
Merchandise	5,998	8,050
Direct support, assistance and small equipment	29,383	15,248
Bank charges	1,395	678
Depreciation	10,108	7,175
	<u>232,411</u>	<u>131,313</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>36,256</u>	<u>104,678</u>

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a) Any amount needed to meet a significant unforeseen emergency or other large unexpected need of a Covid 19 scale. Trustees as at May 2022 have considered risks and funding needed to allow for a recurrence of a Covid 19 emergency, and the uncertainty, based on Covid experience, regarding forecasting income from shops, events and donations. Also sources of funding, given the ongoing impact of recent events. The Trustees took action previous years to secure external funding and to retain funds in consideration of operational, program related and reserves requirements. The combined Covid 19 effects of loss of income in 2020, continuing into 2021, with Warrior family support needs, confirms that retaining 6 months fixed costs and charitable work expenditure, as at 31 May 2022, is required, especially given the current economical financial and political risks.

b) A review of the fixed operating expenses of the charity, including expenses associated with charity work performed - the expenditure budgets to operate and grow the charity and to provide support to vulnerable families with any cancer diagnosis.

c) Uncertainty over future income streams has been considered along with potential options, costs and time for re-development of new sources of income or to restrict related expenditure. This contributed to the review in b) above.

d) Planned expenditures requiring significant reserves or that cannot be met by future income alone.

In summary, the financial risks identified from the above reviews have guided the reserves being retained.

Free reserves

Total funds	317,205
Less: restricted reserves (1&2)	(45,698)
Unrestricted reserves	<u>271,507</u>
Less:	
Fixed assets	(22,355)
Program related funds (3)	(80,000)
Designated reserves (4)	(160,500)
Free reserves	<u>8,652</u>

(1) Project funding in progress includes £13,832 to raise awareness of the charity in Spennymoor and Ferryhill AAP areas. £2,317 funding is for support hub equipment. £1,863 funding remains to complete the support calls project.

(2) Grant reserves comprise funded, completed capital projects, net of grant releases to P&L over the life of the assets, mirroring depreciation of the fixed assets

(3) Future development plans are included in Program Related Funds retained net of specific restricted reserves. These relate to future services and retail provision. Plans include a full refurbishment our Head Office facilities including a shop merger, extending the Support Hub recognising increased Warrior numbers, introducing new support services, an increased Warrior Support team extending operational hours, outreach support groups, cancer education and prevention schemes, improved social media services and implementation of a CRM IT system enabling the charity to streamline its operations and improving Warrior support provisions. £80,000 has been reserved this year towards the above plans.

(4) Designated reserves are £2500 match funding towards Warrior service provision and 6 months minimum of fixed operating expenses and of charitable work expenditure is considered appropriate £158,000. The latter is based on actual expenditure between June - December 2022. Earmarking 6 months reserves reflects continued uncertainty regarding income and the prudent approach of Trustees to safeguarding charitable work in 2022 and 2023.

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2 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1 June 2021	56,753
Additions	15,784
At 31 May 2022	<u>72,537</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 June 2021	12,393
Charge for the year	10,108
At 31 May 2022	<u>22,501</u>
Net book value	
At 31 May 2022	<u>50,036</u>
At 31 May 2021	<u>44,360</u>

3 Cash at bank

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current account	273,247	242,628
Petty Cash	898	1,253
Paypal	571	3,353
	<u>274,716</u>	<u>247,234</u>

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,276	-
Taxation and social security costs	1,107	662
Other creditors	2,344	2,649
	<u>10,727</u>	<u>3,311</u>

5 Accumulated funds

Restricted funding and reserves are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how funds may be used. Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Program related investments are made directly in pursuit of the charitable objectives. Designated funds comprise of funds which have been earmarked, at the discretion of the Trustees, for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are detailed in the notes to the accounts detailed in note 7 to the accounts.

