



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 22 Nov 2023 Period start date To 21 November 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Edison's Light

Charity registration number: 1202761

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote and protect the health of parents, siblings and families affected by neonatal death, stillbirth or miscarriage in particular but not exclusively by the provision of memory boxes, support packs and by providing 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	<p>In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and regularly reviewed this at trustee meetings. Our work continues to focus on supporting families affected by baby loss, with a particular emphasis this year on sibling bereavement.</p> <p>During the year, we provided 139 sibling bereavement support packs, 128 comfort bears, and 123 storybooks free of charge. These were distributed to United Lincolnshire Hospitals' maternity department, Nottingham University Hospitals' maternity and neonatal intensive care units, and directly to individual families.</p> <p>To raise awareness and strengthen our connection with the wider community, we took part in public events such as the Lincoln Baby Loss Week Lantern Walk and the Bumps, Babies and Beyond events. These awareness stands helped us share our work, reduce stigma, and reach more families in need.</p> <p>Additionally, we have invested in volunteer training to further develop and expand our peer support service.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees for Edison's Light have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
		N/A

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Over the past year, we've been incredibly grateful for the support of a small group of dedicated volunteers. Their time, energy, and commitment have been essential in helping us run events and stay active within the community.</p> <p>Although we have found it challenging to recruit additional volunteers this year, the efforts of our existing team have been outstanding.</p> <p>Twelve volunteers have gone above and beyond to raise both money and awareness for Edison's Light. They've taken part in a variety of fundraising activities including the Lincoln Santa Fun Run, personal challenges like running 500 miles in a year, the Lincoln 10k, the London Landmarks Half Marathon, the London Marathon, the Edinburgh Half Marathon, and the Edinburgh 10k. Many have also supported us by volunteering at community events.</p> <p>Their dedication has made a real difference not only in raising funds, but also in helping us reach more people and share our message more widely. As a fully volunteer run charity our volunteers are at the core of everything we achieve.</p>
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>This year, Edison's Light has continued to make a meaningful difference to families affected by baby loss, with a strong focus on supporting grieving siblings.</p> <p>After listening to feedback from families who have been through these incredibly difficult experiences, we made important changes to the two sibling bereavement support packs we offer. We created our own <i>Thoughts and Feelings</i> journals and an <i>Emotions Workbook</i> for younger children to help them better express and understand their feelings. These new resources are designed to offer children age-appropriate ways to cope and help adults support them through their grief.</p> <p>Over the past 12 months, we provided 139 sibling bereavement support packs, 128 comfort bears, and 123 storybooks free of charge. These were given to United Lincolnshire Hospitals' maternity department, Nottingham University Hospitals' maternity and neonatal intensive care units, and directly to individual families. The feedback we've</p>

		<p>received shows these resources have offered comfort, understanding, and vital support during one of the hardest times a family can face.</p> <p>We've also worked hard to raise awareness about the impact of baby loss on families. By attending various public events and running information stalls, we've been able to talk with members of the public, help break the silence around baby loss, and give people the chance to share their own stories. These events also allowed us to guide people towards other sources of support when needed.</p> <p>Through our work this year, we've not only supported families directly, but also helped to increase understanding and compassion within the wider community around baby loss and its lasting impact.</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	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the charity's financial period, we held £4,026.74 in the bank in unrestricted funds.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	None in place
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	As we have no contractual obligations to provide a minimum number of support packs each year, and no ongoing financial commitments such as premises or staffing costs, the trustees did not consider it necessary to hold a designated reserve at this time. Should the charity's circumstances change in the future, we will review this position accordingly.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No current concerns

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>This year, the charity has benefited from a variety of income sources. We have been fortunate to receive generous donations from a number of companies and organisations, as well as private contributions from individual supporters.</p> <p>Additional funds have been raised through volunteer-led sponsorship efforts, with individuals taking part in a range of challenges and events to raise money and awareness on our behalf.</p> <p>We have also organised our own fundraising events throughout the year, including bingo nights, race nights, and quizzes. Raffles were held at these events, which contributed further to our fundraising efforts.</p> <p>In addition, we attended several awareness events where we placed donation collection boxes and held raffles to engage the public and encourage further support.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
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 (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	Apart from the first 4 charity trustees, every trustee is to be appointed for a term of 3 years (as laid out in the governing document) by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as new charity trustee(s), the existing charity trustees must ensure they have the relevant skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

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	Each new charity trustee, on or before their first appointment will receive a copy of the current version of the constitution as well as a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.
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	Edison's Light
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1202761
Charity's principal address	4 Victor Way Waddington LN5 9PH

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	Laura Yarlett	Chair		
	2	Stephen Yarlett			
	3	Audrey Hargeaves			
	4	Nicola Rogers			
	5	Rebekah Killick			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	Mrs LA Yarlett	
	Full name(s)	Laura Anne Yarlett (MRS)	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
	Date	16. 05.25	

	Charity Name				CC16a	
	Edison's Light			1202761		
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date		
22/11/2023		21/11/2024				
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
Donations (sponsorship)	3,549	-	-	3,549	-	
Fundraising event	3,554	-	-	3,554	-	
Companies/individual donations	1,808	-	-	1,808	-	
Refunds	32	-	-	32	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	8,942	-	-	8,942	-	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-		

	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,942	-	-	8,942	-
A3 Payments					
fundraising events	405	-	-	405	-
Charitable activity	5,249	-	-	5,249	-
Opereational costs	967	-	-	967	-
Training	149	-	-	149	-
		-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,770	-	-	6,770	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fixed assests	266	-	-	266	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	266	-	-	266	
Total payments	7,036	-	-	7,036	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,905	-	-		-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,121	-	-	2,121	-
Cash funds this year end	4,026	-	-	4,026	-
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	4,027	-	-		
			-	-		
		-	-	-		
	Total cash funds	4,027	-	-		
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK		
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £		
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-		
		-	-	-		
		-	-	-		
		-	-	-		
		-	-	-		
		-	-	-		
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)		
B3 Investment assets			-	-		
			-	-		
			-	-		
			-	-		
			-	-		
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)		

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Event equipment - gazebo-rollerblind- cart	unrestricted		-	
	Fundraising decorations (reusable)	unrestricted		-	
	delivery trolley		-	-	
			-	-	
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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		
	<i>Laura Yarlett</i>	Mrs Laura A Yarlett	16.05.25		