



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **06-10-2022** **Period start date** **To** **31-03-2024**
Period end date

Charity name: Sign Along With Us Foundation

Charity registration number: 1200591

Objectives and Activities

For the public benefit, the relief and assistance of people with complex medical needs who are registered disabled throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland by providing them with respite accommodation which is inclusive and accessible.

There are **250,000+** people in the UK with complex medical needs who require specialist equipment such as hoists and profiling beds. Along with 1.9% of the UK population who will use a wheelchair at some point in their lives, there are at least **1.5 million** people in the UK who would benefit from our charity.

At the Sign Along With Us Foundation we provide free holidays for children and families with complex medical needs in our fully adapted accessible caravan complete with Wet room, Profiling Bed, Mobile hoist and lowered kitchen, which is situated on the Haven Cala Gran Holiday Park in Fleetwood, United Kingdom.

We are able to grant up to two stays a week Monday to Friday and Friday to Monday between the months of March and October each year.

We the trustees have regard for the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit

Achievements and Performance

Within this reporting period we managed to offer places to 62 families and were able to successful place 34 families with the dates we had available throughout the year and owing to their circumstances, some families had to cancel at short notice given medical reasons.

We noted there was significant demand for term time holidays of which we are very limited to the weeks those are available, and the trustees have started to look at how we can begin fundraising for a second adapted caravan to support the high demand we have for those periods.

Given this is our first full year, we expanded the team of volunteers who help run the charity from 3 trustees to a small team of 7 individuals. Each of us responsible for our own areas and we have seen a significant increase in the level of service we can provide to the families who use our service.

We have received some amazing feedback from our guests but Megs Story was such a beautiful one to read and we would love to share that here,

To everyone at SAWU

Thank you so much for an absolutely brilliant holiday. I've seen charities that help with holidays before, and always thought it was for 'poorly' kids, we don't see Meg like that, she's a little person who happens to have a disability. But I'm so glad we went for it, it's definitely just right for families like ours too.

There was literally everything we needed to have a comfy, safe and stress free holiday. No faffing about asking friends to drive up with our hoist cause it won't fit in the van at the same time as us! Everything has been thought of, even tiny things like a blender and a measuring jug.

The caravan was beautiful, spotlessly clean and in a gorgeous quiet location. We enjoyed spending time chilling on site, and Meg loved the kids disco. We left her van where it was and explored the area walking and using the trams, so didn't have to think about finding our way round and find places to park.

People in the area are friendly and we found loads of accessible places and activities to do (the beach wheelchairs are fabulous) and Meg adored the Peter Rabbit experience, which even has a hoist.

Loads of long walks by the sea, in the wind, with Meg roaring with laughter, sticking her tongue out and flapping her hands with joy. We can't say the word 'Cleveleys', we have to spell it, cause she grins every time she hears it and thinks we are going back now!

Meg is fabulous, she's no trouble at all, but with a disability things take longer, need more planning and often cost a lot more. But, the support from SAWU takes away so much of the extra stress, so we could just be a family, having a lovely break together and recharging our batteries. Which is exactly what we needed. Thank you so much.

Financial Review

Our financial position is very healthy which has given us confidence to begin fundraising for a new adapted caravan so we can handle the demand we have been receiving.

We have reduced our costs moving into the next financial year by not automatically giving out play passes to guests which is 50% of our running costs. We have tried to work with Haven to see if we are able to source these for free with a typical families stay costing us between £180 and £270 per stay.

We have worked hard to travel the local area and create a page on our website and on all communications to the guests on the accessible activities that are available around our caravan. We have partnered with Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs to offer each others services on both of our websites as an example.

The charity closed the financial period with a cash balance of £33,538.

Of that cash balance we hold £22,000 in reserve which is to ensure we always have two years' worth of running costs based within our accounts. The surplus funds are being put towards our target fundraising of £70,000 to purchase and let out a second adapted caravan in another part of the UK.

We currently have no going concern that we are materially worried about.

We entered have also entered into a Charity Partnership with the JD Foundation which will see ourselves the beneficiary of an annual grant of £20,000 for 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Sign Along With Us Foundation is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) using the foundation model with 3 Trustees.

