



NICK SMITH FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 May 2021 – 30 April 2022

The Nick Smith Foundation is a registered charity in England & Wales.
Charity Number 1178182. VAT Registration Number 301552254.



Nick's son Hadyn was among those watching on as the third Smudger U7s rugby league tournament took place in September at Siddal ARLFC in Halifax

Our Year In Focus 2021/2022 in One Page

NICK
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FOUNDATION
#FORSMUDGER

In 4 years , you have raised **£175,000**
– that's an extra **£40,000** in 12 months

This is how we are investing your money & changing lives...



Creating and funding more **Memory & Treasure Boxes** which are supporting children and families who have been devastated by a diagnosis of MND



Continuing to co-fund a pilot **MND Care Coordinator** for Calderdale & Huddersfield which was so successful that the NHS has now made the role permanent



Investing more money in **research into MND**
– supporting a new study into the link between strenuous physical exercise and triggering the disease



Running our now annual **Smudger U7s Rugby League** tournament encouraging more young people to take up the sport which Nick loved.

Thank you. **Together, we are making a difference.**

STEPHEN NAYLOR
Chair of Trustees

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When we started this charity in the months following Nick's death, we never imagined we would have such incredible support and – thanks to your generosity – be able to achieve so much in our efforts to ensure he has a legacy that endures.

The end of 2022 will mark the five-year anniversary of his death, and we confirmed during the past 12 months that this will mark the end of our charity.

Our aim starting the Foundation was to make a difference and ensure a lasting legacy for Nick. We are a small organisation, we want to raise as much as possible and always want you to know how the money you raise is spent.

In the year since Nick died, we have achieved a lot towards our aims – here's just a few ways we have done that:

- Creating and funding Memory & Treasure Boxes which are supporting children and families who have been devastated by a diagnosis of motor neurone disease, taken forward by the MND Association after our investment in developing and building the Boxes.
- Co-funding a pilot MND Care Coordinator for Calderdale & Huddersfield which is now permanent, employed and funded now by the NHS, following our investment in a successful pilot.
- Funding more research into MND – discovering why and working out what we can do, by supporting a new study into the link with strenuous physical exercise and investing in equipment that is even now helping investigations into the disease.
- Encouraging more young people to take up and love rugby league, by investing in an annual U7s tournament, which we hope will continue for many years to come, and supporting clubs to develop their junior sections.

Everything we have done is thanks to you. We are, and always will be, for Smudger. Thank you.

Stephen



The year was bookended by the Triple Peak Challenge in the Yorkshire Dales with the first event in May 2021 and the second (pictured here) starting on Friday 29 April at dusk.

Section A **Reference & Administration Details**

Charity Name **The Nick Smith Foundation**

Registered Charity Number **1178182**

Charity's Principal Address **Heritage Exchange
South Lane
Elland
HX5 0HG**

Name 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
1	Stephen Naylor	Chair of Trustees		
2	Rachel Smith			
3	Ryan Jepson			
4	John Lawless			
5	Aimee Haggas			
6	Dr Scott Allen			

Section B

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation Structure) Whose Only Voting Members Are its Trustees
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

Section C

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- The objectives of the CIO are, for the public benefit:

 - To promote and protect the physical and mental health of people diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease and their families and carers in the United Kingdom, in particular but not exclusively by providing financial assistance to make necessary adjustments to the homes of people with Motor Neurone Disease to enable them to remain in their home.
 - To advance the education of the public in general (and particularly amongst scientists and health professionals) in the subject of Motor Neurone Disease by funding research in all aspects of the disease, the useful results of such research to be published for public benefit.
 - To promote and protect the mental health of children who have experienced the death of a parent.
 - To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, in particular community and amateur rugby league, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Our aims as a registered charity are simple – we want to make a difference in Nick’s memory and in Nick’s name.

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A group of Nick’s schoolfriends, including Trustee Ryan Jepson, walked the Dales Way from Ilkley to the Lakes raising thousands for the charity.

Section D Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.

The Nick Smith Foundation was registered as a charity on 1 May 2018.

Here are the highlights of the last 12 months of the charity between May 2021 and April 2022.

May 2021

- A group of players, coaches and friends from Siddal ARLFC in Halifax completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks three times in three days. The team began their Triple Peak Challenge on Saturday and completed it on a rain-soaked Bank Holiday Monday. They were spurred on by incredible support from those who recognised the scale of the 72-mile in 72-hour trek climbing Pen-y-ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough. The money donated topped an amazing £15,000.
- A group of air traffic controllers from Manchester Airport have raised hundreds of pounds by climbing Wales, Scotland and England's highest peaks in less than 24 hours. Dan Bell led the team in their efforts for the charity, they went to Bradshaw Primary and North Halifax Grammar School together and were lifelong friends. Dan, along with Sam Brammar, Chris Sheppard and Magnus Meese, who all work for NATS, took on Ben Nevis in Scotland, Scafell Pike in England, and Snowdon in Wales and completed the national three peaks – including travelling between the trio – in 23 hours and 5 minutes.

