



Lennox
Children's
Cancer Fund

Annual Trustees' Report and Accounts

2022/2023



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We are Lennox Children's Cancer Fund

Our aim is to make a positive difference to the lives of children with cancer, and their families. We are here to offer support when it is needed most.



Emotional support

While the doctors take care of your physical health, we're here to take care of your mental health. Our community support group and family support helpline can provide that all important ear to listen, shoulder to cry on or friend to chat with.



Practical support

From woolly socks to a phone charger, our 'We've Got Your Back' Packs provides all the essential items needed for the first few unexpected days in hospital.



Financial support

During a child's cancer treatment, many parents are unable to work and household costs can soar. Our care and crisis grants are available to provide a financial cushion when times get tough.



Respite Breaks

A Lennox holiday or day out as a family can be 'just what the doctor ordered', reminding families the value of spending time together.

Trustees Report

Lennox Children's Cancer Fund was registered as a charity in England and Wales with the Charity Commission on 21st May 1992. The charity registration number is 1011325. The Trustees are pleased to present this report together with the financial statements of Lennox Children's Cancer Fund for the year ended 31 May 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts, and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2016).

The legal and administrative information set out on page 22 forms part of this report.

Welcome from our Chair of Trustees and CEO

As we reflect on another amazing year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the employees, volunteers, donors, fundraisers, supporters and partners that have contributed to our achievements. We would like to make a special mention to our family support team who go above and beyond to make sure that every family who comes to us receives the support they need in the best possible way. They often make themselves available outside of their normal working hours to help a family in need, and they do this with very little recognition or thanks - so to them now we say a huge thank you!

Improving our emotional support services became a high-priority during this year as we received more requests than ever before for children, especially teenagers, in need of counselling to help them cope with the mental health implications of their cancer diagnosis. The NHS does an amazing job of caring for patients' physical health during cancer treatment, while our services are here to care for their mental health, as well as offering practical and financial support wherever needed.

Meanwhile, our fundraising team continued to connect with individuals and businesses across the UK to raise the vital funds needed to keep our charity and our projects running effectively. From challenges to competitions, events to donations, our supporters have been incredibly generous with their time and money.

It wasn't too long ago that the pandemic struck and made us question the future of this wonderful, family-focused charity. Yet here we are stronger than we have ever been and looking forward to a very prosperous future.

A very warm thank you for taking the time to read this report and our charity accounts.

Best wishes,



Kevin Davis
Chair of Trustees



Vincent Fitzmaurice
CEO



Our Objectives and Values

Since the charity started in 1992, our mission has been to relieve the pain and suffering sustained by children diagnosed with any form of cancer. Over the years, this mission has evolved and we are now proud to support the entire family from the start of their journey with childhood cancer, through treatment and beyond.

Every day five children aged 0-14 years are diagnosed with cancer¹, and for those families, the emotional pressure that follows is significant. For this reason, all of our projects are aimed at making a positive difference to the whole family from the moment of diagnosis through to post treatment support. Our wonderful Family Support team are always on hand to discuss the services we have available and to ensure that the needs of each family are met with the minimum of fuss.

Our projects and services are focused around the charity's four pillars of support to ensure we can offer a full wrap-around service.



Emotional support



Financial support



Practical support



Respite Breaks

Our values are incredibly important to us as they define our charity and are woven into the work we do every day with the families who need our support.

Friendly and welcoming

We pride ourselves on creating a friendly and welcoming environment for all our beneficiaries, supporters and donors.

Fast acting

We can react swiftly when a family needs our help. Our team are easily reachable and always on hand to offer support.

Kind and understanding

We put the families we support at the forefront of everything that we do.

Embracing everyone

We believe that every child, every family, every supporter, every employee and every volunteer matters. We embrace everyone in the Lennox community.

Always improving

We are constantly looking to improve our services and to meet the needs of our families by listening and exploring new innovative ways to help.

Honest, responsible, accountable and transparent

We are trusted by the many families we have supported, and those who have supported us in the last 30 years.

Each family has a different experience and a different journey with cancer. Many struggle to adjust to their 'new normal' after diagnosis so it is important that our projects and services are tailored to offer practical, financial and emotional support that makes a positive difference to every member of the family.



Lennox's main aims and objectives are:

- To provide children and families with respite and relaxation through essential, quality time together, away from doctors, hospitals and treatment.
- To relieve the financial burden that is incurred by having a child diagnosed with cancer.
- To provide practical support at the point of hospital admission through the provision of essential items needed by the child and/or parent, with the aim of providing comfort and stress relief.
- To provide a friendly and non-judgemental, emotional support service to parents, siblings and other family members, from the point of diagnosis to post-treatment, or through bereavement.
- To refer families to professional counsellors free of charge, where additional professional support is needed.
- To provide gifts or monetary donations for individual children, particularly at Christmas, Easter and on other special occasions. These gifts may be purchased by the charity, or donated by supporters, and forwarded to the children. To hrough the provision of gifts.
- To introduce families needing advice, comfort and friendship from others going through a similar experience.
- To continue promoting our services to identify the families in need of our services.
- To increase the presence of our Family Support Team in hospitals, so that we are able to identify the families we are not currently reaching who may need our help.
- To make a big difference to as many children as possible with the minimum of fuss.
- To consistently provide high quality, quick and responsive assistance.

It is also very important to us that hospitals with specialist children's cancer wards receive the assistance they need to ensure that children undergoing treatment receive the best care and quality of life possible. We have strong links with many hospitals including Queen's Hospital in Romford, Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridgeshire and Birmingham Children's Hospital.

These objectives are achieved through our charitable projects which encompass our four pillars of support:

Respite Breaks

Respite breaks are provided free of charge to families in need of some time away together to recuperate and reconnect.

During cancer treatment a family holiday can seem like an impossible dream and most families cannot risk booking a break away in case their child is ill. Our respite breaks project removes that risk making that dream a reality. When any family books a respite break with us, they know that they will not lose money if they are forced to cancel, and they can easily rebook on a future date. This reassurance is so vital when they are already carrying the emotional weight of seeing their child going through cancer treatment, dealing with constant appointments, side-effects and the financial implications associated with childhood cancer.

