



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2023



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BRIGHTER TOMORROW

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



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CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES



The aims of the CIO are to provide support and relief for children, young people (up to the age of 25 years) and their families who have been bereaved through the loss of a parent or sibling by:

01 PROVIDING MENTORING, EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING SUPPORT AND ADVICE

through facilitated internal and partner agency support groups, provision of books, resources and via our website and social networking sites

02 PROVIDING RECREATIONAL & LEISURE ACTIVITIES

to children and young people in order to improve their conditions of life and reduce the isolation felt during bereavement by facilitating contact with other children, young people and their families

03 RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS

of the need for support and guidance and providing information about coping with bereavement

OUR OBJECTIVES

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and our charitable aims.

Our key objects for the year included:

01 ENSURE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE

to sustain operations through growth

02 IMPROVE TRAINING

training to cover Bereavement, Mental Health & Safeguarding

03 IMPLEMENT QUESTIONNAIRES

to determine qualitative facts from our beneficiaries, to show benefits of accessing support, to our stakeholders

04 ESTABLISH GROUPS IN NEW PREMISES

increasing volume across the year to allow for registration increase of 56%

05 GROW INCOME

to support future development

06 TO RAISE AWARENESS OF OUR SERVICE

specifically in minority communities and Understand gaps in service for harder to reach community groups; i.e. Black, Asian, Ethnic, Youth, Males, Disability, Sexuality

REVIEW OF BENEFICIARY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Highlights:

- **149 registrations** in 2023, in **total 435 children** being supported
- **90 children and young people** visited retreat
- **38 rainbow groups** across all age groups, up to age 25
- **28 hampers & 10 vouchers packs** distributed at Christmas

No-one knows exactly how many children are bereaved each year as currently this information is not collected or reported by the government. It is estimated that 26,900 parents die each year in the UK, leaving dependent children. That's one parent every 20minutes and 127 newly bereaved children every day.

It is also difficult to know how many bereaved children there are needing our support in Milton Keynes and the surrounding area. What we do know is that we are the only dedicated child bereavement charity in Milton Keynes who provide support to bereaved children and their families. The total number of children we are supporting is rising, with 149 bereaved children accessing our varied range of services in 2023 for the first time, adding to the hundreds already registered with us.

We ask the children a question at the end of each Rainbow Group session.

Here are two recent responses:

92%

“Being at groups makes me feel less alone”

78%

“I feel better after coming to group today”



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2023 Highlights

- SME gold award x 2
- Founding CEO won Business Achievement Award (Entrepreneur of the Year) & Women Leaders Award (Community Impact Employed)
- Mayors Charity of the Year
- Taking part in the Baton Of Hope



Though 2023 has been a challenging year, with resource shortages and income difficulties, we have much to celebrate. With our founding CEO Odette collecting her MBE from Princess Anne at Windsor Castle, we steadfastly held onto our vision to give bereaved children a brighter tomorrow. The recognition that more young people aged 11 years and over were wishing to access our groups has led to the development of the youth and young adults groups.

This coupled with the demand for access to our services still growing, we focused our efforts on the recruitment of an additional part-time Family Liaison Officer, as well as the volunteers needed, to support the expansion of rainbow groups.

With increased enquiries from local schools, the need for awareness and guidance in the education community led to creating our education programme. Following successful trials at a few schools, for the provision of bereavement training for staff and a Key Stage 2 lesson, we plan to offer this to all primary education settings in 2024 as a paid for service.

Our 2024 strategy will include our 5 year objectives to increase accessibility for minority groups with projects focusing on engaging black and minoritised communities, and men.

Our financial objectives will focus on recruiting a fundraising and events manager to ensure our challenge events can continue and to grow income through corporate engagements. Increasing income from trusts and grants will be a main focus in 2024 as will regular giving.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

2023 Highlights

- The Jim Marshall Trust funded 90 children to visit our rainbow retreat.
- The Carrington Charitable Trust funded £5000 towards our rainbow groups.



Grants Awarded

With the economic crisis affecting individuals and businesses, it has been crucial to remain agile in our fundraising strategy. With many grant applications being rejected, we adapted by recruiting a part time events fundraiser to focus on reigniting our challenge events to grow income. Though this pivot allowed us to plan ahead, we faced an unexpected circumstance of having no fundraising staff for Q4. During this time however, Places for People funded a consultant to support our fundraising plans which will have a positive impact for 2024. Our main focus for 2024 will be to recruit an events and fundraising manager to focus on income generation.

