



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 20th November 2024 Period start date

To 1st June 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Beth's Sunflowers

Charity registration number: 1211020

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>CIO PURPOSE:</p> <p>The purpose of the CIO is to relieve the needs of those suffering from blood cancer and their families in the UK, primarily through the provision of grants to individuals, organisations and charities to assist with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Accessing respite2. Accessing rehabilitation / convalescence and enhancing the provision of such services3. Appropriate gifts to relieve the effects of treatment/stress4. Supporting research in finding a cure to blood cancers.
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>The charity's purposes are met primarily through the provision of grants to individuals, organisations and charities.</p> <p>During the reporting period, the charity made a total of £14,550 in grants in accordance with our grant funding policy. Successful applicants for our grants were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A Gift to Lift▪ Blood Cancer UK▪ Cure Leukaemia <p>Details of these are listed in the Activities and Performance section below.</p> <p>The trustees consider that these activities have provided public benefit by supporting individuals and families.</p> <p>To support the grants made, we received or raised funds during the period to the total of £18,914.07. To achieve this, we organised and / or supported a range of activities as described in the Activities and Performance section below. The balance between funds received / raised and those made in grants, has been carried over into the next reporting year for the charity and will be used to support further grants in that year.</p>

		The events and activities listed in this report both distributed funds to support the charity's aims as well as raise awareness of blood cancer.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning and carrying out the charity's activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity has a written policy on grant-making. The charity provides grants to individuals and/or organisations in line with its charitable objectives. Applications are considered by the trustees against agreed criteria, and funding decisions are made based on need, impact and available resources.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not Applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity benefits greatly from the support of our volunteers. We are a 100% volunteer run charity. Our volunteers assist with fundraising, events, and charity administration. Their contribution is invaluable in enabling our charity to undertake its activities and achieve our objectives.
Other		Not Applicable

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>During the period the charity achieved significant progress in furthering its charitable objectives through the approval of the following grants:</p> <p><u>A GIFT TO LIFT: £9,250.00.</u> Our charity funded the cost of the annual ground rent on a holiday lodge in Norfolk exclusively used by blood cancer patients and their families for holiday breaks and respite between treatment. In addition, Beth's Sunflower's referred three families directly to A Gift to Lift. The referred families became known to us from our PR activity and contact with blood cancer support nurses and workers at local Midland's hospitals. All 3 families needed respite, which improved their overall well-being.</p> <p><u>BLOOD CANCER UK: £4,500.00.</u> Our charity funded the UKALL-2011 blood cancer trial undertaken by the University of Birmingham. The trial explored whether dexamethasone, given for a shorter period than is currently used but at a similar total dosage, might be more effective and lead to fewer side effects. The results of this medical research concluded that the benefits</p>

		<p>were not sufficient to change how the drugs are administered and as such future research will focus on other initiatives.</p> <p><u>CURE LEUKAEMIA: £800.</u></p> <p>Our charity grant was used to fund the Trials Acceleration Programme (TAP) network. The TAP network is a national infrastructure that links the UK's leading blood cancer centres through a team of specialist research nurses. This unique setup ensures that adults with blood cancers such as leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma can be offered access to clinical trials of pioneering new treatments wherever they live in the UK.</p> <p>Fund raising activities organised or supported by the charity in this period included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christmas craft fairs/tree festivals ▪ Raffle/tombola's ▪ Sales of Wedding / Celebration / Funeral & Birthday favours ▪ Easter Sunflower seed plant pot sales ▪ Sunflower growing competition with donations / sales of plants / sales of seeds to corporate events ▪ Memory Walk of Light event ▪ Birmingham Half Marathon entrants ▪ Sunflower family weekend event <p><u>IMPACT ON BENEFICIARIES:</u></p> <p>The grants made by the charity directly aligned with our charitable purpose statements through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support to individuals suffering from blood cancer ▪ Support the medical teams leading research to improve blood cancer outcomes <p>Feedback from individual beneficiaries indicates that the support they received helped to improve their well-being and reduce the impact of their situation.</p> <p>We are a relatively new charity, and during this period we awarded grants to other established charities to support projects aligned with our purpose. Many of these commitments continue into the next reporting period, however we also expect to show an increasing number of awards for independently funded projects.</p> <p>In addition, the activities of the charity contributed to wider public benefit by increasing awareness of blood cancer, supporting ongoing initiatives and engaging the community and corporate partners in fundraising support activities.</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	The trustees set objectives for the period which included increasing funds raised / received (from the previous year), expanding support to
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		<p>beneficiaries and raising awareness of our charity's work.</p> <p>Good progress was made against all three of these objectives. The charity successfully delivered a number of well-attended, well-reviewed events and increased the level of support provided to its beneficiaries.</p> <p>Awareness of our work was also enhanced through community engagement, recognition at regional community awards, and numerous promotional activities in person and on social media.</p> <p>Overall, the trustees are satisfied that we have met all the key objectives for the charity in the period.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not Applicable
Other		Not Applicable

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>At the beginning of the reporting period, our bank balance stood at £7,883.28, from fundraising activity before gaining registered charity status. During the reporting period we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raised income through sales and donations totalling £18,914.07 ▪ Made purchases of stock and items totalling £2,655.43 ▪ Awarded grants totalling £14,550.00 <p>At the end of the reporting period, our bank balance stood at £9,591.92.</p> <p>This puts the charity in a strong position heading into the next financial year to deliver on our purposes and objectives.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>As the charity has minimal running costs, any reserves are used in the issuing of grants in line with our grant funding policy. As these are made on a case-by-case basis, it is expected that the charity will carry at any given time a balance or reserve from funds received.</p> <p>As we have regularly awarded grants through the year, we do not expect the reserve to reach a level that is deemed too high. Although we have not set a target reserve figure, the trustees review the reserve levels at least every quarter and as required review grants that could be awarded in accordance with our grant making policy.</p>