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Funds of the charity	Unrestricted income funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total Funds
Funds brought forward	235,250	55,133	290,383
Restricted funds received *	-	1,011	1,011
Funds released in the year		(10,446)	(10,446)
Net income/(expenditure)	36,257	-	36,257
	<u>271,507</u>	<u>45,698</u>	<u>317,205</u>

* Restricted fund received:

Allotments	550
Jubilee celebrations	461
	<u>1,011</u>

6 Control

The charity is controlled by its trustees.

7 Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the following when developing the reserves policy for Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust. The basis of the reserves policy is a review of the risks and reasons to retain funds as reserves. The considerations reviewed include:

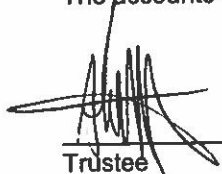
- a) The risk of an unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funds eg. Covid 19, an unexpected large repair bill or finding 'seed-funding' for an urgent project.
- b) Supporting unforeseen day-to-day operational costs, eg employing temporary staff to cover long term absence.
- c) A source of income, eg a donor grant or public donations, not being available or renewed. Funds might be needed to give the trustees time to take mitigating action if income falls significantly below expectations and re-development is needed.
- d) Planned expenditures that cannot be met by future income alone, eg plans for an asset purchase for a significant project that required the charity to provide funding or match funding.
- e) The need to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget, eg money may need to be spent before a funding grant is received.

The reserves level considered appropriate is detailed below, with considerations relating to the reasons above.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Registered number: CE009917
Balance Sheet
as at 31 May 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	50,036	44,360
Current assets			
Stocks		2,100	2,100
Debtors		1,080	-
Cash at bank and in hand	3	274,716	247,234
		<u>277,896</u>	<u>249,334</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(10,727)	(3,311)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>267,169</u>	<u>246,023</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>317,205</u>	<u>290,383</u>
Reserves	5		
Brought forward unrestricted		235,250	130,572
Restricted income fund		45,698	55,133
Net income/(expenditure)		36,257	104,678
Total funds		<u>317,205</u>	<u>290,383</u>

The accounts were approved by the board:



 Trustee

3/3/2025

 Date

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Notes to the Accounts
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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard).

Income

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources.

Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as the resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. Charitable expenditure is incurred in direct pursuance of the charity's principal objectives.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	between 5-10 years
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Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is determined using the first in first out method. The carrying amount of stock sold is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

Grant funding

For revenue based grants, these will be released to the profit and loss account as and when the relevant expenditure has been incurred. For capital based grants the grant will be recognised in the profit and loss over the life of the asset to which it relates.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust Trustees Report

Year ended 31st May 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust ("Charity") for the year ended 31st May 2022.

Objectives and activities

The principal objective of the charity is to help people impacted by cancer, diagnosis or bereavement. The charity looks to fully support persons (Warriors) who have had a cancer diagnosis with both the physical and mental stresses associated with the condition. The charity offers support within the County Durham, Northumberland, Cleveland, North Yorkshire and Cumbria areas. The charity also offers support to the immediate family members throughout the treatment process and in some cases bereavement, by providing financial assistance, equipment and activities not normally provided by statutory authorities.

This is achieved through a number of support services both on site and in the field including:

- Counselling
- Hair and beauty treatments - wig Bank
- Holistic therapies
- Patient transport – to hospitals/GP appointments
- Supply of equipment – stairlifts and mobility aids
- Retail outlets – boutique/furniture stores
- Support hub and kitchen
- Donations and corporate sponsorships
- Partnerships
- Events and fundraising
- Home visits
- Referrals and raising awareness.
- Well-being breaks - afternoon teas, family meals and spa days.
- Community allotment.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The Charity continues to provide a wide range of practical support to Warriors who have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis or bereavement as well as support to their families.

Warrior support

The Warrior support function provides support to the Warriors and their immediate families throughout their cancer journey. The Charity operates a telephone support service where warriors receive regular calls from our Warrior co-ordinators and monthly/weekly support groups which are to check on their well-being.

Other services such as counselling, holistic therapy, one-to-one support, and wig services were key to providing support to warriors and have helped to address wellbeing and mindfulness. Warrior support also facilitates all warrior requests, for example, patient transport, tradesmen, shopping deliveries, cleaners, and social activities.

