


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
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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
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Exp	-		5,337.46
Cash Exp			269.59
Total Exp	-		5,607.05
Net Income (Expenditure)		0.00	11,429.14
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Current Account	6962.09	18,382.83	