



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023
Period end date

Period start date To 31st March 2024

Charity name: Sophie's Stars

Charity registration number: 1192369

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To relieve the needs of those who have been diagnosed with cancer and their families through the provision, in particular but not exclusively of advice, support, guidance and a peer-to-peer forum.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Sophie's Stars provided peer to peer support to families and friends of those with cancer during this time period. We did this via online mechanisms, mostly on an individual basis. We hosted group walks where people were invited to walk and talk in order to build a community of people going through similar experiences. Sophie's Stars launched the Sophie's Smile box in January 2024. This is a small box of items that are gifted as a care package to family and loved ones of those with a cancer diagnosis. The charity built the infrastructure to enable this new initiative to commence, including relationship building, marketing and website design.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes trustees are aware of the guidance on public benefit and charity operations follow this.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Sophie's Stars launched the Sophie's Smile box which is becoming the flagship service of the charity. As part of this we are building relationships with NHS trusts, GP practices and local councils which is really broadening our target audience and providing new opportunities to benefit the public. As a small charity this awareness and engagement work is vital and allows us to better serve our users. We have received some excellent feedback about the boxes, which are being gifted from people with cancer to their family and loved ones. The charity has always aimed to recognise the contribution from family in a cancer diagnosis and this service does exactly that.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity receives income through cash donations and fundraising activities. We are able to support our services through this mechanism at our current operating level. Our income for this period was £7,963 and payments £2,745.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Sophie's Stars has an active reserves policy where we will always hold at least £2,500 in cash to ensure that we are able to fully deliver our services and cover any operating costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2,500
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No concerns noted

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election to post and interview with trustee members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sophie's Stars
Other name the charity uses	NA
Registered charity number	1192369
Charity's principal address	2 Rybrook Drive Walton On Thames Surrey KT12 3DZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Leanne Griffiths			
2	Richard Allam			
3	Martin Highe			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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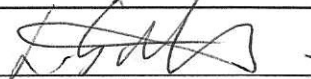
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	L. GRIFFITHS.	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR.	
Date	28-1-25.	



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st April 2023

To

31st March 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	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	3,318	-	-	3,318	2,262
FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES	4,618	-	-	4,618	259
BANK INTEREST	27	-	-	27	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,963	-	-	7,963	2,521
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,963	-	-	7,963	2,521
A3 Payments					
COST OF FUNDRAISING	592	-	-	592	713
WEBSITE/ INTERNET	317	-	-	317	1,817
MARKETING	-	-	-	-	737
INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	762
MISCELLANEOUS	35	-	-	35	70
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	1,801	-	-	1,801	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,745	-	-	2,745	4,100
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Laptop	1,116	-	-	1,116	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,116	-	-	1,116	-
Total payments	3,861	-	-	3,861	4,100
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,102	-	-	4,102	1,579
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,341	-	-	11,341	12,920
Cash funds this year end	15,443	-	-	15,443	11,341

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK BALANCES	15,443	-	-
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	Total cash funds	15,443	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

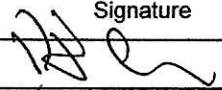
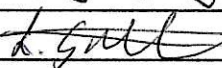
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	RJ ALLAM	14.11.24
	L. GRIFFITHS	1.12.24