

ROSIE'S CORNER

England & Wales · Charity number 1197178

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-12-16

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN WEST NORTHUMBERLAND AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY PROVIDING ESSENTIAL CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT, AND CONSUMABLES TO PARENTS, EXPECTANT PARENTS, AND FAMILIES IN NEED.

Activities: Rosie's Corner provides pre-owned baby & children's clothing, shoes, uniforms, and equipment free of charge to families in need in West Northumberland.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£25,499	£17,110	-	-
2023-12-31	£17,036	£5,607	-	-
2022-12-31	£9,896	£5,207	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Andrew Stoker	Chair	2026-02-11
Andrew Murtough		2024-01-15
David Nixon		2025-11-18
Elizabeth Everett		2025-11-18
James Keith Archer		2024-01-29

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Rosie's Corner Annual Report 2024

Action against child poverty, across west northumberland.

Our Mission

At Rosie's Corner, our mission is simple yet vital: to help alleviate child poverty by providing free clothing and essential items to families experiencing hardship. We believe every child deserves dignity, comfort, and the chance to thrive—regardless of their background or circumstances.

Our Work in 2024

This year, we extended our reach further than ever before. We held monthly pop-up events across different locations in West Northumberland, enabling us to support families in rural communities where need is often hidden but deeply felt.

Highlights of 2024:

- **Monthly Pop-Up Events:** Delivered in a variety of towns across West Northumberland to reach families in rural and underserved areas.
- **Summer Uniform Project:** During the 6-week summer holidays, we distributed school uniform items to help families prepare for the new academic year.
- **Christmas Angels Campaign:** In collaboration with a local garage, we collected Santa wish lists from children and matched them with generous donors—delivering joy to 130 children across West Northumberland.

- **Adult and children’s safeguarding:** Implemented comprehensive safeguarding for all volunteers and staff members. Equipping 15 individuals with the knowledge and skills to uphold both adult and young people’s safeguarding practises.

This initiative demonstrates our continued commitment to providing a safe and supportive environment for our service users.

Our Impact

- **Total Families Supported:** 450
- **Total Children & Babies Helped:** 813
- **Repeat Service Users:** 75%
- **Struggling with Cost of Living:** 82.4%
- **Impacted by Two-Child Policy:** 63.4%

These figures highlight the ongoing need for our services and the reality that many families continue to face difficult choices due to the rising cost of living and restrictive welfare policies.

Real Voices from Real Families

“Without Rosie’s Corner, I don’t know how we would’ve managed this winter. The pop-up near us gave us everything we needed—and made us feel seen.”
— Parent of three, rural West Northumberland

“When my son opened his Christmas Angel gift, he cried. It was exactly what he asked Santa for. You made him believe in magic again.”
— Mum of a 6-year-old

“I was so embarrassed to ask for help at first, but everyone at Rosie’s Corner was so kind. They gave me more than just clothes—they gave me confidence

again.”

— Single parent, first-time service user

“The school uniform support helped us breathe a bit easier. One less worry in a world full of them.”

— Family of five, repeat user

Advocacy and Policy Work

Our founder, Rosie Gilchrist, continues to advocate for a rethinking of the two-child limit on benefits, standing alongside national campaigns to challenge this policy and its long-term impact on children living in poverty.

Challenges

While we're proud of what we've achieved, we continue to face challenges—particularly around volunteer capacity. The heart of our work relies on people, and we consistently find ourselves short of helping hands. Growing our team of volunteers is a priority as we look ahead.

Thank You

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated, supported, and shared our mission in 2024. Rosie's Corner runs solely on the generosity of the public, and we are endlessly grateful for your kindness.

To our volunteers—thank you for your time, energy, and compassion. You make this work possible.

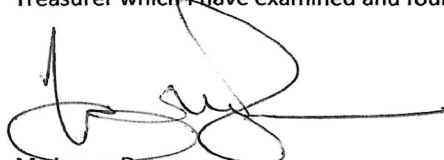
Looking Ahead

In 2025, we aim to increase the frequency of our pop-up events, grow our volunteer base, and further expand our reach into isolated communities. With your support, we'll continue to bring warmth, dignity, and hope to families across West Northumberland.

