

RAINBOW STARS DISABILITY GROUP SLEAFORD

England & Wales · Charity number 1186118

Details

Other names RAINBOW STARS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-11-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR PARENTS, CAREERS AND FAMILIES OF CHILDREN LIVING WITH AUTISM AND ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS LIVING IN LINCOLNSHIRE, THROUGH ADVICE, ADVOCACY, AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT.TO RELIEVE THE NEED OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO CARE FOR SUCH CHILDREN LIVING IN LINCOLNSHIRE, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES.

Activities: Rainbow Stars is a volunteer led Lincolnshire based support group for families with members with additional needs, specialising in, but not limited to, Autistic Spectrum Disorder. It operates via a Facebook group and also runs a Disability Hub in the Lincolnshire town of Sleaford. It organises play meets, days out and social events along with a program of events at the Hub

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£52,411	£44,960	-	-
2023-12-31	£42,293	£39,055	-	-
2022-12-31	£35,311	£34,105	-	-
2021-12-31	£48,504	£49,406	-	-
2020-12-31	£31,831	£16,953	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sandra Jane Peck	Chair	2019-08-15
ALAN THOMAS		2019-08-15
Adrian Peck		2019-08-15
Ann-Marie Watson		2020-12-02
Hannah Owen		2019-08-15
SAMANTHA BRYANT		2023-01-24
Tara Ward		2019-08-15

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Charity's Principal Address 8 Duke Street, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 7DX

Board of Trustees

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Hannah Owen	
Tara Jones	
Alan Thomas	
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Ann Marie Watson	
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

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Organisational Structure

The seven charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees. In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at a subsequent trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk matrix which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees review this risk matrix regularly at their meetings. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified.

In particular, finances of the charity are kept under review and a reserve equal to at least a minimum of twelve months hub running costs is kept. Regular attempts to recruit volunteers are made in conjunction with the local volunteer bureau and by advertising on the charity's social media accounts and in the wider community. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are made for all those who volunteer with children or vulnerable adults within the hub. Also, most activities are staffed by at least two volunteers where possible however parents are expected to accompany their children at all times.

Objectives and Activities

Our Aims

To provide relief for parents, carers and families of children diagnosed with autism and associated problems living in Lincolnshire, through advice, advocacy, and practical support. To relieve the need of children with autism spectrum disorders and those family members who care for such children living in Lincolnshire, through the provision of recreational and leisure time activities.

Use of Volunteers

Volunteers are an extremely important resource and all our events are entirely volunteer run. We utilise the services of up to 15 volunteers over the course of a week, running various sessions and events at our hub. Volunteers are also active on the charity's social media accounts, promoting the charity alongside answering questions and signposting people on the Facebook group and responding to emails generated through our website. All volunteers at our hub are DBS checked and are aware of safeguarding procedures.

Activities and Achievements

How our Activities Deliver Public Benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. When planning and carrying out these activities the Trustees have kept in mind the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Below is a summary of our activity during the year:

On-line

Rainbow Stars continues to operate as a Facebook based support group with around 3000 members. The group is a safe space for people to ask for, and receive, support and advice from people with lived experience or parents/carers regarding all manner of issues. It is also a platform for the charity to advertise the hub and the many events that are hosted there and elsewhere. There are many interactions on a daily basis.

Hub

We moved into our new hub at the beginning of the year. Although smaller than our previous building, it is also more central in Sleaford and around half the cost of the previous building to run. The landlords are also our neighbours and we work well with them, utilising their hall when more space is required.

Our hub is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30 until 2.30 with various activities taking place during the week. We offer a drop in for parents and carers as well as a day centre type environment for children and adults with additional needs. We can help with completion of benefit claims and other paperwork such as Education Health and Care Plans and school appeals. We continue to provide a safe place for off-rolled children to socialise and complete educational work.

A number of sessions are run in the evenings and at weekends so that children who are in school can attend. These include 'Manic Mondays', 'Siblings', 'Wacky Wednesday', 'Teen and Adult night', and various sensory based sessions making use of our sensory room and other equipment.

Virtual Autism Hub Grants

We were extremely fortunate to be awarded two grants totalling £12.4k from the Virtual Autism Hub, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Trust These were to fund two projects 'Grow it, Cook it, Eat it' and 'Drumming'.

This enabled us to offer life skills in the form of growing vegetables at our station allotment and also preparing menus, buying food and making meals. This has been a great success providing valuable skills to our users and ensuring that some of our more vulnerable members have access to a hot meal on the days that they attend.

We have also held various different types of drumming activities for our users and their carers, including sessions led by a local Celtic rock band, Gong Baths, and mindfulness drumming sessions.

Events

2024 was a busy year for events and activities which were always oversubscribed.

