

ASHFIELD PLAY FORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1037959

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-05-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Sutton-In-Ashfield
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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE AN APPRECIATION AMONGST THE PUBLIC OF THE SHORT AND LONG TERM VALUES OF CHILDREN'S PLAY IN ASHFIELD TOWARDS IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Activities: Ashfield Play Forum aims to promote public appreciation of the value of play in improving the quality of life for children and young people in the district of Ashfield. To meet our aims we support and promote the provision of positive and creative play opportunities for children and young people within this area. We provide materials and play items to our members in line with funding criteria.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ASHFIELD
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£122,203	£101,809	-	-
2024-03-31	£117,339	£126,295	-	-
2023-03-31	£156,844	£124,916	-	-
2022-03-31	£105,332	£112,834	-	-
2021-03-31	£116,675	£66,826	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
George Powell	Chair	2026-02-26
DOREEN FOWLER		
JOANNE PARR		2026-02-26
Michelle squires		2025-05-28
Vicki Knight		2026-02-26
michelle chadwick		2026-02-26

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Accounts

Information required for your annual report

This is for Charities not subject to full Audit

This information is required in order for you to comply with reporting requirements under the Charities Act. Please write your responses exactly as you want them to appear in your accounts. Use your mouse or tab key to move from grey box to grey box to complete this form. Once completed, save it and email it back to us. This is your chance to tell people what you do. Feel free to write as much as you like and we will put this into the report and accounts.

Group's full name: Ashfield Play Forum
Other names by which you are known: N/A
The main contact address for the organisation: Morven Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 1AN
Your charity registration number: 1037959 And (if applicable) Your company registration number: N/A

Names of all current trustees, (directors)

Name	Start date if not serving since the start of this accounting period dd/mm/yy	Office held (if applicable)
Mrs Helen Marriott		Chair
Mr George Powell		Secretary
Mrs V Moody		committee member
Mr R Wyatt		treasurer
Mrs D Fowler		Committee Member
Michell Squires	6.3.25	Committww Member
Mrs Kay Hill	31.5.24	committee member

Names of other trustees, (directors) who have served during the period covered by the accounts but are not currently serving. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Name	Date of resignation/departure dd/mm/yy

The names, job titles and remuneration & benefits paid to your senior management staff N/A

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees (How are your trustees appointed?):

Trustees are recruited from the Play Forum membership and appointed each year at the A.G.M

Objectives and activities

What are the formal purposes (objectives) of your charity, as set out in your governing document?

The principal objects of the charity is to promote an appreciation amongst the public of the short and long term values of children's play in Ashfield towards improving the conditions of life for young people.

What are your main activities? (the things you do in order to achieve the objectives)

Ashfield Play Forum provides a scrapstore, equipment and toy loan service for groups and individuals working with children in Ashfield, along with free play days and play related training and workshops. We also provide low cost room hire for community groups

How do these activities benefit the public?

Our unique services and projects enable children and young people to participate in creative and physical activities and develop emotional and social skills.

Please confirm that you have considered the charity Commission's guidance on 'public benefit'.

[Click here](#) for a link to this guidance.

Yes

Summary of the main achievements during the period

What did you actually do? (You could add some statistics if you like, and give more detail of your activities):

The Play Forum are pleased to announce that all our projects achieved their targets for the year and in some cases we exceeded our expectations.

We continued to provide our membership with free resources from the scrapstore, toy library and loan equipment projects, and in addition organised 4 large outdoor play days during the summer and 4 smaller events later in the year. We also continued to provide the 'play in a bag' activity packs.

We provided a variety of free training courses open to all people in the community throughout the year.

Financial review

Please comment on your financial position at the end of the reporting period (You might for example, refer to the surplus or deficit you've made, or the movement in the fund balances. Are you happy? – the choice is yours.)

What is your policy on reserves? (Your policy should include: why you need reserves, the target level, your current position, your plans to increase or use your reserves and how often you review this policy. If you do not need reserves you should explain the reason.)

