

# OUR ANGEL BEARS

England & Wales · Charity number 1195318

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-07-27

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS:FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE SUFFERED PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE INFORMATION, SUPPORT AND ADVICE AND THROUGH KEEPSAKE AND COMFORT BAGS ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR CHILD AND PROVIDING ITEMS THAT WILL ASSIST IN THE GRIEVING PROCESS.

**Activities:** Raising awareness of pregnancy and infant loss by supporting health care workers in providing care by gifting keepsakes and collaborating with charities to provide care to patients using their services when experiencing pregnancy loss.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-05-01		£971	£1,044	-	-
2024-05-01		£406	£1,594	-	-
2023-05-01		£2,207	£2,178	-	-
2022-05-01		£178	£4,880	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Suzanne Claire Stockbridge</b>	Chair	2021-07-27
JOSEPH TURNER		2021-07-27
Victoria Fahey		2021-07-27

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# Our Angel Bears Charity

2024/2025

Income £971.26

Expenditure £1044.03

Starting balance £2439.60

End balance £2276.17



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## Profit & Loss Our Angel Bears

	Period 1: Accounting Year 2022/23	Period 2: Accounting Year 2023/24	Difference	Percentage change
<b>Turnover</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-58%</b>
Sales	171	71	-100	-58%
<b>less Cost of Sales</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>-1,937</b>	<b>-88%</b>
Materials	2,207	270	-1,937	-88%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>-2,036</b>	<b>-199</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>less Administration Expenses</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>1611%</b>
Office Costs	7	5	-2	-29%
Web Hosting	36	0	-36	-100%
Office Equipment	0	18	18	
Accommodation	0	2,360	2,360	
Postage	154	46	-108	-70%
Realized Currency Exchange Gain/Loss	-55	0	55	100%
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>-£2,178</b>	<b>-£2,627</b>	<b>-£449</b>	<b>-21%</b>
<b>less Drawings</b>	<b>-£744</b>	<b>-£4,013</b>	<b>-£3,269</b>	<b>-439%</b>
<b>less Profit &amp; Loss journal entries</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Retained Profit this period:</b>	<b>-£1,434</b>	<b>£1,386</b>	<b>£2,820</b>	<b>197%</b>
<b>Retained Profit brought forward:</b>	<b>-£474</b>	<b>-£1,908</b>	<b>-£1,434</b>	<b>-303%</b>
<b>Distributable Reserves / Retained Profit carried forward:</b>	<b>-£1,908</b>	<b>-£522</b>	<b>£1,386</b>	<b>73%</b>

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Charity Number: 1195318

# **Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity for the Year Ended 01 May 2023**

## **Trustees**

Suzanne Claire Stockbridge

Victoria Louise Fahey

Joseph Turner

## **Volunteers**

Gemma Beardsley

Kirsty Moore

Olina Redford

Kerri Ann Harris

Hannah Addy

Nicola Browning

May 2023

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Our Angel Bears

# Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

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# Trustees Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

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## 1 Reference and Administration Details

### 1.1 Charity Name & Registration

#### Our Angel Bears

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registration no: 1195318, registered with the Charity Commission on 27th July 2021.

The charity is registered with HM Revenue & Customs but hasn't applied for gift aid.

### 1.2 Charity's Address

1 Layton Court, Layton Road, Poole, Dorset, BH12 2BL

e-mail: [ourangelbears1@gmail.com](mailto:ourangelbears1@gmail.com)

website: [www.ourangelbears.org.uk](http://www.ourangelbears.org.uk)

### 1.3 Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity

<i>Name</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Resigned</i>
Suzanne C Stockbridge		Chair	26 July 2021
Victoria L Fahey	Trustee	26 July 2021	
Joseph Turner	Trustee	26 July 2021	

### 1.4 Names of Advisors & Senior Members of Staff

None

### 1.5 Bank

Natwest Bank, 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA

## 2 Structure, Governance & Management

### 2.1 Type of Governing Document

Constitution - based on the Charity Commission's model governing document for Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisations, *ie*: where the Trustees are the only Members of the charity.

### 2.2 Charitable Objects

The charity's trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The charitable purposes are set out in its constitution. Such purposes as are exclusively charitable for the public benefit as the trustees shall see fit.

## 2.3 Trustee Selection Methods

There must be at least three charity trustees. The maximum number of trustees is 12.