A short break away is often key for the survival of family relationships during the roller-coaster ride of childhood cancer. However, for so many families with a child undergoing cancer treatment, a holiday can seem like an impossible dream.





A common side effect of cancer treatment is a very low immune system, which can mean that children become ill often and unexpected hospital stays are a regular occurrence. The flexibility of our Respite Breaks project takes away the worry of financial loss if their child is too ill to travel, we can simply re-arrange, or let them travel later in the week. Additionally, our holiday homes are close to UK hospitals should they need it.

In addition to providing a respite break, we also offer spending money for some extra treats and a worry-free holiday, as well as providing toys, games and DVDs in each holiday home for rainy days.

Every year many of the families who receive a respite break leave heart-warming messages of thanks in the guest books, along with lots of advice and ideas for other families.

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Care and Crisis Grants

61% of parents dealing with childhood cancer are impacted financially by their child's diagnosis. With extra costs averaging £600 every month 60% of those parents experience debt as a direct result of their child's diagnosis².

Our care and crisis grants serve as a financial lifeline for families navigating the myriad of challenges that childhood cancer brings. These grants provide vital support for families who are struggling with the increased costs associated with cancer treatment. Whether it's covering transportation costs to and from hospitals, specialist equipment and home adaptations, childcare for siblings or other unexpected financial burdens, these grants play a pivotal role in providing essential support to these families during their most trying times.

The care grant policy outlines the criteria and process used to allocate grants fairly. It specifies that any family with a child or young person (aged 18 years or under) who has received a cancer diagnosis and has been receiving treatment or palliative care, or has been placed in remission from cancer within the past 12 months, may apply.



Emotional Support and EIMS

Being diagnosed with cancer at such a young age can induce a feeling of fear, anxiety, sorrow and helplessness, regardless of whether you are the child with cancer, a sibling watching your brother or sister battling the disease, or a parent who is terrified of what the future might hold for your child and your family. Addressing the psychological and mental health needs of children with cancer and their families is of paramount importance.

For many years our Family Support Team have formed intimate, and often long-term relationships with families in need of emotional support. They have been able to listen to a story, talk through a problem, provide a shoulder to cry on, or even put parents in touch with other families in a similar situation. The value of this is vastly underestimated.



In the last two years however, we have seen a dramatic rise in the demand for mental health assistance, and tragically, we have also seen an increase in instances of self-harm and suicide attempts among young people affected by cancer. This has been the driving force behind the expansion of our emotional support service and the introduction of our Early Intervention Mental-wellbeing Scheme (EIMS).

Counselling

By working with healthcare teams, schools, social services and other organisations, we are able to identify the families most in need of mental health assistance and ensure they get the help they need as quickly as possible. Where needed, we can provide mental-wellbeing sessions with accredited counsellors who specialise in working with children and families dealing with cancer related challenges.

Share Our Strength (SOS) support group

Our monthly SOS support group is a place that families can go to for friendship with likeminded families, information and advice from our family support team, fun activities for the children, while in a safe, friendly and non-judgemental environment.

Therapy boxes

When requested, we are able to provide art and therapy boxes for children in the form of treasure chests filled with toys, crafts and gifts. Each box is personalised to the child's age, abilities, likes and dislikes.

Gifts and Respite Days

Every Christmas and Easter, we collect new toys, food treats, clothes and other items that are gifted to children affected by cancer and their siblings. While receiving cancer treatment, children often don't get to experience the simple things that other children do, such as going to school, taking holidays, attending friends birthday parties and days out. By providing them with treats and vouchers for days out, we are able to give them a little bit of the normality that they have been missing out on.

We regularly have vouchers and tickets donated for family days out, and these have proven to be so invaluable to the families that have been able to use them.



'We've Got Your Back' Packs

Finding out that your child has cancer and being whisked straight to a major hospital to begin treatment is traumatic enough, without the added stress of having no basic supplies with you. Our 'We've Got Your Back' packs include all the necessities to get them through that first 24 hours, including:

- A universal phone charger and USB plug
- A cosy blanket
- Adult's and child's fluffy socks
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Shower gel, shampoo and conditioner
- Lip balm
- Ear buds
- A notebook/journal and pen
- Playing cards
- Activity/colouring books and pencils
- Fidget poppers
- Cuddly toy
- A water bottle with straw
- A travel mug

Parents will also find lots of crucial information, signposting them to the other support services the charity provides, including care grants, emotional support and respite holidays.



Beneficiary Events

Children undergoing treatment often have very low immune systems, which means that catching a simple cold could become life threatening. As a result, they can't spend time around other children and life can be lonely. Every year, we organise exclusive parties for these children where they can have fun with other children who are in a similar position to them. Guest numbers are kept low to ensure that every family feels safe, while enjoying an afternoon together.

These parties have become a highlight of the year for Lennox as staff and beneficiaries alike as they look forward to the fun and excitement that they bring.

Welfare and Benefit Advice

In some cases, a one-off care grant from us is not suitable, and the family may need a long-term financial solution to sustain themselves. In this instance, our family support team will refer the family to an organisation who will carry out a full welfare and benefit check to make sure the family receives all of their entitlements. This is often extremely detailed.

Being able to maximise a family's income, gives them the power to budget for the future, and to stay afloat financially during their child's treatment. This means less time worrying about finances and more time focused where it is really needed – on their child.



Dean's Story

Dean was eight years old when he was diagnosed with a pineal tumour on his brain.

He has been through chemotherapy and radiotherapy, has had a septic infection from his hickman line, a blocked shunt, and many other scary experiences. Dean also has autism which has made his cancer treatment even more challenging.

Going through cancer treatment has been hard on his whole family, including his two younger brothers Ollie and William.



Dean was referred to Lennox by a hospital social worker who had become aware of his family's financial struggles while Dean was undergoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Since then, Lennox has supported his family with a financial grant for a new bed and some new clothing, we arranged some counselling sessions for Dean so that he could speak to somebody about his experiences, and the whole family also spent a week at our lovely lodge near the New Forest.

Lennox can be a lifeline for families like Dean's when they need it the most.



