

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1192178

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024
for
BEN SAUNDERS FOUNDATION**

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for the year ended 30 September 2024**

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Welcome to the Ben Saunders Foundation annual report for 2023/2024.

Our 4th year as a charity has been one where we have continued to support families from all over England, Wales and Scotland.

The Bath based foundation was created by Ben Saunders in August 2020. It was Ben's wish to never be forgotten and he wanted to achieve this by providing holidays for Teenagers and Young Adults with cancer.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The primary objective is providing holidays to Teenagers and Young Adults who have suffered from cancer.

Significant activities

Ben's third foundation ball was held in February 2024 at the Apex Hotel in Bath, once again a maximum of 300 people were in attendance. The ball coincided with what would have been Ben's 22nd birthday, it was an amazing emotional evening for everyone in attendance. Star of the night was Britain's Got Talent finalist Olivia Lines, we were also thankful for MC and Comedian Ian Murphy and also SW Disco who supported for the third consecutive year.

During this last year we have continued to support the Teenage Young Adult ward in Bristol. All patients one to this ward continue to receive vouchers to redeem in two local venues.

Ben's Mum and Dad Jo and Tom we also awarded the point of light award from the Prime Minister Rushi Sunak, this was presented by our local MP Wera Hobhouse. This also led to Ben's Mum, Dad, Brother (Charlie) and Grandad (Chris) attending the Buckingham Palace Garden party.

We also received another grant from the National Lottery this time for £20,000, as well as £5,000 from the Albert Hunt Trust, £5,000 from the Nimar Trust, £5,000 from Band In a Barn, £4,600 from the Anton Jurgens Trust, £2,500 from St James Place, £2,500 from Bruce Wake charity, £2,500 from Tesco, £1,500 from Keynsham tangent and £5,000 from the Sheffield Mutual bank who made us their charity of the year. Without these wonderful donations we would be unable to grow and provide more support for so many families in desperate need.

Our 200 club also continues to thrive, we pay out £500 in prize money every month and the proceeds of this pay for the pitch fees on the original holiday home Bens Retreat.

We sold both Ben's Legacy and Ben Dens to enable up to buy Ben's Infinity Lodge (40*20 foot Atlas Debonair), our holiday homes are still based at Hoburne Cotswolds, we still own Ben's retreat which we purchased in October 2020.

Public benefit

Public benefit is achieved by providing holiday accommodation for teenage and young adults undergoing treatment for cancer, as well as for bereaved families. The Trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Volunteers

The foundation relies on the support of unpaid volunteers. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank all our generous volunteers.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

We have once again provided holidays for over 100 families in the previous 12 months. These families have come from all four corners of England as well as many from both Wales and Scotland. In total since we took our first guest in April 2021 we have now supported over 375 families.

All of the families who stay with us have given us wonderful feedback and the majority of their stories can be found on our website. www.bensaundersfoundation.org

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

As shown on the balance sheet, the Trust's financial position is healthy.

Reserves policy

The charity's reserves policy is to hold funds in cash of at least £25,000 in order to cover at least 6 months' average overhead expenditure.

Going concern

The charity is a going concern. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue its operation.

FUTURE PLANS

We remain aware of the current cost of living crisis and the impact this is having on people's ability to support charities. We are also looking to increase our support to the Teenage Young Adult ward in Bristol.

The Foundation is an incredible family led charity and has been extremely successful in delivering an understanding and compassionate service. This is due to the unfortunate circumstances that led to the creation of this Charity. We plan to continue to grow our presence on social media, we currently have just over 6,000 followers on facebook and the page is very active.

The Chair of Trustees has a full understanding of the trauma of losing a child and is therefore able to communicate on a professional yet understanding level with all of the families who make contact for a holiday.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Ben Saunders Foundation CIO (the "Foundation") was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 5th November 2020, number 1192178.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the board of Trustees and meet four times a year to consider proposals and deal with the governance of the charity.

There were four trustees and the beginning Thomas, Joanne and Charlie Saunders along with Karen Payton. A further two were added on 1st August 2021 being Paul & Claire Daniels.

Induction and training of new trustees

New Trustees are inducted into the workings of the charity by the Board of Trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1192178

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

Principal address

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Trustees

T Saunders
J Saunders
C Saunders
K Payton
C Daniels
P Daniels

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 3/12/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

T Saunders
T Saunders - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Ben Saunders Foundation**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ben Saunders Foundation

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ben Saunders Foundation (the Trust) for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Catherine Edwards

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Date:5/12/24.....