In accordance with the Constitution, Trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.

# 3 Activities, Achievements & Performance

## 3.1 Statutory Declaration

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

## 3.2 Overview (*Executive Summary*)

Our Angel Bears have shown that when an organisation sticks to its core values and its original purpose it can waiver any storm and continue to help people whom we intended to help whilst it was set up. Many charities have found it hard to keep afloat since the covid pandemic and especially now we are in a cost-of-living crisis. Like many small charities we struggle to get funding as there seems to be a “competitive” nature in fundraising, and the public seem to only hear “big” charities when it comes to fund raising. Nether the less, we have persisted in our efforts to keep our charity afloat as we know the vital work we provide is still sadly much needed.

## 3.3 Activities, Achievements & Performance (*In More Detail*)

- The Trustees continued with their activities during the year, as well as continuing to work on the internal policies, controls, and overall governance of the charity.
- Our Angel Bears been able to provide 5 new hospitals with our keepsake bags bringing the total of partnerships with NHS Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit's (EPAU) to 25
- Our Angel Bears continues to host its virtual support group once a month. The time has been changed to the afternoons on a Wednesday, but this can be flexible depending on what attendees request. The online support groups have proved successful as peers have been able to support each other.
- Our Angel Bears has once again been chosen as a recipient of the co-op community fund; this round doesn't finish until the end of October 2023 so we will be unaware of how much money we will get. This will be included in the next year's report.
- Our Angel Bears volunteers have changed due to maternity leave.
- Our Angel Bears have developed relationships with private sector companies who provide services to pregnant people outside of a hospital setting. We now supply 2 different private scan clinic franchises with our keepsake bags.

### **3.4 How the Public Have Benefitted.**

More hospitals are now receiving the keepsakes provided by the team at Our Angel Bears. Feedback includes:

*“Hi, I'm the charity coordinator for Scunthorpe hospital and I have received a beautiful donation of angel bears from yourselves for our families at the hospital. I would like to send a thank you letter for your kindness. Please can you give me an address to send it to.*

*Kind regards, Elaine Weir”*

*Our parents love your packs and find them so comforting – Chaplain Shane Linford, Grimsby Hospital*

### **3.5 Trustee Development**

Trustees and volunteers alike have been undertaking relevant training and online workshops.

One of our staff members has enrolled onto a counselling skills training course which is aimed to be completed by December of 2023. The results of this course will be unknown until 2024 and will be included in the next report.

### **3.6 Looking Ahead**

Some of our staffing suffered towards the end of 2022 due to sickness of team members and families but luckily in 2023 things seem to have settled down from this point of view. We have had more people enquire to become part of our team and have since welcomed Hannah onto our team whilst saying goodbye to Nicola who has gone onto maternity leave.

## **4 Financial Review**

### **4.1 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit**

The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.

### **4.2 Policy on Reserves**

The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:

- a) to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income.
- b) to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to undertake from time to time the setting up of new and innovative projects on a pilot basis to demonstrate the viability and potential benefits of such activities as a precursor to securing the external funding necessary to maintain such projects on an on-going basis.

For these purposes the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 5% of its annual expenditure.

### **4.3 Principal Sources of Funding and Outgoings**

In October 2019 Our Angel Bears secured a space in the co op community fund which ran from October 19 - March 20 (covid-19 abruptly threw everything into

disarray) This period of funding enabled us to raise an amazing £4,039.84 which has enabled us to operate and provide our services in our first year as a registered CIO.

a: One of our supporters kindly donates to us £5 PCM via PayPal standing order which is still ongoing.

b: We do not expect any significant expenditure during 2022/23 other than printing costs, postage to send our keepsakes, promotional items and projects.

#### **4.4 Remuneration of Trustees**

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity and this has been and continues to be our objective.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost. This can include petrol or transport reimbursement.

#### **4.5 Financial Status**

The charity's current resources from unrestricted and unrestricted donations are more than sufficient to meet its outgoings for at least next year.

All the indications are that this will remain the case for the foreseeable future.

