

# Harlee's



# Angels

Harlee's Angels  
First Annual Report  
Ending February 2025

Registered charity number: 1200190





## **A message from our CEO / Founders**

A message from the CEO's to thank everyone for all their support .  
As we reflect on another year of impactful work at Harlee's Angels, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. Your contributions have made a significant difference, allowing us to continue providing essential comfort and assistance to those in need.

This year, we are thrilled to share the tremendous success of our initiatives, particularly the Grief Cafés they have been very successful, receiving such lovely feedback from participants who have found solace and community. The warmth and connection fostered at the Grief Cafés have made it a cherished space for many navigating their journey through loss.

In addition to this, we have celebrated lots of successful fundraising events, we are incredibly grateful for the generosity that has poured in. These efforts not only empower us to continue our mission but also enable us to assist even more families facing grief and hardship. Each contribution helps us achieve our goals and extend our reach within the community.

One of our standout initiatives, "Post Box to Heaven," remains a beacon of hope for individuals seeking solace and connection with their loved ones who have passed. This project continues to provide closure and peace for many grieving hearts.

As we look ahead, we are filled with gratitude and optimism. With your continued support, we are dedicated to expanding our charitable work and bringing relief to even more individuals in need. Together, we will keep the spirit of Harlee's Angels alive and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those facing challenges and grief.

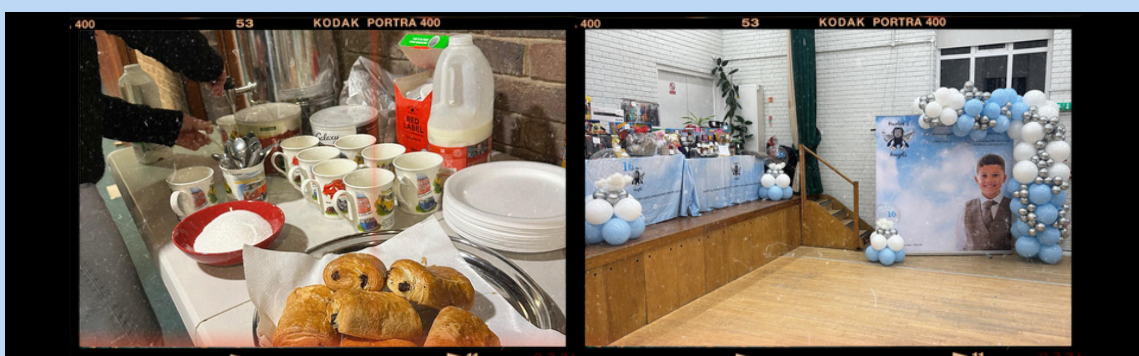
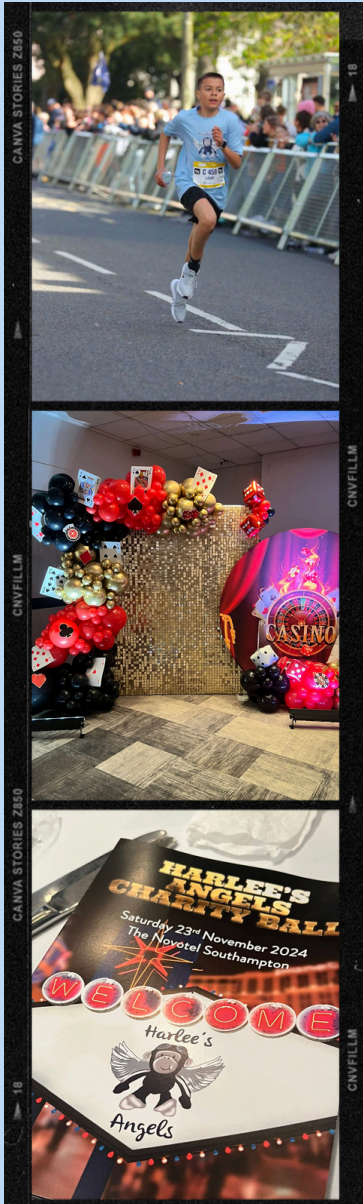
Thank you for being an integral part of our journey and for helping us spread love and kindness.

Fern and Ryan Steele  
CEO / Founder  
Harlee's Angels



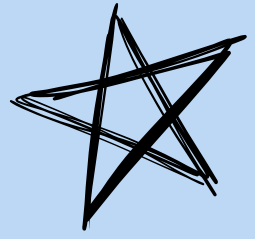
# HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESSES

Some of the events that have taken place over the past year raising funds through generous donations





# The Impact



## **What is Harlee's Angels**

Harlee's Angels is a charity which has been set up to offer assistance to the parents/guardians of a child up to the age of 17 who has died due to sudden death, accident or unexpected / undiagnosed illness residing in the Southampton and surrounding Hampshire area.

