

A Bear Named Buttony SCIO

Scottish Charity No – SC049781

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 November 2020

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 30 November 2020

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2020.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name

A Bear Named Buttony SCIO

Charity no

SC049781

Address

c/o Amber Computing Limited, Tillyneuk, 28 Pannanich Road, Ballater, Aberdeenshire AB35 5PA

Current Trustees

Jennifer Gow MBE	Chair
Helen Macfarlane	Vice Chair
Moira McDougall	Treasurer
Gail Thomson	Secretary
Linda Ewen	Resigned January 2021
Elizabeth Greig	
Lynn Park	
Aby Wilson	
Sheena Yule	

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 26 November 2019. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The charity's purposes are:

- To support children and young people with a stoma, by providing a specially created bear, A Bear Named Buttony. The bear is a CE approved toy, adapted by volunteers, with a button stoma in the same position as the child's own stoma. Buttony Bear has proved to bring instant friendship, support and comfort to a child and their family. This makes the transition from undergoing surgery to living with a stoma less traumatic.
- To support, educate and raise public awareness about life with a stoma. There is stigma attached to living with a stoma. We aim to reduce that stigma by giving presentations about our work to interested groups and health professionals. We intend to develop and distribute an educational pack created specifically for nursery and primary school children.
- To establish a dedicated online forum to provide emotional support and advice for parents and carer of children and young people living with a stoma. Having a child with a stoma can be a worrying time for parents and carers. The aim of the dedicated online forum is to reduce isolation through mutual support and advice. We shall support the development of resources and share strategies for dealing with mental health issues that can arise after having this type of surgery as a child.

Achievements and Performance

The first year of A Bear Named Buttony as an independent charity has been full of firsts and achievements. Despite the covid restrictions which affected Buttony and all charities from spring 2020 and continue to present date, the year has been full of successes and demonstrable benefits to children, young people and families.

The charity met for the first time officially in January 2020 and this meeting oversaw the election of trustees to the Board, the appointment of trustees to the key Board roles and the acceptance of the constitution as our governing document.

During 2020, the charity has supported 925 children and young people by providing bears and young adult packs. This included 585 bears and 340 young adult packs. Buttony had, up until the end of 2019, been part of the larger charity, The Breakaway Foundation. The success of Buttony as an independent charity during 2020 meant we were able to help 129 more beneficiaries than during the previous year.

We are particularly proud of the inception and development of the young adult pack and the growth in demand for this during 2020. Due to the experiences of Board members, we had the knowledge that this was an often overlooked age range and there was a keen desire to develop something for young adults as well as for younger children who are the most likely beneficiaries of the Buttony Bear.

The charity engages actively with stoma nurses across the UK. This engagement directly with clinical staff has been invaluable and has been managed remotely, whilst still achieving the same results as attending planned conferences in person.

A special thanks and recognition must go to the many volunteers who support the charity in the background and make what we do possible, There are 35 volunteers who undertake tasks such as drawing out templates, cutting felt and fabric, making up packs and sewing pouch covers.

In summary, 2020 and the impact of covid has been a challenge that the Buttony team have had to face, similar to all charities. The pandemic has meant the cancellation of all planned attendances at conferences, the inability to meet in person with sponsors and donors and the lack of opportunity to attend meetings and talks to promote Buttony. All of these activities remain important to the charity and will be re-commenced as core tasks post-pandemic. Despite all of this, the Board is extremely proud of what our small charity has achieved and we look forward to an even more successful year in 2021.

The Board are very pleased with the progress the charity has made in our first year as an independent entity. Despite covid, the aims of the charity have been well progressed and there are exciting plans for 2021 and beyond. We are a small charity but we are proud to make a real difference to the lives of children, young people and families across the UK.

Plans for future period

The charity hopes to revert to more routine activities at some point in 2021, covid pandemic allowing. The successes in 2020 will continue to be developed e.g. the allocation of bears, the continued development of the young adult packs etc. The charity also intends to pursue new ventures such as a urology pack and also a Buttony book.

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 2020.

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
 - 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

22 March 2021

**Statement of Receipts and
Payments for the year ended
30 November 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 30/11/2020
Receipts			
Donations	28,300	-	28,300
Grants	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	-
Bank interest	-	-	-
 Receipts from charitable activities	 -	 -	 -
 Total receipts	<hr/> 28,300 <hr/>	<hr/> - <hr/>	<hr/> 28,300 <hr/>
Payments			
Fundraising costs	-	-	-
Cost of charitable activities	23,487	-	23,487
Governance costs	-	-	-
Purchase of equipment	-	-	-
 Total payments	<hr/> 23,487 <hr/>	<hr/> - <hr/>	<hr/> 23,487 <hr/>
 Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	 4,812	 -	 4,812
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<hr/> 4,812 <hr/>	<hr/> - <hr/>	<hr/> 4,812 <hr/>

Statement of Balances - As at 30 November 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
Opening cash at bank and in hand	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	4,812	-	4,812
Closing cash at bank and in hand	<u>4,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,812</u>

Bank and Cash Balances

Bank account	4,812	-	4,812
	<u>4,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,812</u>

Other assets - unrestricted fund

Donations due to be received		20,131
Gift aid to be received		144
		<u>20,275</u>

Liabilities (unrestricted fund)

Governance cost		<u>500</u>
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The governance cost relates to the independent examiner's fee.

**Notes to the accounts - for the year ended 30
November 2020**

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 club.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

