



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	10	2019		30	09	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Shining Stars Children's Charity (CIO)

Other names charity is known by Shining Stars

Registered charity number (if any) 1185573

Charity's principal address 9 Waterland

St Neots

Postcode

PE19 6GT

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	Anouska Graham	Secretary		
2	Natalie Flowerdew	Chairperson		
3	Jason Sparrow	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 20 th September 2019 (Rev2)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the current trustees annually at the Annual General Meeting held in July

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>(Optional)</p> <p>Related parties : Natalie Sparrow (Founder and employee) is married to Jason Sparrow (Trustee)</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve the needs of children and young people who have been diagnosed with disabilities or life-limiting or life-threatening illnesses and their family and carers living in St Neots and Cambridgeshire in particular but not exclusively by the provision of sensory and group play sessions, counselling and respite care

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The main activities at the start of the year involved the following but were impacted by Covid restriction:

October 2019-March 2020 (Pre-Covid)

- **Family fun day**
We started our activities with a fun day for families and friends to get together and enjoy activities such as face painting, raffles, fun activities and sensory equipment, arts and crafts, music, refreshments, including the local community, mayor, other local organisations to create awareness for children with a disability and/or additional needs.
- **Sensory play group sessions**
Weekly group sessions were held at Loves Farm House St Neots on Tuesday's after school.
The activities involved various sensory activity stations for different abilities, including stimulating sensory equipment, calming sensory dens, water beads, light and sound toys/equipment, LED drawing screens, river stepping stones for movement and balance skills, themed arts and crafts, painting, sensory kinetic sand etc.
- **Group Disco**
A disco for the whole family were planned to take place once a month with lighting and music, the children took turns in choosing the music they wanted to play, light refreshments.
This activity helped beneficiaries with social interaction and music therapy.
This activity unfortunately only took place twice due to the Covid pandemic.
- **African Drumming**
A yearly group session of African drumming was held where the children could learn to play the African drum or just have fun with their own unique rhythm's, lots of fun and great for relieving anxiety and behavioural issues, relaxing and socially engaging.
- **Parent support**
Support and advice is available for parents at our group sessions and at any time during our opening hours. During our group sessions and private Facebook page parents can discuss any issues they may have and help one another with previous experiences and advice.

Our activities were impacted by Covid but we adapted and incorporated the following :-

April 2020-September 2020

- **April 2020 daily challenge**
We launched a daily activity challenge via our website and Facebook to keep the beneficiaries engaged as lock down commended.
The daily challenge initiatives was designed to be fun and engaging for the hole family which included riddles,

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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- Sensory packs (home delivery)
Sensory packs were provided to beneficiaries whilst in Covid Lock down and during school closure / isolation periods.
These sensory pack were designed for an individual child's needs and ability including sensory toys, fidget toys, pop tubes, push pop bubble, stretchy strings, kinetic sand, clay and play dough etc.
- Arts and crafts activity packs (home delivery)
Arts and craft packs were provided to beneficiaries whilst in Covid Lock down and during school closure / isolation periods.
The activities inside the packs included but not limited to grow your own sunflower from seeds kit, painting, rock painting, colouring books and pens/pencils, make your own kits, modelling clay, themed arts and crafts for special occasions.

All our events and activities are provided free of charge to the Shining Stars Children's Charity (CIO) beneficiaries.

(Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Shining Stars family fun day was attended by the Mayor of St Neots and an article on the event was published in the local newspaper, The Hunts Post Newspaper which assisted with public awareness.

Our weekly sensory and group play sessions were regularly attended by circa twenty beneficiaries at each meeting until they were stopped due to Covid and Government Guidelines.

The month long Daily Challenge in April 2020 kept parents and children both occupied and entertained which also assisted social interaction. This activity was also acknowledged and highlighted by the Black Cat Radio Station (local radio station).

The multiple sensory / arts and crafts packs which were hand delivered to the beneficiary's homes received positive feedback from the parents as the children and their siblings had stimulating and engaging activities to keep them entertained during the pandemic.

The Shining Stars public Facebook page and private Facebook page was launched and used by the families to share and upload photos of the children enjoying and carrying out the sensory / art and craft activity packs during the year.

The charity started with a hand full of beneficiaries which grew steadily throughout the year even with the Covid pandemic (currently we have circa 30 families / 50 beneficiaries)

Shining Stars has been acknowledged by and received grants / donations from organisations such as The National Lottery Community Fund, Huntingdon District Council, St Neots Council, Waitrose & Partners, Groundworks and Tesco Bags For Help.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is a newly formed organisation, and the trustees are currently in the process of drafting a policy on reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

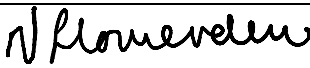
(Optional)

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	NATALIE FLOWERDEW	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRPERSON	
Date	24/07/2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Shining Stars Children's Charity ("SSCC")	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Oct-19	To	Period end date 30-Sep-20
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Donations	7,973	-	-	7,973	-
Other income	5	-	-	5	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,978	2,000	-	9,978	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,978	2,000	-	9,978	-
A3 Payments					
Rent / Venue hire	466	-	-	466	-
Consumables / resources	490	1,031	-	1,521	-
Equipment	730	-	-	730	-
Stationery	47	-	-	47	-
Membership fees	25	-	-	25	-
Insurance	202	-	-	202	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,960	1,031	-	2,991	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,960	1,031	-	2,991	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,018	969	-	6,987	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	6,018	969	-	6,987	-

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	6,018	969	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,018	969	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

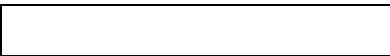
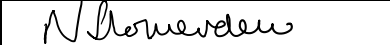
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J Sparrow	21/07/2021
	N Flowerdew	23/07/2021