

FRIENDS FOR LEISURE

Annual Report

April 2023 - March 2024

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Registered Company No. 3508369
An Independent Charity

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Friends for Leisure Aims and Objectives

Disabled children and young people have the same rights to get involved in everyday friendship and leisure activities as other children and young people.

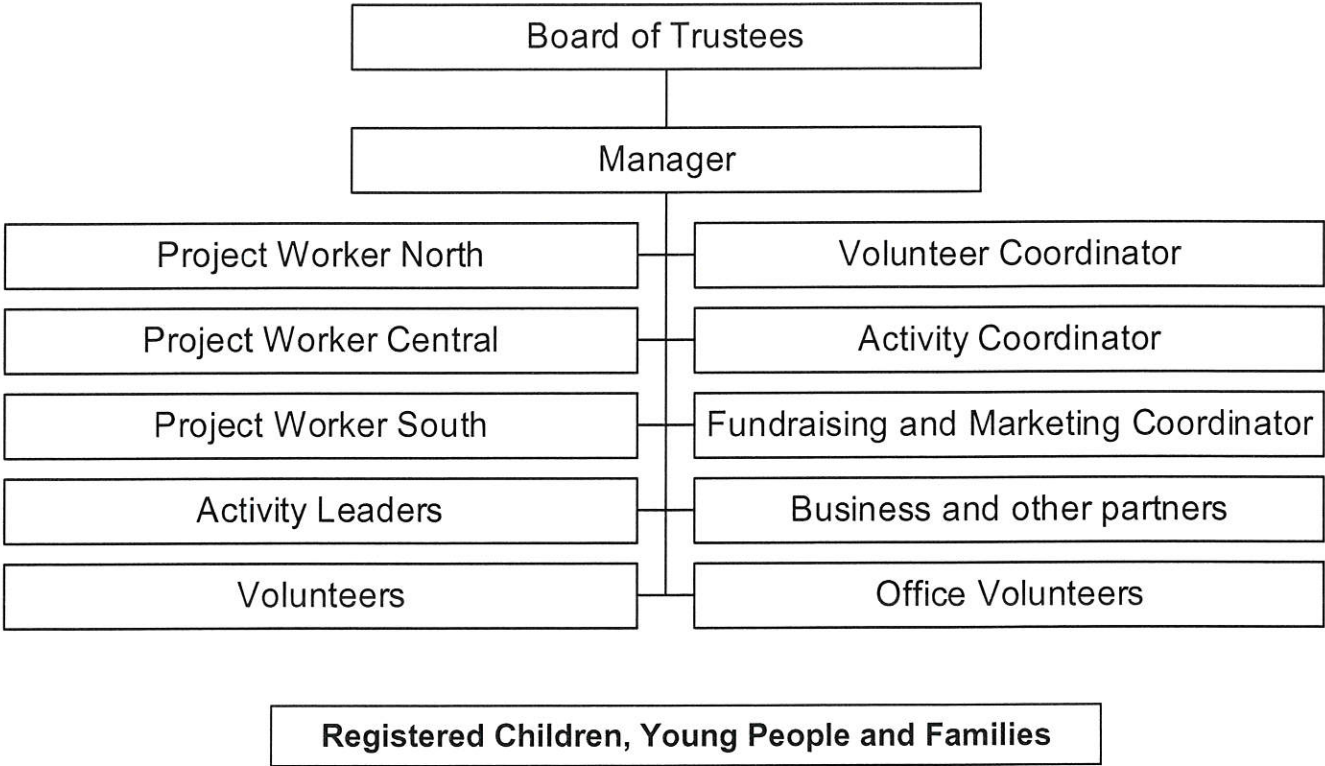
Our Aims

- To establish, promote and develop mainstream leisure and friendship opportunities for children and young people with physical, sensory and learning disabilities aged between five and twenty-one years within Cheshire East.
- To raise awareness about disability issues and the importance of equality and inclusion.

Our Objectives

- To enable disabled children and young people to have access to and participate in everyday leisure activities.
- To create opportunities for disabled children and young people to develop friendships.
- To support young volunteers to develop and maintain positive, supporting friendships with disabled children and young people.
- To provide a flexible and individual service responding to the needs and aspirations of disabled children and young people.
- To consult with disabled children, young people, parents and carers and promote their needs to providers of leisure activities.
- To ensure that our focus is always the leisure needs of the disabled young person.