Apart from the aforementioned cooking and drumming sessions, we supported local businesses with trips to Playzone and Arcade Warehouse in Lincoln, Jump Revolution and Grantham Bowl in Grantham, Kinema in the Woods at Woodhall Spa, roller-skating at the Gliderdrome in Boston and swimming at Billinghamay outdoor swimming pool.

PGL not only raised funds with an auction but laid on free outdoor activities at their outward bound site in Caythorpe.

Community and Fundraising Events

We get great support from our local community and like to get involved in community events where possible

Our Chairwoman was President of the Rotary Club of Sleaford until June 2024 and not only was Rainbow Stars one of her nominated charities, but we also continued our long association with the Rotary Club of Sleaford who contributed to our trip to Twinlakes Adventure Theme Park at Melton Mowbray as part of Kids Day Out.

We continue to be garden adopters at Sleaford railway station, enabling our users to garden and create some great displays to coincide with national or local events such as Remembrance Day or Lincolnshire Day.

Rainbow Stars has taken over the running of the swimability session held weekly at the Sleaford Leisure Centre from the Lions.

Sleaford Town Football club supported us for a second season. We were able to attend some matches and the club raised money for us through their participation in the South Kesteven Charity Cup.

The Mayor of Sleaford supported us by nominating us as one of his charities of the year

and raising money at a number of events. We helped the town council promote and run their car boot sales.

The President of Sleaford Golf Club held a fundraising event.

We again entered a tree in the Sleaford Christmas Tree Festival.

Financial Review

In 2024 we arranged many activities across the year and were also able to hold some well supported fund raising events. At the end of the period our cash balances had increased by £7,452 from £32,522 to £40,004. This included £11,729 restricted funds. The majority of this related to the grant supported projects we are running which end in 2025.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold at least enough funds to meet twelve months' gross operating costs of the hub. This is approximately £12,000 per year.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal source of funds during the year were donations from grant awarding bodies, local companies and charitable bodies, and our own fundraising activities.

We are very lucky to retain the support of the local community, and many organisations, businesses and individuals supported us throughout the year.

Other funds come from the small charge we make to access our hub and to attend activities.

Investment Policy and Objectives

The charity has no long-term investments. Currently our cash reserves are held in a deposit account.

Plans for future periods

We look forward to 2025 where we will continue to provide much needed services to the local community. We will hopefully finally install our mosaics on the outside of our hub and realise our long held ambition to open a changing places type bathroom in Sleaford. We will continue to look to recruit volunteers and provide opportunities and experiences for our members in a safe, non-judgemental environment.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

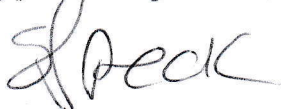
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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
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- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Sandra Jane Peck (Chair)
28 October 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Rainbow Stars Deisability Group Sleaford

No (if any)
1196118

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/24	To	Period end date 31/12/24
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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					
Donations	16,957	2,500	-	19,457	20,990
Grant Income		13,541	-	13,541	2,077
Fundraising	3,367	-	-	3,367	4,873
Trips and Activities	4,387	-	-	4,387	7,647
Hub Related Income	5,046	6,576	-	11,622	6,687
Miscellaneous Income	37	-	-	37	20
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,794	22,617	-	52,411	42,293
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,794	22,617	-	52,411	42,293
A3 Payments					
General Expenditure	993	-	-	993	1,289
Fundraising Expenditure	524	-	-	524	1,069
Trips and Activities	5,280	-	-	5,280	9,117
Grant Funded Expenditure	-	7,517	-	7,517	-
Hub Related Expenditure	24,069	6,576	-	30,645	27,581
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,866	14,093	-	44,959	39,055
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,866	14,093	-	44,959	39,055
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,072	8,524	-	7,452	3,238
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,347	3,205	-	32,552	-
Cash funds this year end	28,275	11,729	-	40,004	3,238

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	Cash	250	-	-
	Bank	27,058	11,729	-
	Paypal	967	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,275	11,729	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds 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	Restricted Funds	-	-
Sensory Room equipment	Non Restricted funds	-	-
Computers and other electrical	Non Restricted funds	-	-
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ADRIAN PECK	1/10/25



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name Rainbow Stars Disability Group Sleaford

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2024

Charity no (if any)

1186118

Set out on pages

1 to 8 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 12-10-25

Name: SHANE WHITEHEAD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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New Bank Account

As the activities of the charity expanded it became apparent in 2020 that our bank account was no longer fit for purpose. Due to the banking system virtually shutting down for new customers during the covid pandemic it took 3 years to open a new business account with Lloyds Bank but this was successfully achieved in 2023.

New Premises

Towards the end of the 2023 the Trustees decided to seek to terminate the lease on the building that we rent for our hub due to a deteriorating relationship with the landlord and their agents. The only other viable option would have been to shut down the hub indefinitely but this would have had a detrimental affect on many peoples' lives.

We were lucky to find another suitable building in the centre of Sleaford which we will move into in early 2024. There is a cost to this move due to the time remaining on the lease of the current premises and the works required on the new property but these will mainly occur in early 2024.

