

SUNFLOWERS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH JUNE 2024

Registered charity number: 1186308

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SUNFLOWERS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP

FINANCAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH JUNE 2024

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SUNFLOWERS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF
THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1186308
TRUSTEES	P McCormick M Rawling D R McAndrew J Wright K L Roberts
ADDRESS	26 South St. Mary's Gate Grimsby DN31 1LW
BANKERS	Barclays
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Forrester Boyd Chartered Accountants 26 South St. Mary's Gate Grimsby DN31 1LW

SUNFLOWERS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

Objectives and activities

Sunflower's Children's Action Group aims to relieve the needs of children between 3-16 suffering from life-limiting/life-threatening illnesses and their families by arranging special activities and events to create memories, make friendships and provide mutual support in the Lincolnshire and Yorkshire regions.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

Achievement and Performance

We proudly remained an unpaid group of volunteers, ensuring that only necessary costs and expenditure took place to allow us to create as many opportunities as possible for our families.

Thanks to our fundraising efforts and donations made to us, we were able to hold a large number of events throughout the year.

These included, but are not limited to, Bounceback exercise sessions which afford children with all physical abilities the opportunity to exercise, socialise and have fun.

Our popular Cinema Club continued throughout the year, on average every four to six weeks: We provide families with drinks and treats, popcorn, and ice cream if desired. The screenings by are complimented by character visits, providing opportunities for memory-making photographs. We have recently invested in headphones for our children who struggle with sensory auditory issues.

The popular sessions at Duffy's Chocolatiers also continued during Easter, Summer, and all half-term holidays. These are small group events where even parents can have a go at making decorated lollipops, truffles and more. Photos evidence the children enjoying as much of it during the sessions as they take home in their bags!

We arranged for two full days of pottery making for our families over the summer, where we were able to provide items to decorate and glaze. These not only provided wonderful memories but was another way in which both children and families could relax and interact.

Our children were also delighted by sessions with Lab Cocoa, a very different chocolate making experience to Duffy's. It is important to note that the quality of these sessions, along with those at Duffy's and Pot Luck, are enhanced by the positive support provided by these providers who go above-and-beyond to make a difference to our families.

Our Christmas Party was once again held at Forest Pines Hotel in early December, and this was wonderful. Our volunteers came out in force, along with Santa, to capture precious memories of what we are always conscious may be a final Christmas for some of our children. The children were entertained by a live Elf band, made decorated Christmas biscuits and cupcakes, crafts and activities, visited Santa's grotto and Sweet Stall, and enjoyed a buffet. Photographers and videographers were on hand to help capture these memories.

The party is geared towards children of primary school age and their siblings. However, as we continue to grow, we have some younger children from larger families who prefer to attend family events, and some older children for whom the party is unsuitable. We once again provided an exclusive trip to the Parkway Cinema for our larger families and those with older children, who were treated to the Pantomime instead. Santa also attended this. All children received gifts and bags of treats to take home.

At Easter, we collaborated with a professional baker, to provide baking days for the children at a Village Hall. These were themed and extremely popular, with children making and decorating their own cakes and boxes.

The work of our unpaid volunteers and those who fundraise for us is paramount to the success of what we do. On a local level, as respite is hard to come by for many of our families, we are regularly told that the Sunflowers support and activities help to fill this gap.

To our families, we are the 'Sunflowers family' and 'Sunflowers community.' There is a true sense of belonging, support and care.

We ask families for feedback and involvement in events to add value to what we do, and to ensure that every penny we raise counts. Not all events are suitable for all families, either because of size restrictions or a child's ability, but our comprehensive calendar of events and activities ensures that needs are met in general.

Over the course of the last year, we have seen benefits to both the mental and physical health of some of our children, increased inter-family support, the making of friendships and reduced isolation.

Our fundraising is dependent on the local community, small grants, and businesses – none of which is guaranteed. The trustees remain wholeheartedly committed to delivering support to our local families but are very dependent on outside support and funding to deliver the events and activities we offer.

Financial Review

The charity made an in year surplus of £43,075 and has free reserves carried forward of £104,303. There is no formal reserves policy in place due to the low level of fixed costs.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is registered as a CIO, effective from 13 November 2019. Trustees are recruited based on their relevant experience and enthusiasm for the work the charity conducts.

The Trustees' Report was approved by order of the board of trustees on 3 March 2025, and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Wright', is written over a horizontal line.

Joanne Wright

Founder and Trustee

**SUNFLOWERS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sunflowers Children's Action Group

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 30th June 2024 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Carrie Anne Jensen ACA
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DN31 1LW

Date: 3 March 2025

**SUNFLOWERS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

	Unrestricted General funds	Unrestricted General funds
RECEIPTS	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Fundraising events	<u>-</u>	<u>6,492</u>
		6,492
Voluntary Income		
Donations	128,007	72,810
Grants	<u>1,500</u>	<u> </u>
	129,507	72,810
Investment income		
Bank interest received	1,372	<u> </u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><u>130,879</u></u>	<u><u>79,302</u></u>
PAYMENTS		
Costs of Charitable Activities		
Events and gifting costs	71,519	66,319
Telephone	248	231
Fixed asset purchases	3,218	3,808
Postage and Carriage	732	1,276
Printing and Stationery	1,305	1,066
Advertising and Marketing	4,976	2,783
Mileage Claims	823	684
Insurance	459	409
Other costs	645	4,178
Computer and Software	2,321	1,978
Trade Subscriptions	1,229	1,134
Bank charges	<u>330</u>	<u>60</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>87,804</u>	<u>83,925</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u><u>43,075</u></u>	<u><u>(4,623)</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF FUNDS

AT 30 JUNE 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets		
Bank Current Account	32,838	61,075
Bank Deposit Account	71,372	
Petty Cash	93	154
	<u>104,303</u>	<u>61,229</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>104,303</u></u>	<u><u>61,229</u></u>

REPRESENTED BY:

Accumulated Surplus brought forward	61,229	65,851
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	43,075	(4,623)
	<u><u>104,303</u></u>	<u><u>61,229</u></u>

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AT 30 JUNE 2024

Notes:

TRUSTEE'S EXPENSES

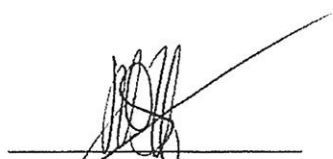
There were no expenses or remuneration paid to Trustees in the year.

ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE

At the year-end there were tangible fixed assets retained for the charity's own use of £10,274.57

At the year-end there were trade creditors to the value of £nil.

Approved by the trustees on 3rd March 2025 and signed by



Joanne Wright
(Chairman)