Retail outlets

The Charity currently operates two retail outlets based in Spennymoor which sell donated items and charity branded merchandise. The furniture shop opened in 2021 and is now an established part of our retail sector and continues to supply Warriors with additional furniture free of charge. These outlets also allow the charity to support volunteers and warriors by offering them part time roles both paid and voluntary in order to gain in self confidence and to begin to rebuild their lives.

Boutique store

The boutique store continues to lead our retail operations regularly exceeding the sales targets set. It sells a range of men's and women's clothing, books, DVD's, jewellery, bric-a-brac and our range of charity branded merchandise.

Furniture store

The furniture store opened in December 2021 and is now an established part of our retail operations. It also continues to supply Warriors with additional furniture free of charge. The store also benefits from having a prominent position on the high street.

Support Hub (Hub)

The Hub opened in August 2021. This has enabled the charity to offer support groups for Warriors who can take part in a range of activities including craft sessions, participate in exercise classes and join in coffee mornings. The Charity has recently held several events including film nights, bingo, quizzes, Valentines event, and Easter egg hunts. The Hub has also been made available to other charities and community groups including Macmillan, Warm Spaces, and Men's Health. This is free of charge to other community groups or charities. In addition, the Hub can also be used as a events/meeting facility for our corporate partners.

Grants & Funding

Throughout the year the Charity has applied for and received grants from Livin, a local housing association and Durham Community Action Team. The grant funding received was used to support a Platinum Jubilee Tea and for allotment maintenance. The Charity has also received funding from locally based businesses including Aldi, and St James Place with funding being used for the Warm Spaces initiative in the Hub, the allotment and kitchen and IT equipment required to run the Charity.

Donations

The Charity has received donations from sponsorships and businesses supporting the Charity. In addition to donations from individuals and third-party fund-raising events, the charity has continued to grow its partnership database and launched a new corporate sponsorship scheme.

Referrals

Referrals are received daily from Macmillan, GP practices, hospitals, self-referral, other charities, and support organisations. The development of relationships with businesses and schools promotes awareness amongst employees who may know someone or have a family member diagnosed with cancer which could lead to an increase in referrals.

Partnerships

Raising awareness is a key priority for the Charity and we do this through various activities, events, social media and our website. The Charity also engages with GP surgeries, hospitals, hospices and other cancer related organisations including Macmillan. The Charity is constantly trying to build new partnerships and relationships with other cancer charities and organisations who operate throughout our catchment area and beyond. The Charity has also developed partnerships with local

builders and tradespeople to provide essential support services for families including gardening, cleaning, decorating, provision of equipment including stair lifts, mobility scooters, downstairs beds which all to help to support Warriors and families struggling with a cancer diagnosis and its associated problems. The Charity continues to work with businesses and organisations to support both Warriors and the day to day operation of the Charity.

Review of aims and objectives for the 2021/22 year:

"Finalise the opening of a furniture store where donations will be accepted from businesses and individuals for resale to continue to support warriors and develop new services and support for current and new warriors".

The furniture store opened December 2021 and has now been fully integrated into our retail operations. The store has helped the charity to continue to support the Warriors and develop new services.

"The Charity will be looking to increase its demography to incorporate North and South Tyneside, Gateshead, Newcastle, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton on Tees. Northumberland, Cumbria, and North Yorkshire. To ensure services can be delivered in these areas, the Charity will be looking to identify and develop key partnerships with the NHS, MacMillan, and similar charities in order to support new referrals".

The Charity has expanded into new areas and has warriors in Cramlington, Blakelaw, Hendon, Harrogate, Hartlepool, Billingham, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Catterick, Redcar, Skelton, Thornaby, Washington, Hetton and Whitley Bay, covering all the areas set out in the last report. The charity will continue to grow and develop these relationships.

"Plan for the opening of further outreach shops and drop-in centres throughout the North East of England".

This is still being developed and will form part of the objectives for the coming year.

