

# Trustees Annual Report

## For the Period

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

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 and including the age of 19 who has died due to sudden death, accident or unexpected / undiagnosed illness, are residing in the UK including Scotland, Wales and Ireland.



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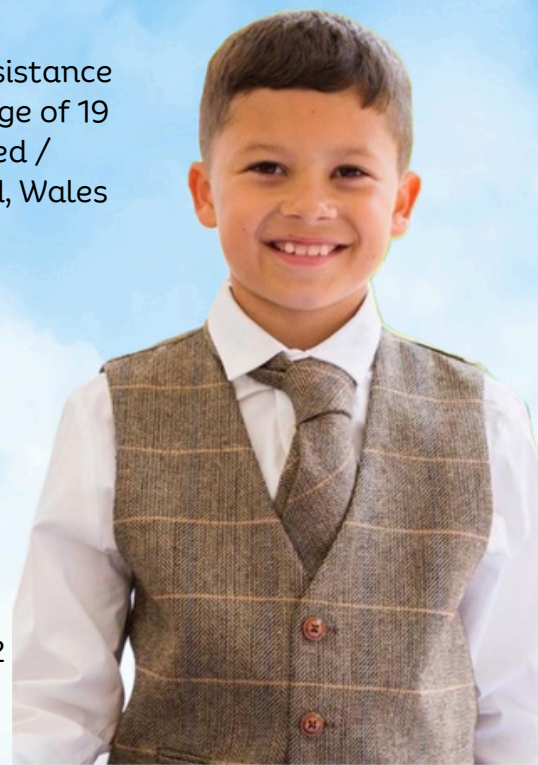


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**Registered charity number: 1200190**





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

As we reflect on the year ending 31 March 2025, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported Harlee's Angels. The continued kindness, generosity and dedication shown by our volunteers, supporters and community partners makes it possible for us to continue supporting families through the most difficult times.

Over the past year we have been able to provide counselling support for bereaved families and continue hosting our monthly Grief Café sessions, creating a safe space where parents and families can come together, share their experiences and find comfort in knowing they are not alone.

We have also been incredibly grateful for the many fundraising events and community initiatives that have taken place throughout the year. From personal challenges and local fundraisers to larger events such as our Great Gatsby Gala Ball, every effort helps us continue our mission.

Harlee's Angels was created in memory of our daughter Harlee, with the aim of ensuring that no family faces the sudden loss of a child alone. With your continued support, we remain committed to growing our work and reaching more families who need help, comfort and understanding.

Thank you for standing alongside us and helping keep Harlee's Angels' mission alive.

Fern and Ryan Steele  
CEO / Founders  
Harlee's Angels



# HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESSES

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



# **Activities and Achievements**

Harlee's Angels continues to provide support to families across the UK who have experienced the sudden loss of a child. During the year ending 31 March 2025 the charity continued its core mission of ensuring that no family feels alone following the unexpected death of a child.

During the year the charity funded counselling support for bereaved families and was able to assist approximately six families with financial grants to access specialist bereavement counselling and support services.

The charity also continued to host monthly Grief Café sessions, providing a safe and supportive environment where bereaved parents and families can meet, share experiences and support one another. In addition to providing direct support, Harlee's Angels undertook a number of fundraising and awareness activities throughout the year. These included participation in events such as the Dorset Plane Pull and the ABP Southampton Marathon. The charity was also invited to AFC Totton to raise awareness of the charity's work and collect donations with the support of the charity's mascot, Harbo.

Harlee's Angels was honoured to be selected as a beneficiary of the Netley Marsh Steam and Craft Show and received a donation of £500. The charity also hosted a successful Great Gatsby Gala Ball at The Grand Hotel in Southampton, raising funds to support its ongoing services.

The charity attended a number of community events including the Oasis Academy Mayfield Christmas Fayre, the St James Park Summer Festival in Shirley, the Babies' Necessities event and local fundraising events organised by schools and community groups. Valentine Primary School and Hamble FC both hosted fundraising events in support of the charity.

During the festive period, the charity also delivered Christmas parcels to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) to support families spending the festive season in hospital.

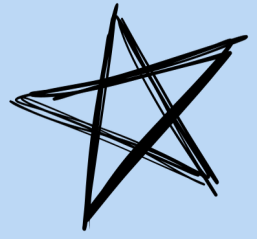
Harlee's Angels continues to benefit from the support of individuals who undertake fundraising challenges on behalf of the charity. During the year supporters raised funds through activities including the Great South Run, the Amsterdam Marathon, a 10k charity swim in the Lake District, the 5k Inflatable Run, pop-up charity shops and other individual fundraising initiatives.

The Trustees are extremely grateful to all volunteers, supporters and community partners whose generosity enables Harlee's Angels to continue providing vital support to bereaved families.





