CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

## From 22 Nov 2024 Period start date To 21 November 2025 Period end date

## Charity name: Edison's Light

## Charity registration number: 1202761

# Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | **To promote and protect the health of parents, siblings and families affected by neonatal death, stillbirth or miscarriage in particular but not exclusively by the provision of memory boxes, support packs and by providing emotional support.** |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | **During the year, the trustees continued to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and reviewing the charity's activities. This guidance was considered regularly at trustee meetings to ensure that the charity's work continued to deliver meaningful benefit to bereaved families and the wider community.**<br><br>**The charity's activities remained focused on supporting families affected by pregnancy and baby loss, while also developing additional support services for adults experiencing bereavement. At the same time, the charity maintained its commitment to providing dedicated support for bereaved siblings.**<br><br>**Between 22 November 2024 and 21 November 2025, the charity distributed, free of charge:**<br><br>● **80 sibling bereavement packs;**<br>● **90 sibling bereavement bears; and**<br>● **110 storybooks.**<br><br>**These resources were provided through United Lincolnshire Hospitals' maternity services, Nottingham University Hospitals' maternity and neonatal intensive care units, and directly to individual families.**<br><br>**During the reporting period, the charity launched its "Little Prints Bears" initiative in partnership with the Nottingham Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). This service enables handprints and footprints taken shortly before or after a baby's death to be transferred onto a keepsake bear for bereaved parents. Since its launch in February 2025, 15 bears were provided to families.** |

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| | | **The charity also established a peer support group for adults affected by pregnancy and baby loss, creating opportunities for individuals to access emotional support, reduce isolation, and build supportive community connections with others who have experienced similar bereavement.**<br><br>**To further raise awareness of baby loss and the support available, the charity participated in community events including the Lincoln Baby Loss Awareness Week Lantern Walk. The charity also worked with the chaplaincy team at RAF Waddington to organise remembrance and awareness events during Baby Loss Awareness Week. These activities helped promote understanding of baby loss, reduce stigma, and increase awareness of the charity's services amongst families and professionals.** |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | **The trustees for Edison's Light have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit** |

**Additional information (optional)**
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | **N/A** |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | **N/A** |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | **Edison's Light relies entirely on the commitment and dedication of its volunteers to deliver its activities and services. The charity is extremely grateful for the ongoing support provided throughout the year, which has enabled continued support for families affected by pregnancy and baby loss.**<br><br>**During the reporting period, 15 volunteers supported the charity in a variety of ways, including preparing sibling bereavement packs, delivering resources to hospitals, organising and supporting fundraising and awareness events, and helping to facilitate peer support groups for adults affected by pregnancy and baby loss.**<br><br>**The contribution made by volunteers has been essential in enabling the charity to deliver its services, raise awareness within the community, and extend support to bereaved families. The charity's work and achievements during the year would not have been possible without their continued time, commitment, and support.** |
| Other | | |

**Achievements and Performance**

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | **Edison's Light has continued to develop and expand the support we provide to families affected by pregnancy and baby loss.**<br><br>**We continued to run our established peer support group, providing a safe and welcoming space for adults affected by pregnancy and baby loss to meet others with similar experiences. We also expanded our peer support provision by introducing a Pregnancy and Conception After Loss group. This recognised that pregnancy after loss can bring its own challenges and anxieties and provided a dedicated space for people to receive support from others who understand.**<br><br>**We continued to provide sibling bereavement packs, bears and books to families. These resources help parents and carers explain the death of a baby to children in an age-appropriate way and support siblings in understanding and expressing their grief.**<br><br>**We also launched our Little Prints Memory Bears. These personalised bears feature a baby's actual hand and/or footprints and provide families with a special and lasting keepsake of their baby.**<br><br>**Alongside our direct support, we attended awareness and community events, including health and wellbeing days, where we provided information about pregnancy and baby loss and the support available. These events gave us the opportunity to raise awareness, reach people who may not otherwise know where to find support and encourage more open conversations around pregnancy and baby loss.**<br><br>**Through these activities, Edison's Light has helped bereaved families feel less alone, provided practical and emotional support, and created opportunities for people to connect with others who understand their experiences. Our awareness work has also helped to increase understanding of pregnancy and baby loss within the wider community and raise awareness of the support available to those affected.** |

**Additional information (optional)**
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |

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| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |
| Other | | |