Reserves are held in line with our constitution and can be used for the dissolution of the Play Forum or building repair emergencies. All policies are reviewed on a yearly basis and updated accordingly

What financial risks do you face?

Loss of unrestricted income from room hire, reduction in grants available .

If any of your funds are in deficit, what are you planning to do about it?

N/A

Detailed information if you hold funds for 3rd parties (other groups or individuals): names and their main objects, a description of the assets held, opening balances/ in/ out/ closing balances

N/A

Funds

If your accounts include any designated or restricted funds, the notes to the accounts need to include a short explanation of the purpose and of each fund.

For example:

Name of fund: "*The vehicle replacement fund*"

Purpose: "*To build up sufficient funds to replace vehicles on a 5 year schedule*"

For each fund you hold, please give the details:

Additional information

This is a chance to add any other information to your report.

For example: if you give grants, what is your policy? Do you want to say anything about your funders or supporters?



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**Ashfield Play Forum
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Full name Ashfield Play Forum

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Principal address

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Trustees

Helen Marriott, Chair

Doreen Fowler

George Powell, Secretary

Victoria Moody

Robert Wyatt, Treasurer

Kay Hill, from 31/05/24

Michell Squires, from 06/03/2025

Independent examiner

Eva Stevens, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2, North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 8 March 1990 and most recently amended 26 September 2018.

Trustees are recruited in line with our policies and constitution and are appointed throughout the year and where applicable re-elected at the AGM each year. Trustees are made up of individuals and groups from the Play Forum membership.

Objectives and activities

The principal object of the charity is to promote an appreciation amongst the public of the short and long term values of children's play in Ashfield towards improving the conditions of life for young people.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Ashfield Play Forum provides a scrap store, equipment and toy loan service for groups and individuals working with children in Ashfield, along with free play days and play related training and workshops. We also provide low cost room hire for community group

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We provided a variety of free training courses open to all people in the community throughout the year

Financial review

All the restricted funded projects are in line with budgets and our continued thanks go to the National lottery and Nottinghamshire County Council for their continued financial support. This support coupled with an increase in room rental has culminated in an increase of our unrestricted reserves in line with our expectations. The sector is always challenging, and balancing charitable community benefit with sustainability and affected by governmental decisions which are outside of our control but nevertheless impact financially. The trustees are always planning ahead and keep a careful watch on the finances of the charity

Risk analysis

Loss of unrestricted income from room hire, reduction in grants available.

The charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are held in line with our constitution and can be used for the dissolution of the Play Forum or building repair emergencies. All policies are reviewed on a yearly basis and updated accordingly.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed _____
Helen Marriott, Trustee

Date 07/10/2025

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Ashfield Play Forum
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ashfield Play Forum (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

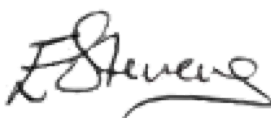
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed  _____ Date 07/10/2025
Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

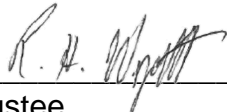
Ashfield Play Forum
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2024			2025
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted
Funds		Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£
	Receipts		
1915	Bank interest	2353	-
85228	Grants & donations	2	79506
541	Membership		-
-	Sundry Income	112	-
29652	Rental income	39987	-
3	Resource sales	245	-
117339	Total receipts	42697	79506
	Payments		
74	Computer, internet & postage	-	-
1544	Equipment & materials	136	3905
359	Hospitality	-	144
1562	Insurance	-	2452
977	Legal & professional fees	-	1101
922	Office expenses	-	588
101	Printing & reproduction		535
360	Publications & subscriptions	-	-
6450	Repairs & maintenance	4571	2968
2415	Room hire	-	-
441	Telephone	-	474
4531	Toys	-	-
15372	Training	-	13128
11871	Utilities	1821	3577
1990	Vehicle expenses	541	1148
195	Volunteer expenses	-	140
66349	Wages, NI & pensions	19652	36558
10197	Workshop & activity expenses	-	8340
585	Sundry payments	30	-
126295	Total payments	26751	75058
(8956)	Net receipts/(payments)	15946	4448
128934	Cash funds at start of this period	65928	54050
119978	Cash funds at end of this period	81874	58498