Achievements and Performance

During this year, we have achieved so many wonderful things that we couldn't list them all. So here are just a few of our proudest accomplishments of 2022-2023.

Emotional Support and EIMS

- During the pilot run of our EIMS project, a total of 18 families accessed mental-wellbeing support and counselling. Each family received a block of ten fully funded sessions with a qualified counsellor to help them understand their feelings and give them the tools they needed to cope going forward. Overall the EIMS project has showcased a substantial positive impact on families dealing with childhood cancer.
- Our family support team has continued to offer a full time emotional support service to those in need of a non-judgemental person to talk to. They often speak to families outside of normal working hours to give them a safe and non-judgemental space to talk about their fears and concerns. Demand on this service increases every year and we are hoping to expand this part of the project in the future to offer a formal 24 hour helpline.
- We are in the early stages of launching a monthly support group that will enable families to connect with others in a safe and welcoming environment. To encourage those who might not usually have the confidence to attend a support group, activities will be laid on to provide entertainment and a little light-hearted fun. We will also invite guest speakers, entertainers and healthcare specialists or other professionals who can answer questions or give information and advice.



Respite Breaks



- We have been incredibly lucky to be gifted a beautiful four bedroom property in Salhouse, Norfolk, which will be used to provide respite and relaxation to the children and families who need some time away to recover from the trauma of their cancer journey. It's situated in a peaceful area surrounded by nature and not far from the famous Norfolk Broads. This home has given our respite breaks project real stability and protection to ensure that families can benefit from it for many, many years to come.
- We have also provided breaks for more than 60 families at our stunning three bedroom lodge in the New Forest. The lodge is well suited to families looking for a fun time together away from the day-to-day difficulties of childhood cancer. It is based in a holiday park with access to a swimming pool, kids clubs, arcades, a spa, a nearby beach, playgrounds and much more.

- A team from CIBC volunteered their time in April to visit the Amberwood lodge and spruce it up ready for the families to visit during spring and summer 2023. They did a great job.

“My son has been battling brain and spinal tumours since 2018, this puts immense pressure on us as parents and our 4 other children. We have all adapted to our new “normal” but when we are given the chance to have a week away thanks to Lennox it gave Harry and his siblings that chance to be children and enjoy life and being together. We made some great memories and put all our hospital worries aside – even if it was just for a few days it really helped us recharge. We had an amazing time and tried to have as much fun and together time as we could”

Gifts and Respite Days

- In July, we hosted one of our favourite events of the year – our annual ‘Party for Heroes’. This year, Marsh Farm, a children’s animal adventure park in Essex closed it’s doors to the public so that we could host this private event. Having a reduced immune system means that many of the children who attend may not have been able to visit a place like this under normal circumstances. This exclusive access meant that we could control the number of attendees to make sure that they could enjoy a fun day out with their siblings without the worry of compromising their immune system in an over crowded adventure park. Superheroes, Disney Princesses, Pirates and Star Wars Characters all volunteered their time to make the day extra special for the families in attendance.



“I just wanted to email and say thank you for Saturday. Since my son was diagnosed in Feb we haven’t been to many places as we are worried about them being too busy. To have a day out as a family was amazing and seeing my two children smiling and having a good time was a welcome relief. Ed was first up at the magic show and seeing him like he used to be made me a bit emotional. We have really struggled with coming to terms with his diagnosis and it was lovely to feel like a normal family again”

- We gave 1,647 gifts to children battling cancer, and their siblings. Many of these are sent directly to children’s homes at Christmas or Easter, or they are given to hospital wards throughout the UK.
- 205 vouchers or tickets were donated to families so that they could enjoy a day out as a family, or to help them with essential purchases, including:
 - Theatre tickets
 - Theme park and play grounds
 - Laser tag, bowling, trampoline parks and other leisure activities
 - Museums and galleries
 - Boat trips and sightseeing tours
 - Zoos, aquariums, farms and safari parks
 - Family swimming and other leisure centre activities

“I just wanted to say a massive thank you for the east Somerset railway tickets. The girls are super excited about going”



- Despite the challenges of COVID-19, we have maintained great relationships with very busy hospital staff, consultants, nurses and other healthcare workers. This has enabled us to continue delivering gifts of toys, games and crafts to hospital wards throughout the year. Hospitals we have supported in this way include Southend Hospital, Basildon Hospital, Broomfield Hospital, Queen’s Hospital, Colchester Hospital and Great Ormond Street Hospital.



“Thank you to all of you for my son’s treasure box, he loved everything and hasn’t stopped playing with it... we are so grateful for everything you do, you’re all amazing. You have done so much, honestly you have made this awful disease much more bearable to deal with just knowing your all there”

‘We’ve Got Your Back’ Packs

- This year we delivered 125 back packs to six hospitals in Essex. Southend Hospital, Basildon Hospital, Queen’s Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Colchester Hospital and Broomfield Hospital were all very grateful to receive them. Together with the 125 that we distributed last year, these hospitals have been able to provide a ‘We’ve Got Your Back Pack’ to every child newly diagnosed for the last two years. They were very generously funded by the Essex Freemasons.

Care and Crisis Grants

- Every year we see an increase in requests for financial help to cover the cost of counselling for children who were experiencing mental-health issues as a direct result of their diagnosis. The Trustees aim to prioritise these requests where possible, so that there is no delay in these children receiving the support they need.
- This year, we made 182 grants with a total value of £45,809. The majority of applications we receive are for day to day living costs, such as food shopping and utility bills or assistance with travel costs to and from hospital, including travel cards, petrol and parking. This year we have also awarded care grants for:



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Welfare and Benefit Advice

- This year, we helped 14 families to apply for Universal Credit or other benefits from the government, and where possible, our Care Grants project helped to cover essential outgoings during their benefits application process.

Fundraising

- Fundraising in general has struggled to fully recover after the lockdowns of 2021 and 2022, however, our team has worked hard to find new ways to fundraise and we are very proud to have increased our income by 119% this year. This is the biggest increase we have ever had.