# 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 and including the age of 19 who has died due to sudden death, accident or unexpected / undiagnosed illness residing in the UK including Scotland , Wales and Ireland

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

- We can provide financial assistance to families
- We can help with providing financial assistance with household bills and groceries.
- We can assist with funding private counselling.

During the year ending 31 March 2025, Harlee's Angels provided support to approximately six families through counselling grants and ongoing peer support.

The charity continued to host monthly Grief Café sessions, creating a safe space for bereaved parents and families to come together and support one another.

Through fundraising events, community engagement and the generosity of supporters, the charity has been able to continue raising awareness of the support available to families following the sudden loss of a child.







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.



## **Financialreview**

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The charity continues to rely primarily on fundraising activities, community support and donations to fund its services.

Funds raised during the year have enabled the charity to continue providing counselling support grants to bereaved families, host regular Grief Café support sessions and contribute towards community and hospital initiatives supporting bereaved families.

The Trustees remain committed to ensuring that funds raised are used responsibly and in accordance with the charity's objectives.



# **Future Plans**

The Trustees aim to continue developing the charity's support services for bereaved families, including maintaining monthly Grief Café sessions, providing counselling grants where needed and raising awareness of the charity through community engagement and fundraising







**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 April 2024** Period start date To **31 March 2025**  
Period end date  
Charity name: **Harlee's Angels**  
Charity registration number: **1200190**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Harlee's Angels exists to relieve the needs of the families experiencing bereavement following the sudden death of a child up the age of 19. The charity provides financial assistance through grants to support counselling, essential household costs and other practical support during the immediate period following bereavement. The charity also works with local healthcare providers and community organisations to ensure families are aware of and able to access support during this difficult time. During the year ending 31 March 2025,
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>Harlee's Angels continued to support families experiencing the sudden loss of a child through both financial assistance and emotional support initiatives.</p> <p>The charity supported approximately 6 families during the year by providing financial grants to assist with essential household costs and funding for counselling sessions to support families following bereavement.</p> <p>Harlee's Angels also hosted regular Grief Cafe sessions, held at Southampton Crematorium. These sessions provide a safe and supportive environment for bereaved families to meet others who understand their experiences, helping to reduce isolation and support emotional wellbeing.</p> <p>The charity continues to work closely with Southampton General Hospital, particularly the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). During the year the charity delivered Christmas parcels to families with PICU to</p>

		<p>provide comfort and support during a particularly difficult time.</p> <p>Harlee's Angels also supports remembrance initiatives including the Letters to Heaven post boxes located within the Gardens of Remembrance at Southampton Crematorium, allowing families a meaningful way to express their thoughts and feelings to loved ones.</p> <p>Fundraising activities during the year included the Dorset Plane Pull, participation in the ABP Southampton Marathon, bucket collections at AFC Totton, The Great Gatsby Charity Gala Ball at the Grand Southampton Hotel, Netley Marsh Steam and Craft Show, school and community events including the Oasis Academy Mayfield Christmas Fayre and Valentine Primary School Firework Display and fundraising events hosted by Hamble Football Club.</p> <p>In addition, a number of individuals undertook personal fundraising challenges including a 10km swim in the Lake District, participation in the Amsterdam Marathon and the Great South Run.</p> <p>These fundraising activities and community events have helped raise awareness of the charity while generating vital funds to support families experiencing sudden child bereavement.</p> <p>The trustees confirm that they have</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and carrying out the charity's activities.</p>

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>Harlee's Angels provides financial grants to families experiencing the sudden death of a child up to the age of 19. Referrals may be received through healthcare professionals, including Southampton General Hospital and the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), through general practitioners, or by direct contact from families.</p> <p>Each request for support is considered individually by the Trustees. Grants may be awarded to assist with essential household costs, counselling support or other immediate needs arising following the sudden loss of a child. The trustees</p>

		<p>assess each application based on the circumstances of the family and the funds available to the charity at the time.</p> <p>The aim of the grant programme is to provide timely financial assistance to alleviate immediate pressures faced by families following bereavement and to support their wellbeing during an extremely difficult period.</p> <p>Not applicable. The charity does not</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	undertake social or programme related investment.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Harlee's Angels relies heavily on the support of volunteers who contribute their time and skills to support the charity's activities. Volunteers assist with organising fundraising events, attending community events to raise awareness of the charity, supporting the charity's Grief Cafe sessions and helping with the preparation and delivery of support initiatives such as hospital donations and remembrance projects. The continued support of volunteers plays an important role in enabling the charity to deliver its services and support bereaved families.</p>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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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 the year ending 31 March 2025, Harlee's Angels continued to develop its support for families experiencing the sudden loss of a child. The charity provided financial assistance and counselling support to approximately six families during the year and continued to host regular Grief Cafe sessions, offering a supportive space for bereaved families within the community.</p> <p>The charity also strengthened its links with Southampton General Hospital and continued initiatives such as providing support to families within the PICU and maintaining the Letters of Heaven remembrance post boxes.</p> <p>Fundraising events and community support throughout the year enabled the charity to raise vital funds and increase awareness of the support available to bereaved families.</p> <p>These activities have enabled Harlee's Angels to continue delivering meaningful support to families during one of the most difficult periods of their lives.</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>During the year the charity continued to meet its objectives of supporting families experiencing the sudden death of a child by providing financial assistance and emotional support. Grants were awarded to families to assist with counselling and essential household costs, helping to ease immediate financial pressures during bereavement. The charity also continued to provide community support through the Grief Cafe sessions and remembrance initiatives such as the Letters to Heaven post boxes. These activities directly support the charity's objective of helping families during an extremely difficult period and promoting emotional wellbeing.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Fundraising activities during the year enabled the charity to continue delivery its support services and to assist families in need. Events such as the Dorset Plane Pull, participation in the ABP Southampton Marathon, the Great Gatsby Charity Gala Ball, community events and individual fundraising challenges helped raise vital funds and increase awareness of the charity's work. The trustees are grateful for the continued support from the local community, volunteers and individual</p>