Risk Management

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A number of sessions are run in the evenings and at weekends so that children who are in school can attend. These include 'Manic Mondays', 'Siblings', 'After School Club', 'Teen and Adult night', and various sensory based sessions making use of our sensory room and other equipment.

For part of the year we had a volunteer chef who cooked with our users on a weekly basis, including planning meals and buying ingredients.

Events

2023 was a busy year for events and activities which were always oversubscribed.

We supported local businesses with trips to Playzone and Arcade Warehouse in Lincoln, Jump Revolution and Grantham Bowl in Grantham, Kinema in the Woods at Woodhall Spa, Wold Wildlife Park at Horncastle, and swimming at Billingham outdoor swimming pool.

We were able to return to a favourite venue, holding a sensory-tastic sleep-over at The Deep aquarium in Hull for 50 children and their families and carers.

Our Chairman was President of the Rotary Club of Sleaford from June 2023 and not only was Rainbow Stars one of her nominated charities but we also continued our long association with the two Rotary clubs of Sleaford who contributed to our trip to Twinlakes Adventure Theme Park at Melton Mowbray as part of Kids Day Out.

We held a chill out event for our female carers featuring spa type treatments and psychic readings. The male carers enjoyed a karting session at a local venue.

At Christmas, Sleaford Little Theatre put on a relaxed panto performance for us which was well attended.

Community Events

We get great support from our local community and like to get involved in community events where possible

We continue to be garden adopters at Sleaford railway station, enabling our users to do gardening and create some great displays to coincide with national or local events such as the Coronation and Remembrance Day.

In July we again held our Fun Fest, an inclusive, family event on the Recreation ground in Sleaford with Inflatables, stalls, circus skills and a colour run attended by many hundreds of people. This also acts as a promotional event and useful fund raiser.

Sleaford Town Football club played with our logo on their shorts and raised money for us during the season. They also won the South Kesteven Charity Cup and in doing so won £354 for us.

We helped the town council promote and run their summer car boot sales.

We are also entered a tree in the Christmas Tree Festival.

Financial Review

As can be seen, in 2023 we arranged many activities across the year and were also able to hold some well supported fund raising events. At the end of the period our cash balances had increased by £3,238 from £29,314 to £32,522. This included £3,205 restricted funds which will be spent in 2024.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold at least enough funds to meet twelve months' gross operating costs of the hub. This is approximately £13,000 per year.

Principal Funding Sources

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Investment Policy and Objectives

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Plans for future periods

We look forward to 2024 when we will celebrate 10 years since Rainbow Stars came into existence as a Facebook based help group. We will continue to look to recruit volunteers and provide opportunities and experiences for our members in a safe, non-judgemental environment.

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The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Peck', written in a cursive style.

Sandra Jane Peck (Chair)
27 October 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
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No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/23	To	Period end date 31/12/23
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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					
Donations	19,690	3,377	-	23,067	18,867
Fundraising	4,873	-	-	4,873	4,750
Trips and Activities	7,647	-	-	7,647	5,789
Hub Related Income	6,687	-	-	6,687	5,905
Miscellaneous Income	20	-	-	20	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	38,916	3,377	-	42,293	35,311
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,916	3,377	-	42,293	35,311
A3 Payments					
General Expenditure	1,289	-	-	1,289	1,746
Fundraising Expenditure	1,069	-	-	1,069	1,032
Trips and Activities	9,117	-	-	9,117	7,191
Hub Related Expenditure	27,409	172	-	27,581	24,136
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	38,883	172	-	39,055	34,105
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	38,883	172	-	39,055	34,105
Net of receipts/(payments)	33	3,205	-	3,238	1,206
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,315	-	-	29,315	-
Cash funds this year end	29,348	3,205	-	32,553	1,206

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	Cash	101	-	-
	Bank	28,191	3,205	-
	Paypal	1,056	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,348	3,205	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

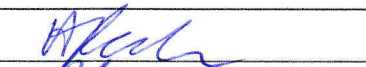

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Sensory Room equipment	Restricted Funds	-	-
	Computers and other electrical	Non Restricted funds	-	-
	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	Non Restricted funds	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Adrian Peck	2/10/24
	ALAN THOMAS	2/10/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity name
Rainbow Stars Disabilities Group Sleaford

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1186118

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

7-10-2024

Name:

SHANE WHITEHEAD

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

RAINBOW STARS DISABILITY GROUP SLEAFORD

England & Wales - Charity number 1186118

Accounts

Trustee's Annual Report for the period 1 January to 31 December 2022

The trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006, the constitution and the Charities SORP 2005

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name Rainbow Stars Disability Group Sleaford

Known As Rainbow Stars

Charity Number 1186118

Charity's Principal Address 8 Duke Street, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 7DX

Board of Trustees

Trustee Name	Office
Sandra Jane Peck	Chair
Hannah Owen	
Tara Jones	
Alan Thomas	
Adrian Peck	
Ann Marie Watson	

Bankers NatWest
Grantham(A) Branch
27/28 St Peter's Hill
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Rainbow Stars Disability Group Sleaford is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission in November 2019 under charity number 1186118. It is governed by a constitution.

