



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

THE  SPECIAL
LIONESS

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies and comply with the Charity's Constitution and applicable law.

Objectives

Vision Our vision is a world where all families that have disabled and life limited children have the support that they need, at the time that they need it.

Purpose Our purpose is to help families with disabled children to get the support, information and knowledge that they need to give their children a full and happy childhood.

Mission The Special Lioness uses its expertise and knowledge to ensure that families are getting the support they need at the time that they need it. We work in a variety of ways to empower the whole family to take control of their future to ensure that they reach their full potential. We do this by providing:

Activities We provide a variety of activities in order to develop relationships and provide essential social opportunities

Safe spaces Where families can come and be themselves and receive support, advice, comfort and strength in a non-judgemental atmosphere with likeminded parents and carers

Values Reaching families one by one - We recognise the importance and uniqueness of every individual family and the life changing difference that we can make

Available to all Every family that has a child with additional needs, disabilities and/or life limiting conditions is welcome; Integrity is the heart of our

service - We create a place of trust and safety where people can grow in a secure environment; Never boring - We always have a sense of fun, excitement and adventure in all that we do.

Although we started in Sunderland we continue to provide services to the local area and beyond, reaching as far as Birmingham, Manchester and Edinburgh, covering a wide area of the North of England.

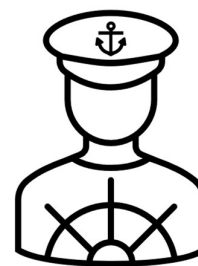
Our priorities have altered due to what our families have said they need and by following the current economic difficulties our families face, these can be broadly classified as Support - Training - Play Groups - Family Support - Accessible Events and Parties - Education Support - Emergency Essentials including food and warm accessories.

A new service for us this year was delivering stimuli packs to our families SEND children and their siblings, ensuring children who are shielding due to their medical conditions and not able to access a full range of school activities, we provided over 400 play packs which were delivered free of charge. We also provided emergency essentials including food and warm bedding for those families most in need. This has been very labour intensive but a huge part of our delivered services this year.



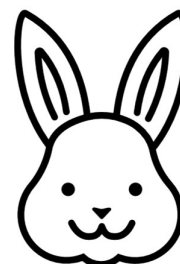
We were able to provide so many packs due to the support from our wonderful friends at Virtual Racing.com and Songbirds.

A few highlights of our year are our WetWheels trips, carried out from Amble and North Shields:



We have provided 70 little Captains the trip of a life-time on board the WetWheels Catamaran

Our incredible and inclusive playpacks sent to children who were shielding or families facing financial difficulties:



We have provided over 400 play and activity packs to families shielding during the pandemic.

A fully accessibly and inclusive Pantomime and visit from Santa, all designed and performed specifically for our children to engage with, all performed and supported in Makaton with Sensory bags:



A fantastic accessible and inclusive panto and visit from Santa, all performed and supported in Makaton for 200 children.

Looking Ahead

Our priorities going forward are to continue to be a lifeline and source of support and resources to our current families but to grow our reach further to support as many families as possible and help to create special memories with those special families.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Comprehensive Income (Profits and Losses)

- Income - £18,494
- Expenditure - £17,593

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	11,456	-	-	11,456	10,780
Play group activities	-	-	-	-	345
PayPal - Giving Fund	-	-	-	-	1,194
Refunds	-	-	-	-	125
National Lottery - NTL Community Fund- Support Group & Training	-	4,550	-	4,550	-
National Lottery - Purchase of Tablets & Virtual groups	-	1,445	-	1,445	-
Sunderland City Council - Community Chest Easter Play Group	-	1,043	-	1,043	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	11,456	7,038	-	18,494	12,444

A3 Payments					
Postage and Stationery	232	-	-	232	6
Play Group Materials	500	-	-	500	362
Marketing and Advertising	499	-	-	499	635
Activities	2,880	-	-	2,880	1,543
Subscriptions	452	-	-	452	23
Competition Prizes	86	-	-	86	113
Play Packs	432	-	-	432	502
Christmas Packs	837	-	-	837	100
Office Equipment and Furniture	397	-	-	397	2,252
Office supplies	171	-	-	171	502
Travel and Expenses	4,134	-	-	4,134	253
Fundraising Expenses	590	-	-	590	80
Sundry Expenses	50	-	-	50	91
Meeting refreshments	335	-	-	335	20
National Lottery - NTL Community Fund- Support Group & Training	2	£4,550	-	4,552	-
National Lottery - Purchase of Tablets & Virtual groups	1	£1,445	-	1,446	-

Sub total	11,598	5,995	-	17,593	6,482
Total payments	11,598	5,995	-	17,593	6,482
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 142	1,043	-	901	5,962
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,962	-	-	5,962	-
Cash funds this year end	5,820	1,043	-	6,863	5,962

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restri cted funds to nearest £	Endow ment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
		-	-	-
	Cash and bank	5,820	1,043	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,820	1,043	-

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accounts

Our submitted accounts are for a 15 month period, due to the date in which we became a Registered Charity and the comprehension and understanding of the accounting requirements, we have compiled an 15 months accounts to bring our dates in line with the Charities Commission and HMRC requirements. Our accounts are dated from January 2021 to March 2022. Our next set of accounts will be for a 12 month period; April 2022-March 2023.

Restricted Funds Unspent - £1,043 - Allocated for our Easter Playgroup, to be spent during the Easter event April 2022 (Entry on Accounts Apr 2022-Mar 2023).

We feel very lucky to have been supported by a wonderful steady stream of donations this year and secured some vital funding opportunities, these have been researched, secured and spent cautiously to ensure we can meet the relevant criteria and provide 'value for money' events and opportunities for our families.

Debt

The Special Lioness has no debt or liabilities.

Going Concern

We have big plans for the coming year and we have proven that we can adapt to the current climate and listen to what our families need and are seeking support with and we endeavour to be the support they desperately need.

“There is no stronger mother than the Lioness, until you meet The Special Lioness”



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Special Lioness

No (if any)
1187356

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2021		31/03/2022

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A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
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	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

C.K. Stewart
A. Howes

Claire Stewart
Amy Howes

06/11/2022
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