		fundraisers whose efforts allow the charity to continue supporting bereaved families.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No applicable. The charity does not hold or manage investment funds.
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the financial year the charity remained in a stable financial position. Income during the year was generated primarily through fundraising events, community support and individual donations. These funds enabled the charity to continue providing financial assistance to families experiencing sudden child bereavement, support counselling provision and maintain community support initiatives such as the Grief Cafe. The trustees are satisfied that the charity remains financially sustainable and able to continue delivering its charitable objectives. The trustees recognise the importance of
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	maintaining financial reserves to activities during periods where fundraising income may fluctuate. Harlee's Angels has relatively low fixed overheads but aims to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to allow the charity to continue supporting families and operating initiatives such as the Grief Cafe should there be a temporary reduction in fundraising income.  The trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to approximately three months of operating costs, currently estimated to be in the region of £15,000. At the end of the financial year the charity
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	held unrestricted reserves of approximately £56,000. Not applicable.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	None.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties that would affect the charity's
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	ability to continue operating. The charity continues to receive support through fundraising activities, community engagement and donations, which enables it to continue delivering its charitable objectives and supporting bereaved families.

### 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	The charity's principal sources of income are community fundraising events, individual donations and organised fundraising activities.
	Para 1.46	The charity does not currently hold any investments. Funds are held in the charity's bank account and are used to

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted		support the charity's activities and provide financial assistance to families experiencing sudden child bereavement.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trustees recognise that the main risks facing the charity relate to fluctuations in fundraising income and the ability to continue generating sufficient funds to support families in need. The charity mitigates this risk by organising a range of fundraising events, encouraging community engagement and maintaining appropriate financial reserves to ensure that support to families can continue even during periods where fundraising income may reduce.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Harlee's Angels is a registered charity established to provide support to families experiencing the sudden death of a child. The charity operates in accordance with its governing document and is managed by a board of trustees who are responsible for ensuring the charity fulfils its charitable objectives.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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	Trustees are appointed in accordance with the charity's constitution. Trustees may be appointed by the existing board of trustees where appropriate to ensure the charity maintains the skills and experience required to effectively manage and deliver its activities.

### 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	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Harlee's Angels
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1200190



Charity's principal address	9 Melchet Road Southampton Hants SO18 5GW

### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

[illegible]

**Director name** Corporatetrustees – names ofthe directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

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

### Additional information (optional)

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### 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)	Heather White	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary/Treasurer	
Date	13 March 2026	



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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### 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 period 26/08/2022 to 31/03/2024 to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and merchandise	23,213	-	-	23,213	66,170
Events	5,135	-	-	5,135	18,689
Grants	-	-	-	-	9,635
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,348	-	-	28,348	94,493
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>28,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,348</b>	<b>94,493</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Direct costs	2,528	1,661	-	4,189	3,180
Merchandise and materials	256	-	-	256	15,747
Event expenditure	14,674	-	-	14,674	17,386
Insurance	246	-	-	246	233
Bank charges	59	-	-	59	3
Sundry	-	-	-	-	59
Computer costs	753	-	-	753	-
Advertising	1,077	-	-	1,077	-
Storage	1,542	-	-	1,542	-
Sub total	21,136	1,661	-	22,796	36,609
<b>A4 Asset and investment</b>					
Computer Equipment	1,729	-	-	1,729	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,729	-	-	1,729	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>22,865</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,525</b>	<b>36,609</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,484</b>	<b>- 1,661</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,823</b>	<b>57,885</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>50,518</b>	<b>7,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,885</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>56,002</b>	<b>5,706</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,708</b>	<b>57,885</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays	56,002	5,706	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>56,002</b>	<b>5,706</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Harlee's Angels

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Harlee's Angels for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Harlee's Angels 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 Harlee's Angels' 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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of Harlee's Angels as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 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:



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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026



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

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