



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2024 To 31/03/2025

Charity name: Thumbs up for Charlie

Charity registration number: 1198109

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The object of the charity is to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To provide UK based respite breaks for families and carers whose child has been diagnosed with a childhood brain tumour; families whose child is terminally ill as a consequence of a childhood brain tumour; families who are bereaved as a consequence of a childhood brain tumour.2. To raise funds for future research aimed at paediatric brain tumours and more specifically ependymoma brain tumours. Working closely with Alder Hey Children's hospital and their Oncology and neurological teams.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The main activities of the charity are to raise funds through donations and fundraising events.</p> <p>Our fundraising events throughout the year were Coast 2 Coast, Charlie's Convoy, Longridge Golf Day.</p> <p>Key projects supported during the year include;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To providing respite breaks for families whose child has been diagnosed with a brain tumour or families bereaved because of a childhood brain tumour.2. The Combat Research Project, which is aimed at helping to better inform families whose child is diagnosed with a paediatric brain tumour, by supporting Hospitals (e.g. Alder Hey Children's Hospital) and/or Charities (e.g. The Brain Tumour Charity, Brain Tumour Research) to carry out future research into the treatment of childhood brain

		<p>tumours, more specifically ependymomas.</p> <p>Since the Charity was formed we have sent and scheduled respite for 61 families. We now support the second phase of research at Alder Hey Children's Hospital. Funding the Combat Project research that will help standardise the reporting of brain tumours.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning all events and determining how best to utilise funds raised.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Thumbs up for Charlie could not function without the time and dedication of many volunteers and we are extremely grateful for their support.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>2025 was another successful year for the charity, since our formation and formal registration as a charity we have:</p> <p>Received income from donations and fundraising events totalled £48,043, including donations received through JustGiving, £26,631. This is a drop from 2024, but still enough to keep the Charity objectives in place.</p> <p>Costs associated with fundraising events and Charity costs were £45,644, resulting in available profit of £2,399 from fundraising for charities activities.</p> <p>The above resources of £27,750 were utilised in providing and scheduled respite for families.</p> <p>We have by far surpassed our expectations and the love and support for Charlie is quite apparent with the support we have received from our fundraisers and donors.</p> <p>We have had our first London Marathon Runner which was a great success.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Details given above
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Details given above
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At year-end, the charity had £71,819 in the bank and held £1,000 cash for respite holidays.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Given the strong cash position of the charity, there is no uncertainty surrounding the charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Given above
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at our AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		The success of the charity is due solely to the tireless work of countless volunteers, our trustees and community all of whom are striving to help the Charity.
Conflict of Interest Declaration		The Trustees acknowledge the potential conflict of interest arising from the relationship between <i>Blue Bear & Co.</i> and <i>Thumbs Up for Charlie</i> . After full consideration the trustees are satisfied that this arrangement is in the best interests of the charity's beneficiaries. At present, no alternative supplier is able to provide the specialist products required to deliver the charity's support to families undergoing treatment. The trustees therefore agree that the benefit to beneficiaries outweigh the potential conflict and that the arrangement is necessary and appropriate to further the charity's objectives.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Thumbs up for Charlie
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1198109
Charity's principal address	Hedgerows, Preston Road, Inskip, Preston, Lancashire. PR4 0TT

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	John Andrew Robinson			
2	David Bosson			
3	Nicola Jane Robinson			
4	Paul Samuel Brown			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Virgin Money	40 St Vincent Place, Glasgow, Scotland. G12HL

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mr John Andrew Robinson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	16/12/2025	



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Thumbs Up for Charlie Limited

1198109

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01-Apr-24


To

Period end date
31-Mar-25

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 & Fundraising	47,447	-	-	47,447	-
Other Income	596	-	-	596	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	48,043	-	-	48,043	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	48,043	-	-	48,043	-
A3 Payments					
Events/Fundraising activities	12,302	-	-	12,302	-
Respite accommodation and costs	27,751	-	-	27,751	-
Justgiving Charges	1,198	-	-	1,198	-
Website Costs	260	-	-	260	-
Advertising	785	-	-	785	-
Insurance	479	-	-	479	-
Professional Fees	1,800	-	-	1,800	-
Sundries	1,069	-	-	1,069	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	45,644	-	-	45,644	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	45,644	-	-	45,644	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,399	-	-	2,399	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,399	-	-	2,399	-

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 Account	71,819	-	-
	Cash in hand	1,000	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	72,819	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	1,119	716
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Accrual	Unrestricted	1,800	31.12.25
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			John Robinson	16/12/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Thumbs up for Charlie

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1198109

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 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date: 16.12.25

Name:

Gillian Telford – Verve Accountancy Limited

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

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Address:

39 NORTHGATE, WHITE LUND,
MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE
LA3 3PA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.