**Ashfield Play Forum
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2025**

2024		Note	2025
£	Cash assets		£
119617	Bank accounts		140003
<u>361</u>	Cash in hand		<u>369</u>
<u>119978</u>			<u>140372</u>
Other monetary assets			
6639	Debtors & prepayments	4	<u>774</u>
<u>6639</u>			<u>774</u>
Assets retained for the charity's own use			
2 x PC's purchased Feb 2023, cost £990			
Building purchased in 2000 and revalued in 2005 to £281,704			
Liabilities			
(1186)	Creditors	5	(2426)
<u>(3985)</u>	Advance receipts - Rental income		<u>(2426)</u>
<u>(5171)</u>			<u>(2426)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 07/10/2025
Robert Wyatt, Trustee

Ashfield Play Forum
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	75036	75036
NCC Grant aid	-	4470	4470
	<u>-</u>	<u>79506</u>	<u>79506</u>

3. Restricted funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
TNL Community fund	54050	75036	(70588)	58498
Nottinghamshire County Council	-	4470	(4470)	-
	<u>54050</u>	<u>79506</u>	<u>(75058)</u>	<u>58498</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	65928	42697	(26751)	81874
	<u>65928</u>	<u>42697</u>	<u>(26751)</u>	<u>81874</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

- TNL Community fund - to provide free play days, environmental play project and training for the children and adults of Ashfield and the surrounding area. The funding pays for some salary, overhead and project running costs.
- Nottinghamshire County Council – to cover staff salaries.

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4. Debtors & prepayments

	£
Prepayment: Insurance	354
Prepayment: Subscriptions	59
Prepayment: Vehicle expenses	361
	<u>774</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Legal & professional	684
Wages, NI & Pension	1742
	<u>2426</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

8. Glossary of terms

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**Annual accounts 31/05/2025
report to the management committee**

Ashfield Play Forum
Morven Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield
Nottingham
NG17 1AN

Please reply to Seraya

07/10/2025

Dear Board Members,

We are pleased to supply final copies of your accounts for the period ending as above. Please either print a copy, sign and date in black ink, and return to us by post or, email a signed pdf back to your Accountant. You should already have received our invoice for the work. Once we have confirmed receipt of your payment, we will then sign and return the final accounts to you.

On completion of the work we have the following recommendations to make regarding the financial management of your organisation: in order to get QuickBooks as accurate as possible and to help with future inputting we recommend you book in a financial management session with us..

If you need further advice or explanations, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, we would be most grateful if you could complete the enclosed monitoring and feedback form and return it to us, or complete the form electronically [by clicking here](#)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Stevens', with a horizontal line underneath.

Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA

Community Accounting Plus

Monitoring & Feedback Form

It would greatly assist Community Accounting Plus both to monitor and improve its services if you would kindly complete this form and returning it by email to support@caplus.org.uk

Date	
Your name	
Your organisation name	
Name of CA Plus staff member you've been working with	

Please circle below which CA Plus services you have used

Accounts	Bookkeeping	Payroll	QuickBooks support	Advice & training
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How would you rate the quality of work undertaken by us?

	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Poor	N/a
Completing work in a timely manner					
Responding to emails, calls & questions					
Quality of explanations or advice given					
Quality & accuracy of work completed					

What one thing could we do to improve our services for you?

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How likely are you to recommend us to a friend or colleague? Please circle below

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Not at all likely					Extremely likely					

Any other comments

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Thank you

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Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2, North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

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We also provided a variety of free training courses open to all people in the community throughout the year.

Financial review

All the restricted funded projects are in line with budgets and our continued thanks go to the National Lottery and Nottinghamshire County Council for their continued financial support. This support coupled with an increase in room rental has culminated in an increase of our unrestricted reserves in line with our expectations. The sector is always a challenging one balancing charitable community benefit with sustainability and affected by governmental decisions which are outside of our control but nevertheless impact financially. The trustees are always planning ahead.