"Recruitment of additional volunteers and the appointment of additional staff to support the day-to-day charity operations".

Regular volunteers days were held throughout the year which increased our volunteer database. We also recruited 5 paid staff to further strengthen the management team and increase revenue. This included the appointment of a Retail Manager in June 2021 to oversee all the retail operations and the introduction of a member of paid staff to Warrior Support in the form of a co-ordinator role. This has allowed the Charity to launch new Warrior support groups including a new bereavement group which has also filtered in to increased counselling services being offered and for the first time a service to support child bereavement. This has led to an increase in the overall Warrior numbers.

"Continue to expand outreach support groups to widen support across the Northeast".

This is still being developed and will form part of the objectives for the coming year.

"The Charity will be reviewing and increasing the number of Trustees during 2021/22 with a view to enhancing the level of skills and support Trustees can provide to the Charity".

The charity increased the number of trustees to four by appointing Paul O'Hehir, a local accountant who can support the Charity and in particular, the financial aspects of the Charity's operation.

“Continue to build support links with third party organisations to both support and raise awareness of the charity and the support available to those suffering from cancer and their families”.

The Charity held discussions with various other charities and businesses. Relationships were established with charities including CLIC Sargent, Maggie's, Teenage Cancer Trust, Northern Cancer Alliance, Cancer and St Theresa's Hospice. The Charity was handed the use of an allotment by Spennymoor Town Council in December 2021. The allotment was formally a community garden with areas for vegetable growing, fruit growing, a large greenhouse, a Scandinavian style shed with log burner. The intention is to use this for socialising and a shed with numerous items of gardening equipment. with the intention of providing Warriors with a green space for socialising and the ability to grow produce which could be used in the support Hub.

“Continue to develop relationships with Businesses in the area to raise awareness and support the Charity”.

The Charity further developed the food surplus programme with Marks and Spencer, Aldi and Lidl and developed a new programme with Sainsburys which allows us to support the Warriors and the Hub. We also launched a cost-of-living support package for Warriors which includes free paint from Akzonobel and access to various trades should Warriors need support in those areas. The Charity also established a partnership with an external social media company who are assisting the charity with the Charity website, Facebook, Twitter, and other associated social media platforms. We are also working in partnership with a local business, Stair Lift Solutions who gives the Charity the ability to provide Warriors with stair lifts when required. The Charity also further developed a link with local football club, Spennymoor Town FC, which has facilitated a link with a charity, Head for Change and has led to a charity football match being held at the Spennymoor Town FC football stadium and through various media outlets and publicity, reached an estimated audience of 100 million people from around the world.

“Continue to expand the services available to support those with cancer and their families”.

The Charity has expanded the range of support services with the introduction of patient transport, plumbing and heating, electrical and cleaning and legal support services now available to Warriors.

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the trustees have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commissioners general public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity and when planning the future activities.

Financial Review

The charity generated income of £268,667 during the year and incurred expenditure of £232,411. The Trustees are pleased with the results of the charity in its fifth year, believe there is a solid foundation to continue developing in the future and have made plans to do so.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to hold between three to six months fixed operating costs as reserves. The charity's undesignated reserves are currently standing at £235,250 representing more than three months expenditure and the Trustees are satisfied with this position. Planned future expenditure includes the opening of additional premises in Spennymoor for the storage and sale of larger items, the further development of the hub with multi use activities available to further support the programme of support to those suffering from cancer and their families and also further outreach shops and drop-in centres throughout the North East of England.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Plans for the future

Aims for the 2022/2023 year include:

The Charity will continue to seek to increase Warrior numbers as the demand grows.

The Charity will plan and fully implement a refurbishment the current facilities at the head office following an increase in Warrior numbers and introduction of additional support services. This will include:

- The refurbishment of the hair and beauty room.
- The merger of the of the boutique and furniture store to form one "Super Store" to be located at the site of the current furniture store.
- An off-site warehouse storage.
- An extension to the support Hub to increase capacity
- A change of use of the current boutique space into a support area with three rooms proving hair and beauty, therapy and consultation rroms, a reception area,a mobility equipment storage area and a warrior food bank/ pantry.
- To improve and expand Patient transport services.

