



THE ELLIE THORNTON FOUNDATION

Charity Number - 1179880

The Ellie Thornton Foundation CIO

Trustees Report

For the period ended 5 April 2022



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## Reference and administrative information for the period ended 5 April 2021

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<b>Charity number</b>	1179880
<b>Operational address</b>	127 Greenways Crescent, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex, BN43 6HP
<b>Trustees</b>	<p>Trustees who served during the period from formation and up to the date of this report were as follows:</p> <p>Ben Thornton (Chair)</p> <p>Victoria Thornton</p> <p>Denise Thornton</p> <p>Anne Colvin</p> <p>Tamsyn Holmes</p> <p>Steven Robinson</p>

## Report of the Trustees for the period ended 5 April 2020

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The Ellie Thornton Foundation (ETF) Trustees present their fourth report and financial statements as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) for the charity's period ended 5 April 2022. Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's trust deed and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

### Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are:

- (1) For the advancement of health and the saving of lives of children in England and Wales for the public benefit by raising awareness of road safety issues and making strategic interventions to improve road safety in particular, but not limited to, affecting road use in the vicinity of schools, bus stops, pedestrian crossings, and to contribute to safer routes to schools;
- (2) For the relief of those in need, by reason of ill-health and disability, including where such ill-health and disability cause financial hardship or other disadvantage to the families affected, in England and Wales for the public benefit, by providing resources such as financial and logistical support to such families to facilitate outings and activities for the siblings of children with additional needs;
- (3) For the relief of those in need by reason of bereavement through the loss of a child, by providing support and activities to promote wellbeing for families in England and Wales.

The activities of the Foundation in this reporting period were impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic, limiting its fundraising and delivery activities and the capacity of the Trustees to deliver the objectives. Planning work was the focus of the Trustees activities.

### Achievements and performance

In 2021-2022 the charity activities were significantly reduced due to the impact of Covid-19. **£14,906** was brought forward from the previous year, and a total of **£1000** was raised through donations despite there being no major fundraising events.

The charity is still in a pilot/test phase of issuing grants via the Ellie days programme - **£335** award was granted to a beneficiary before a full launch to coincide with the major fundraising event EllieFest for July 2022.

As the charity was preparing for its major fundraising event in 2022, and incurred some costs towards the costs of the event of **£1775**, which were recouped at the event itself.

The charity ended the year with £13,777 funds in the bank.

### **Challenges**

The charity has been working to build a fund to deliver the aims, but the pandemic has been an ongoing challenge to fundraising, and capacity of Trustees who have been impacted by school closures and health issues of Trustees. It has been identified that the foundation needs paid administration support to ensure continuity. Plans to develop a charity administrator role as cost effectiveness as possible to enable the charity to meet its aims are in development.

### **Progress toward the delivery of objectives**

#### ***(1) Road Safety Initiative***

The Trustees have reviewed this programme and decided to discontinue the association with West Sussex County Council specifically on body-worn cameras initiative as the council were unable to meet commitments. The programme will offer a broader scope of funding for schools to apply to us for to meet specific costs of road safety initiatives to be communicated directly to schools.

#### ***(2) Ellie Days***

The Ellie Days initiative is open for application in a test phase mainly in partnership with Chestnut Tree House. Trustees have received 1 applicant before a full marketing drive has been initiated to raise awareness which was granted, and used as a test case to review how the grant can work.

#### ***(3) Bereaved family support***

This part of the programme is on hold until the Foundation's capacity is increased.

### **Public benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The public benefit of the Charity's activities has been focussed on the raising of funds to support the programme moving forwards.

### **Policy on Grant Making**

The ETF grant making policy and criteria around the Ellie days initiative and Schools Road Safety Programme are available on the website here:

<https://elliethorntonfoundation.org.uk/what-we-do/ellie-days/>

<https://elliethorntonfoundation.org.uk/what-we-do/road-safety-initiatives/>

### **Contribution of Volunteers**

The Trustees have worked in a voluntary capacity for the charity in the year 2021 – 2022.

### **Plans for the future**

The major fundraising event EllieFest was scheduled to take place 9th July 2022, and in this report period the Trustees were working to prepare a high quality, successful event as the second major event of the charity to raise funds for its causes.

Testing of Ellie Days grant making scheme, and a specific marketing drive with Chestnut Tree House is planned to increase the take up of test awards.

Testing the Road Safety Initiatives throughout 2022 into 2023 will enable the Trustees to assess if the scheme meets school's needs.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 3/2/23 by email.

and signed by:



B Thornton  
Chair of Trustees



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Ellie Thornton Foundation

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
06/04/2021

To

Period end date  
05/04/2022

### Section A Receipts and payments


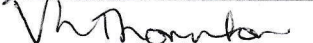
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	963	-	-	963	-
Amazon Smile	37	-	-	37	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charity Event Materials	69	-	-	69	-
Fundraising Costs	1,705	-	-	1,705	-
Ellie Days Grant Funding	335	-	-	335	-
Bounced Cheque	18	-	-	18	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	2,128	-	-	2,128	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	2,128	-	-	2,128	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 1,128	-	-	- 1,128	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	14,906	-	-	14,906	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	13,777	-	-	13,777	-



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in account	13,777	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	13,777	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ben Thornton	3/2/23
	Vicky Thornton	3/2/23