Friends for Leisure Organisation Chart



The Trustees and Staff at Friends for Leisure April 2023 to March 2024

Trustees

M Stockdale - resigned 29 November 2023
P Walker - resigned 19 June 2024
P Drew - appointed 17 July 2024
C Booth
T Slater - resigned 29 November 2023
P Carey
M Heywood
H Pearce - appointed 29 November 2023

Staff & Office Support

Gillian Jones	Manager F/T to 30/09/2023 P/T from 01/10/2023
Maggie Readman	P/T Project Worker - to 31/05/2023
Sarah Gill	P/T Project Worker
Amanda Hunt	P/T Project Worker – to 11/10/2024
Chloe Wilson (Jones)	P/T Project Worker – from 06/06/2023
Hannah Guthrie	P/T Activity Coordinator
Sean Worth	F/T Volunteer Coordinator – from 15/08/2022
Claire Addis	P/T Fundraising & Marketing Coordinator – to 09/01/2024
Jo Stokes	Activity Leader
Maria Potter	Activity Leader
Lesley Ingham	Activity Leader
Tess Hulme	Activity Leader
Cathy Florentine	Activity Leader - to 10/01/2024
Liz Houlihan	Activity Assistant
Barry Wilson	Volunteer Office Assistant
Chris Jones	Volunteer Office Assistant
Martyn Connolly	Volunteer Database Administrator
Annette Kinsella	Volunteer Database Administrator

Independent Examiner

Kime O'Brien, Accountants. Macclesfield.

Strategic Information

The trustees are its directors and carry an executive responsibility for the prudent, legal, and ethical running of the charity. Because of these responsibilities, an understanding of the structure and ethos of Friends for Leisure is required. This may be gained by involvement in the day-to-day operations of FFL, attending and observing trustee meetings, understanding the legal requirements and demands placed upon trustees and fully comprehending the underlying ethos of the charity.

Initial and refresher training in charity management is available to new and existing trustees to enable them to gain the necessary skills to perform the task effectively.

Trustees must be nominated and voted into post at the AGM (or EGM) and a third of trustees must step down each year in rotation and offer themselves for re-election should they wish to do so.

The aim is to strive for a balanced and broad spectrum of skills and experience with representation from all sectors of the charity. Professionally qualified trustees are preferred to cover the financial and legal roles. Although not subject to full audit, annual accounts and reports are professionally reviewed to ensure compliance with Charity Commission guidelines.

Friends for Leisure has a robust recruitment procedure in place whereby all staff and volunteers are subject to an appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Unsupervised contact with children and young people is not permitted until the report is received. We also require submission of two references and all trustees, paid staff and volunteers are required to sign the FFL Confidentiality Statement upon joining the organisation.

FFL continues to operate under the Every Child Matters framework and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 (a guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children).

The trustees of Friends for Leisure are responsible for ensuring that those who benefit from or working with the charity are not harmed in any way through contact with it. Disabled children and young adults may be more vulnerable to abuse and neglect than their non-disabled peers.

Friends for Leisure's safeguarding policies and procedures are designed to promote children's safety and welfare in relation to their contact with the charity. We assess and manage risks, including the following areas:

- Protection of children & vulnerable adults
- Assessment of children and young people
- Planning and assessment of activities
- Photography
- Medication
- Bullying
- Social media
- Physical and emotional abuse
- Neglect
- Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation
- Domestic abuse
- Extremism
- Modern slavery
- Information sharing

The charity is committed to the inter-agency approach set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children. This statutory guidance sets out how organisations and individuals should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and how practitioners should conduct the assessment of children.

Guidelines produced by the Charity Commission recommend that charities maintain a level of financial reserves and advise that a reserves policy is implemented to explain and justify their agreed reserves level. The trustees have approved a reserves policy. This takes into account the need to cover fluctuations in income, current and longer-term liabilities, committed expenditure and restricted funding. For this purpose, an amount equating to six months' running costs of the charity has been considered to be an appropriate and prudent minimum position and is consistent with similar organisations.

The trustees formally declare that there are no serious incidents (or other matters relating to the charity) that should be brought to the attention of the Charities Commission, that have not been reported.

Friends for Leisure Overview and Key Projects

2023-2024 was another year of staff changes but also of consolidation for new team members.

At the end of May, Maggie Readman retired. Maggie had been involved with the charity since its inception, having been on the management committee, the board of trustees, and, since September 2008, the Project Worker for the north of the borough. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Hannah Guthrie, our Activity Coordinator, returned from maternity leave on 1st June, on a part-time basis.

Chloe Jones (now Wilson) joined us on 6th June as a Project Worker for the south.

Our fundraising & marketing coordinator, Claire Addis, left on 9th January, having worked with us for over 5 years.

