



Little Firs Day Nursery

Trustees Report

Year ended: 31st August 2024

Charity No. 1026262



Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st August 2024

The trustees present their annual report of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2024.



Introduction

Westhaven Preschool opened in 1979 and Kids Club (Out of School Club) opened in 2000. The Nursery moved into new accommodation within Westham Children Centre situated in the grounds of Conifers Primary School in January 2009 and renamed itself to Little Firs Day Nursery. This was an exciting opportunity to work in partnership with Weymouth and Portland Sure-Start, Action for Children and continue our working partnership with Conifers Primary School. These successful partnerships have enhanced smooth transition into school and enabled us to support our families.

The nursery is an accessible purpose built building with four classrooms; two joined preschool rooms and two birth to three rooms, as well as a kitchen that provides healthy cooked food for the children. There is a balance of adult-led and freely chosen or child-initiated activities, delivered through indoor and outdoor play.



Little Firs Day Nursery is a Rights Respecting Setting.

We are registered for a maximum of 77 children to attend at any time and to provide care and education for children age 0-11 years. Opening times are Monday to Friday 07.30 until 18.00, for approximately fifty weeks of the year; one of these weeks is used for staff training days- There are currently 117 children aged 0-five years and 40 children 5-11 years attending our Kids Club.

We are registered to take the Government's Early Years Free Entitlement (EYFE) including two-year funding, three- and four-years funding both the 15 hours and 30-hour funding, Early Years Pupil Premium, Childcare Vouchers and the Government Tax Free Childcare.

The children come from wide and varied backgrounds; within this number are children with English as an additional language (EAL) including Arabic, German, Hungarian, Polish, and Portuguese.

Our children with additional needs include children with sensory impairment, speech and language delay and children with SEN Support. Mrs Chegwiddden is our highly qualified Special Educational Need Coordinator (SENCO) and is super-numeral and supports the children with additional needs and liaises with professionals working with these children to enhance their progress. Furthermore, the SENCO assists the child's keyperson to support the children's additional needs and follow their Person-Centred Plans (PCP).

The SENCO follows the SALT's language programmes and works with the child's keyperson and their parents to ensure an integrated approach. Four other staff have qualifications in special needs and some staff have received training in PEIC-D which is used to support the children to develop their non-verbal communication skills. The nursery promotes sign language and has signs of the week to enhance the children's language development.

Little Firs Day Nursery has gained the National Day Nursery Association (NDNA) Special Educational Need and Disability Champion Setting 2019.



The Nursery employs 23 qualified practitioners and 10 staff have been with the setting for over nine years. The other 2 staff members are our cooks.

Staffing

The Nursery employs 28 qualified practitioners of which 10 staff have been with the setting for over nine years. The other 2 staff members are our cooks.

25 Staff.				
Role:	Qualification.	Number of Staff	Working towards a qualification	Level of qualification
Manager	BA Degree & Early Years Teacher (EYT)	1		
Assistant Manager	BA Degree & Early Years Teacher (EYT)	1		
(SENCO)	Level 3	1		
Heads of Room	Level 3	2		
Deputy Heads of Room	Level 3	2		
Practitioners	Level 3	11		
Practitioners	Level 2	3	1	Level 3
Apprentice		2	1	Level 2
Cooks		2		

All childcare practitioners are First Aid trained.



MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission Statement is to provide a happy stimulating environment where children become engrossed in their play, thrive, and grow and develop their talents, whilst developing into independent and confident children that can meet their full potential.

ETHOS

Children are at the heart of our Ethos as we believe children learn best when they enjoy what they are doing, feel secure, calm, happy and self-assured.

Staff have high expectations for the children and enthuse and motivate them to explore and develop their learning. All children are included in all activities, and we aim to provide effective learning opportunities for all children using well planned experiences both indoors and outdoors that link to all seven areas of learning. To achieve this, we work in partnership with the parents and carers.

We put Inclusion at the heart of our practice and procedures and believe that being inclusive means that we are doing the best for everyone.

We promote British Values-Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, and Mutual Tolerance-these are embedded into our diverse curriculum and teaching practice. This ensures that the children learn acceptance and respect for all cultures, faiths, and lifestyles.

AIMS

Our Aim is to provide high quality care and education through a range of challenging, educational play experiences both indoors and outdoors that are relevant to each individual child, whilst working closely with our parents and carers to promote and enhance the children's learning. From this the children learn about respecting others, cooperation and sharing and learn about being true to themselves and respecting the rights of others.

OBJECTIVES.

Our objectives are that children develop a positive attitude towards health and wellbeing and to promote positive behaviour and respect of others. To ensure this we make the most of the children's abilities and talents whilst supporting them to be confident, independent children that are school ready.



A review of our achievements and performance

The nursery invests heavily in staff CPD and this helps the staff have the knowledge to understand child development and introduces new practices and procedures into the nursery and improves the outcomes for the children and the staff.

