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Trustees' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 30 June 2024

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Reference and Administration Information

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Jim Tatchell – Vice President and Chair

Richard Gilkes – Finance

Gerald Younger – Hon Treasurer

Susan Haddock – Hon Secretary

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Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 July 2023 to 31 June 2024 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed and the Charities SORP.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Gordon Morrison – President and Chair of Trustees
Jim Tatchell – Vice President and Chair
Richard Gilkes – Finance
Gerald Younger – Hon Treasurer
Susan Haddock – Hon Secretary

Objectives and Activities

a. Policies and objectives

To improve the lives of all children and young people in need across Hertfordshire.

b. Principle activities

To empower and support children and families in need by providing match funded sponsorship, connecting charities to new resources and raising the profile of charities and their clients across Hertfordshire.

c. Public benefit

The Trustees have developed their strategic plans to ensure that the charity plans provides public benefit and achieves its objectives as set out in the Foundation Constitution. The Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: reporting (PB3)'.

Achievements and performance

Throughout the year, we've strengthened our focus on child welfare by supporting 12 incredible children's charities. Our main priorities have been fundraising through digital marketing, increasing participation in our events, and raising public awareness for our partner charities.

The most rewarding achievement has been successfully bringing these 12 charities together to collaborate, while the most disappointing aspect has been our inability to engage Rotary in any capacity.

On a positive note, our own Rotary Club, Stort Valley, has successfully recruited new members and continues to provide vital support to those in need in the Bishop's Stortford area.

The Helping Herts brand is growing rapidly, providing us with an incredible opportunity to make an even greater impact on the 50,000 children and families in Hertfordshire facing daily challenges.

Financial review

a. Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the cash flow forecasts and budget projections and the Board of Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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b. Reserves policy

The Trustees regularly undertake a review of the financial activities to ensure the charity has sufficient reserves in order to operate in both the short and longer term.

The charity's reserve policy is to maintain liquid funds equal to at least six months' core costs, which are primarily grants to organisations, other charities or voluntary bodies. This level of reserves has been met throughout the year.

c. Financial performance

Our main income comes from donations and gift aid, amounting to £414,936 in the year (2023: £303,576).

Expenditure for the year was £332,269 (2023: £240,518), resulting in a current year surplus of £82,667 (2023: £63,058).

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The charity is controlled by its governing document.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The Board of Trustees carries out regular reviews to identify any gaps in the knowledge and experience of our Board. Potential new trustees are required to submit an application form, and if taken forward they are then invited to attend a Board meeting, following which they attend an interview, and if both parties are happy and willing to continue, their application is submitted to the next scheduled trustees meeting for confirmation of appointment. The Board of Trustees must be made up of a minimum of three Trustees, the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

c. Risk management

We continue to assess, review and plan for all risks the organisation may face now and in the future. All new projects and activities developed and run by Helping Herts undergo a risk assessment before they begin. This process highlights awareness to the potential risks faced and will assist with the development of robust contingency plans.

The trustees have identified the risks to which the charity is exposed and have implemented procedures to manage those risks. The risk of the charity are reviewed at Trustee meetings on a regular basis.

Plans for the future

Our plans for the future very much reflects what we have achieved in 2022/23, promoting the qualities of Hertfordshire, and develop further the brand Helping Herts. Developing our Digital Profile and engaging with a wider audience including Hertfordshire Companies will remain a focus. Success will be reflected in the funds we raise and the increased understanding of how Digital Media will benefit the Charity world.

Maintaining involvement from Stort Valley Rotary and welcoming new members to our club will always be a priority.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 22nd April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Gordon Morrison – Chair of Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Helping Herts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Helping Herts ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 22nd April 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account)

for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.06.24 Total funds £	30.06.23 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and fundraising		394,963	-	394,963	288,334
Gift aid		19,973	-	19,973	15,242
Total income		414,936	-	414,936	303,576
Cost of sales:					
Grants to Hospices		(43,587)	-	(43,587)	(8,737)
Grants to Home-Start Herts		(31,096)	-	(31,096)	(14,102)
Grants to Herts Young Homeless		(13,337)	-	(13,337)	(17,236)
Grants to CHEXS Family Support		(8,234)	-	(8,234)	-
Grants to Coram Life Education		(14,500)	-	(14,500)	(14,228)
Grants to For Baby's Sake		(59,792)	-	(59,792)	(52,000)
Grants to Herts Mind Network		(22,702)	-	(22,702)	(13,813)
Grants to Mencap		(7,839)	-	(7,839)	(11,300)
Grants to NSPCC		(7,448)	-	(7,448)	(10,146)
Grants to Phoenix Group		(41,208)	-	(41,208)	(13,233)
Grants to Playskill		(14,164)	-	(14,164)	(19,009)
Grants to Riding for the Disabled		-	-	-	(9,374)
Grants to The Ollie Foundation		(8,631)	-	(8,631)	(10,607)
Sundry grants		(3,500)	-	(3,500)	(200)
		(276,038)	-	(276,038)	(193,985)
Gross profit/(loss)		138,898	-	138,898	109,591
Expenses:					
Travel and subsistence		-	-	-	-
Admin and marketing		(53,411)	-	(53,411)	(41,247)
Accountancy fees		(600)	-	(600)	(600)
Platform fees		(2,220)	-	(2,220)	(4,686)
Bank charges		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		(56,231)	-	(56,231)	(46,533)
Net income / (expenditure)		82,667	-	82,667	63,058
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		82,667	-	82,667	63,058
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		110,662	-	110,662	47,604
Total funds carried forward		193,329	-	193,329	110,662

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	£	2024	£	£	2023	£
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	3			-			-
Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand			193,216			109,949	
Debtors	4		<u>1,913</u>			<u>1,913</u>	
			195,129			111,862	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	5		<u>(1,800)</u>			<u>(1,200)</u>	
Net current assets				<u>193,329</u>			<u>110,662</u>
Net assets				<u>193,329</u>			<u>110,662</u>
Charity funds	6						
Unrestricted funds				193,329			110,662
Restricted funds				-			-
Total funds				<u>193,329</u>			<u>110,662</u>

Approved and authorised by the trustees on 22nd April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Gordon Morrison - Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

1. Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principle accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared using the historic cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

Revenue recognition

Turnover comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and provision of services in the ordinary course of the company's activities. Turnover is shown net of sales/value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts.

The company recognises revenue when:

The amount of revenue can be reliably measured;

it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity;

and specific criteria have been met for each of the company's activities.

Tax

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Office equipment	25% reducing balance basis

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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2. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiners fees	600	600

3. Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment £
Cost	
As at 1 July 2023	-
Additions	-
As at 30 June 2024	-
Depreciation	
As at 1 July 2023	-
Charge for the year	-
As at 30 June 2024	-
Net book value	
As at 30 June 2024	-
As at 30 June 2023	-

4. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	1,913	1,913

5. Creditors

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	1,800	1,200

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6. Movement in funds

	Balance at 01.07.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	Balance at 30.06.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	110,662	82,667	-	193,329
Total funds	110,662	82,667	-	193,329

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Net movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	414,936	(332,269)	82,667
Total funds	414,936	(332,269)	82,667

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Balance at 01.07.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	Balance at 30.06.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	47,604	63,058	-	110,662
Total funds	47,604	63,058	-	110,662

Comparatives net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Net movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	303,576	(240,518)	63,058
Total funds	303,576	(240,518)	63,058

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 June 2024.