

**THE DREW BARKER-WRIGHT**  
**CHARITY**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 MARCH 2024**

# **THE DREW BARKER-WRIGHT CHARITY**

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# **THE DREW BARKER-WRIGHT CHARITY**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **Trustees**

Mr J V Wright - Treasurer

Ms M Barker- Secretary

Mr H A D Barker

Mrs G Barker

### **Address of the Trustees**

6 Regent Street  
Talgarth  
Brecon  
Powys  
LD3 0DB

### **Registered Charity Number**

1176680

### **Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number**

CEO12932

### **Independent Examiners**

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10 Wheat Street  
Brecon  
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### **Bankers**

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70-71 Cheapside  
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**THE DREW BARKER-WRIGHT CHARITY  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees are pleased to present their sixth report together with the fifth financial statements for The Drew Barker- Wright Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity is constituted entirely of volunteers. Trustees are appointed when an office falls vacant.

**Governing Document**

The charity functions in line with the Charities Commission guidance.

The charity is governed by its constitution dated 16 January 2018.

**Organisation**

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year-end are set out on page 1.

**Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

The objectives of the charity are: -

- To relieve the needs of sufferers of paediatric chordoma, their family and carers, as a result of the same.
- The relief of sickness and the preservation of health by the funding of research into paediatric chordoma through the provision of grants and the publication of useful result from such research: and
- To advance education of the general public into paediatric chordoma.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Under each of our objects, our main activities have included:

**To relieve the needs of sufferers of paediatric chordomas, their family and carers, as a result of the same;**

- i. Maintenance and updating of a website with a full range of information for families of patients with paediatric chordoma
- ii. Provision of a private Facebook group to support parents of sufferers of paediatric chordoma, providing emotional support.
- iii. Information on different aspects of living with and being treated for this rare form of cancer
- iv. Signposting to other useful organisations through the website and through email/phone contact from those affected by paediatric chordoma
- v. Providing grants for those affected by paediatric chordoma to help ease the financial burden associated with frequent hospital visits/loss of ability to work and earn during their loved one's illness and to help with travel and accommodation costs for families
- vi. Providing of 'Drew's Gift', a bedside package for the newly diagnosed child, offering items to help relieve the monotony of treatment, such as fictional literature.

**The relief of sickness and the preservation of health by the funding of research into paediatric chordoma through the provision of grants and the publication of useful results from such research;**

- iii. Joining forces with the Chordoma Foundation to facilitate the characterization of paediatric chordoma models and the testing of promising drugs in these models.
- iv. Supporting Chordoma UK in continued operation of the UK Chordoma Cohort.

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**To advance education of the general public into paediatric chordoma;**

- i. Through awareness raising activities, such as national running events
- ii. The creation of Drew's Garden, a community project to highlight and raise awareness of childhood cancer, specifically paediatric chordoma.
- iii. Local running events promoting the cause – New Year's Eve Fun Run
- vi. Up to date website and active social media platforms to raise awareness.

**Achievements and performance**

2024 was a rewarding year for The Drew Baker-Wright ( DBW) Charity, with successful raising of awareness and funds. It also marked the completion of DBW Charity's final objective, 'Drew's Gift'.

The children's book Drew, Moo and Bunny, Too had its publication day during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, on September 7th 2023. The book, written by poet and playwright Owens Sheers in collaboration with charity founders Jonathan Wright and Melanie Barker and illustrated by award-winning illustrator Helen Stephens, is published by renowned children's publishers Walker Books.

The book will be given as Drew's Gift to newly diagnosed children in the UK. It is a stand alone story aimed at children age 6 to 9 years. It also features a full page of information about the charity and will be sold worldwide. Owen Sheers is donating 50% of royalties to DBW Charity in perpetuity.

In conjunction with the release of the book and the interest in the charity and story's genesis, the founders took the opportunity to refresh the charity website. It was felt that after 6 years it was time for a natural segue of the family's personal story from the foreground, and to move focus to encompass a broader audience whilst maintaining a gentle approach to rare childhood cancer. All development was provided FOC by Bristol based Impact IT Solutions.

The book was chosen to feature in The Children's Bookshow at Warwick Arts Centre, where the event was attended by over 500 children. A fully interactive performance/workshop was given by Owen and Helen, and each child in attendance was given a copy of Drew, Moo and Bunny, Too.

A smaller event was also planned in Drew's home town, Talgarth, where the local library services organised a book launch. Its aim, to introduce local children to the book and help promote its release.

To coincide with the book release and CCAM and to raise awareness of rare childhood cancer, a local fund-raising concert and raffle was organised at Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon. The concert featured local amateur theatrical groups and West End performers, all of whom kindly donated their time FOC. A Prize Draw was run alongside this event over the month of September. Together the events raised just under £7000.

Following the autumn fundraising activities, the charity embarked upon its annual NYE 5k Fun Run. This years event was a sell out, with 150 tickets sold. Its success has made it a much loved community event and a feature on the social calendar.