- Zero2Hero, which is run by LBM boxing, introduced a new combat challenge where participants travel to Thailand to take on a series of challenges aimed at testing their physical strength and stamina. Participants are encouraged to raise sponsors for Lennox. Together with their Zero2Hero boxing challenge, £19,800 was raised for Lennox during this year.
- The fundraising team has continued to support those who raise funds via their own fundraising activities and challenges. Many individuals organised their own fundraising activities, such as dress down days, quiz nights and cake sales, while others chose to take on a challenge, such as skydives, abseils, marathons, swims and cycles.
- Our relationship with Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) has gone from strength to strength, with a 'Miracle Day', a quiz night and a five-a-side football event kicking off the fundraising. They are hoping to raise a huge amount of money for the charity during the next two years as well as volunteering their time and skills.
- Early in the year, we started selling gifted items on Ebay to raise funds from donated pre-loved items. Our eBay store is: <https://charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/i/Lennox-Children's-Cancer-Fund/108434>. During the year 227 items were sold on Ebay and, together with other items sold at events, they raised over £5,000.
- £268,564 was received from major grant making organisations and Trusts. This is a massive £141,803 more than last year, which is largely due to investment in staff training.

Raising Awareness

- We were very lucky to be given a unit in Bluewater Shopping Centre to promote Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September. Every day throughout the month our staff and volunteers used this platform to speak to members of the public about the charity, our work, and childhood cancer.



Some professional princesses and characters volunteered their time to help us promote this by taking photos with passers by and encouraging people to take leaflets or make donations. This type of advertising is invaluable.

- Clear Channel donated £90,772 worth of advertising space so that we could promote Lennox and our work. We designed posters and artwork for digital boards in several major shopping centres around the UK. Again, advertising like this is invaluable to our mission to spread awareness of childhood cancer.
- Our social media presence has improved during the last year, with a focus on testimonials and showcasing our work. We have found that posts about the children we have helped receive more interactions than fundraising posts, which highlights the fact that our audience enjoys seeing how their support helps.



Administration and Governance

- We are very grateful to have been gifted a grant to fund the cost of a new CRM system that will replace the five databases that the charity is currently using. This merge will allow different departments to work together more fluidly and enable a more efficient service for supporters and beneficiaries.
- Many of our staff have continued to work from home, but the team have been able to get together for training days, team building days and the Christmas party. They are also invited to charity events throughout the year and many choose to attend.

Thank You

None of this is possible without the generosity of our supporters, and with their help, this year we have been able to support over 500 families affected by childhood cancer. Further to this, with the changes that have been introduced to our portfolio of projects this year, we are excited to see this increase over the next few years.



Ayla's Story

Ayla was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in March 2020 when she was only three years old.

COVID-19 restrictions forced her family to spend a lot of time apart and life became very difficult for them. Their income took a nose-dive which meant they struggled financially and emotionally. Even when they left the hospital, they had to isolate indoors which put an extra strain on everyone.

In 2022, Ayla's mum Sara, contacted Lennox to find out what support would be available to them. We were pleased to be able to help and immediately booked them on a respite break in the charity's New Forest lodge, with spending money included. The whole family were so excited to get the chance to spend some 'normal' time away together.

Ayla's mum, Sara, said *"We would never have been able to do this on our own as our income had dropped so much. The break was amazing and just what we all needed, finally getting to spend quality time together"*.

Sadly, at the end of 2022, Ayla relapsed and had to start treatment all over again. Her health has been too poor for her to take another break but her parents are optimistic that she will be well enough to visit our lodge again in 2024.



Financial Review

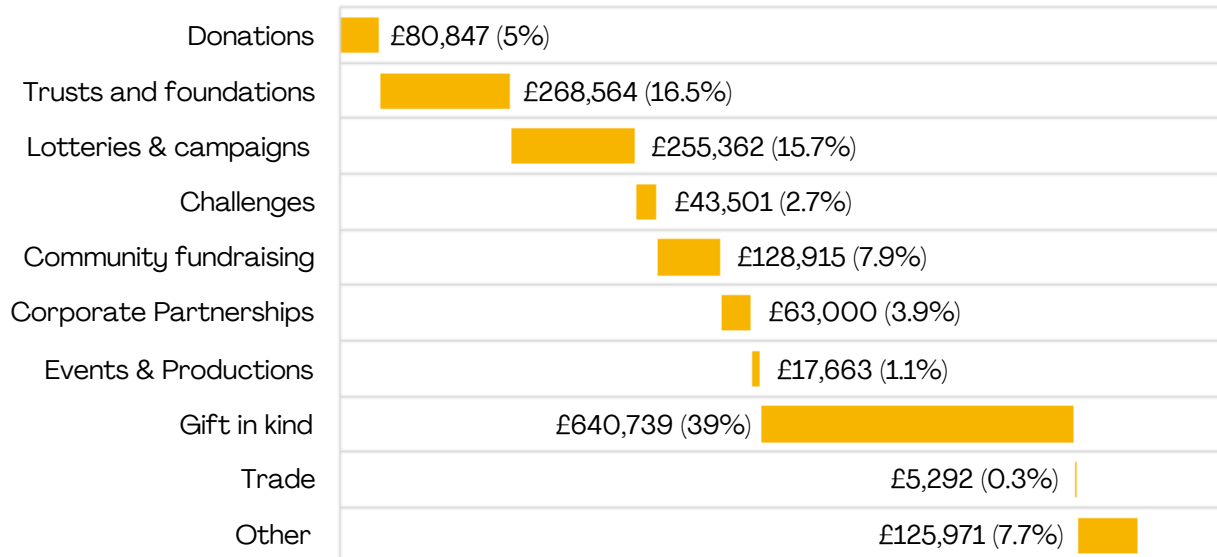
Income

The total income for this year has more than doubled from £742,494 in 2021/22 to £1,629,854, a massive increase of £887,360 (119%). This is largely due to the value of a property that was gifted to us by a very generous foundation. The property was purchased especially for the charity at a cost of £493,500, so that we could secure the future of the respite breaks project and reduce expenditure on hire purchases.

The fundraising team have had an unsettled year due to staff shortages, however their hard work and dedication has still raised £649,401 from donations, campaigns, challenges, events and corporate community fundraising. This has increased by 17.6% compared to the previous year. Income from trusts and foundations has also increased significantly. £268,564 was received in the form of monetary grants, which is an increase of 112% compared to last year. We believe this is a result of investment in staff training.