Risk analysis

Grant income is always challenging and whilst room rental and room hire could achieve a modicum of sustainability Ashfield Play Forum relies on grant income to deliver its' various projects. The trustees are always seeking opportunities to maintain the level of service that has been enjoyed thus far.

The charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are held in line with our constitution and can be used for the dissolution of the Play Forum or building repair emergencies. All policies are reviewed on a yearly basis and updated accordingly.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Date 15/01/2025
Helen Marriott, Trustee

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for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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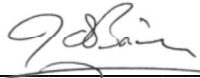
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Signed  Date 15/01/2025
John O'Brien MSc, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Ashfield Play Forum
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

2023				2024
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
	Receipts			
665	Bank interest	1915	-	1915
533	Equipment hire & sales	-	-	-
130543	Grants & donations	4856	80372	85228
2102	Membership	541	-	541
22912	Rental income	29652	-	29652
89	Resource sales	3	-	3
<u>156844</u>	Total receipts	<u>36967</u>	<u>80372</u>	<u>117339</u>
	Payments			
1350	Computer, internet & postage	-	74	74
3071	Equipment & materials	-	1544	1544
364	Hospitality	175	184	359
1782	Insurance	296	1266	1562
-	Internal recharges	(10413)	10413	-
802	Legal & professional fees	-	977	977
3274	Office expenses	-	922	922
245	Printing & reproduction	2	99	101
623	Publications & subscriptions	-	360	360
2686	Repairs & maintenance	2748	3702	6450
-	Room hire	-	2415	2415
503	Telephone	-	441	441
2610	Toys	-	4531	4531
10826	Training	-	15372	15372
8232	Utilities	4002	7869	11871
1653	Vehicle expenses	-	1990	1990
317	Volunteer expenses	-	195	195
74013	Wages, NI & pensions	19118	47231	66349
12487	Workshop & activity expenses	-	10197	10197
78	Sundry payments	401	184	585
<u>124916</u>	Total payments	<u>16329</u>	<u>109966</u>	<u>126295</u>
31928	Net receipts/(payments)	20638	(29594)	(8956)
97006	Cash funds at start of this period	45290	83644	128934
<u>128934</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>65928</u>	<u>54050</u>	<u>119978</u>

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	75902	75902
NCC Grant aid	-	4470	4470
Sundry donations	4856	-	4856
	<u>4856</u>	<u>80372</u>	<u>85228</u>

3. Restricted funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
TNL Community fund	68701	75902	(90553)	54050
Nottinghamshire County Council	-	4470	(4470)	-
BBC Children in Need	14943	-	(14943)	-
	<u>83644</u>	<u>80372</u>	<u>(109966)</u>	<u>54050</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	45290	36967	(16329)	65928
	<u>45290</u>	<u>36967</u>	<u>(16329)</u>	<u>65928</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

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- Nottinghamshire County Council – to cover staff salaries.
- BBC Children in Need – to cover project running costs.

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4. Debtors & prepayments

	£
Debtors	5672
Prepayment: Insurance	410
Prepayment: Subscriptions	228
Prepayment: Vehicle expenses	329
	<u>6639</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Legal & professional	660
Wages, NI & Pension	526
	<u>1186</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

8. Glossary of terms

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Ashfield Play Forum

Summary of the main achievements during the period

The Play Forum continued to provide accessible free training to people who live in the Ashfield area and the number of people who have attended our courses has increased. We have spent the training budget on a variety of different courses which complement what we are asked to provide from the monitoring forms given out.

Our scrapstore service has been busy with a slight increase in membership, but the Covid Factor has seen a number of individuals and groups not return as they have stopped operating in the community.

This is our final year of funding from Children in Need. Our toy library has been funded by them, and again because of Covid we had a surplus on the budget so we were allowed to run over our project time limit and this funding finished in June 2023. The toy library has been very successful with over 250 families signed up for membership and it has continued to run alongside our scrapstore project although we have had to reduce its operating hours.

