

The Shoebox Fairies

Trustees Financial Report for the period Nov 16th 2020- Nov 16th 2021

Charity Number: 1192361

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The Shoebox Fairies is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission on 16th November 2020. The organisation is governed by its constitution last amended on ---. A board of trustees run the organisation with a group of volunteers. There are no employed members of staff.

All trustees give their time voluntarily with no remuneration or other benefits.

Our governing document dictates that the number of trustees required is three.

Aims and Objectives

The Shoebox Fairies are an independent UK charity based in Wigan, Greater Manchester. Although our Christmas Shoebox Appeal is by far our biggest campaign, our smaller projects which run throughout the year are equally important in helping support those in vulnerable groups.

The following activities will be undertaken to achieve our aims:

The Shoebox Fairies works with the local community and receives donations of new items which are sorted into care packages (“shoeboxes”) of essential items for and/those living in difficult financial and/or social circumstances. Boxes are supplemented with items which are bought with income raised through fundraising and grants. These packages are distributed free of charge to those in need via frontline agency workers including midwives, health visitors, social workers and other charity workers.

We also run an annual Christmas shoebox appeal which enables us to work with the local community including youth groups and primary school aged children to collect boxes for our campaign whilst providing education on “community” and “charitable giving”.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims:

We review our aims and objectives regularly at our monthly meeting and also at our annual general meeting. We seek feedback from our third parties on how we can improve our care packages and the service that we provide.

Public Benefit:

Trustees regularly seek feedback from third parties including frontline agency workers and partner charities to understand whether our activities are to the public benefit. We do not believe that any harm or detriment arises from us working towards achieving our aims and we have not been informed of any instances where harm has arisen.

The Shoebox Fairies support those who would otherwise lack basic essentials of toiletries, clothing, sanitary products and/or baby care items for themselves and in the case of Mother & Baby box appeal, their babies. Items are provided by The Shoebox Fairies free of charge. Boxes can be requested from frontline agency workers (such as public health midwives, social workers etc) and by charities supporting these vulnerable groups e.g. domestic violence support charities. Boxes are distributed on good faith that professional judgement has been exercised by these third parties and no formal assessment process is undertaken to assess for eligibility. The Shoebox Fairies do not discriminate based on gender, sexual orientation, age, nationality, political or religious belief or disability.

Who benefits?

Individuals suffering from social and/or financial hardships benefit from our activities. Individuals are identified by frontline agency workers who are able to request our shoeboxes of essential items for their service users. We do not accept self-referrals for boxes or referral from family members.

Operations:

During this time period The Shoebox Fairies distributed a total of 19 Mother and Baby Boxes and also 286 boxes were collected during our Christmas Shoebox Appeal which were distributed by Manchester Street Angels who we supported during this time in our infancy as a charity.

During this time we also arranged a number of fundraising events including a Fairy Tales Themed Nursery Fancy Dress Fundraiser and The Wigan Rotary Community Day. We have also focussed on building relationships with other local groups including Girl Guiding UK and Wigan and Leigh College.

Staffing:

There are no employees working for The Shoebox Fairies CIO

Finances

During this period The Shoebox Fairies received a grant from The Deal – Community Recover Fund (Wigan MBC)

The Shoebox Fairies has also undertaken a number of fundraising initiatives over this time period including a Fairy Tales Nursery Fancy Dress Fundraiser and The Rotary Wigan Community Day.

The Shoebox Fairies also received a number of one-off donations from individuals who wished to contribute to our work.

We also received in kind donations from companies including Heinz and Morrisons Supermarket and also donations of items from Mother and Baby groups and knitting groups in the local area.

Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Donations	165.77	-	165.77
Grants	-	497.50	497.50
Fundraising	202.11	-	202.11
		Total	865.38

Expenses	
Fundraising Expenses	121.61
Insurance	96
Box Items	123.57
Total	341.18

Balance carried over to next financial year **£524.20** (Nov 2021-Nov 2022)

Governance

During this time period 1 trustee wished to step down from their role (Clare Hayward). We subsequently recruited a new Trustee (Helen Doward)

Future Plans

To raise awareness of The Shoebox Fairies throughout the Greater Manchester area and form more relationships with frontline agency workers, charities and other third parties such as schools and youth groups.

We hope to launch our New Beginnings campaign in January 2022 which will enable us to provide shoeboxes of essential items to those fleeing domestic violence or persecution overseas.

We hope to recruit more volunteers including exploring the possibility of remote volunteers and micro-volunteering opportunities.

Remunerations:

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration .

The trustees declare they have approved the report on
__16/08/22__

Signed:

Name: Emma Jayne Thornton

Trustee: Chair of Trustees