#### **4.6 Statutory Statements on Liabilities**

The Trustees declare that:

- ✓ The charity has given no guarantees where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of this statement (eg: any outstanding/ongoing contract or legal undertaking to buy or provide specific services);
- ✓ The charity has no debt outstanding at the date of this statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO (eg: a mortgage on property owned by the charity);

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

Suzanne C Stockbridge (Chair)  Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## 5 Statement of Financial Activity

### Receipts & Payments During the Financial Year Ended 31-MAY-22

#### 5.1.1 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Our Angel Bears		
Accounting Year 2022/23		
	Debit	Credit
<b>Turnover</b>		171
Sales		171
<b>less Cost of Sales</b>	2,207	
Materials	2,207	
<b>less Administration Expenses</b>	142	
Office Costs	7	
Web Hosting	36	
Postage	154	
Realized Currency Exchange Gain/Loss	-55	
<b>Operating Profit</b>		-£2,178
<b>less Drawings</b>		-£744
<b>less Profit &amp; Loss journal entries</b>		£0
<b>Retained Profit this period:</b>		-£1,434
<b>Retained Profit brought forward:</b>		-£474
<b>Distributable Reserves / Retained Profit carried forward:</b>		-£1,908

#### 5.1.2 Disposition of Funds

The Charity has no designated or restricted funds

#### 5.1.3 Approval of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

## Our Angel Bears

	Period 1: Accounting Year 2022/23	Period 2: Accounting Year 2020/22	Difference	Percentage change
Turnover	171	178	7	4%
Sales	171	178	7	4%
<i>less</i> Cost of Sales	2,207	4,996	2,789	126%
Materials	2,207	4,996	2,789	126%
<i>less</i> Administration Expenses	142	62	-80	-56%
Office Costs	7	0	-7	-100%
Web Hosting	36	0	-36	-100%
Stationery	0	-13	-13	
Accommodation	0	-4	-4	
Advertising and Promotion	0	36	36	
Postage	154	43	-111	-72%
Realized Currency Exchange Gain/Loss	-55	0	55	100%
Operating Profit	-£2,178	-£4,880	-£2,702	-124%
<i>less</i> Drawings	-£744	-£4,407	-£3,662	-492%
<i>less</i> Profit & Loss journal entries	£0	£0	£0	0%
Retained Profit this period:	-£1,434	-£474	£960	67%
Retained Profit brought forward:	-£474	£0	£474	100%

## 5.2 Notes to the Accounts

a) Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 Section 133, using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities and the charity's own FreeAgent Accounts Spreadsheet.

b) Salaries & Professional Fees

No trustee receives any payments for the services they provide to the charity.

In the current financial year the charity employed no staff or external contractors;

c) Fixed Assets

The charity has not purchased or disposed of any fixed assets in the current financial year;

d) Rounding Discrepancies

All amounts are recorded to the penny, but in these accounts are shown as digitally rounded to the nearest pound. This can occasionally result in a total apparently not being the sum of its constituent amounts. All individual amounts, and their totals, are nevertheless correct.

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# Accounts

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Charity Number: 1195318

# **Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity for the Year Ended 31 May 2022**

## **Trustees**

Suzanne Claire Stockbridge

Victoria Louise Fahey

Joseph Turner

## **Volunteers**

Nicola Browning

Kirsty Moore

Olina Redford

May 2022

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## 2 Structure, Governance & Management

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# **3 Activities, Achievements & Performance**

## **3.1 Statutory Declaration**

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## **3.2 Overview (*Executive Summary*)**

As a small charity in its first year of operation under the stresses of coronavirus Our Angel Bears has steadily grown despite the charity sector struggling for almost two years. Our Angel Bears have shown that when an organisation sticks to its core values and its original purpose it can waiver any storm and continue to help people whom we intended to help whilst it was set up.

## **3.3 Activities, Achievements & Performance (*In More Detail*)**

- The Trustees continued with their activities during the year, as well as continuing to work on the internal policies, controls, and overall governance of the charity.
- Our Angel Bears have set up two new support groups in 2021/2022 – one in Poole, Dorset and one in Tipton, West Midlands. These groups run biweekly, and both have been well attended.
- Our Angel Bears hosted its first virtual support group on the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> April and plan to carry these out monthly for those who feel unable to meet face to face to discuss their loss.
- Our Angel Bears was chosen as one of the three recipients of a local Asda branch for their green token giving programme. Three community groups face a round of voting and will then be given a donation between £500-£200. Due to Covid-19 Green Token Giving is via online vote. At the writing of this report voting is still open until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, so currently we are unaware of how much money will be received.
- Our Angel Bears now supply 20 NHS trust early pregnancy units with their keepsake bags sending approximately 200 a month. In our first 10 months of being a registered charity we provided 2,000 grieving families with keepsakes.

