

Bobbys Big Heart

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Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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1. Introduction

1.1 Charitable Objectives

To provide support to those in our community during their time of need. The group will be run as a not for profit organization and will help others without judgement.

1.2 Overview (Executive Summary)

We are a community charity who provide support across South Essex. We are a non-judgemental, non-discriminatory group who rely solely on donations, with support primarily in the form of food parcels. The group has a varied network of supporters, ranging in nature from private to corporate. A network of General Practitioners and Social workers also interact with the group, helping us to identify and become alerted to those in need of our help on a regular basis.

Our future plans are to expand our existing operations, aiming to support as many families as possible who would otherwise not have the means to access the goods that we provide: namely food, drink and household items. We have seen so many positive outcomes and changes to lives of the individuals and families that we have/ continue to support, and however small, every donation makes a difference.

2. Activities & Achievements

2.1 Outputs & Outcomes

A little bit about our charity: what it is that we do, how we started and our journey, but before that I would just like to thank each and everyone that supports us; as we say all the time at Bobby's big heart, if we all do a little, together we have a lot.

BBH started five years ago Christmas 2017. The idea was born from Yolanda's son, Bobby's desire to share his toys with poor children at Christmas. Bobby couldn't understand why Santa didn't bring presents to children who were poor, and asked me if he could give some of his toys to those children who would wake up to nothing on Christmas morning.

It had always been Yolanda's dream to start a charity, so she set up BBH to help struggling families at Christmas time. It took the best part of 18 months to build peoples trust, and we started to diversify into food parcels so that we could provide support all year round. Alongside the admin team, we work to support families not only with food parcels or seasonal gifts, but also through provision of mental health and domestic violence related support, as well as being in contact with social workers and other practitioners in the mental health and well-being field whom we draw upon as needed. We have provided over 7500 food parcels in the last 5 years alone, and it hasn't always been easy! From heartbreaking stories to non stop deliveries, the entire admin team wouldn't change a second of it, running this charity and seeing it grow the way it has, is a dream come true.

We help, on average, 85 families per week, and rely on donations from local businesses, schools and residents to keep our food bank functional. We couldn't do it without the generosity of so many of our supporters, namely:

- Canvey Morrisons
- KKB Group, The Mayor of Canvey, Cllr Lynsey McCarthy-Calvert, Shanta Foundation

- Greenenergy
- The Westcliff Freemasons
- Neil Taylor at Hammers work and support
- Canvey Rotary Club

And that is just to name a few! The support we have receive all year round is truly astonishing, and is a credit to the ability of humankind to unite in times of need. Last year we helped 521 families by providing Christmas presents, and are on target to help even more this year.

The money raised through donations, grants and fundraising will go towards furthering the objectives of the group, enabling us to continue to provide food parcels in the year ahead to those in need of a helping hand to get back on their feet.

April 2022 saw us achieve Charity status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) opening further opportunities for support from the commercial sector. 2023 saw the group purchase a van to assist in the collecting and delivery of donations following a grant from Essex CC and support from KKB Group. KKB continue to support us through Christmas donations.

2.2 The Roles & Contributions of Volunteers

The group have a core Admin team comprising the below but also a facebook group membership of 4700 members allowing adequate support when needed.

Yolanda Crabb – Chairwoman

Steven Wallis – Treasurer

Kevin Crabb – Committee member & Safeguarding officer

Holly Brickwood – Committee member

Jodie Cole – Secretary & Events organiser

2.3 How the Public Have Benefitted

We have provided over 7500 food parcels in the last 5 years alone benefitting an average of 85 families every week.

2.4 Looking Ahead

A further community food drive is being planned for July 2025 supported by Morrisons Canvey to generate both awareness and donation opportunities. This event was very well received in 2023, 2024 and the 2025 event is hoped to be bigger and better.

Access to sustainable commercial sector support and regular donations is key to supporting the groups long term vision with talks of recession and the cost of living crisis impacting more families.

A grant from the National lottery was also secured in 2023 leaving the group better placed financially for the years ahead. This allowed us to drive our vision of increased awareness by supporting School fetes, Open days etc.