3,762 items and vouchers were donated with a total value of £37,781. £33,439 worth of these were gifted to our beneficiaries, while the remainder was either sold via our Ebay store or used for fundraising. This year also saw an increase in services being donated in addition to items. Clear Channel donated some exclusive advertising with a value of £90,772, while Bluewater Shopping Centre provided us with a unit to promote Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September, at a total value of £18,686. These advertising opportunities help us to achieve our aim to raise awareness of childhood cancer and our fantastic work, while also making connections with new potential supporters.

The chart below shows how this year's income is broken down by source.



£59,767 was received through successful Gift Aid claims.

We are so grateful for every donation we receive, however large or small. Donations allow the charity to continue the good work currently being undertaken. As has been evidenced this year, an increase in donations helps us to invest in our charitable services and projects which will, in-turn, increase the number of children being supported. Anybody wishing to make either a one-off donation or a regular donation should contact the office. All the details are on our website, which is regularly maintained: www.lennoxccf.org.uk.



Expenditure

The charity has spent £1,059,290 this year. This is an increase of 23.5% when comparing to last year. Of this, 62% was used for charitable activities, which includes the running and upkeep of our two holiday homes, which give families some time together away from treatment, monetary grants that provide a financial cushion for families struggling as a result of their child's treatment, 'We've Got Your Back' packs which are given to newly diagnosed children to help them through their first few days in hospital, beneficiary events, emotional support and administration costs.

£45,809 was awarded to beneficiaries in the form of care and crisis grants. These are a lifeline for many families when they first find themselves struggling financially as a result of their child's diagnosis, and can allow them time to find a long-term solution without spiralling into debt.

During the year, £4,804 was spent on organising events for beneficiaries. Many organisations and individuals also generously donated their services to help make these events successful, the value of which is not reflected in these figures. Most of the money spent on beneficiary events was for art and craft supplies, t-shirts, goody bags, advertising, event supplies etc.

Over £40,000 worth of gifts, such as toys, DVDs, clothing, experience vouchers/tickets and cuddly toys, were given to beneficiaries and hospitals.

Charitable expenditure is not currently separated by project, however we would like to provide a more transparent breakdown of this in future.

The administration expenditure includes rent for offices, utility bills, IT and telephones, insurance, fundraising staff, stationery and printing, advertising and prizes for fundraising activities. These essential expenses are necessary to sustain the charity and build its future. We are constantly reviewing these expenses and looking for ways to reduce them.

Reserves

The charity has not held reserves in the past, but following the COVID-19 pandemic, building a reserve account has become a priority to ensure the survival of the charity, create stability for the future, and produce more opportunities for growth. The charity's first priority is always to retain as many services as possible while building enough reserves to sustain the charity for at least six months in the event of complete loss of income.

The charity currently has no long-term investments and there are no restrictions upon the charity's power to invest. At present, the funds of the charity are held in current accounts with a national high street bank. At the end of the financial year, the charity held unrestricted funds totalling £655,922.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position and assessed the cash flow forecasts. They have reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual accounts.



Plans for Future Periods

Charitable Activities

For the next year, Lennox Children's Cancer Fund will focus beneficiary based support on:

- Expanding the EIMS project to provide a 24 hour helpline and professional counselling.
- Launching and promoting the 'Share Our Strength' support group so that individuals of all ages affected by cancer have somewhere safe and welcoming to go to for comfort, support, information and friendship.
- Continuing to support families through the Care Grants project and ensuring that grants have the maximum impact by following the criteria set out in the grant giving policy.
- Improving the Respite Breaks project by constantly updating the two holiday homes and continuing to give families the opportunity to create happy memories.

Funding is now needed to secure the future of the EIMS project. The pilot has demonstrated the benefit of early intervention and comprehensive mental health support for children, siblings and parents affected by childhood cancer so we plan to expand the project further to ensure that every family in need of mental-wellbeing assistance is able to access it.

In addition to professional counselling, we hope to set up a 24 hour helpline to provide a valuable listening space and make emotional support available outside of typical office hours. Although our team are already available to speak to families via telephone or text at evenings and weekends, some parents and healthcare professionals have expressed a reluctance to 'disturb' us. It is our hope that a formal support helpline will help encourage families to feel more comfortable to use it out of hours. During the next year we hope to set up and launch this service on weekday evenings and weekends. As demand increases, this could then be increased to provide a 24 hour helpline.

Organisation has already begun for the launch of a new support group called Share Our Strength (SOS). The first session is due to take place in Pitsea in August where guests will have the option to take part in laid on activities, socialise with others, speak to our team about our services or just sit and enjoy a cup of tea. Different activities will be planned for each session. There is no geographical restriction on who can attend, although once this group is fully established, we will expand to other areas so that we can reach as many families as possible. Our long-term ambition is to host monthly sessions in every county throughout the UK.

Following the success of the Party for Heroes in March, another event has been planned in July, this time at Marsh Farm in Essex. We are also planning to hold similar parties around Halloween, Christmas and Easter during the coming year.

During the coming year, we plan to maintain and improve Appletree Cottage to ensure that as many families can benefit from it as possible.

Sadly, the lease on Amberwood Lodge at Shorefield Country Park is nearing its end so the lodge will need to be replaced very soon at a cost of approximately £200,000. Although we are very lucky to own Appletree Cottage in Norfolk, it is also wonderful to have a second holiday home at a holiday site on the south coast. This allows families who might not be able to travel to Norfolk to also benefit from our Respite Breaks.

During the next year we will seek further funding to provide more 'We've Got Your Back' packs to more hospitals. Our long term plan sees this project expanded to reach every newly diagnosed child in the UK.



Fundraising

Every year the fundraising team plan lots of different activities to promote and celebrate Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. We are already in talks with Bluewater Shopping Centre about using a unit again, and following the success of this year's star campaign, we have plans in the pipeline for another similar campaign.

One of our beneficiaries has decided to organise and take on a 100km bike ride in September. This is especially impressive because, as a result of her cancer, she had her leg amputated and will be wearing a prosthetic leg during the bike ride. She is aiming to have 100 people taking part in the bike ride alongside her.