Recruitment to the Warrior support team to extend the operation hours to 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

Launch outreach support groups throughout the Charity areas.

Launch cancer education and prevention programmes in addition to exercise and wellbeing programmes to be ran from the hub This will include chair pliates and yoga

The Charity is looking at the introduction of a CRM system which will allow for the improved record keeping, enable the Charity to streamline its operation and become more efficient in it' operation and practice, and giving more time and resource to increase the Warrior support provision.

The Charity will look to improve social media services available to Warriors, users and partners by improving the website and social media platforms.

The Charity will look to further increase the use of the Support Hub facilities by continuing the Warm Spaces initiative and by renting out the space to other organisations including Macmillan, Teenage Cancer Trust, and CLIC Sargent, to further strengthen the existing partnerships and to foster new ones.

This coming year, the Charity will also be looking to establish new partnerships with local schools to have the use the Support Hub and allotment and businesses including Mediquip who provide mobility aids.

The Charity will continue to develop the links to local businesses with the planned launch of a revised corporate sponsorship initiative.

The Charity will also looking to recruit staff to support the efficient operation and deliver the anticpated increase in services.. This will include an Operations Manager, Fundraising and Events Manager and a Warrior support Manager.

Structure and governance

Structure

The Charity was incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered charity number 1172918) in 9th May 2017.

Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are appointed by the current Trustees under the terms of the trust deed. Induction is provided to the new trustees as required.

The Trustees delegate some aspects of the day to day management of the charity to the CEO, and co-ordinators, including the day to day running of the shop, health and safety matters, events and treatment of those with cancer.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular, those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks.

This report was approved by the trustees on 1st March 2023.



3/3/2023.

Alan Winstanley

CHAIR TRUSTEE

SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST

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SOLAN CONNOR FAWCETT FAMILY CANCER TRUST

Reference and administrative details

Year ended 31st May 2021

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Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust Trustees Report

Year ended 31st May 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust for the year ended 31st May 2021.

Objectives and activities

Policies and objectives

The principal objective of the charity is for the relief of persons suffering with cancer within County Durham and Darlington, to alleviate the physical and mental distress of persons with cancer or the partners and immediate family members of a person with cancer and persons recently bereaved with cancer by providing or assisting in the provision of financial assistance, equipment or services not normally provided by statutory authorities.

This is achieved through

The activities of the charity include providing support, collecting donations of funds and equipment, operating shop premises and holding or attending events to raise funds and awareness.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The Charity continues to provide a wide range of practical support to those with cancer ('warriors') and their families. The support includes organising transport to hospital appointments, organising mobility aids and equipment, provision of holistic therapy treatments and access to a wig bank. The Charity operates a telephone support service where warriors receive regular calls from volunteer warrior co-ordinators and monthly zoom support groups to check on their well-being. During the Covid pandemic this service has been invaluable to warriors and has helped in tackling loneliness and isolation in addition to providing support packages when required.

The Charity currently operates two charity shops selling donated items and charity branded merchandise. The Spennymoor store also houses the Charity's office, holistic therapy and new counselling services. The shops and therapy services were closed during the lockdowns and reopened fully in April 2021.

Throughout the year the Charity has applied for and received grants via the Durham County Council Covid fund, along with funding for key projects from charitable organisations. The Charity has received donations from sponsorships and businesses supporting the Charity, in addition to donations from individuals and third-party fund-raising events. The Charity continued to provide support care packages to warriors between June and October following on from the successful delivery of support care packages during lockdown in 2020 and early 2021.

Raising awareness is a key priority for the Charity through its activities and events, and use of social media. The Charity also engages with GP's and District Nurses and is developing working relationships with MacMillan and other cancer charities who operate throughout the North-East of England.

Referrals are received from Macmillan, GP practices, self-referral, other charities, and those the charity currently supports. The development of relationships with businesses promotes the of raising awareness amongst employees who may know someone or have a family member diagnosed with cancer.

