

OPIE JONES FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1203559

Details

Other names OPIE'S ARMY, Thrive Foundation

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-06-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE HEALTH OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM OR AFFECTED BY CHILDHOOD CANCER (INCLUDING PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND FAMILIES) IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: A) SUPPORTING THE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF PATIENTS AND THEIR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND FAMILIES. B) RAISING AWARENESS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AND ADVOCATING FOR EARLIER ACCESS TO NICE- AND/OR MHRA-APPROVED CELL AND GENE THERAPIES FOR THE TREATMENT OF CHILDHOOD CANCER. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005].

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-01	£25,984	£6,277	-	-
2024-03-01	£14,586	£1,486	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lucy Ellerker-Jones	Chair	
Jemma Sparks M.A.		
Kirsty Ellerker		
Lewis Jones		

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Opie Jones Foundation Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: 23.6.25

Time: 20:30

Location: Virtual Opie Jones Foundation.

AGM 23 June 2025

Opie Jones Foundation summary of purposes – To support the physical, emotional and mental health of patients and their parents, guardians and families affected by childhood cancer; Raising awareness of childhood cancer and advocating for earlier access to NICE and/or MHRA Approved Cell and Gene Therapy for the treatment of childhood cancer.

The organisation provides grants to family members or patients of childhood cancer, to access approved therapies which support their physical, emotional and mental health. The grant process is through application. If successful, the charity pays the approved provider directly. The grant is to be used within one year and has a maximum amount applied.

The trustees have regard for guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The trustees work to uphold the objectives of the charity as set out in the governing document.

The charity has provided support for parents of children who have or have had treatment for childhood cancer, 3 wellbeing grants have been successfully applied for and enabled parents to access therapy. A fourth sibling grant has been enquired about, which may lead to a grant award.

The charity held its first support group in June for parents of children who have received a diagnosis of cancer. The event was informal, and another group is planned for September.

Lucy has attended several high-profile events and taken part in interviews to raise awareness of the need for greater mental health support in paediatric cancer and earlier access to approved cell and gene therapies as treatment options for children with cancer. New guidance for conferences which are linked to pharmaceutical companies have been issued, these guidelines will unfortunately have an adverse effect on small charities such as ours i.e. opportunity for networking.

We are due to hold our third annual Climb for Kinder Care in September – raising awareness and funds for the charity.

The financial position of the charity is good. The current funds are unrestricted funds (donations). Increasing access to grants which the charity could benefit from is crucial. Consultations around accessing grants have been held and will be considered for the near future.

In 2026 we want to increase our financial position by accessing grants alongside raising money through donations.

Our trustees have been in position for 3 years, all would like to continue, we have a fifth trustee who may be joining the charity. Our trustees are committed to the charity and its objectives. This expands the skillset and widens the expertise on our board.

The new working name of the charity was formally agreed by the trustees and the charity commission – THRIVE FOUNDATION is the working name moving forward.

Opie Jones Foundation
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ending 1st March 2025



Income

24/25
02/03/24 - 01/03/25
£

Income		
Sales	3125.00	
Donations	22025.06	
Speaking Engagements	833.69	
	25983.75	
Less Cost of Sales		
Sum Up Fees	1.59	
Paypal Fees	83.03	
	84.62	
Total Income		25899.13
Expenses		
Just Giving Subscription	45.00	
Website/Email	425.00	
Advertising and Promotion	4219.19	
Consultancy Fees	0.00	
Travel	-433.00	
Accountancy Fees	419.80	
Services Paid For Family Support	1350.00	
Sum Up Card Machine	46.80	
Staff Training	120.00	
	6192.79	
Surplus/(Deficit for the year	19706.34	
Balance brought forward	13099.99	As at 1st March 24
Balance carried forward	32806.33	
Balance carried forward comprises		
Co-op Community Directplus A/C	32814.00	As at 1st March 2025
VAT	-7.67	
	32806.33	

23/24
14/06/23 - 01/03/24
£

0.00		
14585.51		
0.00		
14585.51		
0.00		
0.00		
0.00		
0.00		
1485.52		
13099.99		
0.00		
13099.99		
12965.08	As at 1st March 2024	
134.91		
13099.99		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Opie Jones Foundation

On accounts for the year
ended

01/03/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1203559

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 01/03/2025

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed: Yvette Smart

Date: 14/04/2025

Name: Yvette Smart – Simplex Solutions

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

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

Nothing to report.

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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: 24.9.24

Time: 20:30

Location: Virtual

Opie Jones Foundation AGM 24 September 2024

The trustees acknowledge the delay in holding AGM, future meetings will be held within appropriate timeframes.

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The charity will be holding support group events for parents and carers of childhood cancer to support parents and, patients, guardians and family members affected by childhood cancer.

The charity founder and business development manager have attended a number industry events (Cell and Gene, Parliament, Charity or Research events). Raising awareness of childhood cancer, advocating for earlier access to approved cell and gene therapies and supporting families. These events have not only raised the profile of the charity but generated donations. The charity has shared the patient perspective with professionals in medical and research settings.

The charity continues to build partnerships with Paediatric Oncology/Haematology teams within the NHS and academics studying to work in this field. Enabling us to raise the profile of what our charity provides and also continue in our mission to advocate for earlier access to approved cell and gene therapies in the treatment of childhood cancer.

The trustees have regard for guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The trustees work to uphold the objectives of the charity as set out in the governing document.

The charity has been influential in bringing a patient's perspective to professionals working within hospitals, the Cell and Gene Therapy industry, and parliament.

The charity has provided support for parents of children who have or have had treatment for childhood cancer, the first wellbeing grant has enabled a parent of a child with cancer to access therapy. We have shared the grant initiative with hospitals treating children with cancer, to spread the word on the grants available.

The charity continues to seek opportunities to share our objectives and create awareness of the support we offer, with plans to start a support group locally in the next few months.

We held our second annual Climb for Kinder Care – raising awareness and funds for OJF with 13 participants in 2024! Next year we hope to attract more participants and extend the event to other locations.

The financial position of the charity is good. The current funds are unrestricted funds (donations). Increasing access to grants which the charity could benefit from is crucial and gaining expert advice on this beneficial. In 2025 we want to increase our financial position by accessing grants alongside raising money through donations.

Our trustees are committed to the charity and its objectives. We have considered the need to expand the skillset and widen the expertise on our board. This may be in the form of a Advisory Board and new trustees. This will be considered at our next meeting.

Our trustees approved a request to change the working name of the charity. To provide Opie autonomy from childhood cancer and the charity.

Opie Jones Foundation - Balance Sheet as at 01 Mar 24

	01-Mar-24
Capital Assets	
Net Book Value	0
Current Assets	13100
Bank Account: Co-Op Bank	12965
VAT Reclaimed	135
Net Current Assets	10611
Total Assets	10611
Owner's Equity	
Retained Profit	10611
Total Owner's Equity	10611