Organisational Structure

The six charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees. In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at a subsequent trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk matrix which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees review this risk matrix regularly at their meetings. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified.

In particular, finances of the charity are kept under review and a reserve equal to at least a minimum of twelve months hub running costs is kept. Regular attempts to recruit volunteers are made in conjunction with the local volunteer bureau and by advertising on the charity's social media accounts and in the wider community. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are made for all those who volunteer with children or vulnerable adults within the hub. Also, all activities are staffed by at least two volunteers where possible.

Objectives and Activities

Our Aims

To provide relief for parents, carers and families of children living with autism and associated problems living in Lincolnshire, through advice, advocacy, and practical support. To relieve the need of children with autism spectrum disorders and those family members who care for such children living in Lincolnshire, through the provision of recreational and leisure time activities.

Use of Volunteers

Volunteers are an extremely important resource and all our events are entirely volunteer run. We utilise the services of up to 15 volunteers over the course of a week, running various sessions and events at our hub. Volunteers are also active on the charity's social media accounts, promoting the charity alongside answering questions and signposting people on the Facebook group and responding to emails generated through our website. All volunteers at our hub are DBS checked and are aware of safeguarding procedures. Volunteers are at a premium, and recruiting and retaining them is becoming more difficult as people's financial and personal circumstances change.

Activities and Achievements

How our Activities Deliver Public Benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. When planning and carrying out these activities the Trustees have kept in mind the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

With covid now something we all have to live with, 2022 allowed us to return to some of our previous community based fund raising events and group activities for the first time since 2019. Below is a summary of our activity during the year:

On-line

Rainbow Stars continues to operate as a Facebook based support group with around 2500 members. The group is a safe space for people to ask for, and receive, support and advice from other disabled people or parents/carers regarding all manner of issues. It is also a platform for the charity to advertise the hub and the many events that are hosted by them. There are many interactions on a daily basis.

Hub

The hub is open daily from 9.30 until 2.30 with various activities taking place during the week. We hold cookery and life skills session, help with completion of benefit claims and other paperwork such as Education Health and Care Plans and appeals. We continue to provide a safe place for off-rolled children to socialise and complete educational work.

A number of sessions are run in the evenings so that children who are in school can attend. These include 'Manic Mondays', 'Siblings', 'After School Club', 'Teen and Adult nights' and various sensory based sessions making use of our sensory room and other equipment.

We held mindfulness sessions, drum therapy and Halloween and Christmas parties at our hub. We also held a carers pamper event in conjunction with Carers First who provide carer assessments on behalf of the County Council.

Events

2022 allowed for a full year of events and activities for the first time since we became a registered charity.

We supported local businesses with events at Playzone in Lincoln, Jump Revolution in Grantham, Kinema in the Woods at Woodhall Spa, Grantham Bowl, Billingham outdoor swimming pool and Arcade Warehouse in Lincoln.

We were able to return to a favourite venue, holding a sensory-tastic sleep-over at The Deep aquarium in Hull for 50 children and their families and carers.

We continued our long association with the two Rotary clubs of Sleaford who contributed

to our trip to Twinlakes Adventure Theme Park at Melton Mowbray as part of Kids Day Out.

At Christmas, Sleaford Little Theatre put on a relaxed performance of 'A Xmas Caper' for us which was well attended. We also attended Cinderella at the New Theatre Royal Lincoln.

Community Events

In early July, in glorious weather, we held our Fun Fest, a community event on the Recreation ground in Sleaford with Inflatables, stalls, circus skills and a colour run attended by many hundreds of people. Although primarily an inclusive, family, event this did raise significant funds.

Working with the Sleaford based National Centre for Craft and Design our hub users did some paintings which were then exhibited in a local art gallery, resulting in a number of sales.

We are garden adopters at Sleaford railway station, enabling our users to do gardening and create some great displays to coincide with national or local events such as the Platinum Jubilee and Remembrance Day.

We held our annual Christmas Craft Fair, selling items made by our members as well as member of the local community. We are also entered a tree in the Christmas Tree Festival.

Financial Review

In 2022 we supported many activities across the year and were also able to hold some well supported fund raising events. At the end of the period our cash balances had increased by £1,205 from to £28,109 to £29,314.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold at least enough funds to meet twelve months' gross operating costs of the hub. This is approximately £20,000 per year.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal source of funds during the year were donations from grant awarding bodies and the community.

Some of our volunteers were also involved in a MutualGain/Lincolnshire Police initiative called 'The Sleaford Speaks World Cafe' and we were lucky enough to be awarded £3000 towards upgrading our kitchen facilities.

