



2023 AGM - CEOs Report - Alex Gough

In the last year from April 2022 until March 2023 Take Our Hand has continued to steadily grow.

To help with our expanding services, supporting those living in England we have recruited two new volunteers who have taken on tasks which allows me to focus on the work we are doing directly with young people.

Our 5 volunteers are fundamental in the work we do and their direct support has helped us to grow as an organisation. As a team they are sending leaflets to GP surgeries and funeral directors across the country, applying for funding applications and organising our events among so many other things. I and the Board of Trustees are extremely grateful for all they have done and continue to do for us. They are all devoted individuals who have chosen to give up their time to so generously support us and the work we do.

We have been fortunate enough to receive restricted funding to support our key services of care packages and therapy support. Some of our generous funders include Alan Boswell, Kettle Crisps, Central England Co-Op and the Co-Op Community Fund. These funders and many others have supported our work over the last year and have allowed us to continue to provide support to young people who have been bereaved.

At our first organised skydiving event we had 5 people participate and they raised a significant amount of money between them, totaling £3,423. Following the success of this event we are planning our next one for June 2023. Our other organised event for the year was our first ever charity ball called the 'Bluebell Ball'. The evening was held at Norwich football ground and we are extremely proud to say a total of £13,845 was raised. We are grateful to all those who were involved in the success of the evening. From the volunteers who organised and supported on the night, the businesses who provided sponsorship and prizes and the individuals who were also involved. The night wouldn't have been such a success without everyone who supported the event.

As our first major event we were unsure on how this would go but following the huge success we have agreed to make the ball an annual event and are already in the planning stages for next year.

As our awareness increases we have also increased our partnerships and are now the chosen charity for Norfolk Wills and Estate Planning. We also have a partnership in place with Swarm Apprenticeships. In March 2023 we joined the Norfolk Chambers of Commerce and I am looking forward to what this new membership can bring for us in terms of networking and business relationships.

As part of our service all those who receive a care package have been given an Easter egg and Christmas present within the year they received their package. This saw us give out 130 presents last December and nearly 90 Easter eggs last April. A huge thank you to all our supporters who donated the eggs and presents last year. We received some wonderful feedback from those young people who were given them and they made a real difference to those young people and their families.

Our care packages continue to be our main line of support and with just under 150 delivered this year. Our referrals are predominantly from Norfolk however our second biggest referral area was West Yorkshire showing that the work our volunteers have been doing to increase our awareness is working. Our busiest months were September followed by March this year.

It has been a busy year for us at Take Our Hand but I am extremely proud of what we have achieved. We continue to go from strength to strength and I am excited for what the next year will bring for us.

None of our achievements this year would be possible without the incredible work of our volunteers, the support from our donors and partners.

I would finally like to thank the Board of Trustees for their continued support of myself and Take Our Hand.

Alex Gough

CEO and Founder



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	10,290	2,001	-	12,291	8,922
Fundraising	22,797	-	-	22,797	939
Gift Aid Reclaim	1,117	-	-	1,117	1,106
Grants	-	4,000	-	4,000	19,531
Dividends & Interest	21	-	-	21	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,225	6,001	-	40,226	30,498
Total receipts	34,225	6,001	-	40,226	30,498
A3 Payments					
Administration	1,391	-	-	1,391	2,400
Advertising	-	-	-	-	168
Expenses	424	13	-	437	206
Printing	-	-	-	-	397
Salaries	8,397	4,783	-	13,180	10,829
Support Costs	-	7,244	-	7,244	5,868
Telecommunications	263	-	-	263	429
Therapy Services	-	2,645	-	2,645	1,615
Fundraising Expenses	9,308	-	-	9,308	-
Sub total	19,783	14,685	-	34,468	21,912
Total payments	19,783	14,685	-	34,468	21,912
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,442	- 8,684	-	5,758	8,586
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,287	20,615	-	24,902	-
Cash funds this year end	18,729	11,931	-	30,660	24,902

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	Bank Accounts	18,802	11,931	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	18,802	11,931	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Pension Payments	Unrestricted	73	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Take Our Hand Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Take Our Hand Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 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 2011 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.

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. 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed: Martin Simpson

Name: Martin Simpson

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: Tudor Cottage, Heath Road, Winfarthing, Diss

Date: 07 September 2023