

A Bear Named Buttony SCIO

Scottish Charity No – SC049781

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 November 2022

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 30 November 2022

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2022.

Charity name

A Bear Named Buttony SCIO

Charity no

SC049781

Address

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Current Trustees

- Gail Thomson Chair
- Jennifer Gow Treasurer
- Helen Macfarlane Secretary

Nicky O'Flaherty

Lynn Park

Aby Wilson

Sheena Yule

Carmen Irving

Donna Bain

Chris Driver

Scott Clifford

Moira McDougall

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

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Structure, Governance and Management

The establishment of A Bear Named Buttony as a charity was, and continues to be, due to the inspiration of a very special young woman.

Eilidh Gow has lived with a stoma for many years and had her first surgery at the age of three. Seen as the type of medical condition that did not make for easy conversation, Eilidh and her family have lived through many years of appointments and surgeries, whilst also not feeling able to openly talk about stomas and bowels.

The relative lack of support and resources to help children and young people through such a delicate issue led to Jenny Gow, Eilidh's mum, establishing Buttony Bear. Buttony was created as a resource that could be used to help children, young people and their families navigate through often complicated medical journeys and conversations; and at the same time offering fun and comfort.

The objectives of the charity are stated formally in the governing document. In summary, A Bear Named Buttony exists to:

- Support children and young people with a stoma. The provision of "Buttony," a specially created teddy bear with a button stoma, to children with medical conditions is designed to bring instant friendship, support and comfort to a child and their family.
- Buttony is also supportive and educational charity which helps to raise public awareness about life with a stoma. This work includes the aim of developing an educational pack for nursery and primary school children.
- The establishment of a dedicated online forum to support parents and carers.

A Bear Named Buttony has a written constitution which has been approved by the Board of Trustees and OSCR. This included the required amendment, approved by OSCR in January 2021, to allow for virtual meetings to take place during the covid pandemic. The Board continues to successfully meet virtually.

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees. The official roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are allocated and clearly defined. The composition of the trustee membership includes a mixture of individuals with a personal specific interest in stomas and bowel disease, business knowledge and clinical expertise.

We continue to comply with all of the requirements of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). The Board continues to develop transparent procedures, ensure good governance and keep up to date with new regulations and best practice. Our Return and Accounts for the year ended 30th November 2021 were submitted to OSCR on 30th May 2022, well within the required timescale.

The Board continues to conduct business meetings mainly in a virtual setting. All meetings are well documented, with minutes that are available to OSCR, and full agendas are written

for each meeting to ensure that all aspects of the charitable work is discussed with the trustee cohort.

During 2022, formal trustee meetings were held on the following dates:

1. 6th February 2022
2. 13th March 2022 (to approve the annual accounts and annual report)
3. 24th April 2022
4. 26th June 2022
5. 21st August 2022
6. 31st October 2022

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

The list of trustees included in this report refer to the individuals who were responsible for the charity as at November 2022. The Board continues with the aim of having a wide range of skills and expertise involved in the governance of the charity.

The following changes were made to the trustee cohort during 2022:

1. Nomination and acceptance of Nicky O’Flaherty from 13th March 2022
2. Nomination and acceptance of Carmen Irving from 21st August 2022

Achievements and Performance

The Board are delighted to present this annual report capturing another successful year for our small charity.

It was not possible to achieve our stated aim to have some in-person Board meetings during 2022; however, we continue to successfully run virtual meetings which are an effective solution given the trustees’ widespread geographical locations and availability.

2022 was another busy and productive year with an increase in activity and the profile of the charity:

1. Buttony bears – 903 distributed in 2022. Since 2015 the charity has provided a total of 5,053 bears.
2. Young adult stoma packs – 383 distributed in 2022 (total of 1,044 since 2019).
3. Urology Packs – 287 distributed in 2022 (total of 337 since 2021).
4. Buttony book – 4,804 distributed in 2022 (total of 5,900 since 2021).
5. Colouring book (new development) – 1650 distributed since November 2022.

Our biggest development during 2022 was the introduction of our colouring book which was launched on Buttony’s birthday in November 2022. The book was illustrated by a local Ballater artist whose drawings show Buttony undertaking a variety of activities which

reinforce our core message that having a stoma does not stop children and young people from leading a full and active life.

The colouring book has proven to be hugely successful, as demonstrated by a very busy period since the launch in November and the distribution of 1,650 books.

Buttony continues to be run entirely by volunteers. The Board remain very grateful to the growing number of volunteers who play a vital part in keeping the charity going and ensuring that we can respond quickly to children, young people and families. The wider support from the population at large has continued in 2022, which is demonstrated in the prompt and generous responses the charity receives to calls for support on our social media pages.

Financial review

The financial details of the charity are available in the annual accounts which are published on our website.

The Board continue to look ahead, develop and expand the support which we can provide to children, young people and families. The projects for the future include:

1. Videos for young people about living with a stoma. This work is already under way, working alongside stoma nurses from across the UK.
2. A project to provide support for siblings of children with a stoma.
3. Attending the Association of Stoma Care Nurses Conference in 2023 to strengthen and extend our ties with the clinical community.

Plans for future period

We are pleased to present this report highlighting our achievements in another busy and productive year for our charity.

The governance structure we have in place continues to work well and our volunteer base has increased throughout the year which helps to strengthen the resilience of our small charity.

Our financial position remains strong and provides us with the resources to achieve our core aims and also plan ahead for modest developments. We are looking forward to another great year in 2023.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of A Bear Named Buttony

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities

Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Adele Middler FCCA, Goval Farm, Dyce, Aberdeen AB21 0HS



26 April 2023

**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30
November 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 30/11/2022	Period ended 30/11/2021
Receipts				
Donations	67,139	5,000	72,139	52,044
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Transfer of funds from Breakaway Charity	-	-	-	19,887
Receipts from charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,139	5,000	72,139	71,931
Payments				
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Cost of charitable activities	58,453	-	58,453	29,201
Governance costs	450	-	450	500
Purchase of equipment	-	-	-	-
Total payments	58,903	-	58,903	29,701
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	8,236	5,000	13,236	42,230
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
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Statement of Balances - As at 30 November 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Opening cash at bank and in hand	47,042	-	47,042	4,812
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	8,236	5,000	13,236	42,230
Closing cash at bank and in hand	<u>55,278</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>60,278</u>	<u>47,042</u>

Bank and Cash Balances

Bank account	55,278	5,000	60,278	47,042
	<u>55,278</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>60,278</u>	<u>47,042</u>

Other assets - unrestricted fund

Debtors			-	629
			<u>-</u>	<u>629</u>

Liabilities (unrestricted fund)

Creditors			<u>450</u>	<u>664</u>
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Included in creditors is £450 relating to the governance cost relates to the independent examiner's fee.

**Notes to the accounts - for the year ended 30
November 2022**

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the year the Charity received £5,000 from the Caroline Jane Spence Fund, which was a restricted fund to be allocated to the Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire areas.

3 Grants payable

No grants were paid during the year.

4 Trustee remuneration

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee, or person connected to a Trustee.

5 Trustee expenses

During the year travel expenses totalling £525 were repaid for two of the Charity Trustees to attend a Stoma Nurse meeting.

6 Related party transactions

During the year there were no transactions incurred between the Charity and any Charity Trustee or person connected to a Charity Trustee.