		<p>The current level of reserves are deemed acceptable by the trustees considering the value of grants recently awarded. It is expected that the reserves will be used to fund new grants awarded in the next reporting year.</p> <p>At the end of the year the charity held £9591.92 in unrestricted reserves due to donations and sales activity.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£9591.92
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not Applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not Applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not Applicable – no concerns

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Donations to the charity made at events, direct donations, cash donations (including collection tins) and via Just Giving (including Gift aid) account for 59% of our total income during the period.</p> <p>Sales of charity merchandise linked to sunflowers account for 41% of our total income during the period.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not Applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Not Applicable
Other		Not Applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Beth's Sunflowers operates under the provisions set out in its Charitable INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO) – FOUNDATION Constitution, which defines the charity's purposes, powers, governance arrangements, trustee responsibilities and administrative procedures.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity is governed by a CIO CONSTITUTION (FOUNDATION MODEL) , adopted upon registration with the Charity Commission. This is a formal governing document approved for a Foundation-structured CIO.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Beth's Sunflowers is constituted as a CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO) – FOUNDATION MODEL , meaning all trustees are the only voting members of the charity and hold overall governance responsibility.
Trustee selection methods including details of any	Para 1.25	TRUSTEE SELECTION / APPOINTMENT METHODS

<p>constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees</p>		<p><u>BOARD APPOINTED:</u> Apart from the first trustees named in the constitution, every trustee is appointed by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p><u>TERM:</u> Five-year term for each appointed trustee; first trustees (Andrea Childs, Justine Hand, Andrea Nicholls, Stephen Bell) are each appointed for five years.</p> <p><u>SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:</u> When selecting new trustees, the board must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p> <p><u>NUMBER OF TRUSTEES:</u> Minimum 3, maximum 10. If the number falls below three, remaining trustees may act only to call a meeting or appoint a new trustee.</p> <p><u>ELIGIBILITY:</u> Individuals must be 16+, with at least one trustee aged 18+; other statutory disqualifications apply as set out in the constitution.</p> <p><u>RETIREMENT/REMOVAL AND RE APPOINTMENT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trustees step down or are removed from office in the specific circumstances set out in the constitution. ▪ A trustee may retire at any time by giving written notice, provided enough trustees remain in post for the CIO to continue operating. ▪ A trustee will automatically cease to hold office if they are absent without permission from all trustee meetings for six months and the board resolves to remove them, if they die, if a medical professional confirms they are unable to act for more than three months, or if they become legally disqualified under charity law. ▪ ANY TRUSTEE WHO LEAVES OFFICE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE REASONS (OTHER THAN LEGAL DISQUALIFICATION/DEATH) IS ELIGIBLE TO BE RE-APPOINTED. The constitution allows former trustees to return for a further five-year term, provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirements and the board considers they have the skills and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.
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Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Not Applicable
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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	Not Applicable
Other		Not Applicable

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Beth's Sunflowers
Other name the charity uses	Not Applicable
Registered charity number	1211020
Charity's principal address	21 Whiteoak Drive Kingswinford DY6 9QN

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	Andrea Childs	Chair of Trustees	Whole Period	Apart from the first trustees named in the constitution (all those named are first trustees names in constitution), every trustee is appointed by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
2	Justine Hand	Trustee	Whole Period	Apart from the first trustees named in the constitution (all those named are first trustees names in constitution), every trustee is appointed by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
3	Stephen Bell	Trustee	Whole Period	Apart from the first trustees named in the constitution (all those named are first trustees names in constitution), every trustee is appointed by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
4	Andrea Nicholls	Trustee	Whole Period	Apart from the first trustees named in the constitution (all those named are first trustees names in constitution), every trustee is appointed by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not Applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not Applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not Applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not Applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not Applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
<i>Not Applicable</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		
<i>Not Applicable</i>		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not Applicable

Other optional information


Not Applicable

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)

Andrea Childs


Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Date

/03/2026

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Justine Hand


Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

19/03/2026

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Stephen Bell


Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

19/03/2026

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Andrea Nicholls

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

19/03/2026

BETHS SUNFLOWERS

REGISTERED CHARITY: 1211020

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025

**REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANTS ON
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF BETHS SUNFLOWERS**

In accordance with instructions given to us, we have prepared without carrying out an audit the annexed Profit and Loss Account from the accounting records of Beths Sunflowers and from information and explanations supplied to us.

BETHS SUNFLOWERS
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1211020

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Sales	7,767	
Donations received	11,148	
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	18,914	-
Expenditure		
Purchases	2,655	
Grants made	14,550	
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	17,205	-
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Net Income for the year	1,709	-

BETHS SUNFLOWERS
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1211020

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Plant and Equipment - Cost	-	-
Plant and Equipment - Depreciation	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Current Assets		
Bank current account	9,592	-
Cash account	-	-
	<u>9,592</u>	<u>-</u>
Current Liabilities		
	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>9,592</u>	<u>-</u>
Represented by:		
Balance brought forward	-	-
Pre registration fundraising activity (see financial review para 1.21)	7,883	
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	1,709	-
	<u>9,592</u>	<u>-</u>