Increasing awareness across the commercial sector is key to our growth. Access to corporate donations will be a focus area for the group in 2025


3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Position

Bobbys Big Heart
Income & Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

| | £ | £ |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Income | | |
| Donations | 27,471 | |
| Grants | <u>11,835</u> | |
| | | 39,306 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Food parcels | 24,687 | |
| Household items | 871 | |
| Clothes | 776 | |
| Toys and Gifts | 1,179 | |
| Heating payments | 730 | |
| Sundry expenses | 220 | |
| Bank charges | 331 | |
| Insurance | 983 | |
| Motor costs | <u>2,120</u> | |
| | | 31,897 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure | | <u>7,409</u> |
| Cash funds b/wd 1 January 2024 | | 28,192 |
| Cash funds c/wd 31 December 2024 | | <u><u>35,601</u></u> |

Signed



Name of Trustee STEVEN JAMES WALLIS

3rd May 2025

Bobbys Big Heart
Statement of Assets as at
31st December 2024

| | £ | £ |
|--|--------------|----------------------|
| Cash at Bank and In Hand | | |
| Bank Current Account | 28,675 | |
| Paypal | <u>6,926</u> | |
| | | 35,601 |
| Assets retained for Charity's own use | | |
| Computer Equipment | | 179 |
| Van | | 8000 |
| | | <u><u>43,780</u></u> |

3.2 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.

3.3 Policy on Reserves

Bobbys Big Heart have a policy of no funds being held on reserve. All donations are used to support the needs of those using the service without holding back any monies. There are no financial liabilities for salaries or premises so this is achievable.

3.4 Going Concern

Bobbys Big Heart have seen demand for our support grow throughout the last 7 years annually and this demand is expected to continue. The group will continue for as long as the service is required and we are able to source support and or funding

3.5 Principal Sources of Funding

A scheduled program of events is in place with 2 x annual fundraising events. In addition to these fundraisers annual applications to Essex CC and our support partners will be made for grants as they become available. Regular paypal donations are received from our supporters whilst smaller in value they make up regular support. Commercial funding will be targeted in 2025.

3.6 Investments Policy & Objectives

N/A.

3.7 Description of the Principal Risks Facing the Charity

The principal risk to the continued operation of the charity is the inability for personal and corporate donations to continue. This has not been an issue to date but we remain mindful of the possible impact of recession and cost of living impacts.

3.8 Remuneration of Trustees

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost following approval by the Treasurer.

3.9 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);

4. Reference and Administration Details

4.1 Charity Name & Registration

Name of the Charity: Bobbys Big Heart

Charity No: 1198385 Company No: N/A

Registered with HM Revenue & Customs No

4.2 Charity's Principal Address

25 Sussex Way, Canvey Island, Essex SS8 9XE

e-mail: bobbysbigheart@hotmail.com

website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/158200598110889>

4.3 Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Office</i> | <i>Appointed</i> | <i>Resigned</i> |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Yolanda Crabb | Chair | 01 January 2017 | |
| Steven Wallis | Treasurer | 01 January 2017 | |
| Kevin Crabb | Committee member | 01 January 2017 | |

4.4 Names of Advisors & Senior Members of Staff

Holly Brickwood Committee Member

Jodie Cole Secretary/Events organiser

4.5 Bank

Lloyds Bank, 10-20 Town Square, Basildon SS14 1DU

4.6 Independent Examiner

Caroline Churn, Gardners Farm, Gardiners Lane, Canewdon, Rochford, Essex, SS4 3PR

5. Structure, Governance & Management

5.1 Type of Governing Document

Constitution

5.2 Charitable Objects

To provide support to those in our community during their time of need. The group will be run as a not for profit organization and will help others without judgement.

5.3 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.

5.4 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.

5.5 Trustee Development

General training on accounting and book keeping practices, hygiene certification and safeguarding training. Mental health awareness with Mental health first aider training also completed. Cyber awareness and anti phishing training undertaken by the Treasurer.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf. 3rd May 2025

Yolanda Crabb (Chair)

Steven Wallis (Treasurer)

Kevin Crabb (Member/Safeguarding officer)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bobbys Big Heart

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bobbys Big Heart Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Caroline Churn

Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants

Gardners Farm, Gardiners Lane, Canewdon Rochford SS4 3PR

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