



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 01/01/2020 Period start date To 31/12/2020 Period end date**

**Charity name: Pod Charitable Trust**

**Charity registration number: 279743**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>Such charitable purpose or charitable purposes as the trustees may in their absolute discretion from time to time think fit ( March 1980)</b>
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	<b>Pod aims to bring magic, fun and laughter into the lives of children and young people in hospital. For the last 42 years Pod entertainers have made the hospital journey a more pleasant one for around a million children and one remembered (at least partly) with a smile.</b>  <b>Pod has 3 key objectives: to make smiles and laughter, to distract children and young people from pain and worry and to improve children's and young people's attitudes to hospitalization, helping them cope better with their stay and with the possibility of re-admittance and further treatment</b> <b>Pod is governed by a board of voluntary trustees. All administrative costs are financed by an entirely separate charity – The Pod League of Friends (Reg: 296119). Entertainers' fees are Pod's only cost which means that every penny donated is spent on cheering up children in hospital.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.</b>

### **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><b>Pod visits provide an opportunity for children, young people and their families to forget their worries, relax and share in a positive activity in which they have fun together. Pod magicians, puppeteers, musicians and balloon modellers provide regular monthly visits at hospitals and hospices throughout the UK, providing shows on wards, in playrooms and out-patients. They visit children individually at the bedside and children who are in isolation so that everyone is included and has something to smile about.</b></p> <p><b>At the beginning of the year 2856 visits were scheduled at 126 hospitals and hospices. By mid-March Pod entertainers had provided 556 visits at hospitals and hospices in the following areas: London (33), West Midlands (15), East Midlands (7), North West (19), Yorkshire (8), North East (5), South East (8), Central Midlands &amp; South(14), South West (3), Wales (10), Scotland (4).</b></p>

		<p><b>There had been 556 Pod visits by mid March when all visits were suspended due to the corona virus pandemic.</b></p> <p><b>During the course of the year both Pod and the hospitals carried out Risk Assessments and stricter Infection Control Guidelines were introduced but there were only a further 14 visits towards the end of the year at 3 hospitals.</b></p> <p><b>As with all Pod visits, these visits were a huge success and the hospitals reported that the benefit children and their families derived from the visits far outweighed the low risk involved.</b></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	<b>Cash at bank was £250,258.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Sufficient reserves are held in order to fund visits for the forthcoming calendar year.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£181,408</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### 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 (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Trust Deed</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Unincorporated Association.</b>
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	<b>The power of appointing a new trustee or trustees is vested in the original settler (David Jamilly) during his life.</b>

### 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	
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	The Pod Charitable Trust
Other name the charity uses	Pod Children's Charity
Registered charity number	279743

Charity's principal address	Turpins Yard Oaklands Road London NW2 6LL

### 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	David Jamilly	Chair		
2	Gary Davison			
3	Kim Einhorn			
4	Michel Einhorn			
5	Arthur Michael Munford			
6	Judith Walker			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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)

Margaret Munford

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

## Other optional information



## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Arthur Michael Munford	
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Trustee	
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Date

06/10/2021
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The Pod Charitable Trust

279743

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

1st January 2020

To

31st December

### Section A Receipts and payments

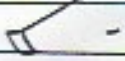
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Gift Aid	709	-	-	709	3,548
Donations	22,421	73,500	-	95,921	148,582
Interest received	144	-	-	144	268
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>23,274</b>	<b>73,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,774</b>	<b>152,398</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>23,274</b>	<b>73,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,774</b>	<b>152,398</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Children's entertainment	35,163	-	-	35,163	140,802
Bank charges	60	-	-	60	66
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>35,223</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,223</b>	<b>140,868</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,223</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,223</b>	<b>140,868</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 11,949</b>	<b>73,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,551</b>	<b>11,530</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>68,389</b>	<b>117,684</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>186,073</b>	<b>174,543</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>56,440</b>	<b>191,184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>247,624</b>	<b>186,073</b>



# 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	59,074	191,184	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	59,074	191,184	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature: 

Print Name: DAVID JAMES

Date of approval: 27-9-21



**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
The Pod Charitable Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)** 279743

**Set out on pages**

(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 31 /12 /2020.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:**



**Date:**

14 Sept 2021

**Name:**

Andrew CS Clarke

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

ICAEW

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