Sadly, in January 2024, Cathy Florentine, one of our Activity Leaders, passed away.

Project workers undertook 38 initial assessments and 36 reassessments with young people.

I am pleased to report on the year's achievements.

SERVICE PROVISION

Groups continued to be combined until the summer. This gave new staff the opportunity to settle into their roles.

From 1st September, funding from Cheshire East Council was reduced by 25% and this resulted in fewer activities being provided. Fortunately, we were able to secure funding from other sources to enable us to start up a monthly bowling group in Crewe.

FUNDRAISING & MARKETING

OPPORTUNITIES

Friends for Leisure has continued to deliver a range of opportunities for disabled children and young people to make friends at everyday leisure activities from which they are often excluded.

A total of 2103.5 hours of activities were provided in the year, with 1452 attendances.

Unfortunately, we also had 211 non-attendances. Of these, half made contact to let us know. 36 cancelled after receiving the reminder.

BEFRIENDING & BUDDYING

We have struggled this year make friendship links between young people and volunteers. However, two of our virtual friendships have been active.

Volunteers provided 102.5 hours of friendship.

YOUTH GROUPS – 643 attendances (959 hours of provision)

Our Activity leaders supported these groups and, as always, did an amazing job. Young people were consulted about the activities they wanted to do.

"[Our son] has only been going to youth club for a few months but he absolutely loves it; he can't wait to go every time. Not only has it been great for him, but it has been amazing for me too. For me to be able to go somewhere and leave him with lovely people and me not worrying about him while he is there. I love to see him getting to know new people who accept him for who he is. It

will be brilliant for his independence when he goes to the upcoming meal out with his friends without us.” (Parent)

“Just wanted to email to say a big thank you for the meal out last night. [My son] really enjoyed himself and has already asked when the next one is! It’s so lovely to see him socialising with other kids in that setting with no parent, phone or tablet to play on. He’s really struggled with this in the past so it’s a credit to the group that he feels so relaxed. Thanks again.” (Parent)

DRAMA GROUP – 245 attendances (367.5 hours of provision)

The “Friends of Falli” drama group is the highlight of the week for the young people who attend. Ian Mac and Kathryn Howard have delivered 367.5 hours of fun and games, as well as termly showcases. Our Activity Assistant, Liz Houlihan, provides vital support at these sessions.

“For [my son and grandson], drama has increased their confidence. It helps them speak out, work as a team and follow instructions. And they love the group they are with. They talk about the people there.” (Parent)

PALS – 43 attendances (64.5 hours of provision)

PALS (Personal and Life Skills) sessions have not been as popular this year. The activities included cookery, drama, eating out and relationships.

Funding from The National Lottery Community Fund will enable us to continue to provide activities. We know that the young people who attend get so much from them.

“[My son] gets such a lot out of each session - amazing experiences and activities and chances to meet other young disabled people. He is always included as a wheelchair user. Thanks for all that you do for the young people.” (Parent)

TEN-PIN BOWLING – 247 attendances (310.75 hours of provision)

Saturday bowling at SUPERBOWL Macclesfield has always been popular. Funding from The Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust enabled us to offer similar sessions at the TENPIN bowling alley in Crewe from November 2023.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES – 208 attendances (302.75 hours of provision)

Sessions were provided over the Easter, Summer, October and February school holidays. We provided a range of opportunities including spots taster sessions, pottery painting, animal therapy, museum visit and meals out.

Funding from Cheshire Community Foundation Best Days also enabled us to provide some family activities, such as a climbing wall, bushcraft and archery.

“[My daughter] attended the fitness session at the leisure centre in the summer. She really enjoyed it and was able to do some exercise whilst having fun. She always loves going to Andy’s sessions and the length of the session was just right for what they were doing. She enjoyed being with her friends and it was lovely to see her come out at the end of the session on her own, happy and confidently.” (Parent)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – 66 attendances (99 hours of provision)

This year we provided 49 free tickets to the circus, thanks to Circus Starr and we had a Christmas disco.

VOLUNTEERING

Over this year we recruited 55 new volunteers. 96% of these were aged 25 and under.

Our volunteer coordinator, Sean, has developed great relationships with schools and colleges across the borough.

49 volunteers attended at least one activity.

Volunteers gave 501.5 hours of help at group activities.

We also had volunteers supporting our work in other ways, and we would like to thank:

- Barry Wilson who helps with a range of jobs around the office.

- Martin Connolly and Annette Kinsella who maintain our database.
- Chris Jones, who carries out maintenance in the office and attends activities and fundraising events.