July 2021

- Illingworth Girls ARLFC supported the Foundation by displaying the charity's logo on their U11s kit. Ryan, one of our Trustees and one of Nick's best friends, saw the kit unveiled as his 10-year old daughters Imogen and Alexis played their first match.

September 2021

- 150 young rugby league players from across Yorkshire came together this weekend for a day of matches, learning and fun at the annual Smudger U7s at Halifax's Siddal ARLFC. Young players joined from Siddal, Elland, Kippax, Queensbury, King Cross Park, Sharlston, Castleford Lock Lane, Stanningley and Dewsbury Celtic joined this year's event. Every child taking part received a rugby ball and Smudger's Top Tips sheet thanks to the support of DH Stainless.

- We had a team who took part in the Leeds 10K including Rhonda, Emilie and Stefanie who completed the race in amazing times.
- Over two days, five of Nick's friends from childhood took on the Dales Way. Pete Haigh, Daniel Pell, Ross Hartley, Ed Oliver and Ryan Jepson all went to Bradshaw Primary School and walked the 80 mile route from Ilkley in West Yorkshire to Bowness-on-Windermere in the Lake District on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 September.

November / December 2021

- Nick's children designed Christmas Cards to be sold to raise money for the charity. Georgia and Hadyn created two festive designs which were turned into Christmas Cards sold online and in selected shops including Brown Paper Packages in Halifax's iconic Piece Hall. Hundreds of pounds was raised from hundreds of cards being sold.

December 2021

- The Greetland Ukestars made a very generous donation after raising money for the Foundation at their Christmas celebration – an evening of playing ukuleles and holding a raffle.
- We were also supported by St John's Church in Rastrick who held a collection for the charity during Advent.

April 2022

- Jake Hancock completed six marathons in three days for the Foundation and Leeds Paediatric ICU. An incredible effort that raised over £2,500.
- Regular supporter Rhonda Shorter took on the Manchester Marathon and completed it in an incredible 4 hours 27 minutes and 7 seconds.
- The end of the year being reported in this annual report marked the start of the second Triple Peak Challenge – including the first 24 hours which saw the team take on the Yorkshire Three Peaks twice back-to-back through the night. Our team of Nicky Akroyd, George Ambler, Olie Bakes, Gaz Blackburn, Mark Boothroyd, Luke Garnett, James Grant, Liam Green, Ben Jackson, Dan Keane, Luke Keleher, Dom O'Keefe, Steve Ridley, Martin Scrimshaw, Laura Spencer & Joe White are all heroes. Collectively, they raised well over £20,000.

Section E **Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is carrying reserves forward to the 2022/23 financial year and these will be used to continue meeting our objectives for the public good in this period.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Section G **Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Stephen Naylor, Chair of Trustees

13 July 2022

Date



Rachel Smith, Patron & Trustee

13 July 2022

Date



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

MND CARE COORDINATOR

A co-ordinator for MND care in Calderdale and Huddersfield is to remain in place after the NHS Foundation Trust agreed to permanently extend our pilot scheme bringing together help and services for those diagnosed with the condition.

The two-year pilot role was inspired by two men – Nick and Michael Martin, from Holmfirth, who lived and died with MND and wanted to ensure their legacy would be more support for those diagnosed with the fatal, rapidly progressing disease.

Created 18-months ago with funding from The Nick Smith Foundation and Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Charity, and with the MND Association adding their support for the position earlier this year, the role has proved so successful it is now being made permanent.

The single point of contact has ensured a joined-up approach to care plans and unlocked and signposted extra support for those diagnosed and their families.

Nick's wife, Rachel said:

"When Nick was diagnosed, having someone carrying out this role would have made a huge difference – someone who could co-ordinate what he needed to ensure he received the best care and what we needed as a family to ensure we had the best support."

"I am incredibly proud that the charity set up in his name has funded the pilot of this new role and delighted the NHS Trust are now to permanently fund the position. It will make a real difference to many lives and I want to thank everyone who has supported us to make it happen."



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

MEMORY BOXES

The Memory & Treasure Box pilot began as a partnership between The Nick Smith Foundation and MND Association at the beginning of 2020 and has gone from strength-to-strength during this year.

Between May 2021 and April 2022, **71 Boxes** were distributed – **42 Treasure & 29 Memory Boxes**, making a **total of 136 families** who have been supported by the project since it was launched.

The idea was to provide families affected by MND the chance to create, capture and store treasured bits of information about their loved ones. Building emotional resilience and encouraging discussion between family members.

