

THE GAUTBY ROAD PLAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1060958

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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CHARITY INFORMATION
For the year ended 31 March 2023

Charity Name

The Gautby Road Play and Community Centre Joint Management Committee

Registered Charity Number

1060958

Address

Gautby Road Play and Community Centre
Gautby Road
Bidston
Wirral
CH41 7DS

Trustees

Councillor Julie McManus (Chairperson)
Councillor Brian Kenny
Heather Stenhouse
Sheila Henry (resigned 30th September 2020, re-appointed 1st November 2022)
Adam Mellor
Councillor Elizabeth Grey
Natasha Champion
Rachel Davies
Ema Wilkes (appointed 1st November 2022)
Frank Harrison (resigned 2nd March 2022)

Bankers

HSBC
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Wirral
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Independent Examiner

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**THE GAUTBY ROAD PLAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the '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)'.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Gautby Road Play and Community Centre Joint Management Committee exists to provide diverse, inclusive opportunities and activities for the residents of Bidston and Birkenhead North and to improve the local quality of life.

Its objectives are to promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Bidston and Birkenhead North, without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations, and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. To establish or to secure the establishment of a community centre.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the day to day running of the charity.

Governing document

Constitution was adopted 1 July 1996 and amended on 30 September 1996.

Organisational Structure

The charity is managed by an Executive Committee who meet 6 times each year.

Risk identification and management

The Trustees are aware of the risks and the Board of Trustees regularly reviews the organisation's reserves.

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

When planning and programming activities for the local residents we keep in mind the Charity Commissions guidelines on Public Benefit.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR

Throughout the year we have seen the following activities operating at the centre:

- Gautby Road playscheme offering a range of activities for local children between the ages of 6-14. This continues with great success, offering the children in the North End of Birkenhead activities over 5 days each week and during school holidays.
- Funding from The National Lottery – Community Fund enabled Gautby Road to continue to support families and provide salaries to staff.
- Throughout the year, Gautby Road Reptiles continues to be self-sufficient, visiting many schools, providing educational visits as well as children's parties.
- During easter, summer and winter, The Holiday Activity Fund from Edsential enabled us to provide nutritious meals and high-quality provision to just under 700 young people from the immediate area and across the borough. It also enabled Gautby Road to take local young people on a weekend residential.
- The Pathfinder project continues to work with young people through weeklong interventions in schools across Wirral. It aims to support children to make positive choices and prevent offending. This has been developed by Merseyside Police in partnership with Gautby Road and continues to be a success.
- A strong partnership with Neo Community, meant Gautby Road were able to extend their current offer to right across Wirral, providing food for children and families, as well as activities, hampers, and fun days!
- Working with local schools, Gautby Road were also key in providing hampers and meals to those families that are most affected by the cost-of-living crisis.
- Gautby Road continue to host fun days and community events with thousands in attendance.
- Throughout the Christmas period, Gautby Road provided a Christmas Grotto for around 500 children that received a heartfelt gift from Father Christmas, those children who wouldn't usually receive much around the festive period.

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Plans for Future Periods

The priorities for the coming year include:

- Continue to expand and develop the infrastructure at the centre, specifically
 - Recruitment of volunteers in various projects
 - Strengthening of staff team
 - Strengthening of trustees
- Marketing programme covering all of the new and existing activities and facilities at the centre including
 - Promotion of recreational activities for children and families, linked to the work of the playscheme that continues to be provided by Wirral Council.
 - Promotion of activities for older residents, building on the existing groups and activities previously resident at the centre.
 - Promotion of health, wellbeing and exercise activities.
- Income generation programme aiming to:
 - Develop partnerships and project proposals with local groups and agencies to deliver the charitable purposes of the organisation.
 - Develop grant proposals for further staff to develop project and expand on activities.
- Other future plans within the centre
 - Continue to provide both hot and cold food to vulnerable families within the North Birkenhead area.
 - Aim to provide assistance to local people in response to the cost of living crisis.
 - Support families with the ongoing aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic.
 - Create hampers for the most vulnerable.
 - Continue to seek funding for the centre's staff members.

