

Hidden Needs Trust (HNT)
Charity Number 1187246
Trustees Annual Report
For the period: 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

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 operates as a CIO with a constitution as its 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

2024 saw HNT again supporting local markets and fetes where possible, these are a good source of donations and helps spread the word about our aims. The donations of goods to help support those within HNT's objective group continued to grow so much so that HNT was able to share 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, our annual involvement with a local school spread as the head now has another local school under care. Children's presents being sourced from early autumn, gift bags courtesy of a local stationers all joined others in supporting the schools Christmas appeal. Donated Christmas trees, artificial, plus decorations. This year also saw HNT get together 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.

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

Finance:

Funds carried over from previous year (2023) £13390

Total receipts at year end (2024) totalled £2729

Outgoings (2024) totalled £12544

Year-end balance (2024) £3574.62

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.

This year 4 local schools, 2 local Opportunity Groups, 4 families and a new local support group. More detail about Grant beneficiaries can be found on HNT's website.

Future Aims:

To continue giving help and support where necessary locally.

Additional information:

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

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Bank: NatWest

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: 30/09/2025

HNT – Financial Statement Jan 1st/Dec 31st 2024

Opening Balance: 13389.81

Income:

Collections (events etc)	1491.36
Direct Donations	800.00
Donations via CAF and PayPal	369.12
Gift Aid	68.39

Total Income: 2728.87

Expenditure:

Events- Shows - Fundraising	2611.11
Grants – Sponsorship – Support Beneficiaries: The POD, Sherborne Dorchester OPP Group Taunton OPP Group Sherborne Primary School Yewstock School 4 Families Addition Family SEND Support (4)	8265.00 195.70
Insurance: Public Liability, Trustees PL, Employers Liability	684.61
Website: GoDaddy Platform, SSL Certificate, Domain Costs	209.81
Promotional - Admin Costs	402.76
Expenses, Misc costs	175.07

Total Expenditure: 12544.06

Closing Balance: 3574.62

CAF – Charities Aid Foundation