We were awarded Good Neighbour status by the YMCA which attracted £1000 funding.

We are very lucky to have the support of the local community, and organisations, businesses and individuals supported us throughout the year.

Other funds come from the small charge we make to access our hub and to attend activities.

Investment Policy and Objectives

The charity has no long-term investments. Our cash reserves are held in a deposit account.

Plans for future periods

We look forward to 2023 where we can continue to provide much needed services to the community. We recognise that we need a bigger pool of volunteers to enable us to continue to open everyday.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and 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 and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
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- 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Sandra Jane Peck (Chair)
19 October 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Rainbow Stars Disability Group Sleaford	No (if any) 1186118
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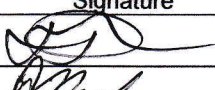

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01/01/22	To 31/12/22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	18,867	-	-	18,867	12,419
Fundraising	4,750	-	-	4,750	1,297
Trips and Activities	5,789	-	-	5,789	1,906
Hub Related Income	5,905	-	-	5,905	5,844
Sensory Room	-	-	-	-	27,038
Kitchen	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	35,311	-	-	35,311	48,504
(see table).	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,311	-	-	35,311	48,504
A3 Payments					
General Expenditure	1,746	-	-	1,746	690
Fundraising Expenditure	1,032	-	-	1,032	20
Trips and Activities	7,191	-	-	7,191	2,485
Hub Related Expenditure	24,136	-	-	24,136	16,825
Sensory Room Build	-	-	-	-	3,806
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	34,105	-	-	34,105	23,825
A4 Asset and investment					
Sensory Room Equipment	-	-	-	-	25,580
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	34,105	-	-	34,105	23,825
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,206	-	-	1,206	24,679
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,109	-	-	28,109	-
Cash funds this year end	29,315	-	-	29,315	24,679

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	Cash	261	-	-
	Bank	28,072	-	-
	Paypal	982	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,315	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Sensory Room equipment	Restricted funds	-	-
	Computers and other electrical	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	Unrestricted funds	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	N/A		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			M. OWEN	10.10.23
			A PECK	10.10.23



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name RAINBOW STARS DISABILITY CHARITY

On accounts for the year ended

31-12-2022

Charity no (if any)

1186118

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

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

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Signed: [Signature]

Date: 03-10-2023

Name: SHANE WHITEHEAD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

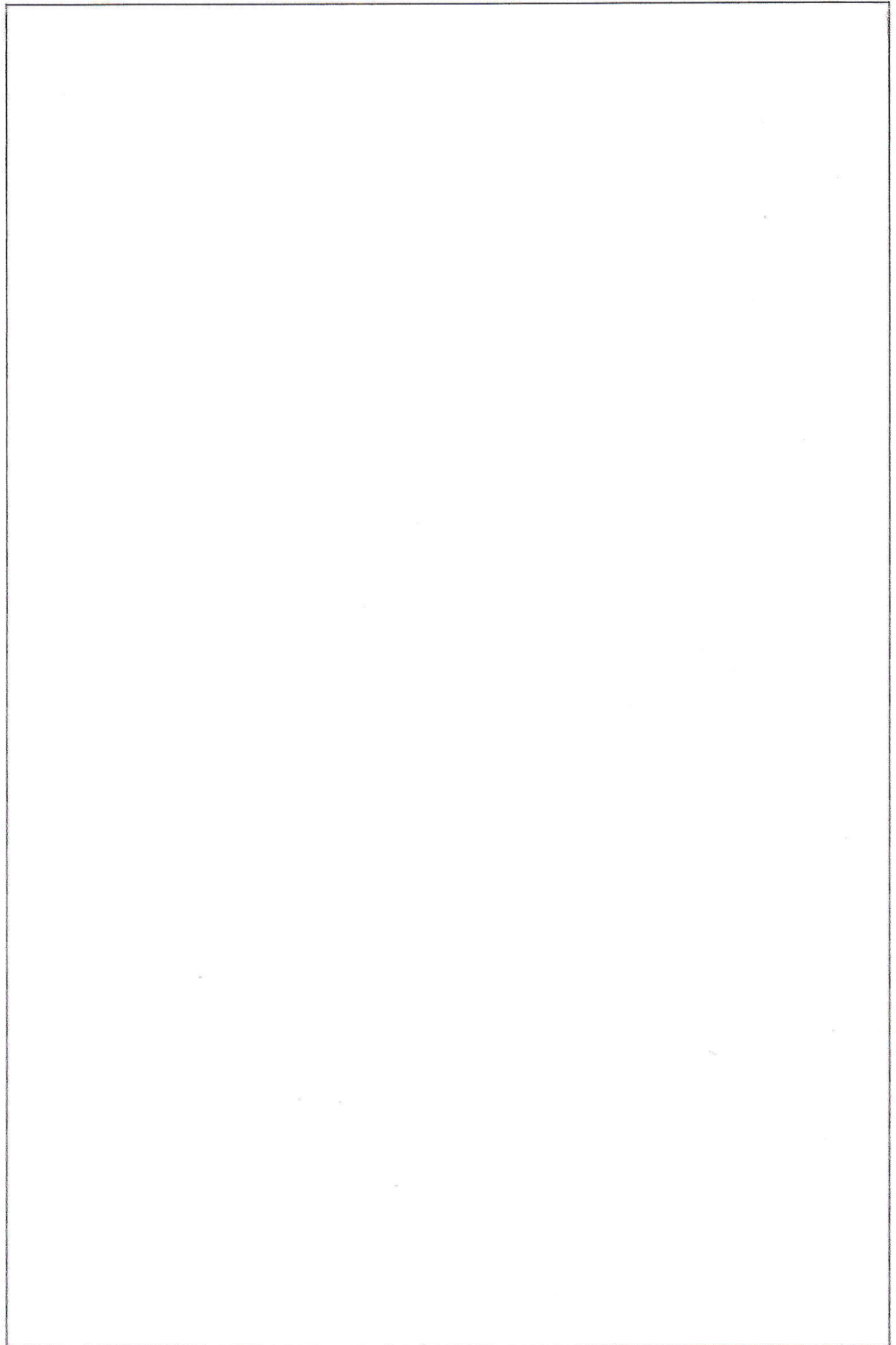
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RAINBOW STARS DISABILITY GROUP SLEAFORD

