

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 2nd June 25

Gift of a Wedding CIO

Registered Charity Number: 1197188

Registered Address: Oakdale Lodge, Mottram Road, Stalybridge, Cheshire, SK15 2QP

1. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Gift of a Wedding is a registered charity governed by its Constitution dated 21/12/2021. The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees who serve voluntarily.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New trustees are identified and appointed by the existing Board based on the skills required to support the charity's objectives. All trustees receive an induction that includes Charity Commission guidance on governance and responsibilities.

Management and Decision-Making

The trustees meet regularly to oversee strategy, financial stewardship, safeguarding responsibilities, and operational planning, including partnership management with wedding suppliers and volunteers.

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable purpose of Gift of a Wedding is to **gift free weddings to adults with life-limiting conditions**, ensuring they can experience a meaningful celebration with loved ones.

This objective is carried out by:

- Assessing eligibility and supporting individuals who have a life-limiting diagnosis.
- Coordinating a network of volunteer wedding suppliers.
- Providing planning, coordination, and support services.
- Delivering wedding days at short notice when required due to individual circumstances.

In preparing this report, the trustees confirm they have **had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit**, as required for all charities

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year, Gift of a Wedding:

- Delivered 22 weddings for individuals with life-limiting conditions.
- Approximately 550 wedding suppliers and venues donated goods and services in kind of £550,000.
- Increased its network of volunteer suppliers by 4, expanding capacity for short-notice weddings.
- Responded to urgent end-of-life requests, often planning weddings within days.
- Raised awareness through communities, local partners, and media.
- Provided emotional and practical support to families during extremely challenging times.

The trustees consider these achievements a strong demonstration of public benefit, providing comfort, dignity, and lasting memories to beneficiaries and their families.

4. VOLUNTEERS

Gift of a Wedding relies heavily on volunteers, including photographers, florists, make-up artists, venues, celebrants, and planners. Their contribution is central to delivering weddings swiftly and compassionately.

Trustees record their appreciation for the hundreds of hours contributed by volunteers during the year.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income

Total income for the year was **£5637**, derived primarily from donations, fundraising events, corporate partnerships, and in-kind contributions.

Expenditure

Total expenditure was **£11378**, with the majority spent directly on delivering weddings, including venue costs, travel, materials, and essential coordination.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves at a level sufficient to cover at least 12 months of core

operational expenditure, to ensure continuity of service. As at year-end, the charity held **£29646** in free reserves.

Going Concern

The trustees consider the charity financially stable with a clear plan to sustain operations during the coming year.

6. FUNDRAISING STATEMENT

(Required for charities that actively fundraise; optional but advisable if donors are significant.)

Gift of a Wedding complies with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice.

The charity does not engage third-party professional fundraisers. Complaints relating to fundraising activities were none.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Key risks identified and monitored this year include:

- Ability to respond quickly to urgent beneficiary needs.
- Reliance on volunteer suppliers for event delivery.
- Funding and donation unpredictability.
- Safeguarding risks during direct beneficiary engagement.

Mitigation measures include strengthened safeguarding procedures, diversified fundraising, and engagement strategies to maintain a broad volunteer base.

8. FUTURE PLANS

In the forthcoming year, the charity aims to:

- Increase capacity to deliver more weddings, particularly urgent requests.
- Strengthen regional volunteer networks.
- Implement improved case-management and volunteer-coordination systems.
- Develop sustainable income streams to support long-term planning.

9. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable UK law and SORP requirements. They ensure the accounts provide a true and fair view of the charity's financial position.

10. TRUSTEES

The trustees serving during the year were:

- Patricia Harrison
- Dr Victoria Galvis
- Anthony Spurling
- Therese Charlton
- Ailsa Forrester
- Jane Halstead
- Christine Makinson

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 25/03/2026

and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. A. Harrison', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patricia Harrison

Chair of Trustees



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
02/06/2024

To

Period end date
01/06/2025

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					
Donations	5,637	-	-	5,637	-
Transfer over from company	35,387	-	-	35,387	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,024	-	-	41,024	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,024	-	-	41,024	-
A3 Payments					
Expenditure	11,378	-	-	11,378	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,378	-	-	11,378	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
n/a	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,378	-	-	11,378	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	29,646	-	-	29,646	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	29,646	-	-	29,646	-

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 at bank @2nd June 25	29,646	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,646	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	n/a	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	n/a	-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	n/a	-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	n/a	-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Gift of a Wedding

On accounts for the year
ended

2nd June 25

Charity no
(if any)

1197188

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **02 / 06 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: *G Jones*

Date: 26/03/26

Name: Gareth Jones

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Qualified accountant (ACMA, CGMA)

Address: 141 Manygates Lane, Sandal, Wakefield

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.