



Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025



The Ben Williams Trust
children with arrhythmia youth cricket initiatives

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name: The Ben Williams Trust

Registered charity number: 1116627

Charity's principal address: Crofton
Park Road
Haslemere
Surrey GU27 2NL

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	Philip Williams	Chair		
2	Gillian Williams			
3	Paul Grimwood			
4	Deborah Grimwood	Secretary		
5	David Newman			
6	Jonathan Williams			

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Solicitor	Hart Brown	Resolution House Riverview Walnut Tree Close Guildford Surrey GU1 4UX
Banker	Metrobank	One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA
Independent Examiner	Andy McAllister CA(SA)	54 Stafford Road Petersfield Hampshire GU32 2JG

<p>Summary of our purposes as set out in our governing document</p>	<p>Ben Williams was a warm hearted, talented and cheerful boy with a love of all sport and a particular passion for cricket. A keen wicketkeeper and batsman, he played for Haslemere Preparatory School, the Royal Grammar School in Guildford and Grayswood CC, and he represented West Surrey and Surrey from the U9 age group onwards. He went on tour with Surrey to Holland in 2000 and Perth, Australia in 2004. Ben was very much a team player, always encouraging others, and he enjoyed coaching and helping those younger than himself.</p> <p>At the age of 14 he was found to have a heart arrhythmia, which resulted in him having to stop all forms of sport and physical activity. He died five months later in February 2006 shortly after collapsing at school. It was subsequently determined that he had a rare heart muscle disorder.</p> <p>The Trust has been set up in Ben's memory. Its objects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To relieve sickness and preserve the health of children and young people suffering from heart muscle disorders, for example by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Providing or assisting in the provision of equipment facilities and services not normally provided by the statutory authorities – Sponsoring and helping to develop nursing posts and other mechanisms of support for children and young people with heart disorders and their families – Supporting the development of the Royal Brompton Hospital, London ("the Brompton") as an epicentre of excellence and the forging of links with other institutions – Supporting improved pathology for cases of sudden death in children and young people – Raising awareness of heart muscle disorders in children and young people – Supporting research into the diagnosis control and treatment of heart muscle disorders in children and young people – Supporting the development and provision of resource centres for information on heart muscle disorders in children and young people. • To provide or assist in the provision of facilities, equipment and coaching for children and young people to play cricket; <p>Whilst the cricketing related objects of the Trust are broad, the Trustees are most keen to support the development of young wicket-keepers.</p>
<p>Summary of our main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit</p>	<p>Children with Arrhythmia</p> <p>The Trust provides seed-corn funding for new posts at the Brompton across a range of disciplines. The most recent appointment, for 18 months with effect from 22 April 2024, is a new dedicated physiotherapy role. The physiotherapist works alongside the multi-disciplinary team to provide specific exercise and physical activity advice and education to children and their families, allowing rehabilitation, enhancing quality of care and promoting physical and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>The Trust has previously awarded grants to fund a paediatric cardiac electrophysiology nurse specialist, a paediatric cardiac clinical psychologist and a nurse consultant. Following proof of concept, all of these roles have been absorbed into statutory funding.</p>

<p>Summary of our main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit (continued)</p>	<p>The support provided by Trust has helped the Brompton to build its service during this time from a very rudimentary clinic to a large, comprehensive, multidisciplinary service recognised nationally and internationally for the work that it does.</p> <p>Youth Cricket Initiatives</p> <p>The Trust has previously provided funding for youth wicket-keeping development programmes with both Surrey and Hampshire county cricket clubs. The Surrey programme focused on excellence and three attendees of the programme have become professional county cricketers, with two playing for England. The Hampshire programme was more inclusive, giving the opportunity for specialist coaching to boys and girls from all age groups, supported by a “coach the coaches” initiative to promote a sustainable approach.</p>
<p>Public Benefit statement</p>	<p>The objects of the Trust are realised through the making of grants to appropriate organisations. The Trustees confirm that they have reviewed the Trust’s aims and objectives and all activities having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>
<p>Policy on grant making</p>	<p>The Trust achieves its objects through the making of grants to other organisations. Grants will not be made to individuals.</p> <p>Monies raised are held in unrestricted funds for grant making in accordance with the Trust’s objectives unless the donor has indicated that they should be used for a specific purpose, in which case they will be allocated to a designated fund and only used for that purpose.</p> <p>Full funding must be secured and available before any commitment is made to expenditure on grants or other charitable activities.</p>