The boxes include activities to help guide the family in their discussions and also detailed literature to help them if they require any further information about the disease.

They are tactile and encourage creativity, they also have a sleeve that can be removed allowing them to be discreet and placed in a cupboard if the content unearths emotions that the children find upsetting.

Take up has been great and we have received some positive feedback from both families and HSCPs, who have found the box a valuable tool and resource when supporting families with young people through the MND journey.

The boxes are split into two, one is for under 10s, the Treasure Box, and the other is for 10s and over, called the Memory Box.

We have had increasing demand for support for elder teenagers and we are currently scoping and designing a box that will be more appropriate to this age group. It is hoped this will launch later in 2022.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SMUDGER U7s

150 young rugby league players from across Yorkshire came together in September 2021 for a day of matches, learning and fun at the annual Smudger U7s at Halifax's Siddal ARLFC organised by The Nick Smith Foundation.

The charity first held the event in 2018 in memory of Nick who was passionate about encouraging young people to take up and keep playing the sport he loved, rugby league.

Nick made over 400 appearances for Siddal, including captaining the side for many years, and the aim of the Smudger U7s is to bring together junior clubs who do not usually get the chance to play together so the youngsters can learn from each other and test their skills.

Watched by hundreds of people who had come down to Chevinedge on a sunny Sunday morning, young players from

Siddal, Elland, Kippax, Queensbury, King Cross Park, Sharlston, Castleford Lock Lane, Stanningley and Dewsbury Celtic joined this year's event. Every child taking part received a rugby ball and Smudger's Top Tips sheet thanks to the support of DH Stainless.

Foundation Chair Stephen Naylor said:

"Nick loved rugby league and I know he would be so proud of this event, bearing his name, that brings together so many young people from across Yorkshire to learn, play and have fun."

"Thank you to everyone at Siddal for their continued support in hosting and organising this event, the professional clubs and sponsors for backing it and all the amateur rugby league clubs for taking part and ensuring so many juniors can enjoy the sport that meant so much to Nick."

NICK SMITH FOUNDATION

ACCOUNTS

1 May 2021 – 30 April 2022

Charity Number

1178182

VAT Registration Number

301552254

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Independent Examiner

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

We report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2022 set out on pages 22 to 25.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of accounts: you consider that the audit requirements of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (CA1993) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of CA 1993, whether matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners' report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the charity Commissioners. 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 the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit on the view given by accounts.

Independent Examiners' qualified statement

These accounts have been prepared from the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us. We are satisfied that the accounts fully comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. Which gives reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of CA 1993: and to prepare accounts and comply with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of CA1993 have not been met, or
2. To which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Accountancy X

26 July 2022

Date

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2022

	Note	2022	2021
Current assets			
Cash at Bank	2	£27,267	£25,785
Debtors	3	£115	£238
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		£27,382	£26,023
Creditors: amounts falling due Within one year			
		£169	(£111)
Net current assets		<u>£27,213</u>	<u>£25,912</u>
Funds			
General Purpose Fund		-	-
Balance Forward		£25,912	£30,066
Surplus for the Year		£1,301	(£4,154)
Balance Forward		<u>£27,213</u>	<u>£25,912</u>

The Board of Trustees approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records for their preparation.



Chair of Trustees

13 July 2022

Date

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

	Note	2022	2021
INCOME			
Donations	5	£38,598	£17,324
Sales Merchandise		£799	-
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Total Income		£39,397	£17,324
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable Objectives	6	£36,282	£18,979
Marketing (including event entries & clothing)		£1,421	£2,199
Insurance		£202	£202
General Expenses		£192	£98
Bank Charges		(£1)	-
Total Expenditure		(£38,096)	(£21,478)
Net income for the year		<u>£1,301</u>	<u>£4,154</u>
Fund balance carried forward		<u>£1,301</u>	<u>£4,154</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2022

1. Accountancy Policies

These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accountancy standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

	2022	2021
2. Cash at Bank		
Yorkshire Bank	<u>£27,267</u>	<u>£25,785</u>
3. Debtors		
Account Receivable	£24	£34
VAT	£91	£204
	<u>£115</u>	<u>£238</u>

4. Trustees Remuneration

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any of the charity's Trustees.

5. Donations Received

Companies	£1,860	£1,410
Groups	£1,022	£463
Individuals	£7,494	£3,416
Collections	-	£84
Online Donations	£26,946	£8,706
Siddal RLFC	£481	-
Gift Aid	£795	£3,245
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	<u>£38,598</u>	<u>£17,324</u>

6. Charitable Objectives

MND Research & Support	£28,100	£8,122
Rugby League	£1,172	£1,850
Bereavement Support	£7,010	£9,007
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	<u>£36,282</u>	<u>£18,979</u>





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