Following the charity's Christmas concert in December, the Lennox Productions volunteers were keen to get back into the theatre and have been rehearsing for the upcoming show, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. This time the show will be performed at the Towngate Theatre in Basildon, where we also hope to be able to incorporate some of our Childhood Cancer Awareness month promotions.

Another Christmas concert will be held in December 2023, this will not be at the usual venue, instead it will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral, which can hold an audience of up to 300 people. This will increase our ticket sales.

Due to staff shortages and a full events diary, we were unable to host the family Superhero Fun Run this year but with increased staff numbers and better community contacts, we plan to focus on making sure this happens in summer 2024.

There are many fundraising events in the pipeline that we hope will raise the additional funds needed to launch our new projects and improve current ones.

Administration

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the charity moved to a smaller office in Laindon to reduce costs. As a result, many staff are now working from home as there is not room for them in the smaller office. This has been working well, but with the introduction of new projects and charitable services, we are quickly outgrowing the space we have. During the next 3-5 years, the charity will seek a larger office to enable real growth and expansion of the charity's vital services.

The current CRM database has been working, but is unable to do many of the things a charity fundraising database should. We have simply outgrown it and we are now in need of something more sophisticated. Additionally, the different departments are using different databases which is causing some problems when trying to locate information, or when beneficiaries are also supporters and vice versa. To host a new CRM, the charity's server will also need upgrading, so funding will be sought for these necessary upgrades.

During the last five years the charity has worked hard to reduce its carbon footprint by switching paper processes to digital processes, and during the next year we plan to reduce our paper usage even further by sending thank you letters and appeals by email instead of post wherever possible. The new CRM database that will be in use by the end of 2023 will help us to facilitate this change.

The charity will continue to source the best prices for all products and services in an effort to keep the costs to a minimum.

There have been significant improvements made to how income and expenditure is recorded this year. We would like to continue reviewing these processes and make even further improvements during the next two years to ensure that our accounts are as clear and transparent as possible.



Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Lennox Children's Cancer Fund is an unincorporated charity which is governed and operated within the requirements of a Trust Deed. The charity's membership is comprised of its Trustees. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the final statements are listed in the legal and administrative information set out on page 22.

Recruitment, Appointment and Training of Trustees

The charity was formed by the original Trustees who retained the right to appoint additional Trustees from time to time. No Trustee is, or has been, appointed "for life". Accordingly, the appointment and removal of Trustees remains exclusively with the board of Trustees as constituted from time to time.

The Trust Deed requires the board of Trustees to have at least three Trustees and a maximum of five. New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. New appointees are given a personal induction to the charity, where their governance obligations are explained to them. Each new Trustee is provided with a copy of the Trust Deed, the charity's latest report and statement of accounts and the minutes of the last Trustees' meeting.

The Trustees hold at least three meetings each year and agree the broad strategy and areas of activity, the grant making, investment, reserves and risk management policies and performance of the charity.

Details of any Trustee expenses are disclosed in the accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the CEO and, in accordance with the charity's policy, withdraw from any discussions where a conflict of interest may arise. At present, none of the appointed Trustees has interests in property held by the charity.

The Trustees have reviewed and accepted the code for good governance <http://www.governancecode.org/full-code-of-governance/> as advised by the Charity Commission.

Organisational Structure

At the end of the year, the charity employed 16 full time and 6 part time staff. The CEO oversees the day-to-day running of the charity and delegates responsibilities to line managers and employees.

At the end of this year our employees' time was divided between charitable activities and raising funds so that we can continue offering our vital projects and services.

Risk Management

With the help of the CEO, and in conjunction with staff and volunteers for the area of activity, the Trustees annually review the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Systems and procedures have been established to manage any risks. The Trustees have also reviewed all the policies that are currently in place and have found them to be working effectively. The charity has the appropriate employer's insurance to cover all major risks. Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess that they could not significantly affect the charity's ability to fulfil its objectives.

The Trustees have continued to support the policy of current and savings accounts for the funds of the charity and have not exposed the charity by investing in the extreme volatility of the stock market or other investment vehicles.



Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Lennox Children's Cancer Fund
Charity Registration Number	1011325
Registered Office	26 Hemmells Laindon Essex SS15 6ED
Trustees	Mr K J Davis (Chair) Mrs D Pierson Mr D Plato Mr M Brown
Senior Management	Mr V Fitzmaurice (Chief Executive Officer)
Independent Auditors	KLSA LLP Kalamu House 11 Coldbath Square London EC1R 5HL
Bankers	Santander UK 2 Triton Square Regent's Place London NW1 3AN



Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

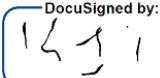
In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' Annual Report:

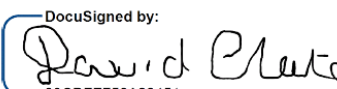
- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the group's auditor is unaware, and
- the Trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors and the group's auditor that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Members of the Trustee Board

Members of the Trustee Board, who served during the year and up to the date of this report, are set out on page 22.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 20th December 2023

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Mr K J Davis, Chair of Trustees

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Mr D W Plato, Trustee

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Annual Accounts

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Lennox Children's Cancer Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lennox Children's Cancer Fund (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 May 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 May 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Lennox Children's Cancer Fund (continued)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.



Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Lennox Children's Cancer Fund (continued)

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and noncompliance with laws and regulations

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector; and
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the operations of the charity
- financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Charities Act 2011, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

To address the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations, we communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related charities legislation) and taxation legislation (including payroll taxes) and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements items.

