

Matthew's Way Brain Tumour Charity
Trustees Annual Report
For Year Ended
31st December 2024

Charity Details

Matthew's Way Brain Tumour Charity, registration number 1186386, is a charity registered in England & Wales whose registered address is 15 Morley Avenue, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 2BJ.

Reporting Period

This annual report covers from the 1st January 2024 when the charity was registered with the Charity Commission through to the 31st December 2024.

Trustees

During the reporting period the trustees were

- Andrew Holness
- Jacqui Holness
- Madeleine Smith
- Douglas Smith

Structure, Governance & Management

The charity is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the Charities Act 2006 and is controlled by its constitution document registered 15th November 2019.

Objectives

The objects of the charity are:

To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of those affected by a brain tumour, their families and those who care for them, in particular but not exclusively by:-

1. Improving the access to information, support and care, either directly or indirectly for those people diagnosed with a brain tumour, their family and those who care for them;
2. Working to deliver, directly or indirectly, a support network that is more timely, personal and based on the individual's circumstances and needs;
3. Working as an advocate for those affected by a brain tumour and champion the cause of those who are unable to do so themselves;
4. Promoting awareness amongst the public and healthcare professionals of all aspects of the needs of those affected by a brain tumour;
5. Any other charitable purpose as the trustees see fit, which results in an improved quality of life for those diagnosed with a brain tumour, their family and carers.

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Activities

Fundraising

During 2024 supporters of the Charity continued to raise funds in a variety of ways and/or make personal donations to support the charity's objectives.

Compliance

The charity has in place various policies to support best practice governance.

Website

The charity has a basic website and continues to investigate cost effective ways of enhancing the website.

Networking & Promotion

During 2024 the Charity continued to work with its NHS contacts in Gloucestershire, Bristol and London.

Grant Making

The Charity made grants to 6 individuals with a brain tumour. The Charity also funded 20 Christmas goody bags for 20 brain tumour patients who were in hospital on the Molly Lane Fox ward, and 20 patients on the Southmead neurosurgery ward over Christmas 2024.

Financial Review

The Charity started 2024 with funds totalling £7,605. The fundraising during the year exceeded the Trustees' expectations and this was due to the remarkable efforts of the Charity's supporters.

The Trustees would like to say a big thank you to all our amazing supporters for their continued support and generous donations.

Reserves

It is the Trustees' intention to keep in reserve sufficient funds to meet 12 months' worth of operational overheads.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that the necessary controls are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Details of Organisational Structure

The trustees are ultimately legally responsible for the charity and meet formally when necessary to discuss and agree key matters and informally when the need arises.

The charity is managed on a day-to-day basis by the trustees.

Trustee Training

Trustees undergo informal training on appointment and then receive ongoing development in their role as and when required.

Plans for the Future

The Trustees plan to maintain a steady income stream whilst at the same time exploring additional ways in which to raise awareness of the Charity and the support it can provide, and thereby grow the extent to which its funds can be deployed for the benefit of those affected by a brain tumour.

Approval

This report was approved by the charity's trustees on 27/7/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A Holness (Chair of Trustees)

Receipts & Payments of Accounts

Receipts & Payments for the Financial Year Ended 31-Dec-24				
	Current Financial Year, Jan'24-Dec'24			Last Year
	Unrestr'd Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
A1 - RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income	1,565		1,565	3,795
Income Generation	8,518		8,518	254
Investments Income	0		0	0
Charitable Income	0	0	0	19
Other Receipts	0		0	0
	10,083	0	10,083	4,068
A2 - ASSETS & INVESTMENTS				
Sale of Investments	0		0	0
Sale of Assets	0		0	0
	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,083	0	10,083	4,068
A3 - PAYMENTS				
Generating Funds	0		0	-102
Charitable Activities	-2,808	0	-2,808	-4,459
Support Costs	-269		-269	-644
Othe Payments	0		0	0
	-3,077	0	-3,077	-5,205
A4 - ASSETS & INVESTMENTS				
Purchase of Investments	0		0	0
Purchase of Assets	0		0	0
	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	-3,077	0	-3,077	-5,205
NET OF RECEIPTS-PAYMENTS	7,006	0	7,006	-1,137
A5 - Transfers Between Funds				
NET AFTER TRANSFERS	7,006	0	7,006	-1,137

Allocation of Actual Funds for the Financial Year To 31-Dec-24

	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
Actual Funds Brought Forward	7,605	-	7,605	8,742
Movement After Transfers	7,006	0	7,006	-1,137
Total Funds Carried Forward	14,611	0	14,611	7,605