

**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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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.

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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

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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 year 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

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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		<u>256,136</u>	<u>39,540</u>	<u>295,676</u>	<u>268,540</u>
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		<u>328,770</u>	<u>39,540</u>	<u>328,770</u>	<u>319,797</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(72,634)</u>	<u>39,540</u>	<u>(33,094)</u>	<u>(51,257)</u>

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Balance Sheet
As At 31 May 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
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.

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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

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3. Income from donations, fundraising and grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies				
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

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4. Expenditure	2024			2023		
	Unrestricte d funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricte d 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