

STARFISH ALLIANCE

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023
CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Bryan Elliott Misty Elliott Kathleen Winston Christopher Mark Winston Clayton Sandry Judith Sandry
Charitable position:	Registered Charity number 1182198
Governing Document:	CIO Foundation Constitution dated 25 th February 2019
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31st December 2023.

Objects of the Charity

The following objects will be carried out with a Christian ethos:

- 1.1. to advance children and young people in life, in particular looked after children, especially but not exclusively through:
 - 1.1.1. the provision of leisure time activities so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society; and
 - 1.1.2. the improvement of the quality of service given to children and others in care (including foster care) by but not limited to, the provision of support, advice and guidance to representatives of services and organisations engaged in providing, improving and advancing foster care; and
- 1.2. to preserve and protect the physical and mental health of carers of looked after children, principally but not exclusively, by offering a respite service to the children in their care.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Starfish Alliance, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, is governed by a board of trustees, appointed for a period of no more than three years by a properly convened meeting of the board of trustees. Trustees will meet at least four times per year to make decisions regarding the structure, governance, financial operations, and other relevant business.

The income of The Starfish Alliance is comprised of charitable giving by organisations and individuals, either by monthly standing order or individual, "one off" donations, and grants from interested entities (be they government, lottery, business, or otherwise).

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

We are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Our Aims and Objectives

The Starfish Alliance seeks to promote and establish new camps and mentoring initiatives for children in care in the United Kingdom. All funding and efforts therein are for the purpose of promotion, training, and advocacy of our camps and mentoring programs.

Activities this last year

Starfish programmes are now fully operational once again. Our Cardiff camp had nearly 40 campers and 60 adult volunteers present. We hosted our first Directors Training event in conjunction with our Cardiff camp. Three individuals from Bryn Sion Baptist Church in Aberdare attended with the mission of starting a second Starfish KIDS Camp for children in the Rhondda Cynon Taff local authority and surrounding areas. This is a momentous first step in replicating our camp model across the UK.

Our founders, Bryan & Misty Elliott are wrapping up their time in the United States and will be returning in January of 2024 to commence our expansion of services across Wales, England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Public Benefit requirement

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in December 2008.

Financial Review

Finances are reviewed at each trustee meeting, with an annual review of accounts to be carried out at the end of year and submitted to the Charities Commission.

Plans for Future Periods

The Starfish Alliance will be expanding its trustee board in 2024, with particular attention given to inviting people with fostering expertise and connections, as well as those with legal qualifications.

Our UK expansion efforts will begin in earnest, with representation at national church and charity conferences, as well as church engagement efforts and fundraising work.

Independent Examiner

Paul Burnell of CMS was appointed as the organisation's independent examiner during the year.

This Report was approved by the Trustees on 5th August 2024 and is signed on their behalf by Bryan Elliott



INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

STARFISH ALLIANCE

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Paul Burnell

Paul Burnell ACMI

5th August 2024

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STARFISH ALLIANCE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
RECEIPTS					
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	5,768	-	5,768	13,000
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	-	-	-	2,497
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	7,600	-	7,600	-
Interest received		10	-	10	6
Total Receipts		13,378	-	13,378	15,503
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	5	19,787	-	19,787	12,177
Total payments		19,787	-	19,787	12,177
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(6,409)	-	(6,409)	3,326
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 st January 2022		8,450	-	8,450	5,124
Fund balances at 31 st December 2022		2,041	-	2,041	8,450

The notes on page 6 form part of these accounts.

STARFISH ALLIANCE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. Fixed Assets

	Insurance Value 2023 £	Insurance Value 2022 £
The value of assets owned are:		
Equipment		- <hr/> -

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>2,041</u> 2,041	<u>8,450</u> 8,450

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	2023 £	2022 £
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	-	-
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	<u>100</u> 100	<u>100</u> 100

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 5th August 2024 by Bryan Elliott



The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

2. Voluntary receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations	5,768	-	5,768	13,000
Tax recovered	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,768</u>	<u>13,000</u>

3. Receipts from charitable activities

Income	-	-	-	2,497
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,497</u>

4. Other Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Grants	7,600	-	7,600	-
	<u>7,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,600</u>	<u>-</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
a. Direct Charitable Costs				
Employment costs	6,340	-	6,340	6,240
Projects –Virtual Mentoring & Camp	9,903	-	9,903	2,785
	<u>16,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,243</u>	<u>9,025</u>

b. Support and Administration

Premises costs	1,906	-	1,906	600
General admin expenses	1,638	-	1,638	2,552
Grant consultancy	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,544</u>	<u>3,152</u>

c. Grants

Hardship support	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has one part-time employed member of staff, first employed in July 2020. Its activities are mostly carried out by volunteers

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.