Grants & Trusts	Corporate Funders	Events
Magic Little Grants	OPUS group	Halloween Scare
The Jim Marshall	Rightmove	Colour Run
Carrington Charitable Trust	Personal Group	Mayors Golf Day
BLMK Health & Care partnership (MHA)	Cherished Urns	The Neil Ruddock Networking Lunch

CASE STUDY

Written by CARL, registered with us in 2022 with boys Jake and Riley.

Me and my boys became involved with Harry's Rainbow when the boys mum died suddenly in January 2022.

Our involvement with Harry's Rainbow started when we attended a few meetings which we enjoyed, and it helped the boys with the loss of their mum.



The first activity organised by Harry's Rainbow that we went to was the Woburn Safari Park event during the summer of 2022.

While we were at Woburn Safari having lunch, Clare, Elcie, and Clare's mum sat at the same table as us and started chatting to us. We both went our separate ways after lunch and bumped into each other again. Clare and I got chatting and before we said goodbye I asked for her number. But she thought my name was Kyle and I had to correct her a couple of times 😂😂

After this Clare and I went on a few dates and then became a couple on the 15th August 2022. We spent every day together up until Christmas and then at the beginning of January 2023, Clare and Elice moved in with me and the boys. Since then, we've attended Harry's Rainbow activities together as a family.

We always talk and support each other about our losses and make sure we talk to the children about their memories as well.

Had it not been for our chance meeting at Woburn Safari Park that Harry's Rainbow arranged for bereaved families, we may have never met.

It shows that from something so devastating and life changing through losing a loved one, that something good has come from it. We have been able to love and support each other and the kids through difficult times. We will continue to do so with the support of our families and the support we still receive through Harry's Rainbow.

My father, Terry, has become more involved with the charity and is now a volunteer at Harry's Rainbow groups. He also jumped out of an airplane which he fundraised for!

CASE STUDY

Written by CLARE, registered with us in 2020 following the sudden and unexpected death of her partner and Elcie's Daddy, Aston.

Elcie and I re-joined Harry's Rainbow when she began asking more questions about her Daddy who died suddenly and unexpectedly in 2020. I remember telling Odette (during our re-registration) that I would like to meet other parents who have been through similar situations and for Elcie to meet other children also.

We decided to go along to the Woburn Safari trip that was arranged at the end of July 2022. Elcie had ice skating lessons in the morning, so we drove over and met everyone for lunch.

When we arrived, we picked a table to sit at to eat our lunch. Unbeknown to me (at the time), we shared a table with Carl and his sons. We all began talking whilst eating lunch, discovered that we both had been to ice hockey games and briefly spoke about our situations with the boys' mum & Elcie's dad.

My Mum will never let me forget that she started the conversation by asking Carl 'are you the man who does all the fundraising for Harry's Rainbow?' The boys will also never forget my mum's stash of tomato sauces in her handbag for Elcie's lunch!

Throughout the day, we continually kept bumping into each other. Carl was about to leave and asked if we would see each other at the Rainbow Groups. We ended up going for a drink together and during this time we were able to speak and discuss our situation in more detail without the children around. Personally, it gave me so much support that I didn't realise I needed at the time.

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CASE STUDY



Nearly a year later, Carl and I live together (very happily!) with our children and support each other in ways not many others would be able to. We fundraise for Harry's Rainbow together and complete the Colour Run each year. Elcie was one of 2 children who raised the most in 2023 and received a little treat from Harry's Rainbow. Elcie also carried the Baton of Hope, (suicide awareness and prevention initiative the UK) in memory of her Daddy: Aston. Harry's Rainbow team were waiting for us and other participants who were able to write messages of hope at their stand.

We all go and visit Danielle and Aston's headstones together and talk about them both as a family on many occasions. Although I never met Danielle, I feel as though I know her from all the stories that I am lucky enough to be told from the boys.

I will forever be thankful to Harry's Rainbow for the support Elcie receives and all the opportunities they arrange for bereaved families.

Similarly, I am just as grateful as I met Carl and together we attended the Rainbow Retreat in Camber Sands as our first family holiday.

We all take each day as it comes, as a unit - together. I am very excited to see what the future will hold for all of us, as a unit - together.

Claire and Carl had a baby girl to complete their family, in April 2024.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The aims of the CIO are to provide support and relief for children, young people (up to the age of 25 years) and their families who have been bereaved through the loss of a parent or sibling by:

- Providing mentoring, emotional well-being support and advice through facilitated internal and partner agency support groups, provision of books, resources and via our website and social networking sites;
- Providing recreational and leisure activities to children and young people in order to improve their conditions of life and reduce the isolation felt during bereavement by facilitating contact with other children, young people and their families;
- Raising public awareness of the need for support and guidance and providing information about coping with bereavement;
- The objects shall focus on, but are not restricted to, beneficiaries in Milton Keynes.