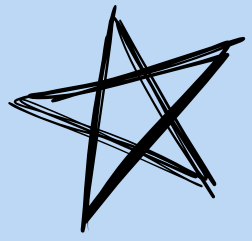
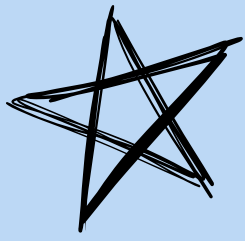
## **How and who can we help**

- We can provide financial assistance to families who are on a low income \*
- We can help with providing financial assistance with household bills and groceries, when the main earner is unable to work.
- We can assist with funding private counselling.

Harlee's Angels works tirelessly behind the scenes to support families in need. While we may not always be able to share all the details of our efforts, we want to emphasize that every fundraising event, donation, and act of support from our community makes a significant impact. Your help enables us to provide financial assistance to families, allowing them to take time off work, relieve financial burdens, and create opportunities for quality time together. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of those we serve.







We are grateful for the support from the national lottery community fund, as it has allowed us to continue offering our monthly grief Cafe sessions, providing counseling services, and distributing food and toiletries packages to families in the PICU. In addition, we have been able to organize day trips for our families to provide them with some much-needed respite and create special moments together. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.



Our monthly Grief Cafés, held in collaboration with the dedicated staff at Southampton Crematorium, has proven to be a valuable resource for those navigating the journey of loss. This supportive environment allows individuals to connect with others who share similar experiences, fostering meaningful conversations and healing. Each gathering features a variety of activities, accompanied by delicious tea and cakes, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all who attend.





## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1st	April	2024		31	January	2025

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Harlee's Angels

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1200190

Charity's principal address 9 Melchet Road

Southampton

Hants

Postcode SO18 5GW

#### 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	Chris Hamilton	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Megan Davies	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Matt Meadus	N/A	N/A	N/A
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#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year



**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Fern Steele and Ryan Steele

## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Foundation model constitution

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Voting members are its charity trustees.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To relieve the needs of families in Southampton and the surrounding area experiencing bereavement from the sudden death of a child up to the age of 17 by grant funding for counselling support and essential household costs.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Objectives of the charity**

It is the intention of the charity to provide financial assistance in the form of money or bank transfer to families who are on proven low income.

Referrals to the charity for financial assistance will be via the PICU at Southampton General Hospital, Local General Practitioner or by direct contact with the charity through the web site / messenger / Facebook.

The criteria for referral will be that the child will be aged up to 17 years and will have passed away following an accident, sudden or unidentified illness. The reason for these criteria is that at present most charities are in place to assist with children who have either passed or are in palliative care for known illnesses. The sudden and unexpected death of a child is very traumatising for the whole family, they will not have had time to process the death or its reason, to say final goodbyes or to spent time and make memories with that child before their passing. In the event of an accident, they may even have been unable to hold their child before funeral arrangements are made. This can affect the persons mental health and will result in the need for immediate counselling and time of work.

The purpose of the financial assistance is to support the family in the initial period following the death of their child, it is anticipated that this time scale will be in the first year, however this will be considered on a 1-1 basis and decided by the trustees/founders. The financial assistance is to benefit the whole family, identified as mother, father, guardian, siblings and grandparents, to be used for the purpose of funding private 1-1 counselling, as free counselling is often unavailable immediately following the death and when most needed, to be used to assist with paying rent and mortgage payments, utilities bills and household and grocery bills, as the beneficiary will be dealing with grief and unable to work and may not be entitled to sick / bereavement pay through their employment, especially for the self-employed or those on zero hour contracts. This financial help is to alleviate the pressures to cover essential bills.

The charity will provide food parcels, items will be considered on a 1-1 basis, depending on needs and size of the family concerned and will be considered by the trustees and founders.

Assistance for counselling can also be provided. Families can also apply for assistance with funding days out. Consideration will be by agreement with the trustees / founders and the above criteria will apply in all cases.

**Benefits**

The beneficiaries are the family of the deceased child, it is proposed that they will be provided with financial support to ease the financial burden for the public benefit that they will undoubtedly experience following the sudden or unexpected death of their child.

