

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
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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, Billinghay 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 £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;
- 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 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Rainbow Stars Disability Group Sleaford

No (if any)
1186118

Receipts and payments accounts

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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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

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

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:

03-10-2023

Name:

SHANE WHITEHEAD

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

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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.