



Charity Number: 1195318

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

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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

1.2 Charity's Address

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

e-mail: ourangelbears1@gmail.com

website: 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

1.6 Independent Examiner

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*)

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 weather 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 17th 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 31st, 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 5th 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

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. 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.

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: 29th 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: 29th 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.