Secondly, the Charity is subject to grants terms and conditions where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the termination of grants. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: terms attached to The National Lottery Community Fund grant. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



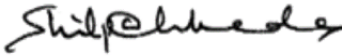
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Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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20 December 2023

Shilpa Cheda (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of KLSA LLP

**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 May 2022

	Notes	2023	2022
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	349,411	192,918
Fundraising and campaigns	4	568,554	486,213
Retail, trading and gift in kind	5	646,031	14,030
Other income	6	65,858	49,333
Total income and endowments		1,629,854	742,494
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	7	653,601	461,799
Generating funds	8	275,813	265,113
Administration and Governance	9	129,876	130,818
Total resources expended		1,059,290	857,730
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/net movement in funds		570,564	(115,236)
Fund balances at 1 June		92,858	208,094
Fund balances at 31 May		663,422	92,858

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised this year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

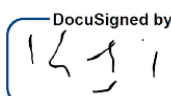


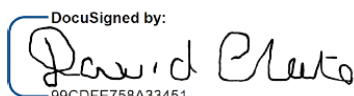
Balance Sheet

As at 31 May 2022

	Notes	2023	2022
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets	13	505,753	50,951
Total fixed assets		505,753	50,951
Current assets:			
Debtors	14	35,419	15,439
Cash at bank and in hand		157,126	88,071
Total current assets		192,545	103,510
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(34,876)	(34,840)
Net current assets		157,669	68,670
Total assets less current liabilities		663,422	119,621
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	-	(26,763)
Net assets		663,422	92,858
Income Funds			
Unrestricted funds		655,922	92,858
Restricted Funds		7,500	0
Total Income Funds		663,442	92,858

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20th December 2023.

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Statement of Cash Flows

For The Year Ended 31 May 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	22	67,984	(85,976)
Investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,533)	(4,624)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		36,014	-
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		32,481	(4,624)
Financing activities:			
Payment of obligations under finance leases		(31,410)	(3,964)
Net cash used in financing activities		(31,410)	(3,964)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		69,055	(94,564)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		88,071	182,635
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		157,126	88,071



Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 May 2023

1. Accounting Policies

1.0. Charity Information

Lennox Children's Cancer Fund is a charity registered with the Charity Commission since 22 May 1992.

1.1 Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). Lennox Children's Cancer Fund is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

In the current year, the charity's statement of financial activities was in a net expenditure position at £547,952 (2022: net income £115,236). The balance sheet was in a net asset position with a fund balance of £640,810 (2022: 92,858) with net current assets of £160,102 (2022: £68,670). The organisation had bore a significant human capital cost in the current year as the charity scales up to increasing funding generating activities by boosting corporate support among keeping up with individual pledges in future. This has already borne returns as the charity has secured material fund pledges from large corporations after the year end. As a result the net expenditure in the current year will be overshadowed by the secured material incomes in the year 2022/2023. These among other factors as considered such as the charity's financing facilities and future funding plans, we confirm that the application of the going concern basis for the preparation of the financial statements continued to be appropriate.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies (Continued)

1.3 Charitable Funds

General Funds

These are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives. They have been given no designation or restriction by the owner.

Designated Funds

The charity currently has five designated funds which have been agreed by the Trustees and are used when donors have indicated they wish to make a gift in support of a particular area of work. The current designated funds are:

- Emotional Support – to provide children and their families with vital emotional wellbeing support 24/7.
- Care Grants – to provide small financial grants to families in immediate need due to their child's cancer diagnosis. All grants go through a formal application process and are signed off by trustees before being issued
- 'We've Got Your Back' Pack- to provide hospitals with a backpack of essential items and important information to give to families when their child is initially diagnosed, and they unexpectedly have to stay in hospital
- Respite Breaks- to provide families with a short holiday to spend quality time together and make precious memories

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The charity did not receive any restricted funds during the year and does not hold any previously restricted funds.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income from production events are recognised on receipt of ticket sales and donations.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.



1. Accounting Policies, 1.5 Expenditure (Continued)

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the principal categories of costs of raising funds and charitable activities rather than type of expense, in order to provide information that is more useful to users of the financial statements, as follows:

- The costs of raising funds consist of expenditure related to generating donations.
- Costs of charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Administration and governance, including those related to statutory independent examination and legal fees, have been treated as support costs.

All costs, including support costs, have been allocated between the expenditure categories on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis, e.g. floor area or estimated usage.

Donations and grants

Donations and grants are paid to children who have been diagnosed with cancer and their family. This includes spending money when they use the charity's holiday homes. It is included in expenditure on charitable activities.

Donations and grants are transferred to the children and their family after the application for the donation and grant has been approved by the Trustees.

Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs and governance costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Cost of generating funds

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Assets with a cost of less than £500 are expensed.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	Freehold property is not depreciated
Leasehold land and buildings	Over term of the 30 year lease of the holiday home
Fixtures and fittings	15% to 33.3% per annum on cost
Mobile holiday home	Over the term of the hire purchase agreement

1. Accounting Policies (Continued)

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of Fixed Assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial Instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.



1. Accounting Policies (Continued)

1.10 Taxation

The Trust is treated for tax purposes as a charity and is not liable to Income Tax on income derived from charitable activities. The Trust is not registered for VAT. All expenditure amounts in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) are shown inclusive of VAT, where relevant.

1.11 Employee Benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the statement of financial position. A hire purchase agreement is a contract that transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset to the lessee.

2 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

Management reviews the useful lives and residual values of the items of property, plant and equipment on a regular basis. During the financial year, the Trustees determined no significant changes in the useful lives and residual values.

Staff costs accrual

The monetary liability for employees' accrued holidays and management approved bonus at the reporting date is recognised as an expense accrual.



3 Donations and Legacies Income

	2023	2022
<u>Unrestricted:</u>		
Individual	73,360	3,359
Corporate	7,487	62,798
Trusts and Foundations	261,064	126,761
<u>Restricted:</u>		
Trusts and Foundations	7,500	-
	349,411	192,918

4 Fundraising and Campaigns Income

	2023	2022
<u>Unrestricted:</u>		
Lotteries and campaigns	255,362	314,378
Challenges	43,501	45,500
Community	128,915	46,720
Corporate partnerships	63,000	21,000
Events and productions	17,663	15,341
Other	60,113	-
	568,554	486,213

5 Retail, Trading and Gifts in Kind Income

	2023	2022
<u>Unrestricted:</u>		
Gifts in kind	640,739	14,030
Trade	5,292	-
	646,031	14,030

6 Other Income

	2023	2022
<u>Unrestricted:</u>		
Gift Aid	59,767	43,274
Interest received	812	-
Net gains on disposal of mobile home	5,279	-
Other	-	49,333
	65,858	92,607

Included in the current year's gifts in kind is a gift of a furnished holiday home with a value of £493,500, advertising services with a value of £109,458 and other small gifts with a value of £37,781 for use in the charity's activities.