Providing financial assistance for the public benefit in the form of money to assist with day-to-day bills, such as utility, household, and grocery. To assist with offering appropriate food parcels. To assist with supporting them with their accommodation fees by offering financial help with rent and mortgage payments. Providing financial assistance to cover loss of wages if the main earner is unable to work following the death of their child. Providing financial assistance for 1-1 private counselling for the purpose of mental health and



wellbeing.

Referrals to the charity will be accepted from Southampton General Hospital, PICU ward and Southampton based general practitioners.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008 at their meetings the trustees of Harlee's Angels have considered the guidance when exercising their powers of duty for planning events and activities and offering financial support to families

Donation receiving: -

Public donations are received through platforms such as Go Fund Me or Just Giving, using the facilities of one these well-established services will safeguard both the giver and the charity and give peace of mind for all concerned.

Funds will also be received via fund raising events such as charity football matches, bike rides, marathons – again the charity will use the services of a funding platform as above.

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

##### **Grant making**

The trustees will use the criteria's specified. Referrals will be accepted by PICU Southampton General Hospital, GP Referral, and self-referral.

The beneficiary will be required to prove that they are on low income/benefits by providing proof of income or benefit claimed to the trustees. The beneficiary will need to reside in the Hampshire Area and their child will have died suddenly and unexpectedly. Grants will be considered by the trustees for financial assistance for the purpose of financial assistance and for short breaks/holidays depending on the funds available with the charity at the time of the request.

Once established what needs the beneficiary requires the trustees will establish how much finance is available and decide how much financial help the beneficiary will receive from the charity, based on our grant making policy.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Throughout the past year, Harlee's Angels has made significant strides in fulfilling our core mission of providing essential support to families facing challenging circumstances. One of our primary objects has been to alleviate the burden on families with children in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Southampton General Hospital. Through our concerted efforts, we have supplied much-needed food and essential supplies to PICU, ensuring that families can focus on their child without worry about basic necessities.

In addition to our support within the hospital setting, Harlee's Angels has extended a helping hand to families referred to us by providing financial assistance for various needs. From funding for days out to covering essential household bills, we have worked diligently to ease the financial strain experienced by families during difficult times. Moreover, recognising the profound impact of child loss on families, we have provided crucial support by covering loss of income for parents unable to work due to their tragic loss.

Furthermore, our commitment to enhancing services within Southampton General Hospital we supplied them with a recording stethoscope, a cutting-edge tool that offers families the opportunity to record their loved one's heartbeat.

In alignment with our believe in the power of remembrance and expression, Harlee's Angels has also established "Letters to Heaven" post boxes at Southampton Crematoriums Gardens of Remembrance. These post boxes provide a tangible outlet for individuals to express their thoughts and feelings to their loved ones. By facilitating this, we aim to provide solace and comfort to those navigating the grieving process.

We hold monthly Grief Café's, hosted by Southampton Crematorium. They have been well received and attended. Attendees join us for refreshments, and it gives them the opportunity to connect and find comfort in the company of others who share their journey of loss. Staff and members of Harlee's Angels provide a warm and welcoming environment for conversation, understanding and new friendships. Moving forward we will be arranging activities such as painting and decorating bird boxes in memory of their loved ones.

Overall, the past year has been marked by significant achievements for Harlee's Angels as we continue to uphold our commitment to supporting families in crisis, enhancing healthcare services, and fostering avenues for emotional healing and remembrance within our community.



## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Harlee's Angels maintains a prudent reserve policy to ensure financial stability and continuity of operations. Our reserves are carefully managed to mitigate risks, support strategic initiatives, and fulfil our charitable objectives effectively.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Heather White

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary/Treasurer

Date

1/4/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Harlee's Angels

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2024

To

31/01/2025

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants & Donations Expenditure	-	-	-	£3,824.31	-
Merchandise and Materials	-	-	-	£1,077.05	-
Event Expenditure	-	-	-	£13,255.72	-
Insurance	-	-	-	£245.72	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	£18.20	-
Storage	-	-	-	1,141	-
Internet/phone/computer	-	-	-	2,154	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	-	-	21,716	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations & Merchandise Sales	-	-	-	£19,857.66	-
Income from fund raising events	-	-	-	£5,135.00	-
Refunds	-	-	-	£79.78	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	25,072	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>			
Current Account	£61,131.00	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	61,131	-	-



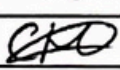
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
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		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details			
			-	-
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		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details			
			-	
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			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	CHRISTOPHER HAMILTON	30-1-25

**Assisting families from a sudden and  
unexpected death of a child**

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