CONCLUSION

Bringing in new staff and losing long-standing team members was testing, but I am delighted to report that by the end of the year everyone was working together to deliver the great service that Friends for Leisure is known for.

The sudden loss of Cathy Florentine was a huge shock to us all and she has been sadly missed, but often and fondly remembered.

I would like to thank all staff members, volunteers and trustees for their commitment to the charity.

The year ahead will be difficult and we will prioritise recruitment of a fundraiser.

Having been at Albert Chambers for fifteen years, we have decided to move to new premises when the current lease expires at the end of July.

Friends for Leisure is extremely grateful to the following individuals and organisations for their generous support during the year.

Thank you also to those people who have undertaken sponsored events,
made regular donations by standing order,
and those who have Friends for Leisure collection boxes at home.

Mr I Bradley
In memory of
Delyth Crean

Mr M Dwire

Mr J Hunt

Mrs I
Jeffers
JMW Solicitors
LLP
Macclesfield College
students
Wilmslow & District
Rotary

FRIENDS FOR LEISURE

A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

COMPANY REGISTERED NUMBER 3508369

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1068991

**FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
COMPANY INFORMATION**

COMPANY NUMBER 3508369

CHARITY NUMBER 1068991

DIRECTORS

C Booth	
P Carey	
M Heywood	
P Drew	appointed 17 July 2024
H Pearce	appointed 29 November 2023
T Slater	resigned 29 November 2023
M Stockdale	resigned 29 November 2023
P Walker	resigned 19 June 2024

REGISTERED OFFICE

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**FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

The directors present their report and the financial statement for the year ended 31st March 2024

After three years developing under the umbrella of Macclesfield District CVS, Friends for Leisure became a company limited by guarantee on 11th February 1998 and a registered charity on 1st April 1998.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The main focus of Friends for Leisure is to promote opportunities for children and young people with disabilities to enjoy friendships and participate in the mainstream leisure activities of their choice by providing inclusive group activities and building links with leisure groups and clubs, so that children and young people are able to become fully involved in these integrated activities with Friends for Leisure support.

DIRECTORS

The directors, who are also the trustees, who served during the year were as follows:

M Stockdale (resigned 29 November 2023)

P Walker (resigned 19 June 2024)

C Booth

T Slater (resigned 29 November 2023)

P Carey

M Heywood

H Pearce (appointed 29 November 2023)

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf.



Paul Drew
Chair of Trustees

**FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

I am pleased to report another successful year for the charity, at a time when charities generally are struggling to survive in difficult economic circumstances. Recruitment within the sector still remains difficult, particularly for smaller charities like ours. The team once again showed great resilience, flexibility and loyalty in going the extra mile to ensure that the charity continued to supply a first class service to the children of East Cheshire.

Funding was again received from various sources, with substantial sums from Cheshire East Council through their Short Breaks for Disabled Children contract, BBC Children In Need, Congleton Inclosure Trust, and the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund. We were also very grateful to receive monies from Active Cheshire; Albert Hunt Charitable Trust, Cheshire Community Foundation Best Days Fund, Crewe Town Council, C4C, Macclesfield Town Council, the Masonic Charitable Foundation, the Russell Trust, the Sobell Foundation, True Colours Trust, and the William Dean Educational Trust.

Other support has been received from Prism with IT and Thrive with marketing.

The general financial status of the charity remains the same with income slightly exceeding expenditure. Income was £179,635 against expenditure of £167,719. The unrestricted reserves now stand at £71,813 being around 6 months' running costs, which is in keeping with the policy of the charity.

The total number of new young people registered with the charity amounted to 40, with 197 young people registered at year end. By year end we had 32 young people on our waiting list for 1-1 friendships. There were 7 friendship/buddy links during the year, some of which were virtual. We took on 55 new volunteers during the year who are vital to the service we provide.

Activities included youth groups in Congleton, Crewe and Macclesfield; bowling in Crewe and Macclesfield; Friends of Falli drama in Macclesfield; PALS groups in Crewe and Macclesfield; and parent and carer information sessions. Holiday activities included circus skills, meals out, bushcraft, archery, tennis and a visit to the museum.

All the trustees are very grateful for the hard work and flexibility of Gillian and the staff in providing the activities for the children we support.



Paul Drew
Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF
FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024
SET OUT ON PAGES 4 TO 11
CHARITY NUMBER 1068991 COMPANY NUMBER 3508369**

We report to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees of the company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, we report in respect of our examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out our examination, we have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or

the accounts do not accord with such records; or

the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or

the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

We 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.