Finally, we have run several outdoor play events along with our funded Environmental project and all have seen an increase in numbers. The Environmental project has seen the Play Forum network with other local organisations which has helped us reach more young families. Through monitoring we have been able to provide varied craft and play activities throughout the year and all of our given targets have been met.

Financial review

The balances on the restricted funds are as budget and the increase in Unrestricted funds only adds to the sustainability of the group by increasing reserves in uncertain times. The inflow of financial support from Nottinghamshire County Council, Children in Need and The National Lottery has certainly helped the group in consolidating our position.

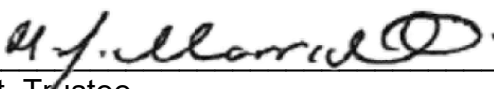
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The charity's policy on reserves

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Date 07/03/2024
Helen Marriott, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Ashfield Play Forum
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

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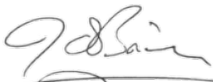
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed  Date 07/03/2024
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

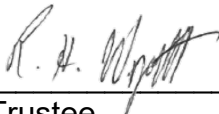
Ashfield Play Forum
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

2022		Unrestricted	Restricted	2023
Total		Funds	Funds	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
	Receipts			
53	Bank interest	665	-	665
-	Equipment hire & sales	533	-	533
90123	Grants & donations	500	130043	130543
592	Membership	2102	-	2102
13455	Rental income	22912	-	22912
-	Resource sales	89	-	89
1109	Sundry income	-	-	-
<u>105332</u>	Total receipts	<u>26801</u>	<u>130043</u>	<u>156844</u>
	Payments			
-	Computer, internet & postage	-	1350	1350
1620	Equipment & materials	128	2943	3071
245	Hospitality	112	252	364
1271	Insurance	560	1222	1782
882	Legal & professional fees	-	802	802
1360	Office expenses	1	3273	3274
398	Printing & reproduction	-	245	245
101	Publications & subscriptions	136	487	623
3434	Repairs & maintenance	245	2441	2686
2280	Room hire	-	-	-
425	Telephone	-	503	503
-	Toys	-	2610	2610
15957	Training	-	10826	10826
5346	Utilities	4191	4041	8232
1055	Vehicle expenses	-	1653	1653
454	Volunteer expenses	153	164	317
61011	Wages, NI & pensions	15085	58928	74013
16995	Workshop & activity expenses	1162	11325	12487
-	Sundry payments	-	78	78
<u>112834</u>	Total payments	<u>21773</u>	<u>103143</u>	<u>124916</u>
(7502)	Net receipts/(payments)	5028	26900	31928
104508	Cash funds at start of this period	40262	56744	97006
<u>97006</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>45290</u>	<u>83644</u>	<u>128934</u>

Ashfield Play Forum
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2023

2022			2023
£	Cash assets	Note	£
96568	Bank accounts		128055
<u>438</u>	Cash in hand		<u>879</u>
<u>97006</u>			<u>128934</u>
Other monetary assets			
200	Stock		400
<u>824</u>	Debtors & prepayments	4	<u>4133</u>
<u>1024</u>			<u>4533</u>
Assets retained for the charity's own use			
2 x PC's purchased Feb 2023, cost £990			
Building purchased in 2000 and revalued in 2005 to £281,704.			
General equipment.			
Liabilities			
(2043)	Creditors	5	(2101)
<u>-</u>	Advance receipts - Rental income & membership		<u>(6578)</u>
<u>(2043)</u>			<u>(8679)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 07/03/2024
 Robert Wyatt, Trustee

Ashfield Play Forum
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

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2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
BBC Children in Need	500	19505	20005
National Lottery Community Fund	-	106068	106068
NCC Grant aid	-	4470	4470
	<u>500</u>	<u>130043</u>	<u>130543</u>

3. Restricted funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Lottery extra	17644	-	(17644)	-
Big Lottery Community Fund	7416		(7416)	-
TNL Community fund	20836	106068	(58203)	68701
Nottinghamshire County Council	-	4470	(4470)	-
BBC Children in Need	10848	19505	(15410)	14943
	<u>56744</u>	<u>130043</u>	<u>(103143)</u>	<u>83644</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	40262	26801	(21773)	45290
	<u>40262</u>	<u>26801</u>	<u>(21773)</u>	<u>45290</u>

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- Nottinghamshire County Council – to cover staff salaries.
- BBC Children in Need – to cover project running costs.