**Financial Review**

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | **At the end of the charity's financial period, we held £10196 in the bank in unrestricted funds.** |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | **None in place** |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | **0** |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | **As we have no contractual obligations to provide a minimum number of support packs each year, and no ongoing financial commitments such as premises or staffing costs, the trustees did not consider it necessary to hold a designated reserve at this time. Should the charity's circumstances change in the future, we will review this position accordingly.** |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | **No current concerns** |

**Additional information (optional)**
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | **This year, the charity has benefited from a variety of income sources. We have been fortunate to receive generous donations from a number of companies and organisations, as well as private contributions from individual supporters.**<br><br>**Additional funds have been raised through volunteer-led sponsorship efforts, with individuals taking part in a range of challenges and events to raise money and awareness on our behalf.**<br><br>**We have also organised our own fundraising events throughout the year, including summer fair, bingo nights, race nights, and quizzes.** |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | **N/A** |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | |
| Other | | |

**Structure, Governance and Management**

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | **Constitution** |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | **CIO** |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | **Apart from the first 4 charity trustees, every trustee is to be appointed for a term of 3 years (as laid out in the governing document) by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.** |

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| | | **In selecting individuals for appointment as new charity trustee(s), the existing charity trustees must ensure they have the relevant skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.** |

**Additional information (optional)**
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | **Each new charity trustee, on or before their first appointment will receive a copy of the current version of the constitution as well as a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.** |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

**Reference and Administrative details**

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| Charity name | Edison's Light |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1202761 |
| Charity's principal address | 4 Victor Way<br>Waddington<br>LN5 9PH |
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**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

| | | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | Laura Yarlett | Chair | | |
| | 2 | Stephen Yarlett | | | |
| | 3 | Audrey Hargreaves | | Resigned 16/09/25 | |
| | 4 | Nicola Rodgers | | Resigned 01/10/25 | |
| | 5 | Kevin Brothwell | | Appointed 27.03.25 | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | N/A |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | N/A |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | N/A |

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

| | Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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| **Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)** |

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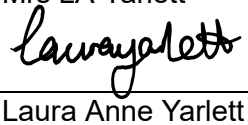
**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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**Other optional information**

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| The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.<br><br>Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees | | |
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| Signature(s) | Mrs LA Yarlett<br> | |
| Full name(s) | Laura Anne Yarlett (MRS) | |
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| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | |
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| Date | 11.05.26 | |

| Charity Name | No (if any) | CC16a |
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| Edison's Light | 1202761 | |

# Receipts and payments accounts

| For the period from | Period start date | To | Period end date |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 22/11/24 | | 21/11/25 |

## Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| **A1 Receipts** | | | | | |
| Donations (sponsorship) | 3,389 | - | - | 3,389 | - |
| Fundraising | 4,573 | - | - | 4,573 | - |
| Donations from business or group | 4,921 | - | - | 4,921 | - |
| refunds | 72 | - | - | 72 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
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| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| *Sub total(Gross income for AR)* | 12,955 | - | - | 12,955 | - |
| **A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).** | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| *Sub total* | - | - | - | - | - |
| *Total receipts* | 12,955 | - | - | 12,955 | - |
| **A3 Payments** | | | | | |
| Fundraising costs | 1,515 | - | - | 1,515 | - |
| Operational costs | 796 | - | - | 796 | - |
| Charitable activities | 4,072 | - | - | 4,072 | - |

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| ***Sub total*** | 6,383 | - | - | 6,383 | - |
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| **A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)** | | | | | |
| **Fixed asset** | 405 | - | - | 405 | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| ***Sub total*** | 405 | - | - | 405 | |
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| ***Total payments*** | 6,788 | - | - | 6,788 | - |
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| ***Net of receipts/(payments)*** | 6,167 | - | - | 6,167 | - |
| **A5 Transfers between funds** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **A6 Cash funds last year end** | 4,027 | - | - | 4,027 | - |
| ***Cash funds this year end*** | 10,194 | - | - | 10,194 | - |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| **B1 Cash funds** | Bank Account | 10,196 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

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| | ***Total cash funds*** | 10,196 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds |
| | Details | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| **B2 Other monetary assets** | | - | - | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| **B3 Investment assets** | | | - | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| **B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use** | Event equipment - gazebo- rollerblind- cart- speakers | Unrestricted | - | - |
| | Fundrasing decorations (reusable) | unrestricted | - | - |
| | delivery trolley | unrestricted | - | - |
| | Storage | unrestricted | - | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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| **B5 Liabilities** | | | - | |
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| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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| | Laura Yarlett | **Mrs Laura Yarlett** | **10/05/26** |
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