7 Cost of Charitable Activities

	Notes	2023	2022
Respite Breaks:			
Upkeep of holiday homes		53,344	26,935
Hire purchase interest		577	2,561
Care Grants:			
Grants to beneficiaries		45,809	49,608
Gift in Kind:			
Gifts		42,828	25,086
'We've Got Your Back' Packs		9,937	26,790
Events:			
Beneficiary activities		4,804	362
Other:			
Staff delivering charitable activities		256,006	165,202
Rent		5,041	6,308
Printing, stationery and postage		17,029	18,944
Depreciation		-	3,494
Travel		10,430	6,899
Marketing		109,710	4,279
Governance	9	-	6,382
Administration (support costs)	9	98,086	118,949
Total cost of charitable activities		653,601	461,799

8 Cost of Generating Funds

		2023	2022
Fundraising:			
Campaigns (including raffle prizes and promotion)		2,142	2,333
Events		46,009	14,496
Retail, trading and gift in kind:			
Support costs		8,691	4,122
Marketing:			
Advertising		2,740	4,476
Other:			
Printing, stationery and postage		14,624	14,365
Rent		5,175	6,716
Staff		195,725	217,012
Support costs	9	121,185	126,696
Other		9,398	5,715
Total cost of generating funds		405,689	395,931

9 Cost of Administration & Governance (Support Costs)

	2023	2022
<u>Administration:</u>		
Staff	166,257	181,394
Premises	3,666	1,370
Communications	28,335	23,770
IT	11,471	18,590
Depreciation	7,267	6,699
Other expenses	2,275	13,822
<u>Governance:</u>		
Staff	1,053	2,261
Audit fees	5,160	4,800
Legal and professional	2,478	3,443
Total administration and governance	227,962	256,149
<u>Analysed between:</u>		
Cost of Generating Funds	121,185	126,696
Trading	8,691	4,122
Charitable Activities	98,086	125,331
	227,962	256,149

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £5,160 (2022 - 4,800) for audit fees.

10 Trustee Remuneration

The Trustees receive no remuneration for their services. During the year, the Trustees were reimbursed £1,053 relating to support costs (mileage expenses).

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year, based on full time equivalents, was:

	2023	2022
Senior Management (CEO)	1	1
Family Support	4	3
Finance & IT	1	1
Fundraising	12	13
Operations, Administration & HR	2	2
Business Development & Marketing	2	2
	22	22
Staff costs:		
Wages and salaries	549,650	505,793
Social security	48,337	41,579
Pensions	20,001	18,498
	617,988	565,870

Staff costs include £256,006 (2022: £165,202) for staff directly involved in delivering charitable activities, £195,725 (2022: £217,012) for staff involved in raising funds and £166,257 (2022: £183,655) for administrative and operations staff.

There was one member of key management personnel (2022: one). Total salary received by key management during the year amounted to £44,644 (2022: £49,999)

There were no employees whose annual remunerations was £60,000 or more.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.



13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Mobile holiday home	Total
Cost:					
At 1 June 2022	-	46,666	14,810	49,607	111,083
Additions	486,050	-	12,033	-	498,083
Disposals	-	-	-	(49,607)	(49,607)
At 31 May 2023	486,050	46,666	26,843	-	559,559
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 June 2022	-	36,667	9,872	13,593	60,132
Depreciation charged in the year	-	1,667	5,600	-	7,267
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	(13,593)	(13,593)
At 31 May 2023	-	38,334	15,472	-	53,806
Carrying amount:					
At 31 May 2022	-	9,999	4,938	36,014	50,951
At 31 May 2023	486,050	8,332	11,371	-	505,753

In the prior year, the net carrying value of tangible fixed assets included the following in respect of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts.

	2023	2022
Mobile holiday home	-	36,014

The mobile holiday home was purchased under hire purchase. Please refer to note 15 for more information.

14 Debtors

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	35,419	15,439

15 Finance Lease Commitments

	2023	2022
Future minimum lease payments due under finance leases:		
Within one year	-	4,647
Within two and five years	-	21,479
In over five years	-	5,284
	-	31,410

The charity used hire purchase contract to acquire a caravan with monthly payment instalments. Future minimum lease payments due under hire purchase contracts over a 10 year term. The liability was fully cleared in current year.

16 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	Notes	2023	2022
Obligations under finance leases	15	-	4,647
Other taxation and social security		10,214	1,736
Trade creditors		5,125	3,151
Other creditors		7,982	8,323
Accruals and deferred income		11,555	16,983
		34,876	34,840

17 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year

	Notes	2023	2022
Obligations under finance leases	15	-	26,763

18 Operating Lease Commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
Within one year	8,400	8,800
Between two and five years	8,400	8,800
	16,800	17,600

The operating lease represents a lease of 8,400 to third parties for the head office. The lease is negotiated over terms of 2 years and rentals are fixed for 2 years. There are no options in place for either party to extend the lease terms.

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2023	2022
Fund balances at 31 May 2023 are represented by:		
<u>Unrestricted:</u>		
Tangible assets	505,753	50,951
Current assets/(liabilities)	157,669	68,670
Long term liabilities	-	(26,763)
	663,422	92,858

20 Retirement Benefit Schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund.

21 Related Party Transactions

	2023	2022
Remuneration of key management personnel:		
Aggregate compensation	44,644	49,999

No Trustee received any remuneration during the year. During the year the Trustees were reimburse £1,053 relating to support costs (mileage expenses).

Some family members of the CEO are employed by the charity and received remuneration of £47,770 (2022: £42,755) through PAYE as shown below.

	Power by which the payment is permitted	2023	2022
Kevin Fitzmaurice	Employed by Trustees	31,490	31,471
Victoria Fitzmaurice	Employed by Trustees	16,280	11,284

Other than the above, no trustee or other person related to the charity had any interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year or the preceding year.

22 Cash Generated From Operations

	2023	2022
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	570,564	(115,236)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	7,267	10,193
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(514,530)	16,293
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(4,683)	2,774
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	67,984	(85,976)



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