Ashfield Play Forum

4. Debtors & prepayments

	£
Debtors	2770
Prepayment: Insurance	674
Prepayment: Subscriptions	385
Prepayment: Vehicle expenses	304
	<u>4133</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Legal & professional	630
Wages, NI & Pension	1471
	<u>2101</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Glossary of terms

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**Ashfield Play Forum
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

Full name Ashfield Play Forum

Registered charity number 1037959

Principal address

Morven Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 1AN

Trustees

Teena Needham, Chair

Robert Wyatt, Treasurer

Stephen Needham, Vice Chair

Doreen Fowler

Victoria Moody, Secretary

Heather Webster

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2, North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

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Objectives and activities

The principal object of the charity is to promote an appreciation amongst the public of the short and long term values of children's play in Ashfield towards improving the conditions of life for young people.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

To meet our aims, we provide a scrap store, equipment and toy loan service for groups and individuals working with children in Ashfield, along with free play days and play related training and workshops. We also provide low cost room hire for community groups.

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Ashfield Play Forum

Summary of the main achievements during the period

The Play Forum are pleased to announce that all our projects achieved their targets for the year and in some cases we exceeded our expectations.

We continued to provide our membership with free resources from the scrap store, toy library and loan equipment projects, and in addition organised 2 large outdoor play days during the summer and 1 smaller event later in the year. We also continued to provide the 'play in a bag' activity packs which we began during COVID when play events could not be held.

We provided a variety of free training courses open to all people in the community throughout the year.

Financial review

The balances on the restricted funds are in line with budgets. Our unrestricted funds have reduced by £3,817 but still leaving sufficient reserves in line with our reserves policy. The activities in this financial year were supported by Notts County Council, The Big Lottery and Children in Need and the relaxation of pandemic restrictions have allowed us to have more contact again with the children of the Ashfield area.

Risk analysis

The financial risks relate to loss of unrestricted income from room hire and a reduction in grants that are available.

The charity's policy on reserves


Reserves are held in line with our constitution and can be used for the dissolution of the Play Forum or building repair emergencies. All policies are reviewed on a yearly basis and updated accordingly.

Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge our gratitude The National Lottery, Children In Need and Nottinghamshire County Council who's grants have enabled us to continue our projects for the benefit of the people in Ashfield.

We would also like to thank the membership who continue to support our projects.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Date 25/01/2023
Teena Needham, Trustee

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Signed  _____ Date 26/01/2023
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Ashfield Play Forum
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2022

2021		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022
Total		Funds	Funds	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
	Receipts			
13	Bank interest	53	-	53
103819	Grants & donations	2 1049	89074	90123
-	Membership	592	-	592
12780	Rental income	13455	-	13455
54	Resource sales	-	-	-
9	Sundry income	1109	-	1109
<u>116675</u>	Total receipts	<u>16258</u>	<u>89074</u>	<u>105332</u>
	Payments			
754	Equipment & materials	3	1617	1620
28	Hospitality	111	134	245
1298	Insurance	-	1271	1271
282	Legal & professional fees	-	882	882
1742	Office expenses	-	1360	1360
275	Printing & reproduction	-	398	398
-	Publications & subscriptions	101	-	101
1985	Repairs & maintenance	-	3434	3434
-	Room hire	-	2280	2280
-	Publicity	(1154)	1154	-
368	Telephone	-	425	425
2117	Training	-	15957	15957
5059	Utilities	2157	3189	5346
813	Vehicle expenses	-	1055	1055
59	Volunteer expenses	-	454	454
52046	Wages, NI & pensions	18858	42153	61011
-	Workshop & activity expenses	-	16995	16995
<u>66826</u>	Total payments	<u>20076</u>	<u>92758</u>	<u>112834</u>
49849	Net receipts/(payments)	(3818)	(3684)	(7502)
54660	Cash funds at start of this period	44080	60428	104508
<u>104509</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>40262</u>	<u>56744</u>	<u>97006</u>