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	113,872	141,659
Other trading activities	3	59,118	44,372
Investment income	4	2,881	-
Total		<u>175,871</u>	<u>186,031</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	5	34,986	36,438
Charitable activities			
Donation to individual		2,382	3,337
Lodge Expense		40,910	44,778
Other		24,787	2,522
Other		8,852	-
Total		<u>111,917</u>	<u>87,075</u>
 NET INCOME		63,954	98,956
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		393,292	294,336
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>457,246</u></u>	<u><u>393,292</u></u>

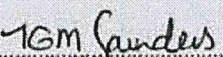
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Balance Sheet 30 September 2024

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes		
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	199,497	202,266
Investments	9	50,978	50,000
		<u>250,475</u>	<u>252,266</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	2,900	2,000
Debtors	11	3,266	2,974
Investments	12	101,903	25,000
Cash at bank		104,792	113,953
		<u>212,861</u>	<u>143,927</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(6,090)	(2,901)
		<u>206,771</u>	<u>141,026</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>206,771</u>	<u>141,026</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>457,246</u>	<u>393,292</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>457,246</u>	<u>393,292</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		457,246	393,292
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>457,246</u>	<u>393,292</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:


T Saunders - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 5% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Donated goods

Where donated services have been received an equivalent donation has been recognised within income.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30 September 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	87,850	126,556
Gift aid	6,022	5,103
Grants	20,000	10,000
	<u>113,872</u>	<u>141,659</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	15,827	12,970
Sale of merchandise	1,810	386
Raffles and competitions	33,481	31,016
Lodge rentals	8,000	-
	<u>59,118</u>	<u>44,372</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest	2,881	-
	<u>2,881</u>	<u>-</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	4,625	975
Fundraising and merchandise costs	16,482	17,145
Just giving fee	742	742
Competition prizes	10,345	7,210
Advertising and promotional mate	3,692	2,629
	<u>35,886</u>	<u>28,701</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	141,659
Other trading activities	44,372
Total	<u>186,031</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	36,438
Charitable activities	
Donation to individual	3,337
Lodge Expense	44,778
Other	2,522
Total	<u>87,075</u>
NET INCOME	98,956
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	294,336
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>393,292</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30 September 2024

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 October 2023	215,607	8,422	224,029
Additions	136,633	4,255	140,888
Disposals	(143,500)	-	(143,500)
At 30 September 2024	<u>208,740</u>	<u>12,677</u>	<u>221,417</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 October 2023	21,222	541	21,763
Charge for year	10,437	472	10,909
Eliminated on disposal	(10,752)	-	(10,752)
At 30 September 2024	<u>20,907</u>	<u>1,013</u>	<u>21,920</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 September 2024	<u>187,833</u>	<u>11,664</u>	<u>199,497</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>194,385</u>	<u>7,881</u>	<u>202,266</u>

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed rate bonds	<u>50,978</u>	<u>50,000</u>

10. STOCKS

	2024 £	2023 £
Stocks	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,000</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>3,266</u>	<u>2,974</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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12. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed rate bonds	<u>101,903</u>	<u>25,000</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	<u>6,090</u>	<u>2,901</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	393,292	63,954	457,246
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>393,292</u>	<u>63,954</u>	<u>457,246</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	175,871	(111,917)	63,954
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>175,871</u>	<u>(111,917)</u>	<u>63,954</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	294,336	98,956	393,292
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>294,336</u>	<u>98,956</u>	<u>393,292</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30 September 2024

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	186,031	(87,075)	98,956
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>186,031</u>	<u>(87,075)</u>	<u>98,956</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	294,336	162,910	457,246
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>294,336</u>	<u>162,910</u>	<u>457,246</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	361,902	(198,992)	162,910
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>361,902</u>	<u>(198,992)</u>	<u>162,910</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Donations received from Trustees amounted to £1,270 (2023: £2,873)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	87,850	126,556
Gift aid	6,022	5,103
Grants	20,000	10,000
	113,872	141,659
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	15,827	12,970
Sale of merchandise	1,810	386
Raffles and competitions	33,481	31,016
Lodge rentals	8,000	-
	59,118	44,372
Investment income		
Bank interest	2,881	-
Total incoming resources	175,871	186,031
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	4,625	975
Fundraising and merchandise costs	16,482	17,145
Just giving fee	742	742
Competition prizes	10,345	7,210
Advertising and promotional mate	3,692	2,629
	35,886	28,701
Other trading activities		
Opening stock	2,000	2,500
Purchases	-	7,237
Closing stock	(2,900)	(2,000)
	(900)	7,737
Charitable activities		
Rates and water	1,662	2,570
Insurance	505	1,102
Repairs and consumable items	18,921	12,519
Pitch fees	19,304	17,005
Sundries	518	482
Carried forward	40,910	33,678

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	40,910	33,678
Voucher purchases	12,435	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	10,908	11,100
Grants to individuals	2,382	3,337
	66,635	48,115
 Other		
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	8,852	-
 Support costs		
 Finance		
Bank charges	82	88
 Other		
Computer costs	222	106
Postage and stationery	108	128
Sundries	192	-
	522	234
 Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	840	2,200
Total resources expended	111,917	87,075
Net income	63,954	98,956

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