Financial Review

The financial performance for the year is detailed in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Financial Activities shows net expenditure for the year as £8,342 (2022: net expenditure of £10,131). The total reserves at the year-end are £84,562 (2022: £92,504). Restricted reserves at the year-end are £53,817 (2022: £2,261).

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for the twelve months from authorising these financial statements. The trustees assess the charity to be a going concern based on review of financial performance of the current financial year to date, the management accounts forecast for the remainder of the year, the rolling cash flow forecast, existing commitments from funders, and longer-term plans and forecasts for 2024 and beyond. As a result, the trustees are confident about the financial future of the charity and satisfied that these accounts are prepared on a going concern basis.

**THE GAUTBY ROAD PLAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT - CONTINUED**

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th January 2024.

On behalf of the board of trustees:



Councillor Julie McManus – chairperson

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GAUTBY ROAD PLAY AND
COMMUNITY CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

I report to the trustees on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and the independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Matthew Brown, CPFA
Adding Value Consultancy Ltd
Accountants and Financial Management Consultants
Date: 30th January 2024

THE GAUTBY ROAD PLAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming & endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	2	139,578	85,118	224,696	197,383
Charitable Activities	3	83,580	0	83,580	54,518
Other Trading Activities	4	40,486	0	40,486	24,464
Investments	5	0	0	0	0
Total Income		263,644	85,118	348,762	276,365
				0	
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	6	14,732	0	14,732	14,311
Charitable Activities	7	308,410	33,962	342,372	272,185
Total Expenditure		323,142	33,962	357,104	286,496
				576	
Net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers		(59,498)	51,156	(8,342)	(10,131)
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		(59,498)	51,156	(8,342)	(10,131)
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		90,243	2,661	92,904	102,636
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	12	30,745	53,817	84,562	92,504

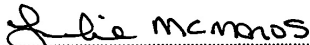
All income and expenditure relate to continuing operations.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

THE GAUTBY ROAD PLAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
	Notes		
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	9	4,938	6,908
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	23,097	13,805
Cash at Bank and in hand		65,187	85,035
		<u>88,284</u>	<u>98,840</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	8,660	13,245
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>79,625</u>	<u>85,596</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>84,562</u>	<u>92,504</u>
FUNDS	12		
Unrestricted Funds		30,745	90,243
Restricted Funds		53,817	2,261
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>84,562</u>	<u>92,504</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th January 2024 and signed on its behalf:



Councillor Julie McManus

THE GAUTBY ROAD PLAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities' 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). The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102, the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

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.

Governance costs

Include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the fund and includes the independent examiner's fee and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity

Tangible fixed assets

All IT Equipment and Fixtures & Fittings with an original cost of less than £500 are written off in the year in which the expenditure was incurred.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures & Fittings	- 20.0% on straight line
IT Equipment	- 33.3% on straight line

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT.

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	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
2 Donations and Legacies				
Wirral Council Grants	28,266	20,950	49,216	54,130
National Lottery	0	32,075	32,075	16,038
Right to Succeed - 32343	5,322	30,343	35,665	8,917
Cash 4 Kids	8,912	0	8,912	6,477
Edsential HAF	93,678	0	93,678	53,718
Neighbourly	1,000	0	1,000	0
Community Foundation Grant	0	1,750	1,750	0
Wirral Council Covid Grant	0	0	0	37,110
NHS Digital/Good Things Foundation	0	0	0	1,960
John Moores	0	0	0	10,000
Other Donations	2,400	0	2,400	9,034
	139,578	85,118	224,696	197,383
	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
3 Charitable Activities				
Room and machine hire	35,394	0	35,394	30,874
Other Activities	20,070	0	20,070	20,644
Activity Packs	7,229	0	7,229	3,000
Trip Income?	20,886	0	20,886	0
	83,580	0	83,580	54,518
	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
4 Other Trading Activities				
Food and Drink Sales	20,505	0	20,505	12,940
Media Income	23	0	23	1,750
Reptile Income	15,596	0	15,596	9,774
Other Events Income	4,362	0	4,362	0
	40,486	0	40,486	24,464
	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
5 Investments				
Bank Interest Receivable	0	0	0	0