England & Wales - Charity number 1186118

Accounts

Trustee's Annual Report for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021

The trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006, the constitution and the Charities SORP 2005

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name Rainbow Stars Disability Group Sleaford

Known As Rainbow Stars

Charity Number 1186118

Charity's Principal Address 8 Duke Street, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 7DX

Board of Trustees

Trustee Name	Office
Sandra Jane Peck	Chair
Hannah Owen	
Tara Jones	
Alan Thomas	
Adrian Peck	
Ann Marie Watson	

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

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The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees. In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at a subsequent trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk matrix which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees review this risk matrix regularly at their meetings. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified.

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Activities and Achievements

How our Activities Deliver Public Benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. When planning and carrying out these activities the Trustees have kept in mind the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

In line with other organisations some of our activities were curtailed during the first half of 2021 due to the various restrictions and lock downs imposed due to the global Covid 19 pandemic. Below is a summary of our activity during the year:

On-line

Rainbow Stars continues to operate as a Facebook based support group with well over 2000 members. The group is a safe space for people to ask for, and receive, support and advice regarding all manner of issues from other disabled people or parents/carers. It is also a platform for the charity to advertise the hub and the many events that are hosted there and elsewhere. There are many interactions on a daily basis. During the year we had a web site professionally designed and hosted.

Hub

The hub is open daily from 9.30 until 2.30 with various activities taking place during the week. One of our volunteers used to be a chef and he leads cooking and life skill activities. Wednesday is paperwork day, where volunteers are able to help with benefit claims and Education Health and Care Plan paperwork. We continue to provide a safe place for off-rolled children to socialise and complete educational work. A number of sessions are run in the evenings so that children who are in school can attend. These include 'Manic Mondays', 'Siblings', 'After School Club' and 'Teen and Adult nights'.

Entering 2021 we had one major goal for our hub which was to install a sensory room. In June, a year after first meeting with Rompa to cost up the project, installation began. Locally, this is the only one thought to be accessible by the community.

Training

A level 2 Makaton course was organised at our hub for parents and carers, following on from the level 1 course held in 2020. We also worked with Flick learning to provide on line courses for our volunteers.

Events

Some of our planned events in the first half of 2021, such as our popular Easter craft fair and Fun Fest, had to be cancelled due to uncertainty around Covid.

Many people were understandably reluctant to, and anxious about, re-engaging with the world when the time came to do so. However, we managed to book out a screen at Kinema in the Woods, Woodhall Spa, to watch Peter Rabbit 2 in a relaxed and understanding atmosphere, we visited a trampoline park, held three private events at

Billingham outdoor swimming pool, visited a soft play park in Lincoln, visited Lincolnshire Wildlife Park near Friskney and held mindfulness sessions and Halloween and Christmas parties at our hub. We continued our long association with Rotary Club of Sleaford who contributed to our trip to Twinlakes Adventure Theme Park at Melton Mowbray. Our annual Christmas craft fair was also a great success.

Some of our volunteers were also involved in a MutualGain/Lincolnshire Police initiative called 'The Sleaford Speaks World Cafe' which may give us access to funding in 2022.

Financial Review

In spite of the Covid 19 pandemic, which again had an impact on our ability to hold some of our fund raising events, we managed to achieve one of our major goals which was to open a sensory room in our hub. At the end of the period our cash balances had decreased slightly from £29,010 to £28,109.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold enough funds to meet twelve months' gross operating costs of the hub. This is thought to be approximately £16,000 in a 'normal' year.