The Charity has continued to develop a programme of support for those impacted by a cancer diagnosis or bereavement.

Once restrictions with the pandemic are removed, the Charity will recommence trips and activities to support those with cancer, which will help to improve mental wellbeing and reduce feelings of isolation.

Throughout the Covid Pandemic, the Charity has continued to provide support to warriors with care packages, financial support for those struggling with utility bills, providing transport to appointments. Once restrictions were relaxed in April 2021, the Charity reopened its stores and support services recommenced with appropriate precautions in place to protect staff, volunteers, warriors and customers.

Counselling, holistic therapy, one-to-one support and wig services were key to providing support to warriors and have helped to address wellbeing and mindfulness. Access to these services is available to warriors via the senior warrior support co-ordinator

Referrals received by the Charity throughout the year have seen families who have been coping with a cancer diagnosis and who have been anxious or reluctant to have contact with third parties during vital cancer treatment.

Cancer diagnosis, and its effects, continued to stop many visiting and queuing in shops, and consequently the Charity received requests for support in undertaking and delivering shopping. Many of these were on the Government 'vulnerable' list and required to self-isolate during this time.

Feedback from warriors has suggested the support calls have been invaluable throughout the year and this service has been extended during the pandemic with call co-ordinators working remotely.

Enhancing and extending this service to all warriors is currently being developed with call frequencies being increased to reflect demand for the service. The wider group support has been delivered via Zoom sessions which have been held monthly and have enabled warriors to support each other, ask questions about their journey, and alleviate loneliness and isolation.

Whilst the stores were closed, the Charity focused on completing the work in the new support hub. The facility has a double kitchen suitable for cookery classes and nutrition seminars, along with a multi-use space where support groups and other activities can be held for up to 40 people. The support hub will open during late summer/autumn and will enable support groups to commence with warriors being invited to come and chat with others, undertake a range of activities including craft sessions, participating in exercise classes and joining in coffee mornings.

Wider care support services include provision of transport to medical appointments and other essential journeys. The Charity also supports individuals and families with well-being breaks, afternoon teas, family meals and takeaways and spa days.

The Charity has developed partnerships with local builders and tradespeople to provide essential support services for families including gardening, cleaning, decorating, provision of equipment including stair lifts, mobility scooters, downstairs beds which all to help to support families struggling with a cancer diagnosis.

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the trustees have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commissioners general public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity and when planning the future activities.

Financial Review

The charity generated income of £196,197 during the year and incurred expenditure of £126,842. The Trustees are pleased with the results of the charity in its third year, believe there is a solid foundation to continue developing in the future and have made plans to do so.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to hold between three to six months fixed operating costs as reserves. The charity's undesignated reserves are currently standing at £130,572 representing more than three months expenditure and the Trustees are satisfied with this position. Planned future expenditure includes the opening of additional premises in Spennymoor for the storage and sale of larger items, the further development of the hub with multi use activities available to further support the programme of support to those suffering from cancer and their families and also further outreach shops and drop-in centres throughout the North East of England.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Plans for the future

Aims for the 2020/2021 year include:

Finalise the opening of a furniture store where donations will be accepted from businesses and individuals for resale to continue to support warriors and develop new services and support for current and new warriors.

The Charity will be looking to increase its demography to incorporate North and South Tyneside, Gateshead, Newcastle, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton on Tees, Northumberland, Cumbria, and North Yorkshire. To ensure services can be delivered in these areas, the Charity will be looking to identify and develop key partnerships with the NHS, MacMillan and similar charities in order to support new referrals.

Plan for the opening of further outreach shops and drop-in centres throughout the North East of England.

Recruitment of additional volunteers and the appointment of additional staff to support the day to day charity operations.

Continue to expand outreach support groups to widen support across the North East.

The Charity will be reviewing and increasing the number of Trustees during 2021/22 with a view to enhancing the level of skills and support Trustees can provide to the Charity.

Continue to build support links with third party organisations to both support and raise awareness of the charity and the support available to those suffering from cancer and their families.