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For the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
6 Raising Funds				
Food and Drink Purchases	3,947	0	3,947	2,406
Media Expenditure	68	0	68	3,324
Reptile Expenditure	10,717	0	10,717	8,580
	14,732	0	14,732	14,311
	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
7 Charitable Activities				
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>				
Salaries	69,032	33,962	102,994	80,811
Holiday Projects	31,234		31,234	28,662
Food and Drink, Hampers	66,803		66,803	64,276
Activities and Activity Packs	8,863		8,863	12,203
Day Trips	48,822		48,822	5,120
Staff Uniforms	2,392		2,392	1,065
Equipment and Consumables	18,713		18,713	5,951
Vehicle, Cleaning and Fuel	15,462		15,462	4,497
Repairs and Maintenance	7,587		7,587	8,991
Project Costs	17,362		17,362	48,294
Pathfinder Project	9,423		9,423	1,197
	295,693	33,962	329,655	261,067
<u>Support and Governance Costs</u>				
Broadband	997		997	845
IT Support	1,040		1,040	230
Insurance	763		763	610
Independent examiner's fees	2,358		2,358	2,266
Office and Other Costs	294		294	61
Hire costs & Equipment	2,313		2,313	2,510
Marketing	2,567		2,567	2,622
Depreciation	1,970		1,970	1,617
Training	213		213	206
Payroll Costs	201		201	151
	12,716	0	12,716	11,118
Total	308,410	33,962	342,372	272,185

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	2023	2022
	£	£
8 Staff Costs and Employees		
Wages and Salaries	97,712	72,476
Social Security Costs	7,729	6,193
Pensions	2,414	2,142
	107,855	80,811

No, employee earned £60,000 or more during the year.

The average number of employees during the year was:

2023	2022
6	3

9 Fixed Assets

	Computer Equipment £	Food Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Costs				
At 1 April 2022	530	6,003	4,184	10,717
Additions	0	0	0	0
At 31 March 2023	530	6,003	4,184	10,717
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	88	780	2,941	3,809
Charge for the year	177	1,483	311	1,970
At 31 March 2023	265	2,263	3,252	5,779
Net Book Value				
At 31st March 2023	265	3,740	932	4,938
At 31st March 2022	442	5,223	1,243	6,908

	2023	2022
	£	£
10 Debtors		
Trade Debtors	23,032	13,750
Prepayments	64	55
	23,097	13,805

	2023	2022
	£	£
11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Tax and Pension Creditors	4,147	8,978
Deferred Income	2,305	2,250
Trade Creditors	2,208	2,017
	8,660	13,245

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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Note 12:	Balance at 31 March 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers between Funds	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	90,243	263,644	323,142	0	30,745
Restricted Funds					
National Lottery	2,661	32,075	33,962	0	774
Right to Succeed - Youth Voice	0	9,693	0	0	9,693
Right to Succeed - Seed Fund	0	9,600	0	0	9,600
Right to Succeed - Mini Pathfinders	0	9,050	0	0	9,050
Right to Succeed - Collaboration Fund	0	2,000	0	0	2,000
WBC - winterhousehold	0	20,950	0	0	20,950
Community Foundation Grant	0	1,750	0	0	1,750
Restricted Funds	2,661	85,118	33,962	0	53,817
Total Funds	92,904	348,762	357,104	0	84,562

13 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2022: Nil). There were no reimbursements of expenses to trustees (2022: Nil)