Principal Funding Sources

Due to further covid lockdowns and restrictions our fundraising events were severely curtailed during the first half of the year. The principal source of funds during the year were donations from grant awarding bodies and the community, the largest of which was a £25k donation granted by Moy Park Ltd (a food company with factories in the local area) to use towards installation of a Sensory Room in our Hub. Other funds come from the small charge we make to access our hub and to attend activities.

Investment Policy and Objectives

The charity has no long-term investments. Our cash reserves are held in a deposit account.

Plans for future periods

We look forward to 2022 in the hope that we can operate a 'normal' year devoid of Covid closures and cancellations, a return to our fund raising activities including the much missed 'Fun Fest', as well as running more outings and activities for our children and families. At the hub, we will be looking to update and modernise our kitchen facilities and, in the longer term, open a Changing Places facility.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Sandra Jane Peck (Chair)



11 October 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Rainbow Stars Disability Group Steaford 1186118

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1/1/2021	To	31/12/2021
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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					
Donations	12,419		-	12,419	23,071
Fundraising	1,297	-	-	1,297	3,169
Trips and Activities	1,906	-	-	1,906	1,367
Hub Related Income	5,844	-	-	5,844	4,224
Sensory Room	2,038	25,000	-	27,038	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	23,504	25,000	-	48,504	31,831
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,504	25,000	-	48,504	31,831
A3 Payments					
General Expenditure	690	-	-	690	606
Fundraising Expenditure	20	-	-	20	-
Trips and Activities	2,485	-	-	2,485	2,608
Hub Related Expenditure	16,825	-	-	16,825	13,739
Sensory Room Build	3,806	-	-	3,806	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,825	-	-	23,825	16,953
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sensory Room Equipment	580	25,000	-	25,580	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	580	25,000	-	25,580	-
Total payments	24,405	25,000	-	49,405	16,953
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 901	-	-	- 901	14,878
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,010	-	-	29,010	14,132
Cash funds this year end	28,109	-	-	28,109	29,010

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	26,927	-	-
	Paypal	967	-	-
	Cash	215	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,109	-	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>			

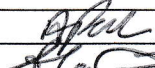

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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	Restricted funds	-	-
Sensory Room equipment	Unrestricted funds	-	-
Computers and other electrical	Unrestricted funds	-	-
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ADRIAN PECK	11/10/22
	ALAN THOMAS	11/10/22



CHARITY
FOR ENGLAND

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Rainbow Stars Disability
Group Sleaford

On accounts for the
year ended

31/12/21

Charity no (if any)

1186118

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1*
[the] accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or

2*
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: 

Date: 10-10-22

Name: SHANE WHITEHEAD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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RAINBOW STARS DISABILITY GROUP SLEAFORD

England & Wales - Charity number 1186118

Accounts

Trustee's Annual Report for the period 1 November 2019 to 31 December 2020

The trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006, the constitution and the Charities SORP 2005

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name Rainbow Stars Disability Group Sleaford

Known As Rainbow Stars

Charity Number 1186118

Charity's Principal Address 8 Duke Street, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 7DX

Board of Trustees

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for full period
Sandra Jane Peck	Chair	
Hannah Owen		
Tara Jones		
Alan Thomas		
Adrian Peck		
Katy Gardner		To June 2020
Ann Marie Watson		From 2 December 2020

Bankers Natwest
Grantham(A) Branch
27/28 St Peter's Hill
Grantham
NG31 6QG

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Rainbow Stars Disability Group Sleaford is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission in November 2019 under charity number 1186118. It is governed by a constitution.

Organisational Structure

The six charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees. In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk matrix which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees review this risk matrix regularly at their meetings. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified.

In particular, finances of the charity are kept under review and a reserve equal to a minimum of six months hub running costs is kept. Regular attempts to recruit volunteers are made in conjunction with the local volunteer bureau. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who volunteer with children or vulnerable adults within the hub. Also, all activities are staffed by at least two volunteers

Objectives and Activities

Our Aims

To provide relief for parents, carers and families of children living with autism and associated problems living in Lincolnshire, through advice, advocacy, and practical support. To relieve the need of children with autism spectrum disorders and those family members who care for such children living in Lincolnshire, through the provision of recreational and leisure time activities.

Use of Volunteers

Volunteers are an extremely important resource and all our events are entirely volunteer run. We utilise the services of up to 15 volunteers over the course of a week running various sessions and events at our hub. Volunteers are also active on the charity's social media accounts, promoting the charity alongside answering questions and signposting people on the Facebook group. All volunteers working at our hub are DSB checked and are aware of safeguarding procedures.