- Our Angel Bears have developed relationships with private sector companies who provide services to pregnant people outside of a hospital setting. We now supply 2 different private scan clinic franchises with our keepsake bags.
- Featured on a segment called 'Make a difference with Kath' BBC Radio West Midlands in May 2022

### **3.4 How the Public Have Benefitted.**

More peer support groups have been provided in areas other than our founding area (Dorset). These groups are ran by parents who have experienced pregnancy loss themselves which sadly gives them a glimpse into the world of pain the attendants of the support groups may be feeling. Through feedback it has been noted they feel grateful they have a safe space in which they can share their loss with people who 'get it'.

### **3.5 Trustee Development**

Trustees and volunteers alike have been undertaking relevant training and online workshops.

### **3.6 Looking Ahead**

Now that the Covid-19 pandemic is becoming more controlled, Our Angel Bears are hoping to engage in more within the community. The month of June Our Angel Bears is entering its 5<sup>th</sup> year of being an organisation, so we are hoping to host online events as well as attend fun days over this period.

## **4 Financial Review**

### **4.1 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit**

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### **4.2 Policy on Reserves**

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For these purposes the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 5% of its annual expenditure.

### **4.3 Principal Sources of Funding and Outgoings**

In October 2019 Our Angel Bears secured a space in the co op community fund which ran from October 19 - March 20 (covid-19 abruptly threw everything into disarray) This period of funding enabled us to raise an amazing £4,039.84 which has enabled us to operate and provide our services in our first year as a registered CIO.

a: One of our supporters kindly donates to us £5 PCM via PayPal standing order. Our Angel Bears sell the very popular 'Parent of an angel' wristbands which provides a semi steady monthly income of around £10

b: We do not expect any significant expenditure during 2022 other than printing costs, postage to send our keepsakes, promotional items and projects.

#### **4.4 Remuneration of Trustees**

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity and this has been and continues to be our objective.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost. This can include petrol or transport reimbursement.

#### **4.5 Financial Status**

The charity's current resources from unrestricted and unrestricted donations are more than sufficient to meet its outgoings for at least next year.

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#### **4.6 Statutory Statements on Liabilities**

The Trustees declare that:

- ✓ The charity has given no guarantees where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of this statement (eg: any outstanding/ongoing contract or legal undertaking to buy or provide specific services);
- ✓ The charity has no debt outstanding at the date of this statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO (eg: a mortgage on property owned by the charity);

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

Suzanne C Stockbridge (Chair)



Date: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## 5 Statement of Financial Activity

### Receipts & Payments During the Financial Year Ended 31-MAY-22

#### 5.1.1 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Our Angel Bears - Accounting Year 2021/22						
2							
3		Debit	Credit				
4							
5	Turnover		178				
6	Sales		178				
7							
8	less Cost of Sales	4996					
9	Materials	4996					
10							
11	less Administration Expenses	62					
12	Stationery	-13					
13	Accommodation	-4					
14	Advertising and Promotion	36					
15	Postage	43					
16							
17	Operating Profit		-4880				
18	less Drawings		-4407				
19	less Profit & Loss journal entries		0				
20	Retained Profit this period:		-474				
21	Retained Profit brought forward:		0				
22	Distributable Reserves / Retained Profit carried forward:		-474				
23							

#### 5.1.2 Disposition of Funds

The Charity has no designated or restricted funds

#### 5.1.3 Approval of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Suzanne Stockbridge, Chair

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022



## 5.2 Notes to the Accounts

- a) Accounting Policies  
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 Section 133, using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities and the charity's own FreeAgent Accounts Spreadsheet.
- b) Salaries & Professional Fees  
No trustee receives any payments for the services they provide to the charity.  
In the current financial year the charity employed no staff or external contractors;
- c) Fixed Assets  
The charity has not purchased or disposed of any fixed assets in the current financial year;
- d) Rounding Discrepancies  
All amounts are recorded to the penny, but in these accounts are shown as digitally rounded to the nearest pound. This can occasionally result in a total apparently not being the sum of its constituent amounts. All individual amounts, and their totals, are nevertheless correct.