Staff are reflective practitioners and have implemented changes including changing the rooms around to encourage free flow and implemented more child-initiated activities that follow children's interests. Other changes have been changes to the Baseline Assessments and Transition Reports.

From attending training, we implemented into practice Funky Fingers, Incredible Beginnings, Making Maths REAL, Planning in the Moment, Raising Achievements in Literacy (REAL), Story-Making, ELKLAN and WellComm.

(REAL)-The Raising Early Achievements in Literacy which has improved the outcomes in literacy and language skills.

Story-making has supported literacy, creativity, imaginative skills and PSED, as well as Characteristics of Effective Learning.

Making Maths REAL has improved the outcomes in Maths and supports Characteristics of Effective Learning.

Funky Fingers stimulates all the crucial developmental stages needed for pencil control.

The Nursery also monitors and evaluates the children's learning, development and progress through Base-Line Assessments, Progress Reports, Person Centred Plans, Education Health Care Plans, Transition Reports and WellComm.

To ensure the children get the best possible start we employ two EYT's who mentor and train staff and implement changes to teaching practices which improves the outcomes for the children. We also achieve this by our SENCO being super-numeral and using the Derbyshire Language Scheme, ELKLAN Training and resources and WellComm Toolkit to support and improve the children's language skills.

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024
for
Little Firs Day Nursery

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1026262

Principal address

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Trustees

Ms P Goodrick
Ms J Chegwiddden (resigned 14.12.23)
Ms C Quine (resigned 14.12.23)
Ms W Parker
Ms L Johnstone (resigned 14.12.23)
Ms S Hutchinson
Ms W Jones (resigned 14.12.23)
Ms S Kerseley
Ms K Ward (resigned 14.12.23)
Mrs C Larder (appointed 14.12.23)
Ms N Reed (appointed 14.12.23)
Ms M Lund (appointed 14.12.23)
Mrs K Axten (appointed 14.12.23)

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms W Parker - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Little Firs Day Nursery

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Little Firs Day Nursery (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alison Hunter

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30 April 2025

Little Firs Day Nursery

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

		31.8.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	650,237	573,268
Other trading activities	3	1,678	2,748
Investment income	4	3,435	1,448
Total		<u>655,350</u>	<u>577,464</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	5	652,795	579,464
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,555	(2,000)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		341,357	343,357
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>343,912</u>	<u>341,357</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Little Firs Day Nursery

Balance Sheet
31 August 2024

	Notes	31.8.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		349,970	348,069
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(6,058)	(6,712)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>343,912</u>	<u>341,357</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		343,912	341,357
NET ASSETS		<u>343,912</u>	<u>341,357</u>
FUNDS	12		
Unrestricted funds		<u>343,912</u>	<u>341,357</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>343,912</u>	<u>341,357</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

P Goodrick - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(1,630)	(2,597)
Net cash used in operating activities		(1,630)	(2,597)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		3,435	1,448
Net cash provided by investing activities		3,435	1,448
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		1,805	(1,149)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	345,421	346,570
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	347,226	345,421

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	2,555	(2,000)
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(3,435)	(1,448)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(750)	851
Net cash used in operations	<u>(1,630)</u>	<u>(2,597)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Cash in hand	50	50
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	349,920	348,019
Overdrafts included in bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	(2,744)	(2,648)
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>347,226</u>	<u>345,421</u>

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	348,069	1,901	349,970
Bank overdraft	(2,648)	(96)	(2,744)
	<u>345,421</u>	<u>1,805</u>	<u>347,226</u>
Total	<u>345,421</u>	<u>1,805</u>	<u>347,226</u>

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Grants	354,602	261,665
Admissions	294,367	311,603
Miscellaneous Income	1,268	-
	<u>650,237</u>	<u>573,268</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Other grants	<u>354,602</u>	<u>261,665</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>1,678</u>	<u>2,748</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>3,435</u>	<u>1,448</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Support costs	<u>652,795</u>	<u>579,464</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Raising donations and legacies	<u>647,434</u>	<u>6,111</u>	<u>(750)</u>	<u>652,795</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Wages and salaries	<u>569,040</u>	<u>496,814</u>
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The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

31.8.24	31.8.23
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	573,268
Other trading activities	2,748
Investment income	<u>1,448</u>
Total	<u>577,464</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	<u>579,464</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	 (2,000)

