



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 April 2024 To 31 March 2025

Charity name: Seven Friends Foundation

Charity registration number: 1199444

Trustees	Victoria Anne Wilkinson	Chair
	Michael Keith Reynolds	
	Ruth Freya Stone	
	Katherine Alice Jacobs	
	Nancy Alexandra Rose Allen	Secretary
	Dr Robert David Gallagher	
	Noelani Tallulah Hall	Treasurer

Registered office	32A Sparsholt Road
	LONDON
	N19 4EL

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance such charitable purposes (according to the law in England and Wales) as the trustees see fit from time to time, in particular but not limited to charitable causes that lack popular support or do not receive public attention, in particular but not exclusively by making grants and providing advice.
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	Grant making.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Policy available here: https://sevenfriends.org/
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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>During this reporting period the Seven Friends Foundation held two grant rounds with an open application process and deadlines in April and August 2024. Funds were awarded in April and October 2024.</p> <p>Deadlines, criteria and the process for applying are featured on the Seven Friends Foundation website (https://sevenfriends.org/).</p> <p>Seven Friends Foundation received a total of 316 applications. The second round in October 2024 was particularly competitive, with 183 applications. This proved to be very difficult for Trustees of the Seven Friends Foundation, who are all in full time employment, to manage and the assessment process was extended.</p> <p>The Trustees decided to award 17 grants during the reporting period totalling £29,930.64. The average grant size was £1,760.63. The success rate for applicants was approximately 5.4%.</p>

		<p>A note about our decision-making process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications were divided randomly between a sub-group of trustees for an initial round of scoring; • The trustees met to discuss the applications and process before taking top scoring applications into a second stage; • For the second stage, applications were re-allocated and where possible, applications were allocated to trustees with expertise in specific areas relating to the topic; • A meeting was held to finalise the shortlist for each decision meeting; • Finally, all trustees participated in two decision meetings to distribute a maximum total of £30,039. <p>The process for each round took approximately three months from applicant deadline to funds distribution. Grants were awarded to the following charitable purposes as recognised by the Charity Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The advancement of health or saving of lives: 6 • The relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage: 4 • The advancement of education: 4 • The prevention or relief of poverty: 2 • The advancement of citizenship or community development: 1 <p>All successful applicants were service delivery organisations in England. Beneficiary groups varied widely, including: refugees and migrants (4), women and girls (3), people experiencing poor mental or physical health (2), survivors of domestic abuse (2), LGBTQ+ and TNBI people (2), ethnic minorities, prisoners, young people, and people experiencing homelessness.</p>
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		Seven Friends Foundation awards grants for both project and core costs. During this reporting period, 65% of grants supported project costs and 35% contributed to core costs.
Plans for 2025/26		<p>Due to the overwhelming demand and oversubscription of applicants, Trustees made the decision to undertake a strategic review of the application process.</p> <p>We anticipate a return to grantmaking in 2026 with a closed, invitation-only application process. As part of this review Trustees will decide on a figure to distribute to successful organisations.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The trustees' policy on reserves is to maintain, in general, sufficient available reserves in cash to allow all grant commitments.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The balance held on 31 March 2025 was £109.16. There were no outstanding grant payments due at the end of this period.
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	The Charity has sufficient financial resources and reserves to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

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	<p>Currently, all of Seven Friends Foundation's funds come from personal assets of the trustees.</p> <p>The trustees are responsible for ensuring that charitable funds are properly used and are satisfied with the provenance of the donations and that no conditions are attached to its expenditure. The governing document describes the duties of trustees in relation to benefits and payments, conflicts of interest and decision making.</p>
	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity		
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
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	<p>Apart from the founding trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The trustees administer the day-to-day affairs of the charity.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>John Peace is a trustee's father and maintains the charity's website.</p> <p>He has not received financial remuneration.</p>
Other		

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)

Victoria Anne
Wilkinson

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date 22/01/2026



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1/4/2024

To

31/3/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Cash brought forward	30,039.80	0.00	0.00	30,039.80	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,039.80	0.00	0.00	30,039.80	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Total receipts	30,039.80	0.00	0.00	30,039.80	-

A3 Payments

Grants	29,930.64	0.00	0.00	29,930.64	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-

	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Sub total	29,930.64	0.00	0.00	29,930.64	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Total payments	29,930.64	0.00	0.00	29,930.64	-
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Net of receipts/(payments)	109.16	0.00	0.00	109.16	-
A5 Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Cash funds this year end	109.16	0.00	0.00	109.16	-

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	30,039.80	0.00	-
		0.00	0.00	-
		0.00	0.00	-
	Total cash funds	30,039.80	0.00	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	-
	0.00	0.00	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		0.00	-
		0.00	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
V. Wilkinson	VICTORIA WILKINSON	20/09/2025
N. Hall	NOELANI HALL	20/9/2025