Ashfield Play Forum
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2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Big Lottery Community Fund	-	74304	74304
BBC Children in Need	-	9520	9520
Nottinghamshire County Council	-	5250	5250
HMRC JRS	471	-	471
Other donations	578	-	578
	<u>1049</u>	<u>89074</u>	<u>90123</u>

3. Restricted funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Lottery extra	18920	-	(1276)	17644
Big Lottery Community Fund	24889	-	(17473)	7416
TNL Community fund	-	74304	(53468)	20836
Nottinghamshire County Council	1750	5250	(7000)	-
BBC Children in Need	14869	9520	(13541)	10848
	<u>60428</u>	<u>89074</u>	<u>(92758)</u>	<u>56744</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	44080	16258	(20076)	40262
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Ashfield Play Forum

4. Debtors & prepayments

	£
Prepayment: Insurance	618
Prepayment: Vehicle tax	206
	<u>824</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Legal & professional	(600)
Wages, NI & Pension	(1443)
	<u>(2043)</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

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Ashfield Play Forum

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Play Forum was closed for 9 months out of 12, this impacted on our services during 2020/21 and we were unable to provide the majority of our activities and projects.

During the time we were open our services were very restricted. The mobile toy project was closed, but we were able to offer an in-house service for 3 months of the year. The scrapstore and training projects were also closed, however we were able to provide the children in the community with free craft materials from the scrapstore by working in partnership with the local food banks who distributed items on our behalf. The free play days did not go ahead this year. Training courses were limited and the numbers of people attending reduced for social distancing purposes.

Financial review

The balances on the restricted funds are in line with budgets. Our unrestricted funds have increased enabling us to survive in uncertain times ahead. The activities in this financial year supported by Notts County Council, The Big Lottery and Children in Need and the Job Retention Scheme have helped to make this a year of consolidation and thus financial stability in such a volatile sector of the economy.

Risk analysis

The financial risks relate to loss of unrestricted income from room hire and a reduction in grants that are available.

The charity's policy on reserves

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Acknowledgements

During the pandemic our main funders, The Big Lottery, Children In Need and Nottinghamshire County Council have all worked with us and granted extensions to the funding timescale enabling us to offer the projects once we re-open. We would like to acknowledge our gratitude to them.

We would also like to thank the membership who have also been very supportive during this time.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ *Teena Needham* _____ Date 27/01/2022
Teena Needham, Trustee

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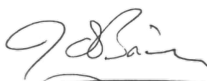
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Signed  Date 28/01/2022
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Ashfield Play Forum
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Receipts & payments accounts

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2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Big Lottery Community Fund	-	55156	55156
BBC Children in Need	-	9519	9519
Nottinghamshire County Council	-	7000	7000
HMRC JRS	32144	-	32144
	<u>32144</u>	<u>71675</u>	<u>103819</u>

3. Restricted funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Community Fund	14342	55156	(25688)	43810
Nottinghamshire County Council	2416	7000	(7666)	1750
BBC Children in Need	8237	9519	(2888)	14868
	<u>24995</u>	<u>71675</u>	<u>(36242)</u>	<u>60428</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Big Lottery Community Fund – to cover project running costs;

Nottinghamshire County Council – to cover staff salaries;

BBC Children in Need – to cover project running costs.

4. Debtors & prepayments

	£
Rental income	15110
Dues & subscriptions prepayment	143
Insurance prepayment	401
Vehicle expenses prepayment	272
Alarm maintenance prepayment	144
	<u>16070</u>

Ashfield Play Forum

5. Creditors

	£
Legal & professional	582
Wages, NI & Pension	644
	<u>1226</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

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