



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31st January 2023 To 31st December 2023

Charity name: MS-CAS / Multiple Sclerosis – Community Action & Support

Charity registration number: 1201780

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To support the health and wellbeing of everyone affected by Multiple Sclerosis in Macclesfield and surrounding area for the public benefit by: a. Working to improve the understanding and knowledge of Multiple Sclerosis amongst the public. b. Enhancing the quality of life of those with a medical diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis, including practical help and emotional support.
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	Activity Hub Mary Sunley Boat Trip MS-CAS Launch / Partnership with MS professionals Bowling Monthly Drop Ins Counselling Support Newly Diagnosed Day at Salford Royal with MS Consultants and MS Nurses
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	MS-CAS Trustees have read document PB1 and meet monthly, all activities and services are discussed in line with public benefit, available in the minutes. All activity from CIO MS-CAS is deemed of 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 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>The main achievements of the charity are the services and activities MS-CAS offers. They promote health and wellbeing, support those living with MS, are inclusive and promote a sense of community.</p> <p>Activity Hub Mary Sunley Boat Trips MS-CAS Launch / Partnership with MS professionals Bowling Monthly Drop Ins Counselling Support Newly Diagnosed Day at Salford Royal with MS Consultants and MS Nurses</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>MS-CAS objectives were to offer the following services and activities.</p> <p>Activity Hub Mary Sunley Boat Trips MS-CAS Launch / Partnership with MS professionals Bowling Monthly Drop Ins Counselling Support Newly Diagnosed Day at Salford Royal with MS Consultants and MS Nurses</p> <p>MS-CAS has achieved objectives set.</p>
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	As the charity has been formed from the former MS Society Macclesfield Group, the MS Society agreed that it would donate £25,000 to the new charity from money raised within the area of operation. Half of this sum was received in this financial year with the remainder to be received in 2024. Other donations have been received in the year which are more than anticipated.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As a new charity that only started operating from the beginning of December and is not yet fully operational. The donation from the MS Society has guaranteed the charity is solvent at the 31 December 2023
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity will aim to hold three months operating costs in reserves at a minimum and ideally six months. Reserves will be held to enable the charity, in due course, to be able to provide grants to members in need for equipment that will make their daily living more tolerable.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At 31 December 2023 the reserves totalled £16,461. The charity only started operating on 1 December 2023 and a budget was being developed for the 2024 financial year.
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	N/A

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Foundation Model 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>MS-CAS will adhere to trustee selection methods outlined in paragraph 9 of the charities governing document -Foundation Model.</p> <p>The current appointed trustees are responsible for recruitment of new trustees. The trustees will adhere to the framework below.</p> <p><u>Finding new trustees - GOV.UK</u> (www.gov.uk)</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	<p>Newly appointed trustees will be given the following documents and will attend meetings for induction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity's governing document the charity's latest annual report and accounts minutes of recent trustee meetings the guidance <u>The essential trustee: what you need to know (CC3)</u>, and <u>The hallmarks of an effective charity (CC10)</u> the charity's policy on dealing with conflicts of interest any other key documents

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	Multiple Sclerosis Community Action & Support
Other name the charity uses	MS-CAS
Registered charity number	1201780
Charity's principal address	39 Nicholson Avenue Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 2BZ

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	Paul Steven Sadler	Trustee	31 st January 2023 -	
2	Norma Yvonne Roberts	Trustee	31 st January 2023 -	
3	Elizabeth Anne Daggart	Trustee	31 st January 2023 -	
4	Philip Andrew Richards	Treasurer Trustee	31 st January 2023 -	
5	Brian George Grimmett	Chair Trustee	31 st January 2023 -	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved N/A

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity N/A

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others N/A

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

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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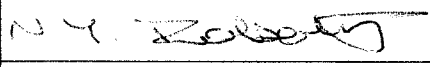
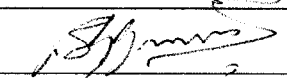
Other optional information

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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)	NORMA Y. ROBERTS	BRIAN GEORGE GRIMMETT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE CHAIR
Date	28 / 10 / 2024	