



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 To 31 March 2025

Charity name: Sew Marvellous Charity Makes

Charity registration number: 1193196

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED, BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY OR SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE BY PROMOTING, FACILITATING AND ENABLING INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PARTICIPATION IN VOLUNTARY SEWING AND CRAFT PROJECTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF CHARITIES, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND THE NHS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF ITEMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SUCH PEOPLE.
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.	Sew Marvellous Charity Makes Brum is a collection of volunteers who make items for charities. We run workshops and do individual sewing activities. During 2024 and 2025 we made items for charities in Birmingham and surrounding areas, including: Baby Aid Birmingham Womens Aid RSPCA Acorns Children's Hospice Queen Elizabeth Hospital Oncology Department SAIF Homes, Rubery Swap Shop Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer Birmingham AIDS and HIV Memorial
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	I can confirm that we have acknowledged and followed the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	This is not applicable to Sew Marvellous Charity Makes

Policy on grant making	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	This is not applicable to Sew Marvellous Charity Makes
Contribution made by volunteers	During the period of 2024/2025, the sewing groups have been hard at work crafting items made from wool, fabric and textiles to benefit multiple charities, as outlined above. We are incredibly grateful for their time and expertise in making the items, and the charities that have received the items are grateful for their contributions. During the year our volunteers made thousands of items for charity, however our form responses are not complete (something we wish to change for 2025-2026 and logged items totalled 1039 We believe this number to be higher and are working on a new process for logging completed items.
Other	This is not applicable

Achievements and Performance

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.			

Charity/Organisation	Item	How Many
	Morsbags Baby Blanket	68 1
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	Cat Carrier Covers Cat Mats Door Covers Cat Toys Cat Beds Collars for Drips	102 92 32 30 17 16
	Bibs	105
	Drip / Pump Bags	355
	Scarves Hats	28 10
TOTAL ITEMS MADE IN 2024/2025		1039

	Each item was made from upcycled and salvaged clothing, bedding and donated fabric and made by volunteers who donated their time for free. Sew Marvellous provided the sewing group with labels, storage of fabrics and provided wool, knitting needles and crochet hooks to the volunteers. We also helped to spread the word by writing and sharing social media posts, displaying the projects and contacting charities directly to verify project status, credibility and quantity of items needed. We also arrange delivery of the items made through a network of volunteers.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Sew Marvellous has not been actively fundraising during this period but has retained a small amount of money in the bank (<£1000) to pay for items such as branded labels for the volunteers to attach to larger items.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	See above
Amount of reserves held	See above
Reasons for holding zero reserves	See above
Details of fund materially in deficit	See above
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	See above

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Sew Marvellous does not actively fundraise at this time, we are reliant on the donations of fabrics and materials to provide resources for our volunteers to make items for charity. As such, we do not have any major sources of funds with the exception of a few donations made by individuals wanting to support our cause which we use for purchasing labels and materials where needed, the majority of the items owned by the charity are fabrics donated by other organisations or by individuals.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	We do not invest money at present
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Since lockdown ended, there has been a decline in the number of people actively volunteering to make items for charity, however we are looking at ways to engage the crafting community, including repair workshops, crafternoons, evening sewing groups and more in the coming year.
Other	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	CIO
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	This year our trustees remained the same and are as follows: Topsy Hughes Elissa Renouf Lou Heywood Sue Sharpe Marcelle Porteous (founder) Meetings are held regularly with the other trustees, and we have been meeting once per quarter to ensure that the charity is being run according with the constitution. Our AGM was held on 10 January 2026 and volunteers from our charity attended this online meeting.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Not Applicable
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	During the period April 2024 to March 2025, Sew Marvellous has been making items for charities based in and around South Birmingham. Charities we have supported include: Baby Aid Birmingham Womens Aid RSPCA Acorns Children's Hospice Queen Elizabeth Hospital Oncology Department SAIF Homes, Rubery Swop Shop Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer Birmingham AIDS and HIV Memorial
Relationship with any related parties	Not Applicable
Other	

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sew Marvellous Charity Makes
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1193196
Charity's principal address	39 Peacock Road Kings Heath B13 0NZ

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	Marcelle Porteous			
2	Sue Sharp		Appointed 2024	
3	(Anna) Topsy Hughes		Appointed 2024	
4	Lou Heywood		Appointed 2024	
5	Elissa Renouf		Appointed 2024	
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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	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

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)

Marcelle Porteous

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

31 January 2026



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Sew Marvellous Charity Makes

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

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					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
Amazon - Grosgrain Tape for Drip Bags	78	-	-	78	-
Public Liability Insurance	79	-	-	79	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	157	-	-	157	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	157	-	-	157	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 157	-	-	- 157	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	914	-	-	914	-
Cash funds this year end	757	-	-	757	-

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	Cash in bank as at 31 March 2026	757	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	757	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
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	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
-		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
-		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
M Porteous	Marcelle Porteous	31/01/2026