Continue to develop relationships with Businesses in the area to raise awareness and support the charity.

Continue to expand the services available to support those with cancer and their families.

Structure and governance

Structure

The Charity was incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered charity number 1172918) in 9th May 2017.

Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are appointed by the current Trustees under the terms of the trust deed. Induction is provided to the new trustees as required.

The Trustees delegate some aspects of the day to day management of the charity to the CEO, and co-ordinators, including the day to day running of the shop, health and safety matters, events and treatment of those with cancer.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular, those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks.

This report was approved by the trustees on 22 February 2021.

Registered number
CE009917

Charity Number 1172918

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust

Accounts

31 May 2021

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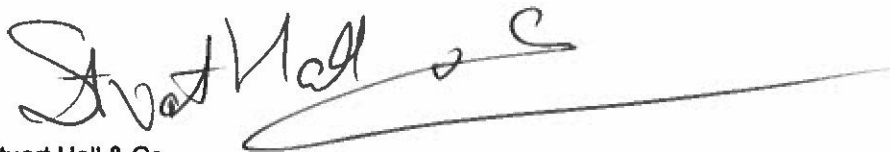
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Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust

Report to the Trustees on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts of Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust for the year ended 31 May 2021

We report to the trustees on the preparation and examination of the accounts for Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust for the year ended 31 May 2021.

In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us. We have carried out an independent examination of those records and our comments are reported in our separate control letter to the committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Hall & Co', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Date: 10/2/22

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Statement of Financial Activities - Income and Expenditure
for the year ended 31 May 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Shop Sales	53,635	73,910
Donations	90,222	74,742
Collection Tins	2,166	5,331
Income from Charitable events	4,526	39,742
Grant Income	79,242	-
Rents received	6,200	2,472
Total	<u>235,991</u>	<u>196,197</u>
Expenditure		
Events	7,797	11,178
Wages and salaries	34,875	34,236
Shop expenses	47,919	38,423
Professional fees	900	984
Travel expenses	8,671	1,583
Merchandise	8,050	8,791
Direct support, assistance and small equipment	15,248	27,960
Bank charges	678	72
Depreciation	7,175	3,615
	<u>131,313</u>	<u>126,842</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>104,678</u>	<u>69,355</u>

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Registered number: CE009917
Balance Sheet
as at 31 May 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	44,360	27,455
Current assets			
Stocks		2,100	2,900
Cash at bank and in hand	3	247,234	200,209
		<u>249,334</u>	<u>203,109</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(3,311)	(7,285)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>246,023</u>	<u>195,824</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>290,383</u>	<u>223,279</u>
Reserves	5		
Brought forward unrestricted		130,572	61,217
Restricted income fund		55,133	92,707
Net income/(expenditure)		104,678	69,355
Total funds		<u>290,383</u>	<u>223,279</u>

The accounts were approved by the board:



14/2/2022 .

Trustee

Date

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard).

Income

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources.

Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as the resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. Charitable expenditure is incurred in direct pursuance of the charity's principal objectives.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	between 5-10 years
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Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is determined using the first in first out method. The carrying amount of stock sold is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

Grant funding

For revenue based grants, these will be released to the profit and loss account as and when the relevant expenditure has been incurred. For capital based grants the grant will be recognised in the profit and loss over the life of the asset to which it relates.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
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2 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1 June 2020	32,673
Additions	24,080
At 31 May 2021	<u>56,753</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 June 2020	5,218
Charge for the year	7,175
At 31 May 2021	<u>12,393</u>
Net book value	
At 31 May 2021	<u>44,360</u>
At 31 May 2020	<u>27,455</u>

3 Cash at bank	2021	2020
	£	£
Current account	242,628	196,314
Petty Cash	1,253	649
Paypal	3,353	3,245
	<u>247,234</u>	<u>200,208</u>

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Taxation and social security costs	662	726
Other creditors	2,649	6,559
	<u>3,311</u>	<u>7,285</u>

