



# **Bobbys Big Heart**

Charity No: 1198385

## **Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity** for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

### **Trustees**

Yolanda Crabb

Steven Wallis

Kevin Crabb

March 2026

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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 eight 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 10000 food parcels in the last 8 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, Shanta Foundation, Arnold Clarke, Essex Association

- 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 634 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 10000 food parcels in the last 8 years alone benefitting an average of 85 families every week.

## **2.4 Looking Ahead**

A further community food drive was being planned for July 2026 supported by Morrisons Canvey to generate both awareness and donation opportunities however following the unexpected passing of Alan Brown this may be put on hold.

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 secured in 2023 leaving the group better placed financially for the years ahead and allowed the purchase of a van. 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 2026

## 3. Financial Review

### 3.1 Financial Position

#### Bobbys Big Heart Income & Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	11,189	
Grants	4,500	
		15,689
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Food parcels	19,423	
Household items	288	
Clothes	105	
Toys and Gifts	137	
Heating payments	110	
Sundry expenses	133	
Bank charges	194	
Insurance	1,202	
Motor costs	1,253	
		22,845
Excess of Income over Expenditure		-7,156
Cash funds b/wd 1 January 2025		35,601
Cash funds c/wd 31 December 2025		28,445

Signed



Name of Trustee STEVEN WAWLIS - TREASURER

Date 16-MAR-2026.

#### Bobbys Big Heart Statement of Assets as at 31st December 2025

	£	£
<b>Cash at Bank and In Hand</b>		
Bank Current Account	20,542	
Paypal	7,902	
		28,445
<b>Assets retained for Charity's own use</b>		
Computer Equipment		179
Van		8000
Mobile Phone		98
		36,722

### **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 to have reserve levels which are set to ensure the continuation of support for families for 12 months. All other funds are used as they are received for Charitable purposes. . There are no financial liabilities for salaries or premises.

### **3.4 Going Concern**

Bobbys Big Heart have seen demand for our support grow throughout the last 8 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 further in 2026.

### **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, global uncertainty 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](mailto: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 FCCA, 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 March 2026

**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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026