

Trustees' Annual Report

Covering the period from April 01st 2023 to March 31st 2024

Charity name: Skiggle

Charity registration number: 1185108

Aims and objectives

The constitution states that Skiggle's objective is "the relief of disabled persons in the UK".

This is achieved through the creation and maintenance of a mutual support network comprising disabled people and their carers. Skiggle's members use the charity to redistribute surplus medical consumables and provide emergency supply of consumables to those in need.

Activities

SOS messaging service - where members can request urgent care essentials immediately, in unforeseen circumstances, free of charge, from other member's surplus supplies. The service uses geolocation technology to direct SOS messages to members with a limited radius of the member asking for help. All SOS requests are vetted by our team to ensure they comply with our terms and conditions e.g. the service can't be used for medications.

Marketplace where items can be bought, sold or offered for free. We have strict terms and conditions relating to the movement of products which must be followed. The marketplace includes our Bereavement Angel, an icon available for those needing to use the site due to personal loss. Any items which were originally provided by the NHS can only be offered free of charge.

Charitable activities – fundraising to Skiggle running costs, service improvements and promotion of the charity to grow its membership.

Achievements in the reporting period

Skiggle's membership grew by the largest amount since the charity was formed; we attracted just under 8,000 new members in the year. This means we now have under 18,000 members. The increasing membership means we can provide better coverage for SOS requests and we are able to make use of otherwise surplus equipment and consumables through the marketplace.

We also supported 121 SOS requests, again this is a record for the year. This brings the total number of SOS requests supported since the charity was formed to 656.

Although we can't accurately measure the turnover of the Skiggle marketplace, there has definitely been an increase in activity during the reporting period. We estimate that we have exened £2m of surplus NHS consumables and equipment was redistributed in the year. If it wasn't for Skiggle, most of the consumables would otherwise have been sent to landfill.

In the reporting period, NHS supply chains have continued to suffer with the after effects of the COVID pandemic. This has meant that many vulnerable people have been struggling for vital

supplies such as suction catheters ventilation kits specialist feeds and many other items. The Skiggle marketplace and SOS service have been used extensively as a result we have also seen a number of NHS professionals using Skiggle when the NHS supply chain has failed.

Our social media platforms have brought awareness to the charity and we have successfully achieved many written press releases and a popular engagement with our membership.

We have also implemented a major new security update to protect our vulnerable members. We have had a problematic member which has challenged our security system.

Fundraising performance

Overall, our fundraising performance is lower than previous years, but we have been impacted by the need to appoint two new trustees after two of our former trustees stood down. We expect to improve our fundraising performance going forward.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution which was last updated on 2nd June 2023.

There must be at least 3 charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may only act to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Trustees in the reporting period

Name	Date appointed	Date left
Christine Singleton ¹	30/8/2019	
Helen Taylor ²	30/8/2019	21/5/2023
Kate Kostecka	7/9/2019	21/5/2023
Paul Turner ³	15/3/2023	
Jayne Chester ⁴	3/4/2023	

Charity Address

Skiggle
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¹ Chair

² Treasurer until 15/3/2023 and Secretary until 3/4/2023

³ Treasurer from 15/3/2023

⁴ Secretary from 3/4/2023

Appendix 1 – other SORP questions not already covered in the Trustees’ Annual Report

SORP Question	SORP reference	Skiggle response
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees confirm that they have had full regard to PB3; the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have insufficient funds to create a reserve at this time but, as and when funding permits, we would like to hold reserves covering 1 years’ operation of the charity (circa £5k).
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity does not have sufficient funds to put in reserves at this time
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Although our running costs are normally very low and we expect to be able to cover them through normal our fundraising, if a major rewrite of the website was required, it might be difficult to fund.
The charity’s principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Principal source of funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trusts and foundations • Corporate fundraising and donations • Grants
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Insufficient funds as the charities’ costs grow with the increase in its beneficiaries. Cyber security breaches, despite adherence to GDPR policy and protocol.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Charitable Activities (Donations)	2,584	-		2,584	2,846
Charitable Activities (Fundraising)		-	-		1,516
Charitable Activities (Gift in Kind)		-	-	-	
Gross Trading Receipts	497	-	-	497	144
Charitable Activities (Grants)	-	-	-	-	
Other receipts (Loan from Trustee)	1,193	-	-	1,193	1,529
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,274	-	-	4,274	6,035
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,274	-	-	4,274	6,035
A3 Payments					
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	
Payments relating directly to charitable	5,731		-	5,731	27,522
	-	-	-	-	-

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,731	-	-	5,731	27,522
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	5,731	-	-	5,731	27,522
Net of receipts/(payments)		-	-		- 21,487
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,364		-	13,364	36,308
Cash funds this year end	13,364	-	-	13,364	14,821

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	13,364		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,364	-	-
		(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK
			OK	OK

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-


		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	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
	Paul Turner	01/19/25