Section C

Achievements and performance

Summary of our main achievements, identifying the difference our work has made to the circumstances of our beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole	Children with Arrhythmia <p>Since her appointment as specialist physiotherapist, Cat Barraclough has been working closely with the consultants and consultant EP nurse and clinical nurse specialists to develop a pathway for identifying patients who would benefit from the service and how these patients are referred in. The service is called 'Brompton Healthy Hearts'.</p> <p>Following a campaign to raise awareness of the new service, the patient caseload has been gradually increasing. The Trust has funded the purchase of monitoring equipment to support initial assessments and exercise testing.</p> <p>Cat has also been actively involved in setting up a national special interest group to develop guidelines and recommendations for physiotherapeutic input for patients with heart conditions.</p>
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Section D

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	£37,500 of the reserve of £37,952 has been allocated to fund the remaining amount of the grant for the new physiotherapy post over the course of the next 9 months.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	There are no funds in deficit.
Principal sources of funds and expense policy	<p>Funds are raised through a combination of voluntary donations, sponsorship of challenges undertaken by trustees and supporters of the charity, and fundraising events organised by the charity. The charity does not actively seek to raise funds through public collection and does not use the services of paid fundraisers.</p> <p>It is the policy of the Trust to operate off as low an administrative cost base as possible and to ensure that all money spent in furtherance of its objects is very closely targeted to causes that meet its reason for existence.</p>
Closure of the Trust	<p>The Trustees have taken the decision to close the Trust following the completion of the funding arrangement for the physiotherapy post in October 2025.</p> <p>There are sufficient reserves to cover all known liabilities prior to closure.</p>

Section E Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Trust Deed, dated 10 October 2006
How the charity is constituted	Unincorporated Trust
Appointment of new trustees	<p>New trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees in Special meeting. Trustees are selected on the basis of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contribution that they are able to make by virtue of their expertise, experience and commitment to the cause of the Ben Williams Trust • Their belief in the core principles of openness, transparency and integrity that underpin all Trust activity <p>The Trust's legal advisors draw the attention of prospective new trustees to the Charity Commission guidance on the responsibilities of Trustees prior to their acceptance of the role. New Trustees also receive a copy of the Trust Deed.</p> <p>The Charity Commission and other bodies from time to time issue regulatory updates and advisory guidance to Charities. The implications of such updates and guidance are discussed at Trustees' meetings</p>
Major risks	<p>The Trustees consider that the major risks to the charity are currently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiduciary. The Trust's predominate asset is cash at bank, protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. In the opinion of the Trustees, the financial controls in place safeguard cash receipts and payments. An independent examiner reports on the Trust's affairs on an annual basis. • Reputational. The Trustees at all times adhere to the core values of openness, transparency and integrity. All fundraising events are designed with equal weighting to raise money for the Trust and to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for the participant. • Safeguarding. The Trust and its representatives have no direct day-to-day contact with children or other vulnerable individuals. In the event that fundraising or other activities involve such contact, the risk assessment will include consideration of safeguarding. • Public Liability. Risks of bodily injury or damage to non-owned property arising from fundraising activities are mitigated by risk assessments and insurance. • Medical Advice. The Trust does not offer medical advice.

Section F Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:		
Full name:	Philip Stanhope Ray Williams	Deborah Anne Grimwood
Position:	Chair	Secretary
Date:		