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	343,357
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	341,357
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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 11)	2,744	2,648
Taxation and social security	54	54
Other creditors	3,260	4,010
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	6,058	6,712
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11. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	2,744	2,648
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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	341,357	2,555	343,912
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TOTAL FUNDS	341,357	2,555	343,912
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	655,350	(652,795)	2,555
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>655,350</u>	<u>(652,795)</u>	<u>2,555</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	343,357	(2,000)	341,357
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>343,357</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>341,357</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	577,464	(579,464)	(2,000)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>577,464</u>	<u>(579,464)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	343,357	555	343,912
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>343,357</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>343,912</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,232,814	(1,232,259)	555
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,232,814</u>	<u>(1,232,259)</u>	<u>555</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
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Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	1,678	2,748
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	3,435	1,448
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Total incoming resources	655,350	577,464
EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	569,040	496,814
Rates and water	7,763	1,899
Insurance	2,913	2,281
Light and heat	-	6,850
Telephone	2,427	1,744
Postage and stationery	3	9
Sundries	5,429	2,364
Cleaning	11,279	12,132
Repairs	25,606	3,062
Consumables	17,641	17,043
Expensed equipment	-	25,761
Subscriptions	5,035	4,658
Other	298	138
Staff costs	-	3,117
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	647,434	577,872
Finance		
Light and heat	5,576	-
Bank charges	535	792
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	6,111	792

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Finance		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	(750)	800
Total resources expended	652,795	579,464
Net income/(expenditure)	2,555	(2,000)

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Signed By

WENDY CAROLE PARKER

Date Signed	2025-04-30 10:46:16
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Printed Name	Wendy Carole Parker
IP Address	2a00:23a8:4ca0:cc01:9df8:494d:b351:af0
Browser User Agent	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/135.0.0.0 Safari/537.36 Edg/135.0.0.0
Name of signatory	Wendy Parker

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Cash at bank and in hand		349,970	348,069
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(6,058)	(6,712)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>343,912</u>	<u>341,357</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		343,912	341,357
NET ASSETS		<u>343,912</u>	<u>341,357</u>
FUNDS	12		
Unrestricted funds		<u>343,912</u>	<u>341,357</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>343,912</u>	<u>341,357</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

P Goodrick - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Little Firs Day Nursery

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(1,630)	(2,597)
Net cash used in operating activities		(1,630)	(2,597)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		3,435	1,448
Net cash provided by investing activities		3,435	1,448
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		1,805	(1,149)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	345,421	346,570
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	347,226	345,421

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	2,555	(2,000)
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(3,435)	(1,448)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(750)	851
Net cash used in operations	<u>(1,630)</u>	<u>(2,597)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Cash in hand	50	50
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	349,920	348,019
Overdrafts included in bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	(2,744)	(2,648)
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>347,226</u>	<u>345,421</u>

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	348,069	1,901	349,970
Bank overdraft	(2,648)	(96)	(2,744)
	<u>345,421</u>	<u>1,805</u>	<u>347,226</u>
Total	<u>345,421</u>	<u>1,805</u>	<u>347,226</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Grants	354,602	261,665
Admissions	294,367	311,603
Miscellaneous Income	1,268	-
	<u>650,237</u>	<u>573,268</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Other grants	<u>354,602</u>	<u>261,665</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>1,678</u>	<u>2,748</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>3,435</u>	<u>1,448</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Support costs	<u>652,795</u>	<u>579,464</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Raising donations and legacies	<u>647,434</u>	<u>6,111</u>	<u>(750)</u>	<u>652,795</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Wages and salaries	<u>569,040</u>	<u>496,814</u>
	<u>569,040</u>	<u>496,814</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

31.8.24	31.8.23
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	573,268
Other trading activities	2,748
Investment income	<u>1,448</u>
Total	<u>577,464</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	<u>579,464</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	 (2,000)

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	343,357
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	341,357
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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 11)	2,744	2,648
Taxation and social security	54	54
Other creditors	3,260	4,010
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	6,058	6,712
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11. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	2,744	2,648
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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	341,357	2,555	343,912
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TOTAL FUNDS	341,357	2,555	343,912
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	655,350	(652,795)	2,555
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>655,350</u>	<u>(652,795)</u>	<u>2,555</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	343,357	(2,000)	341,357
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>343,357</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>341,357</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	577,464	(579,464)	(2,000)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>577,464</u>	<u>(579,464)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	343,357	555	343,912
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>343,357</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>343,912</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,232,814	(1,232,259)	555
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,232,814</u>	<u>(1,232,259)</u>	<u>555</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants	354,602	261,665
Admissions	294,367	311,603
Miscellaneous Income	1,268	-
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	650,237	573,268
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	1,678	2,748
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	3,435	1,448
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Total incoming resources	655,350	577,464
 EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	569,040	496,814
Rates and water	7,763	1,899
Insurance	2,913	2,281
Light and heat	-	6,850
Telephone	2,427	1,744
Postage and stationery	3	9
Sundries	5,429	2,364
Cleaning	11,279	12,132
Repairs	25,606	3,062
Consumables	17,641	17,043
Expensed equipment	-	25,761
Subscriptions	5,035	4,658
Other	298	138
Staff costs	-	3,117
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	647,434	577,872
 Finance		
Light and heat	5,576	-
Bank charges	535	792
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	6,111	792

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Finance		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	(750)	800
Total resources expended	652,795	579,464
Net income/(expenditure)	2,555	(2,000)

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