

HELP THE CHILD

England & Wales · Charity number 297790

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1987-11-23

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

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE SICKNESS SUFFERING AND DISTRESS OF MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN RESIDENT IN SOMERSET AND AVON BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN PROVIDING AIDS CALCULATED TO REDUCE THE SICKNESS SUFFERING AND DISTRESS OF SUCH CHILDREN

Activities: Help the Child raises funds through a number of events throughout the year, with the purpose of providing items of specialist equipment and educational toys for children with special educational needs, physical disability or sensory impairment within Somerset.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOMERSET
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-02	£49,668	£44,074	-	-
2024-01-02	£24,343	£21,003	-	-
2023-01-02	£12,408	£9,916	-	-
2022-01-02	£14,072	£15,583	-	-
2021-01-02	£19,470	£13,843	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Jane Webber		2018-07-25
Annette Stimpson		2025-03-11
Carol Anne Hicks		
Claire Margaret Thomas		2024-09-17
Hazel Ann Gough		2012-09-06
Jennifer Daphne Blackshaw		2016-03-29
KAREN JANE BRENNER		
Louise Alexandra Allen		2022-10-19
NICHOLA ROSE WOOD		
Nicola Gail Sucksmith		
Sally Gordon Holl		2017-04-27
Stephanie June Sampson		
Susan Katherine Godfrey		2016-03-29

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 3 January 2024
Period end date

Period start date To 2 January 2025

Charity name: Help the Child

Charity registration number: 297790

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To relieve sickness, suffering and distress of mentally and physically handicapped children resident in Somerset by providing or assisting in providing aids calculated to reduce the sickness, suffering and distress of such children.
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	The Captains of Burnham & Berrow Golf Club chose us as their annual charity, and we worked with them throughout the year to raise the sum of £30,529. We partnered a local café over the summer to raise £4859. The December Christmas Coffee morning raised £2307, a local business Christmas campaign raised £1356 and these amounts together with donations from individuals and groups enabled us to support over 50 children with specialised equipment not available from the NHS or statutory bodies
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and bear this in mind when planning activities and fundraising

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The trustees meet approximately every 8 weeks to consider requests for assistance. Each request has to be supported by a letter from a health professional who works with the child, together with a detailed and priced quotation of the item requested from the supplier. Requests are granted if a minimum of 7 trustees are in favour.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All the Trustees give their time on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration or other benefits
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	During 2024 Help the Child has assisted over 50 children with specialised equipment. For the most part this has provided individual children with items to help them in their daily lives that they would otherwise have been unable to access. In addition, we have helped a specialist toy library and an Opportunity playgroup, thus reaching even more children. Helping individual children means that by extension, we are also helping their families.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our objective is to fund 100% of the approved requests. This we have done
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The increased income we have enjoyed this year has enabled us to achieve our objective, and moreover increase the number of children helped
Investment performance	Para 1.41	

against objectives		
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We carried forward a balance of £ £23,758, due to the exceptional year of fundraising
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our aim is to raise funds and distribute them as soon as possible. Any surplus funds are held so that we can make immediate grants upon receipt of suitable requests
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At year end, £23,758
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	We are confident that the charity can continue as a going concern

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	Profits from events that we hold throughout the year, together with donations from individuals, companies and groups
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We do not have an investment policy as funds are held to make immediate grants upon receipt of suitable and approved requests
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Any drop in income would limit the work of the charity
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 22 September 1987
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
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	Each existing trustee can put forward a recommendation for a new trustee. Election to post is carried out at the AGM

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	We work with a Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary, and Coordinators for Requests, Fundraising, Website and Events
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Help the Child
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	297790
Charity's principal address	Crossways Gore Road Burnham on Sea Somerset TA8 2HL

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	Louise Allen	Chair		
2	Karen Brenner	Secretary		
3	Carol Hicks	Treasurer		
4	Sally Holl	Request Coordinator		
5	Sue Godfrey	Website Coordinator		
6	Stephanie Sampson	Fundraising Coordinator		
7	Hazel Gough	Events Coordinator		
8	Angela Webber			
9	Nickie Wood			
10	Nicky Sucksmith			
11	Jenny Blackshaw			
12	Claire Thomas		From 16 April 2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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
Bank	Barclays	Octagon House, Northwich, CW9 7RB

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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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)

Carol Hicks

Karen Brenner

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Secretary

Date

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

Balance as at 1 Jan 2024		18164.45		
Donations	9966.01		Purchases	43156.01
HMRC Gift Aid	465.49		Expenses:	
Burnham Berrow Golf Club	30529.00		Insurance	883.70
			Bcard Fee	32.00
CRS Xmas campaign	1356.41		Card machine charges	1.89
Café 33	4859.00			917.59
Christmas Coffee	2307.00			
Christmas cards net	185.00	49667.91		
		67832.36		44073.60
			Bal as at 31 Dec 2024 (Barclaycard 103.80)	23758.76
Number two account			Bal as at 31 Dec 2024	3931.20

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Income and expenditure account for the year ending 2 January 2025
Charity No.299247

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Receipts	
Donations	9,966.01
HMRC Gift Aid	465.49
Burnham & Berrow Golf Club	30,529.00
CRS Christmas campaign	1,356.41
Café 33	4,859.00
Christmas coffee	2,307.00
Christmas cards net	185.00
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Total Receipts	<u><u>49,667.91</u></u>
Payments	
Purchase of equipment	43,156.01
Insurance	883.70
Barclaycard fees	32.00
Card machine charges	1.89
Total Payments	<u><u>44,073.60</u></u>
Surplus for the year	<u><u>5,594.31</u></u>
Current Assets	
Barclays current account	23,862.56
Barclays number 2 account	3,931.20
Barclaycard	(103.80)
	<u><u>27,689.96</u></u>
represented by	
General fund	
Balance at beginning of the year	22,095.65
Surplus for the year	5,594.31
	<u><u>27,689.96</u></u>

THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 2 January 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 charity'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 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.



A G Spear FCCA

Lentells Accountants, 17-18 Leach Road, Chard Business Park, Chard, TA20 1FA
Independent Examiner

12 March 2025