

**Hidden Needs Trust (HNT)**  
**Charity Number 1187246**  
**Trustees Annual Report**  
**For the period: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023**

**Trustees and Governance:**

Rachel Goodfellow – Founder and chair of trustees.

Jane Wood and Laurance Lagrue.

In addition, one volunteer working 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 for 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 specialist educational providers that support them in Dorset and Somerset.

**Activities Summary**

During 2023 saw HNT again supporting local markets and fetes where possible. The donations of goods to help support those within HNT's objective group continued to grow so much so that HNT was able to start sharing donations with other local charitable organisations who's aims matched HNT's thus helping to provide help in different areas within HNT's target area and still be able to give support to its local needs. Donations come in various forms from books, toys to household goods and all household items must have relevant safety Kite Mark labels/PAT certificates.

Christmas again brought another dimension to the support HNT can give with children's presents being sourced and shared along with gift bags courtesy of a local stationers and of course donated Christmas trees and decorations alas only a few at present and a limited number of food hampers.

HNT is always proactive in supporting in other ways with Rachel Goodfellow being able to give advice and support where needed, being a central point for any issues which families and young people were facing all helps. Rachel also ensured that awareness of the Trust was maintained via social media platforms, and through direct contact with other charitable organisations and continued interlinking with

other small local charitable organisations which that also support those within the HNT framework building a network of contacts in different fields.

During April/May 2023 Rachel Goodfellow took on a personal Multi Marathon Challenge 16 Marathons in 46 Days, despite an injury or two the challenge was completed. Funds raised was £16026, this was shared equally between HNT and the Rotary Foundation UK, Rachel is also a Rotarian.

Late September 2023, The London Welsh Rugby Choir gave a coral recital at The Abbey in Sherborne, Dorset. An amazing evening followed by a spontaneous sing along in the local Cross Keys. This event was organised by the choir and the daughter of a Sherborn businessman. Monies was shared equally between Sherborne Castles Rotary Club and Hidden Needs Trust.

He above gives a broad outline of HNT's main activities, but they are not restricted to.

### **Finance:**

Funds carried over from previous year (2022) £5175.

Total receipts at year end (2023) totalled £15935.

Outgoings (2023) totalled £7720.

Year-end balance (2023) £13390.

All figures rounded to the nearest pound. Year-end balance carried forward includes restricted funds which are from specific donations relating to main fund-raising campaigns and are in support of HNT's Grant Program.

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

Annual operating costs of around £1000 - £1200 relate to website, insurance, general administration and promotional costs are covered via general donations raised from various sources.

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 HNTs website normally in December with all applications considered on their merit and available funds by the trustees, normally January with successful applicants notified.

In addition, HNT was able during 2023 to give financial support to Sherborne Primary School for a dedicated Trauma Counsellor.

More detail about Grant beneficiaries can be found on HNT's website.

### **Future Aims:**

HNT hopes in the later months of 2024 to be able to be a Birthday/Christmas party venue for young people. With the mounting financial pressures on the families we support children miss out on even the simplest of party. We hope to fill this gap and bring some smiles.

Equally, those heading towards leaving education don't always get the support they need, again due to funding etc. Here HNT offers help, with work experience, CV's, Job search etc. In addition, a gardening project; HNT will take a team of suitable SEN youngsters and provide a family in need with a garden makeover thus giving something to the local community and educating SEN youngsters at the same time. This will be not be including rubbish removal except garden waste where necessary.

Another wish is to reintroduce talks to local organisations, clubs etc to help raise SEND awareness.

The timing and progress of these aims are both subject to HNT having sufficient funds available to support theses aims.

### **Additional information:**

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

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signature: *Rachel Goodfellow*

Name: Rachel Goodfellow

Position: Founder and Chair of Trustees

Dated: 07/09/2024

## HNT – Financial Statement Jan 1st/Dec 31st 2023

Opening Balance: 5174.72

### **Income:**

Collections (events etc)	1525.23
Direct Donations	10788.18
Donations via CAF and PayPal	278.16
Gift Aid	295.58
Restricted Funds (Related to Rachel's Challenge 2023)	3048.18

Total Income: 15935.33

### **Expenditure:**

Events/shows	690.42
Grants, Sponsorship:	
Sherborne Primary School (Trauma Counsellor Support x2)	1800.00
Sherborne Insulate	170.00
Basic Food Support (re a family in need)	32.59
Sherborne School's Christmas Bags	10.00
Welsh Choir Concert Sponsored SEN Tickets x4	75.00
Round up of donations re Rachel's Challenge 2023	362.82
Restricted Funds (Related to Rachel's Challenge 2023)	3048.18
Insurance:	
Public Liability, Trustees PL, Employers Liability	669.56
Website:	
GoDaddy Platform, SSL Certificate, Domain Costs	298.60
Promotional - Admin Costs	101.96
Expenses, Misc costs	461.11

Total Expenditure: 7720.24

**Closing Balance: 13389.81**

CAF – Charities Aid Foundation