We have 4 Founding Coordinators who volunteer in all aspects of the Charity and we also have two Founding Ambassadors with specialisations in Health and Accessibility.

We believe that the skills and experience we have within the Charity enables us to serve our community and drive further value out of what we can offer.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: Sign Along With Us Foundation

Alternative Charity Name: SAWU Foundation

Registered Charity Number: 1200591

Charity's Principal Address: 11 Pinfold Avenue, Blackley, Manchester, M9 7DW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Daniel McGrath

Diana Kilduff

Jade Kilduff

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

We do not hold any funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

| | | |
|--------------|----------------|--|
| Signature(s) | Daniel McGrath | |
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| Full name(s) | Daniel McGrath | |
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| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Trustee | |
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| Date | 24/1/2025 |
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CHARITY COMMISSION
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Sign Along With Us Foundation

1200591

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

10/6/2022

To

3/31/2024

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 | | | | | |
| Grants | 30,803 | - | - | 30,803 | 20,151 |
| Donations | 2,983 | - | - | 2,983 | - |
| Fundraising Events | 2,698 | - | - | 2,698 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 36,484 | - | - | 36,484 | 20,151 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 36,484 | - | - | 36,484 | 20,151 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Cost of Fundraising Events | 617 | - | - | 617 | - |
| Room Hire | 75 | - | - | 75 | - |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 15,460 | - | - | 15,460 | - |
| Light and Heating | 544 | - | - | 544 | - |
| Water and Sewage | 873 | - | - | 873 | - |
| Insurance | 305 | - | - | 305 | - |
| Telephone, Internet and Postage | 1,544 | - | - | 1,544 | - |
| Printing Postage, Stationery and Computer Supplies | - | - | - | - | - |
| Costs of Charitable Activities | 3,619 | - | - | 3,619 | - |
| Bank Internet and Charges | 60 | - | - | 60 | - |
| Sub total | 23,097 | - | - | 23,097 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| Accessible Caravan | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 23,097 | - | - | 23,097 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 13,387 | - | - | 13,387 | 20,151 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 20,151 | - | - | 20,151 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 33,538 | - | - | 33,538 | 20,151 |

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 | Bank Account | 33,538 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 33,538 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | Accessible Caravan | Other Assets | 34,000 | 22,000 |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| 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 | |
| | Daniel McGrath | Daniel McGrath | 1/25/2025 | |
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
SIGN ALONG WITH US FOUNDATION

On accounts for the year
ended

31-03-2024

Charity no
(if any)

1200591

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 03 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

31-01-25

Name:

MRS JULIET CATHERINE WOODS

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FORMERLY - QUALIFIED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT
(CIMA) & ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN (AAT)

Address:

15 SNOWDROP CLOSE

BURY ST EDMUNDS

SUFFOLK - IP32 7L2

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

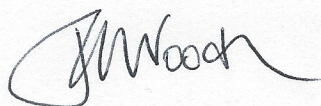
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NOTE:

① THE ACCOUNTING PERIOD IS FROM 06-10-22 AS THIS IS WHEN THE FOUNDATION RECEIVED IT'S CHARITY STATUS. THIS IS THE FIRST SET OF ACCOUNTS. THE BFWD BALANCE OF £20,151 IS THE BALANCE ON THE BANK ACCOUNT AS AT 06-10-22. THE BALANCE IS FROM DONATIONS OF £151 AND A GRANT FROM THE JD FOUNDATION OF £20,000

② THE ASSET 'ACCESSIBLE CARAVAN' WAS BOUGHT BY THE CHARITY TRUSTEES PERSONALLY AT A COST OF £34,000. THIS HAS SINCE BEEN GIFTED TO THE CHARITY AND CURRENTLY HAS A NET BOOK VALUE OF £22,000

THERE ARE NO OTHER MATTERS TO NOTE &
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| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

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| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
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| | | | - | - |
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NOTE

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| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

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

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Daniel McGrath | Daniel McGrath | 25/01/2025 |
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