CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/11/2025 Period start date To 31/10/2026 Period end date

Charity name: The Gift Tree

Charity registration number: 1206487

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Work with at least 2 causes (children's hospitals, children's help centre's) per year and obtain (via donation), repair and make gifts for sick and underprivileged children in time for Christmas. Additionally, try to obtain (via donation) baby equipment (baby grows, nappies etc) to allow emergency requests from new mothers as and when required throughout the year. This objective may change to include additional gift distribution throughout the year at a later date. Agreements will be made with all causes chosen to agree what would be accepted).
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 charity completed the creation of its website and undertook a range of marketing activities. This included establishing and maintaining social media channels, as well as producing and distributing leaflets within the local community. A regular donor database was established to support fundraising and stakeholder engagement activities. The charity provided direct support to individual families within the local community, assisting them with essential items and resources for their children where a need had been identified. The charity also developed collaborative relationships with Baby Basics and Bundles of Hope, both registered charities operating within the local area. Through these partnerships, additional support was provided to families and children in need. Planning and development work also commenced on two new divisions of the charity. These divisions are intended to provide support to local veterinary practices and to assist elderly people during the winter months. Although these services

		were not operational during the reporting period, final arrangements are being completed and it is anticipated that both divisions will become active in 2027. During the reporting period, the trustees also reviewed the charity's structure and governance arrangements. As part of the charity's ongoing development, plans were made to establish The Gift Tree as an umbrella charity overseeing three divisions: Little Branches, Paws & Claws, and Winter Warmth. The trustees recognise that amendments to the charity's governing document will be required to reflect this expanded structure and broader scope of activities, and work on these changes is underway.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All guidance issued in the past year has been printed (where applicable) and presented to all trustees.

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

	SORP reference	
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	N/A
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity,	Para 1.20	During the year, the charity completed the creation of its website and undertook a range of marketing activities. This included establishing and maintaining social media channels, as well as producing and

identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.		distributing leaflets within the local community. A regular donor database was established to support fundraising and stakeholder engagement activities. The charity provided direct support to individual families within the local community, assisting them with essential items and resources for their children where a need had been identified. The charity also developed collaborative relationships with Baby Basics and Bundles of Hope, both registered charities operating within the local area. Through these partnerships, additional support was provided to families and children in need. Planning and development work also commenced on two new divisions of the charity. These divisions are intended to provide support to local veterinary practices and to assist elderly people during the winter months. Although these services were not operational during the reporting period, final arrangements are being completed and it is anticipated that both divisions will become active in 2027. During the reporting period, the trustees also reviewed the charity's structure and governance arrangements. As part of the charity's ongoing development, plans were made to establish The Gift Tree as an umbrella charity overseeing three divisions: Little Branches, Paws & Claws, and Winter Warmth. The trustees recognise that amendments to the charity's governing document will be required to reflect this expanded structure and broader scope of activities, and work on these changes is underway.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During the financial year, the charity received £130 in monetary donations. Charitable expenditure totalling £89 was incurred in support of the charity's activities and beneficiaries. The charity therefore ended the period with unrestricted funds of £41, which will be applied towards future charitable activities and the continued development of the charity's services.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity aims to retain a small level of unrestricted funds to support ongoing operating costs and future charitable activities. The trustees regularly review the level of reserves held
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£41.06
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal source of income during the financial year was donations from members of the public. Donations were received via the charity's JustGiving fundraising page. No other significant sources of income were received during the reporting period.
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	None
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trustees incorporated as a body
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	Trustee meeting held to discuss the person, the benefits it would bring to the charity and also an concerns any trust member would have. The final decision goes to a vote of all trustees.

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

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All guidance released by the commission is printed (or copied to a PDF), distributed to all trust members and discussed during the trust meetings.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Ken Charnock – Chair Susan Charnock – General Secretary Abbie-Joy Charnock – Trustee Josie Fantam – Volunteer Jacqui Hamnett - Volunteer
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Began collaboration with Baby Basics and Bundles of Hope
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Gift Tree
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1206487
Charity's principal address	128 Longmoor Road Long Eaton Nottingham NG10 4EJ

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	Ken Charnock	Chair	1	
2	Susan Charnock	General Secretary	1	
3	Abbie-Joy Charnock	Trustee	1	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A - The charity does not hold assets as custodian trustee on behalf of others.
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

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ken Charnock	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	01/11/2026	