Activities and Achievements

How our Activities Deliver Public Benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. When planning and carrying out these activities the Trustees have kept in mind the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

In line with many organisations many of our activities were curtailed from mid March 2020 through until the end of the year due to the various restrictions and lock downs imposed due to the global Covid 19 pandemic. Below is a summary of some of our activity:

On-line

Rainbow Stars was set up in 2014 as a Facebook based support group and this continues to this day, with well over 1000 members on the group. The group is a safe space for people to ask for, and receive, advice regarding all manner of issues from other disabled people or parents/carers. It is also a platform for the charity to advertise the hub and the many events that are hosted there and elsewhere. There are many interactions on a daily basis.

Whilst people were unable to meet up in person, weekly catch up/welfare meetings were held over Zoom so that social contact could be maintained.

Hub

We officially opened our Disability Hub in Sleaford on 2 November 2019.

The hub is open in the day for people to drop in for a 'coffee and a chat'. Wednesday is paperwork day, where volunteers are able to help with benefit claims and Education Health and Care Plan paperwork. Thursday is Home Ed day where off-rolled children can come together to complete their work and to socialise. A number of sessions are run in the evenings so that children who are in school can attend. These include 'Manic Mondays' which is run by male volunteers and centres mainly around gaming, 'Siblings' which is a session for siblings and young carers and Teen and Adult nights for our older users, where they are able to have more of a say about the activities on offer.

Due to lock down, the hub was forced to close for approximately 3 months and on reopening we had UV air cleaning lights fitted in the main spaces. At the time of writing we have had no positive Covid cases linked to the hub.

Soft Play

Pre Covid we held a monthly Sunday morning get together at a local soft play venue regularly attended by 20+ children and their families. These first started back in 2014 and the last of these occurred in March 2020 before the first lock down.

Training

A level 1 Makaton course was held. A level 2 course was booked but this had to be

postponed to 2021 due to the second lock down. This was heavily subsidised for parents and carers. These courses allow parents and carers to communicate with Makaton users.

Events

Many of our planned events in 2020 were curtailed by the Covid 19 pandemic. These included Easter and Xmas craft fairs as well as a Summer Fun Fest.

However between November 2019 and March 2020 we held a number of events for our users and their families including ten pin bowling, bingo sessions, a Xmas party and visit from Santa, a trip to a trampoline park, a pamper night and an exotic animal experience. We also managed to fit in a trip to a local wildlife park in between lockdowns in September.

Awards and Recognition

Rainbow Stars was recognised by the community winning two awards during 2020. They were the winners of the North Kesteven District Council Community Champions Awards in the Contribution to Health and Well Being category and Sleaford Town Council Mayor's Special Award.

Financial Review

In spite of the Covid 19 pandemic, which effectively curtailed much of our activity for the majority of 2020 at the end of the period funds had increased from to £14,132 to £29,010.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold enough funds to meet six months' gross operating costs of the hub. This is thought to be approximately £8,000 in a 'normal' year.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal source of funds during the year were donations from grant awarding bodies and the community, the largest of which was a Covid Grant awarded by the National Lottery to cover missed fundraising opportunities and running costs. Along with many other charities and organisations our fundraising events were severely curtailed between March and December 2020 however we were successful in raising funds from other community based and grant awarding sources.

Investment Policy and Objectives

The charity has no long-term investments. Our cash reserves are held in deposit accounts.

Plans for future periods

Due to the majority of our first year being affected by the global Covid pandemic we need to consolidate our position. We will, however, pursue funding opportunities to enable the charity to install a sensory room in our hub.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and 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 and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

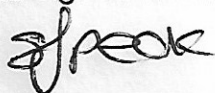
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Sandra Jane Peck (Chair)



19 October 2021



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/11/19	To	31/12/20
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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					
Donations	23,071	-	-	23,071	-
Fundraising	3,169	-	-	3,169	-
Trips and activities	1,367	-	-	1,367	-
Hub related income	4,224	-	-	4,224	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
AR)	31,831	-	-	31,831	-
sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,831	-	-	31,831	-
A3 Payments					
General expenditure	606	-	-	606	-
Fundraising expenses	0	-	-	-	-
Trips and activities	2,608	-	-	2,608	-
Hub related expenditure	13,739	-	-	13,739	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,953	-	-	16,953	-
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,953	-	-	16,953	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,878	-	-	14,878	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,132	-	-	14,132	-
Cash funds this year end	29,010	-	-	29,010	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	27,685	-	-
	Paypal	935	-	-
	Cash	390	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,010	-	-
	account(s)	OK	OK	OK

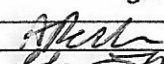
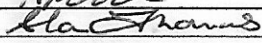
Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Computers and other electrical	Unrestricted	-	-
	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
	N/A		-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ADRIAN PECK	19/10/21
	ALAN THOMAS	19/10/21



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name Rainbow Stars Disability Group *Steaford*

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2020 Charity no (if any) ~~11816~~ 1186 118

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 16-10-21

Name: Shane Whitehead

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Caythorpe

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