	Total	
Income		
Donations		3,099.12
Sale of donated items		49.05
Grants		22,073.00
Other		-
		-
Total		25,221.17
Cash		277.58
		-
Total Receipts		25,498.75
Expenditure		
Amazon		363.25
Adapt - Rent		3,300.00
Adapt - Electricity		1,050.00
Argos		-
Aldi		-
B&Q		77.64
Ebay		21.90
Phone		98.40
Ryman - Office Eqpt		-
Waitrose		-
Printing		101.00
B&M		-
DBS		-
Access - Insurance		328.44
Pop Up		60.00
Salary		7,456.07
Pension - NEST		475.65
GoDaddy		-
ICO		35.00
Transport		1,830.00
Outside Storage		1,720.73
		-
Exp	-	16,918.08
Cash Exp		192.02
		-
Total Exp	-	17,110.10
Net Income (Expenditure)	0.00	8,388.65

	O Bal	C Bal
Current Account	18,382.83	26,685.92
Cash	49.22	134.78

The above Income & Expenditure account has been prepared with information provided by the Charities Treasurer which I have examined and found to be in order.



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Trustee Report - 2023

Charity Name:	Rosie's Corner
Registered Charity No.	1197178
Principal Address:	Unit 8 Hexham Enterprise Unit Burn Lane Hexham NE46 3HN
Trustees	Katy Stevens Danielle Duggan Emma Lee Finn
Names of the Charity Trustees	N/A
Names of senior staff	N/A
Types of governing document	
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIC)
Charity Trustee selection methods	Trustees are appointed following interview by existing trustees.
Additional governance information (optional)	
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document.	The prevention or relief of poverty in West Northumberland and the surrounding areas by providing essential clothing, equipment and necessary consumables to parents, expectant parents and families in need, as set out by the charity in its governing document.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects.	<p>Rosie's Corner operates four times weekly drop-in sessions at their own premises, and a number of 'pop ups' in other locations for families in need to access clothing, equipment and consumables free of charge, or for a manageable donation.</p> <p>Special sessions and provision of extra items take place at times of greater need, new school year, cold weather and Christmas.</p> <p>Provision of essential items relieves poverty by reducing family expenditure as well as reducing the anxiety and stress felt by caregivers unable to provide.</p> <p>The activities of Rosie's Corner are undertaken by volunteers overseen by the charity trustees with regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. The charity defines 'in need' as based on a family or individual being in receipt of income support (benefits) or in a time of crisis (emergency relocation, unforeseen change in circumstance, family separation etc.)</p>
Additional matters on activities	

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity from the year 2023</p>	<p>During 2023 We saw a 64% increase in total contacts/orders on the previous year, with 1,078 orders filled between January and December 2023. This measure tracks every contact we have with a family, whether they visit a drop in or pop up, request a delivery or come to us via another service (Foodbank, NDAS, Health Visitors etc.)</p> <p>A total of 3,135 items were rehomed through these orders (clothing bundles are counted as one item but on average contain around 10 garments). These orders included 1,359 clothing bundles, 493 pairs of shoes and 405 items of large furniture or equipment.</p> <p>56 of the families using Rosie's Corner in 2023 were new users, showing both an increase in demand and an increase in awareness of our service. 88.9% of service users were in receipt of benefits and 7.9% were in some kind of crisis. 81.6% were struggling with the cost of living crisis, 39.2% were working and 44.2% were affected by the 2 child policy, notably including a significant number of Ukrainian refugee families and an increase in families facing eviction and emergency relocation due to the rising cost of living pushing more local families into poverty. We asked some families to provide impact statements about our service; "Rosie's Corner is an invaluable resource in our community and my family would be lost without it."</p> <p>In order to maintain this service, we have been successful in attracting grant funding and donations to cover our running costs and to enable us to continue provision of the service free of charge and expand into purchasing some items new to better serve our families (such as mattresses, blankets and safety gates).</p>
<p>Policy on reserves</p>	<p>We aim to maintain a reserve of £5,000</p>
<p>Details of any funds in deficit</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Further financial review details</p>	<p>In 2024 we aim to employ one of our volunteers after receiving £20,000 funding from the National Lottery. The terms are an eighteen month contract for 16 hours per week. This will enable us to reach out to more families across the region.</p>

Other information	Two additional Trustees were appointed in January 2024 to manage the charities finances: James Keith Archer Andrew Murtough
Signatures	 17/9/24