5 Accumulated funds

Restricted funding and reserves are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how funds may be used. Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Program related investments are made directly in pursuit of the charitable objectives. Designated funds comprise of funds which have been earmarked, at the discretion of the Trustees, for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are detailed in the notes to the accounts.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
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for the year ended 31 May 2021

Funds of the charity	Unrestricted income funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total Funds
Funds brought forward	130,572	92,707	223,279
Restricted funds received *		67,437	67,437
Funds released in the year		(105,011)	(105,011)
Net income/(expenditure)	104,678		104,678
	<u>235,250</u>	<u>55,133</u>	<u>290,383</u>

* Restricted fund received:

Care packages	620
Specific fixed costs	16,500
Covid 19 business development	24,196
Support activities	10,353
New building & IT equipment	15,768
	<u>67,437</u>

6 Control

The charity is controlled by its trustees.

7 Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the following when developing the reserves policy for Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust. The basis of the reserves policy is a review of the risks and reasons to retain funds as reserves. The considerations reviewed include:

- a) The risk of an unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funds eg. Covid 19, an unexpected large repair bill or finding 'seed-funding' for an urgent project.
- b) Supporting unforeseen day-to-day operational costs, eg employing temporary staff to cover long term absence.
- c) A source of income, eg a donor grant or public donations, not being available or renewed. Funds might be needed to give the trustees time to take mitigating action if income falls significantly below expectations and re-development is needed.
- d) Planned expenditures that cannot be met by future income alone, eg plans for an asset purchase for a significant project that required the charity to provide funding or match funding.
- e) The need to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget, eg money may need to be spent before a funding grant is received.

The reserves level considered appropriate is detailed below, with considerations relating to the reasons above.

Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust
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a) Any amount needed to meet an unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need eg Covid 19. Trustees have considered risks and funding needed to allow for a recurrence of a Covid 19 emergency, and the uncertainty, based on Covid experience, regarding forecasting income from shops, events and donations. Also sources of funding, given the ongoing impact of recent events. The Trustees took action in the years to May 2020 and May 2021 to secure external funding and to retain funds in consideration of operational, program related and reserves requirements. The combined Covid 19 effects of loss of income in 2020, continuing into 2021, with Warrior family support needs, confirms that retaining 6 months fixed costs and charitable work expenditure, as at 31 May 2020, is required.

b) A review of the fixed operating expenses of the charity, including expenses associated with charity work performed - the expenditure budgets to operate and grow the charity and to provide support to vulnerable families with any cancer diagnosis.

c) Uncertainty over future income streams has been considered along with potential options, costs and time for re-development of new sources of income or to restrict related expenditure. This contributed to the review in b) above.

d) and e) A review of planned, large expenditure projects, in progress and planned, including actions already taken regarding external restricted funding.

In summary, the financial risks identified from the above reviews have guided the reserves being retained.

Free reserves

Total funds	290,383
Less: restricted reserves (1&2)	(55,133)
Unrestricted reserves	<u>235,250</u>
Less:	
Fixed assets	(24,369)
Program related funds (3)	(60,000)
Designated reserves (4)	(136,100)
Free reserves	<u>14,781</u>

(1) £10,353 is funding for specific Warrior support activities. £13,832 is funding to provide coffee morning meetings, currently on lockdown hold, from Spennymoor and Ferryhill AAP areas. £10,959 is funding towards building refurbishment.

(2) Grant reserves comprise funded, completed capital projects, net of grant releases to P&L over the life of the assets, mirroring depreciation of the fixed assets

(3) Future development plans are included in Program Related Funds retained net of specific restricted reserves. These relate to future services and retail provision

(4) Designated reserves are earmarked support for new Warrior families from coffee mornings £13,600, £2500 match funding towards Warrior service provision and 6 months minimum of fixed operating expenses and of charitable work expenditure is considered appropriate £120,000. The latter is based on the current budget forecast for 2021-22. Earmarking 6 months reserves reflects continued uncertainty regarding income and the prudent approach of Trustees to safeguarding charitable work in 2020 and 2021 as the Covid 19 pandemic developed.

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