

# FINNBARS FORCE

A NEW HOPE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILDHOOD BRAIN TUMOURS

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period ended 31 March 2018

Registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales

Registration Number 1171958

## Finnbar's Force Annual Report & Financial Statements 2017-18

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#### Reference and Administration Details

Charity Number: 1171958

Registered Address: 1 Park Green, Hethersett, Norwich, NR9 3GL.

Trustees:

Tristan Cork (Chair)

Claire Cork (Secretary)

Paul Read

Christopher Sharman (Treasurer)

All trustees were appointed on 7 February 2017.

Independent examiner: Larking Gowen LLP, King Street House, 15 Upper King Street,  
Norwich, NR3 1RB

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their annual report together with financial statements of Finnbar's Force for the period 7 February 2017 to 31 March 2018.

Objectives and Activities

Our objectives:

To relieve the needs of children suffering from brain tumours (especially rare/unusual presentations) and their families by;

- Providing information, advocacy and local support
- Providing basic financial support in the form of 'Assistance Grants' for associated costs that the diagnosis brings, such as travel to distant hospitals, car parking, food etc.
- Fund research into brain cancer and potential treatments through grants to research teams and support of umbrella organisations to raise awareness of the disease and its debilitating effects

Our main activities:

In undertaking our main activities, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefits. A summary of our main activities:

- We have run information stalls at events in public places to increase awareness amongst the public of the signs and symptoms of childhood brain tumours and the need for improvements in support, treatment and research.
- We have attended All-Party-Parliamentary-Group meetings focusing on the support of those diagnosed with a brain tumour and assisted 'Brain Tumour Research' with their research into the socio-economic impact upon families.
- We have engaged with other charities and service providers to understand where improvements to the current support network for children with brain tumours can be improved, in particular how a new support role might be developed.
- We have provided a grant to a research project which, once completed, should enable improved diagnosis and grading of brain tumours in children, reducing the need for invasive biopsy.
- We have provided 'Assistance Grants' to families to help cover the costs associated with hospital admission after diagnosis of a brain tumour in a child.

Achievements and Performance

Our charity has enjoyed an incredibly successful first year, raising an amazing amount of money to support our objectives and taking great initial strides in achieving our aims. Tristan and the team of Trustees are truly grateful to the local community and businesses that have helped us get off the ground at such a thunderous pace! The highlights of our first year include:

- We have run numerous family orientated events that have brought the local community together to support our cause
- We met our fundraising target of £25,000 midway through the year
- By the end of our first year in operation we had raised over £55,000
- We have helped raise awareness of the symptoms of brain tumours locally by supporting the 'Headsmart' campaign, by handing out symptoms cards and speaking with members of the public and by working with the local media.
- We have supported a number of families with a child diagnosed with a brain tumour; both by providing practical advice, links to high-quality information and sign-posting to further sources of support; and through providing financial assistance.

Trustees' Report

Financial Review

Reserve Funds

Finnbar's Force's policy is to ensure that sufficient funds should be present at any given time to support the 'assistance grant' aspect of our activities for at least six months without any income of new funds. In practice the amount required for this purpose can only be estimated but a minimum of £6,000 would cover grants for two families per month based on each receiving the maximum £500 initial grant. We therefore intend to reserve £6,000 of unrestricted funds at any given time for this purpose.

If the cost of base-line charitable activities and day-to-day operation of the charity increases over time, the Trustees intention would be that the level of reserve fund be increased to ensure resilience in the event of that forecasted income not be generated and also that families being supported are minimally affected in the event of an unplanned closure of the charity.

At 31 March 2018 the charity had unrestricted cash reserves of £42,007 and restricted cash reserves of £1,374.

Main Use of Funds

Our current intention is that funds will be used as follows:

- £6,000 to be maintained for reserve, as above.
- Running costs of the charity are expected to be around £8,000 per annum, including the purchase of promotional materials, consumables, costs associated with running of events and any other expenses incurred in relation to charitable activities.
- Approximately 20% of the remaining funds will be directed towards supporting research.
- The remaining approximate 80% of funds will be used to fund family assistance grants and support our local projects; specifically, our 'information toolkit' project and our intended specialist support worker role.

In future years we will set aside specified funds for each project we are undertaking and we intend to launch a specific fundraising appeal to cover the cost of the specialist role, estimated at a total of around £220,000 for three years.

Principal Source of Funds

Together with income from events organised by the charity, the principal source of funds in our first year, has been donations from members of the public and sponsored events undertaken on behalf of the charity and we are very grateful to those individuals and collections.

Over the next few years we anticipate that these will remain our biggest sources of income but we intend to begin submitting bids for grants to support some of our specific aims and projects, which may shift the balance.

Trustees' Report

Structure, Governance and Management

Finnbar's Force is a charitable trust, governed by its trust deed, dated 7 February 2017 and amended 5 March 2017. Charitable status was awarded on 8 March 2017. The charity is run only by the trustees.

There must be a minimum of three trustees. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a special meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

The trustees will keep a record of the names and address of each trustee, together with the dates of their appointment, re-appointment or retirement and will provide a copy of the charity trust deed and latest report and account to each new trustee. In addition, all trustees are encouraged to read Charity Commission and other newsletters designed to keep them abreast of their duties and responsibilities.

The trustee board currently meets at least four times each year. The trustees have established an operational management committee which meets on a monthly basis to oversee the day to day operations of the charity.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees:

 <p>Tristan Cork, Chair 10/01/2019</p>
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Finnbar's Force

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2018.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 an Independent examiner's 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 or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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:



Christopher Yeates FCA DChA

Larking Gowen LLP

Chartered Accountants

Norwich

Date: 25 January 2019

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Period Ended 31 March 2018

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £
RECEIPTS			
Funds received on establishment	12,848	-	12,848
Donations and sponsored events	19,727	-	19,727
Fundraising events	15,768	-	15,768
Collections tins and merchandise	6,729	-	6,729
Grants	500	1,374	1,874
Misc.	11	-	11
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL RECEIPTS	55,583	1,374	56,957
	_____	_____	_____
PAYMENTS			
Grants	5,500	-	5,500
Promotional material and merchandise	5,451	-	5,451
Events costs	1,420	-	1,420
Consumables and general running costs	1,052	-	1,052
Travel and subsistence	153	-	153
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL PAYMENTS	13,576	-	13,576
	_____	_____	_____
Net receipts	42,007	1,374	43,381
Cash funds at 7 February 2017	-	-	-
	_____	_____	_____
Cash funds at 31 March 2018	42,007	1,374	43,381
	_____	_____	_____

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as the 31 March 2018

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £
CASH FUNDS			
Bank account	42,007	1,374	43,381
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TOTAL CASH FUNDS	42,007	1,374	43,381
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At the 31 March 2018 the charity had no other assets or liabilities other than minor amounts of merchandise and promotional materials.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

 Tristan Cork, Chair 10/01/2019
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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 General Notes

Basis of accounting:

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2 Transactions with Trustees

The Charity does not have any employees.

No remuneration other benefits were paid to the Trustees or people connected with them, by the charity.

No expenditure transactions were undertaken by the charity in which a trustee or connected person has a material interest.