	Total	
Income		
Donations & Legacies		16,759.24
Charitable Activities		-
Investments		-
Other Trading Activities		276.95
		-
Total		17,036.19
Cash		277.99
Total Receipts		17,036.19
Expenditure		
Amazon		301.01
Adapt - Rent		3,075.00
Adapt - Electricity		580.59
Argos		500.90
Aldi		86.28
Phone		98.40
Ryman - Office Eqpt		94.94
Waitrose		10.50
Printing		
B&M		106.00
DBS		36.00
Access - Insurance		305.89
GoDaddy		35.95
ICO		35.00
		-
Exp	-	5,337.46
Cash Exp		269.59
Total Exp	-	5,607.05
Net Income (Expenditure)	0.00	11,429.14
	O Bal	C.Bal
Current Account	6962.09	18,382.83

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01 Jan 2022		31 Dec 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Unit 8 Hexham Enterprise Unit
Burn Lane
Hexham
Postcode <input type="text" value="NE46 3HN"/>

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 Pauline Grainger			
2 Karen Liddle			
3 Jill Goodfellow			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by resolution passed at meeting of the charity trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The prevention or relief of poverty in West Northumberland and the surrounding area by providing essential clothing, equipment and consumables to parents, expectant parents and families in need.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Rosie's Corner operates twice weekly drop in sessions at their own premises, and a number of 'pop ups' in other locations for families in need to access clothing, equipment and consumables free of charge. There is also a delivery system in place whereby families who cannot get to the sessions can place an order and a volunteer will deliver it to their homes.

Special sessions and provision of extra items take place at times of greater need, new school year, cold weather and Christmas.

Provision of essential items relieves poverty by reducing family expenditure and it also reduces the anxiety and stress felt by caregivers unable to provide.

The activities of Rosie's Corner are undertaken by volunteers overseen by the charity trustees with regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. The charity defines 'in need' as based on a family or individual being in receipt of income support (benefits) or in a time of crisis (emergency relocation, unforeseen change in circumstance, family separation etc.)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2022 we have seen a huge 64% increase in total contacts/orders on the previous year, with 531 orders filled between January and December 2022. This measure tracks every contact we have with a family, whether they visit a drop in or pop up, request a delivery or come to us via another service (Foodbank, NDAS, Health Visitors etc.)

A total of 1384 items were rehomed through these orders (clothing bundles, are counted as 1 'item' but on average contain around 10 garments). These orders included 666 clothing bundles, 188 pairs of shoes and 103 items of large furniture or equipment.

195 of the families using Rosie's Corner in 2022 were new users, showing both an increase in demand and an increase in awareness of our service. 69% of service users were in receipt of benefits and 38% were in some kind of crisis, notably including a significant number of Ukranian refugee families and an increase in families facing eviction and emergency relocation due to the rising cost of living pushing more local families into poverty.

In order to maintain this service we have been very successful in attracting grant funding and donations to cover our running costs and enable us to continue provision of the service free of charge and expand into purchasing some items new to better serve our families (such as mattresses, blankets and safety gates)

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to keep £5000 in the account to enable us to run fluidly without deficit in any one year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Kiddle

Full name(s)

Karen Liddle

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

06.06.2023



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

Period start date

1/1/22

To

Period end date

31/12/22

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	0	615	0	615	0
Sale of Donated Items	0	2,636	0	2,636	0
Grants	0	6,645	0	6,645	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	0	9,896	0	9,896	0
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	0	9,896	0	9,896	0
A3 Payments					
Rental Costs	0	3,259	0	3,259	0
Unit Equipment	0	308	0	308	0
IT Costs	0	343	0	343	0
Insurance	0	266	0	266	0
Utilities	0	237	0	237	0
Motor Expenses	0	134	0	134	0
Telephone	0	123	0	123	0
Stationery	0	68	0	68	0
Professional Fees	0	56	0	56	0
Room Hire	0	48	0	48	0
Miscellaneous	0	365	0	365	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	5,207	0	5,207	0
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	0	5,207	0	5,207	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	0	4,689	0	4,689	0
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	0	2,273	0	2,273	0
Cash funds this year end	0	6,962	0	6,962	0

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 Balance	0	6,962	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	0	6,962	0

(agree balances with receipts and payments)

account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0

B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
				0
			0	
			0	
			0	
			0	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Kiddle</i>	Karen Liddle	22/5/23