The trustees have paid due regards to guidance issued by the Charities Commission in deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Related parties

Gulraj Bariah, a trustee of the CIO is also a trustee for Milton Keynes Play Association.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on: 16th October 2024

and signed on its behalf by:



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P Swales - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Harrys Rainbow CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Harrys Rainbow CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 full view of the accounts to be reached.



Tom Foot FCA

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Date: 16th October 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted funds (£)	Restricted funds (£)	2023 Total funds (£)	2022 Total funds (£)
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	170,130	19,187	189,317	165,093
Other trading activities (Notes: 2)	2,762	-	2,762	1,817
Total	172,892	19,187	192,079	166,910
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising donations and legacies	83,845	10,000	93,845	56,187
	83,845	10,000	93,845	56,187
Charitable activities	129,063	9,187	138,250	79,359
Other	39,511	-	39,511	53,862
Total	252,419	19,187	271,606	189,408
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(79,527)	-	(79,527)	(22,498)
Other recognised gains/(losses)				
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	2,888	-	2,888	195,527
Net movement in funds	(76,639)	-	(76,639)	173,029
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	173,029	-	173,029	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	96,390	-	96,390	173,029

BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted funds (£)	Restricted funds (£)	2023 Total funds (£)	2022 Total funds (£)
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets (Notes: 5)	6,816	-	6,816	4,000
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors (Notes: 6)	651	-	651	-
Cash at bank	95,667	23,161	118,828	192,772
	96,318	23,161	119,479	192,772
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year (Notes: 7)	(6,744)	(23,161)	(29,905)	(23,743)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	89,574	-	89,574	169,029
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	96,390	-	96,390	173,029
NET ASSETS	96,390	-	96,390	173,029
FUNDS (Notes: 8)				
Unrestricted funds			96,390	173,029
Restricted funds			-	-
TOTAL FUNDS			96,390	173,029

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on:

16th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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P Swales - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

INCOME

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

EXPENDITURE

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property - 15% on cost

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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 restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
Other income	2,763	1,817

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds (£)	Restricted funds (£)	Total funds (£)
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	148,045	17,048	165,093
Other trading activities	1,817	-	1,817
Total	149,862	17,048	166,910
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising donations and legacies	56,187	-	56,187
Charitable activities	38,521	40,838	79,359
Other	53,862	-	53,862
Total	148,570	40,838	189,408
	Unrestricted funds (£)	Restricted funds (£)	Total funds (£)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	1,292	(23,790)	(22,498)
Other recognised gains/(losses)			
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	171,737	23,790	195,527
Net movement in funds	173,029	-	173,029
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	173,029	-	173,029

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property (£)	Computer Equipment (£)	Totals (£)
COST OR VALUATION			
At 1 January 2023	4,802	277	5,079
Revaluation	1,881	-	1,881
Total	6,683	277	6,961
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2023	1,007	72	1,079
Charge for year	-	72	72
Revaluation adjustments	(1,007)	-	(1,007)
At 31 December 2023	-	144	144
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	6,683	133	6,816
At 31 December 2022	3,795	205	4,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
Prepayments	651	-

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
Trade creditors	3,098	4,068
Taxation and social security	3,646	2,651
Other creditors	23,161	17,024
Total	29,905	23,743

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22 (£)	Transfer (£)	Net movement in funds (£)	At 31/12/22 (£)
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	-	171,737	1,292	173,029
Restricted funds				
Designated funds	-	23,790	(23,790)	0
TOTAL FUNDS	-	195,527	(22,498)	173,029

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charity has officers in common with Milton Keynes Play Association. There were no other related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

10. RESTATEMENT 2022

The 2022 were required to be restated for deferred income and the correct allocation of expenditure.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

11. SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CHARITY

Harrys Rainbow CIO received the following services free of charge with the value being accounted for within the statement of financial activities within these accounts.

	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
Blinds supplied and fitted	460	-
Website Support	3,000	-
IT support	8,640	3,600
Total	12,100	3,600

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they approve the Trustees' report and the financial statements (page 12-20).

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Swales', enclosed within a hand-drawn circular scribble.

Name: P Swales - Trustee

Date: 23rd October 2024



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