

Registered Charitable Trust in England & Wales

Charity Number: 1157814



Annabel's Angels

Last statement

1 April 2023 – 9 February 2024

Statement from our chair

In 2023 we made the important decision to find a new home for our grant scheme. Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity have provided that home, and during this period we were able to agree the transfer of our funds and most importantly the continuation of our grant scheme for local people undergoing treatment for cancer.

We would like to thank Jill Matthews, CEO of the Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity for her support during this time, and for leading the way to enable the creation of the Annabel's Angels Fund as a managed fund under their banner. During this period of reporting, we transferred donations to their management and from 1 October 2023, their team took over responsibility for the grant process.

Donations can still be made to this fund, which has continued to support patients since we transferred our funds to the Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity.

As a result, Annabel's Angels will now close. The Charities Commission have been informed and as of 9 February 2024 Annabel's Angels has been removed from the charities register. We have made a final transfer of all remaining funds to Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity.

We would like to thank everyone - past and present - who has contributed to the support of over 615 families since our inception. Your love and kindness made this possible.

Rachel Hayward

Chair

Summary

Annabel's Angels is a Registered Charitable Trust in England and Wales (Charity no 1157814). It was founded and launched in April 2014 to offer support and to help improve the quality of life for local families in Derbyshire living with cancer.

Rationale

Annabel's Angels was developed in response to a lack of financial support for local families in the Derby area while living with cancer. The founding members of the charity all had a close experience of living with cancer either personally or with a directly supportive role. The collective experiences within this core group of people enabled some very real ideas to be discussed with national and local health care providers and for the charity to be born.

The charity's mission statement is: **Improving quality of life for people living with cancer in and around Derby.**

In order to be eligible for Annabel's Angels grants programme an individual must fit all of the following criteria:

- Diagnosed or treated for cancer during the last twelve months;
- Living in and around Derby and/or being treated for cancer at the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust;
- The application must be approved and countersigned by a cancer nurse specialist, Macmillan Nurse or GP;
- The request for the grant must demonstrate a clear link to the impact of cancer and its treatment.

In addition to the above, the current annual household income must not exceed £50,000.

Structure

The charity is managed by a team of ten trustees, all of whom are volunteers. The trustees are drawn from a range of sectors and backgrounds including education, private sector, health, and adult social care.

There are three core roles within the charity, which are mandatory for all charities existing in England and Wales; Chairperson (Rachel Hayward), Treasurer (Mark Smith) and Secretary (Simon Hancox). All eleven trustees take turns to participate in the grant application decision making process by working in teams of three per application. Trustees also support the promotional work of the charity, both on and offline. In addition to our trustee volunteers, the charity also has a small team of volunteer fundraisers in Derby and further afield.

2023 - 2024

During this period, 1 April 2023 – 9 February 2024, we continued to support grant applications. Our relationship with the cancer services team within the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust continued to process applications.

We continued to receive public donations, and in particular thanks to Derbyshire Freemasonry (Galway Chapter, Chilwell Conclave Tutbury Castle Lodge, West Bridgeford Lodge), Leanne Thornewill and family, Severn Trent Water plc.

We particularly wish to thank Shelton Striders who chose Annabel's Angels as their charity of the year (£3,479 raised), and with whom we celebrated our last fundraising activity. Their volunteer Anna, who nominated Annabel's Angels in memory of her mum, was also recognised by Shelton Striders as their fundraiser of the year.



Anna from Shelton Striders & Rachel Hayward (chair Annabel's Angels)



Rachel Hayward (chair Annabel's Angels) & Jill Matthews, CEO, Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity

Shelton Striders Fundraising Celebration

In total we received £9,014.67, spending £10,060.03 on grant applications and associated charity expenditure (insurance, JustGiving, ICO registration and website hosting etc. We processed 34 grants during this period.

During this time, conversations with the Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity became more certain as the absorption of the grant process and support for cancer patients was agreed by their trustees. A formal legal agreement was created and duly signed.

At 1 November 2023 Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity took responsibility for the handling of all grant applications including an initial transfer of £20,000 – with an agreement for the final balance transfer upon closure of Annabel's Angels. This enabled the trustees of Annabel's Angels to concentrate on the final administrative tasks associated with the closure.

The public were informed of our closure (October 2023) and future plans with Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity via a press release and social media posts.

We participated in our final Ramathon and Derby 10 mile runs – attending as race marshals and talking about the work of the charity and the future with the Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity.

On 1 February 2024 the Charities Commission was notified of the closure and on 7 February they confirmed Annabel's Angels would be removed from the register. The Charities Commission confirmed that final accounts and annual report were not required.

A second transfer of £18,000 was made to the Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity, and the remaining bank balance will be transferred to them automatically upon closure. A total of £38,000 will have been transferred to the Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity Annabel's Angels Fund at the time of closure.

We are assured that support for cancer patients will continue under this new structure and would like to pass on our sincerest thank you to all at Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity for making this possible.