Other events throughout the year, organised by individuals who wish to support DBW Charity have included, Amsterdam Marathon, Cosy Cafe Quiz Night - Hay, Santa's Fun Run - Hay and The Brynich Barn Burn's Night - Brecon.

Fundraising for this period has allowed the charity to make another donation of £15,000 to The Chordoma Foundation's Paediatric Programme. This ensures that the charity continues to help fund cutting edge research into new treatments with a more targeted, holistic approach.

We feel it has been another successful year and that the charity continues to fulfil its charitable objectives.

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for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**Financial review**

The Trustees regularly review the finances, budgets and spend against budget together with cash flow analysis as part of the effective governance of the charity. Our future plans will be financed primarily from our reserves plus our regular fundraising initiatives.

As a Board of Trustees, we feel it important to maintain a level of reserves which will allow us to provide up to 15 grants to families over the coming 5 years and to sustain our commitment to fund research into pediatric chordoma to the tune of £50,000 over the next 5 years.

**Risk Management**

The Trustees are aware of the need to have stringent internal financial controls and procedures to help the charity Trustees meet their legal duties to safeguard the charity's assets.

At least two people are involved in the handling and recording of money received and collection boxes are sealed and individually numbered with their issue and return being recorded.

Trustees have each been given a copy of The Charities Commission Guidance titled Internal Financial Controls for Charities CC8.

**Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Charities (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 the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

.....  
Mr J V Wright

.....  
Date

24/7/24.

## THE DREW BARKER-WRIGHT CHARITY

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DREW BARKER-WRIGHT CHARITY

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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 charity 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 content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



K R Saunders-Jones BSc, FCA  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
W J James & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Bishop House  
10 Wheat Street  
Brecon  
Powys

Date.. 24th July 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(Including income and expenditure account)**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	31 Mar 2024 Total £	31 Mar 2023 Total £
<b>INCOME</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	13,583	13,583	14,627
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>13,583</u>	<u>13,583</u>	<u>14,627</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Costs of raising funds	3	1,090	1,090	561
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Grants payable	4	15,000	15,000	15,000
Governance costs	5	591	591	717
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>16,681</u>	<u>16,681</u>	<u>16,278</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>(3,098)</u>	<u>(3,098)</u>	<u>(1,651)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total fund balances brought forward at 1 April		40,466	40,466	42,117
Total fund balances carried forward at 31 March		<u>37,368</u>	<u>37,368</u>	<u>40,466</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these accounts



# THE DREW BARKER-WRIGHT CHARITY

## BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	8		8	
Cash at bank and in hand		37,936		41,166	
		<u>37,944</u>		<u>41,174</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	8	(576)		(708)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			37,368		42,117
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>37,368</u>		<u>42,117</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted	9		37,368		42,117

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 24th July 2024 2024 and signed on its behalf by

  
.....  
Mr J V Wright  
Trustee

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and 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) (issued in October 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments to market value.

**Incoming resources**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt.

**Donations and collections**

Donations, collections and all voluntary income is accounted for gross when received.

**Expenditure**

All expenditure is accounted for gross, and when incurred.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in running events to raise funds and in seeking donations. They do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Direct costs are allocated on an actual basis to the activities. Governance costs include the costs that relate to meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements and included within the support costs.

**Funds**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and collections	13,218	14,391
EasyFundraising.org.uk	365	236
	<u>13,583</u>	<u>14,627</u>

**3. FUNDRAISING COSTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Advertising	214	5
Running vests and entry fees	134	62
Registration fee – The Small Lotteries Regulations 2007	20	20
Other Fundraising costs	722	474
	<u>1,090</u>	<u>561</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2024

### 4. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Unrestricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£
The Chordoma Foundation 1 grant (2023:1 grant)	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total institutional grants	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total Grants payable	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>

### 5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Independent examination fee	570	570	696
Bank charges	21	21	21
	<u>591</u>	<u>591</u>	<u>717</u>

### 6. TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### 7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	8	8
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

### 8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued expenses	576	708
	<u>576</u>	<u>708</u>

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**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1 Apr 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers In/(out)	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	40,466	13,583	(16,681)	-	37,368
	<u>40,466</u>	<u>13,583</u>	<u>(16,681)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,368</u>

**Prior year comparative**

	At 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers In/(out)	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	42,117	14,627	(16,278)	-	40,466
	<u>42,117</u>	<u>14,627</u>	<u>(16,278)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,466</u>

**10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

**At 31 March 2024**

	Current Assets £	Current Liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	37,944	(576)	37,368
	<u>37,944</u>	<u>(576)</u>	<u>37,368</u>

**At 31 March 2023**

	Current Assets £	Current Liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	41,174	(708)	40,466
	<u>41,174</u>	<u>(708)</u>	<u>40,466</u>

**11. REMUNERATION OF TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS**

No remuneration has been paid to Trustees or connected persons during the year.

Nothing has been paid to any Trustees in respect of expenses reimbursed for expenditure incurred on behalf of The Drew Barker-Wright Charity during the year.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no related party transactions that require disclosure in these financial statements.