

Hidden Needs Trust (HNT)
Charity Number 1187246
Trustees Annual Report
For the period: 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021

Trustees and Governance:

Rachel Goodfellow – Founder and chair of trustees.

Jane Wood and Laurance Lagrue.

In addition, one volunteer acting in a supporting role.

The charity is a CIO with a constitution as it's governing document which is reviewed annually with supporting policies in regards conflicting interests, risk management, safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries etc are and take due regard to the Charity Commissions guidance especially on the public benefit.

Elected trustees serve a three-year period. Replacement or additional trustees are appointed by the board of trustees on a majority vote basis.

Any trustee can call a meeting of trustees, in addition to its annual meeting.

Objective:

As a CIO Hidden Needs Trust (HNT) charitable objective is for the public benefit the relief of the needs of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN), young people under the age of 25 with learning difficulties, their families, carers, and the specialist educational providers that support them in Dorset and Somerset.

Activities:

During 2021 HNT strived to achieve its goals in what was to become a very difficult year with ongoing Covid restrictions curtailing fund-raising opportunities.

During the continuing situation re Covid during 2021 HNT continued to diversify to continue supporting those within its objective framework. For many of the families that HNT supports, Covid brought a time of increased challenges in many ways, more so than before Covid. Many were furloughed, losing jobs, and the children and young people with additional needs were thrown into a world of inconsistency and change. All planes of health were affected for many, and HNT saw a responsibility for the trust to act in whatever way was possible to help families at any one time.

During 2021 HNT continued to be proactive in sourcing a range of goods for those within its objective. These goods were firstly quarantined in a barn then at safe times shared with families and single people. The goods were wide ranging, some families having many basics required to set up a home. Alongside this, HNT was also proactive in supporting in other ways, such as helping a family challenge a decision over schooling, ensuring educational toys and games were given out to those trying to home school, and becoming a central point for any issues which families and

young people were facing. HNT ensured that awareness of the trust was increased through social media platforms, and through direct contact with other charitable organisations.

HNT continued interlinking with other small local charitable organisations which that also support those within the HNT framework.

This increase in awareness has ensured that HNT now has many new links for when events and fundraising restart. Plans have been written for the future in terms of Rachel Goodfellow's next physical challenge, joint fundraising events with schools and Rotary Clubs, and sponsorship for a concert at a future time. As in 2020 it is just a question of when this all can be rolled out with confidence.

Finance:

Funds carried over from previous year (2020) £11497

Total receipts at year end (2021) totalled £5345

Outgoings (2021) totalled £11411

Year-end balance (2021) £5431

All figures to the nearest pound. Year-end balance carried forward as unrestricted funds.

Online donations through HNT's website are via a secure link to Charities Aid Foundation who also manage Gift Aid obo HNT.

The charity has no investments, assets and does not lease or own property.

Grants:

HNT aims to give financial support via grants to those within its objectives. Application for grants open for a limited period via HNT's website at year end with all applications considered on their merit and available funds by the trustees. All applicants are notified of the outcome of their application within a specified period, grants given are recorded on HNT's website for public view.

In 2021 HNT was able to pass on grants totalling £9000 to four specialist Opportunity Groups that support those with Special Educational Needs, two in Dorset and two in Somerset, as well as two families within HNT's target group.

Additional information:

Registered address; Halfway House Farm, Yeovil Road, Sherborne Dorset DT9 4PX

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Website: www.hiddenneedstrust.org

Bank: NatWest, Blandford, Dorset

Insurers: Birnbeck Insurance Services, Western-Super-Mare, Somerset BS22 6HQ

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signature: *R Goodfellow*

Name: Rachel Goodfellow

Position: Founder and Chair of Trustees

Dated: 01/07/2022

HNT – Financial Statement Jan 1st/Dec 31st 2021

Opening Balance: 11497.05

Income:

Collections	3120.18
Direct Donations	1306.94
CAF Donations	776.02
Gift Aid	142.18

Total Income: 5345.32

Expenditure:

Events/shows	1445.40
Grants: Yeovil, Taunton, Blandford & Dorchester Opportunity Groups	8000.00
SEN Families x2	1000.00
Insurance: Public Liability Trustees PL	551.62
Website, SSL Certificate & Domain	279.59
Promotional - Admin Costs	86.80
Expenses	47.70

Total Expenditure: 11411.11

Closing Balance: 5431.26

CAF – Charities Aid Foundation