

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 06 April 2023 To 05 April 2024

Charity name: Wonder Wards

Charity registration number: 1204696

Objectives and Activities

1. The purpose of wonder wards is for the public benefit, to relieve sickness or ill-health among children and young people particularly, those who have life limited conditions by assisting in the provision of items, services and facilities to ease the suffering or to provide comforts for those people.
2. Our activities are all fundraising based; and/or raising awareness to our purpose.
3. Over our initial year/6 months from registration, Wonder Wards have gained several partnerships, including GripActive clothing and Leafy Productions. Both of which enhance the Charity's reach online. We have also established a partnership with FreeWills to enable our supporters to write a Will free of charge, with no obligation to the Charity itself.
4. Along with multiple fundraising events, Wonder Wards has organised a Charity Gala to help raise funds for our purpose.
5. Since Wonder Wards began, we have been raising funds via online and in person events. In December 2023, we were able to help our first beneficiary; a young boy, with a congenital heart condition, and his struggling family (see achievements below).
6. Wonder Wards are currently raising funds to provide a grant to the Royal Preston Hospital's children's ward to install LED ceiling panel in its treatment room, to help ease and distract their young patients during treatments.
7. All of the Wonder Wards Trustees have read, understood, and regard these outputs to be in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

8. **Alfie** - Wonder Wards were contacted by a mother of an 11 year old boy with a serious congenital heart condition. Alfie had had four open heart surgeries, resulting in the need to spend the majority of his time in hospital. This meant his parents also had to spend a lot of their time with him in hospital and not working. Resulting in them having difficulties financially. With Christmas fast approaching. Wonder Wards helped this family by granting a small wish of Alfie's; and providing him with a gaming laptop and games, that he can take with him when spending long periods of time in hospital. The smile on his face when he opened the gift, at Christmas, was the exact measure of why we're trying to do what we do. His family also felt the ease of pressure not having to go into potential debt by providing their son with the laptop themselves.

Additional Information

9. **Achievements vs Objectives Set** - One of our objectives as a new micro Charity was to help at least one beneficiary in our first year. We are delighted to have achieved this by helping Alfie and his family.

10. **Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set** - Our fundraising objective in the first year was £5000. We have managed to raise £3,088.39 in our first 7 months since official registration.

Financial Review

11. On review, the Charity's financial position is in credit and stable.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Income	M 1	M 2	M 3	M 4	M 5	M 6	M 7	M 8	M 9	M 10	M 11	M 12
Donations	659.00	145.03	0.00	20.00	421.16	0.00	386.89	3.83	269.67	29.18	424.45	729.18
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Merchandise Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loans	191.34	36,096.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub Total	850.34	36,241.61	0.00	20.00	421.16	0.00	386.89	3.83	366.76	29.18	424.45	729.18
Expenditure	M 1	M 2	M 3	M 4	M 5	M 6	M 7	M 8	M 9	M 10	M 11	M 12
Operational Costs	191.34	6,096.57	0.00	1,790.80	1,502.33	1,950.39	2,242.16	1,747.78	1,810.84	1,626.66	1,983.42	1,583.84
Merchandise	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,188.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loan Repayments	0.00	6,287.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants/Goals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	930.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
Event/Fundraising Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.00	0.00	0.00	2,061.03	217.02	0.00	30.00	314.68	-23.62
Sub Total	191.34	12,384.49	0.00	1,898.80	1,502.33	1,950.39	5,491.34	1,964.80	2,741.70	1,656.66	2,298.10	1,560.22
Balance	659.00	24,516.12	24,516.12	22,637.32	21,556.15	19,605.76	14,501.31	12,540.34	10,165.40	8,537.92	6,664.27	5,833.23
Bank Statement+Cash	659.00	24,516.12	24,516.12	22,637.32	21,556.15	19,605.76	14,501.31	12,540.34	10,165.40	8,537.92	6,664.27	5,833.23
Reconciliation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Opening Cash	0.00	At beginning of month 1										

12. **Reserves Policy Statement** - Wonder Wards holds a designated unrestricted reserve fund for any unforeseen emergencies. This is separated from the unrestricted general funds and is to be used as a backup to the general funds in the case of any unplanned/unforeseen expenses.

13. **Reserve Fund** - £1000 (It is not deemed necessary to hold more than this amount at this time of the Charity's life)

14. **Long Term Loan** - The Charity has a long term zero interest loan, which was used to get the charity started, pay for tangible assets, such as our Charity van, gazebo and brand merchandise (such as wristbands and badges); and it has paid a minimal living wage to the Charity's founder, for work conducted other than that of a trustee role. However, it was understood that this would be for one year only to get the charity up and running. The Trustees (not including the founder) have decided that although a performance review shows the founder has done a satisfactory job, the funds are not there to continue paying a wage at this time. To this end, unless funds can be obtained (without affecting the charities purpose), the work of the founder will continue voluntarily as of June 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

15. The Wonder Wards governing document is based on a CIO foundation structure whose only voting members are its charity trustees.

16. Wonder Wards is a Charity Incorporated Organisation.

17. **Trustee selection** - When/if a Trustee is required (at the end of an existing Trustee tenure), or somebody wishes to become a Trustee, they will be appointed via a Board of Trustee vote. Their credentials will be discussed at a board meeting and a decision made. There must be a majority yes vote.

18. Trustees sit on the board for a four year term and can extend for no more than a further two four year periods.

19. Initial tenures have been staggered to ensure there are always Trustees in seats.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wonder Wards
Other name the charity uses	Wonder Wards Foundation
Registered charity number	1204696
Charity's principal address	27 Swaledale Road Warminster BA12 8FH England



Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	Tenure
Leigh Gilles	NA	Sept 2028
Maxine Gilles	NA	Sept 2024
Lisa Gething	NA	Sept 2027
Daniel Alward-Smith	NA	Sept 2026
Sarah Alward-Smith	NA	Sept 2025

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)	Leigh Gilles	Daniel Alward-Smith
Position (Chair, Secretary)	Chair	Secretary
Date	09/04/2024	11/04/2024