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10 December 2024


**Kime O'Brien Limited
Chartered Accountants**

FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

		2024			2023		
	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming resources							
Donations	3	-	7,586	7,586	-	5,582	5,582
Fundraising	4	-	2,710	2,710	-	3,611	3,611
Provision of service	5	125,256	-	125,256	80,621	-	80,621
Commissioned Income	6	35,861	-	35,861	41,984	-	41,984
Other grants and income	7	-	1,300	1,300	-	1,100	1,100
Activity-related income (Subs. etc)		-	1,855	1,855	-	1,618	1,618
Interest		-	3,493	3,493	-	668	668
Earned income		-	120	120	-	-	-
Gift aid		-	1,454	1,454	-	866	866
Total incoming resources		161,117	18,518	179,635	122,605	13,445	136,050
Resources expended							
Salaries		103,495	15,155	118,650	79,191	10,282	89,473
Employer National Insurance		437	2,923	3,360	1,253	1,198	2,451
Employer pension contributions	8	77	2,095	2,172	414	575	989
Travel and Subsistence (staff)		1,426	-	1,426	824	40	864
Vol expenditure		1,590	-	1,590	1,068	491	1,559
Training		114	-	114	50	-	50
Recruitment		171	-	171	444	759	1,203
Activities		12,708	75	12,783	10,265	85	10,350
Stationery		89	-	89	71	-	71
Postage		513	-	513	832	18	850
Telecommunication		2,195	-	2,195	2,058	-	2,058
Rent & utilities		8,335	-	8,335	8,188	-	8,188
Insurance		1,752	-	1,752	1,752	-	1,752
Admin.		2,599	-	2,599	2,103	103	2,206
Bank charges		-	224	224	-	208	208
Publicity and Promotion		657	-	657	2,833	272	3,105
Equipment		220	-	220	188	795	983
Parent/Carer information sessions		-	-	-	160	-	160
Total resources expended		136,378	20,472	156,850	111,694	14,826	126,520
Fundraising costs	9	7,305	3,564	10,869	6,505	3,898	10,403
Capital expenditure	10	-	-	-	-	80	80
Total Costs		143,683	24,036	167,719	118,199	18,804	137,003
Net movement in funds		17,434	(5,518)	11,916	4,406	(5,359)	(953)
Total funds brought forward		50,738	77,331	128,069	46,332	82,690	129,022
Total funds carried forward		68,172	71,813	139,985	50,738	77,331	128,069

The notes on page 6 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
COMPANY NUMBER 3508369 (England & Wales)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank accounts:			
Deposit account		83,647	29,674
Current account		57,181	130,252
Petty Cash		1,021	358
Debtors	11	1,300	319
		<u>143,149</u>	<u>160,603</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(3,164)</u>	<u>(32,534)</u>
		<u>139,985</u>	<u>128,069</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Restricted funds			
Albert Hunt Trust		166	-
BBC Children in Need		-	4,452
C4C		-	31
Cheshire Community Foundation Main Grant		-	1,051
Cheshire Community Foundation Best Days		851	-
Cheshire East Council COVID-19 Response & Recovery Grant		-	339
Cheshire Freemasons		944	4,040
Commissioned Cheshire East		18,001	28,143
Congleton Inclosure Trust		23,903	356
Congleton Town Council		-	-
Congleton Town Trust		-	283
COOP Community Fund		4,497	3,865
Crewe Town Council		1,505	-
Edward Gostling Foundation		1,290	-
Julia and Hans Rausing Charitable Trust		3,033	-
Macclesfield Town Council		-	116
Margaret Williamson Memorial Fund		-	247
National Lottery Community Fund		2,976	-
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund		4,074	4,823
NGED Community Matters Fund		989	-
Postcode Community Trust Magic Little Grant		-	500
Robert Clutterbuck Foundation		1,371	-
Redrow Homes North West		504	1,000
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust		140	-
Sobell Foundation		87	-
Tesco Community Fund		920	233
The Russell Trust		1,711	416
True Colours Trust		95	-
William Dean Educational Trust		1,080	-
Williams Family Foundation		35	843
	13	<u>68,172</u>	<u>50,738</u>
General Funds	14	<u>71,813</u>	<u>77,331</u>
		<u>139,985</u>	<u>128,069</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under the provision of Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company, under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, to obtain an audit for the year ended 31st March 2024. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



P Carey
Director

Approved by the Board on 10 December 2024.

The notes on page 6 to 11 form part of these financial statement.

**FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) '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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard)' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Company Status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. If the charity is dissolved the trustees/members must contribute such sum (not exceeding £10 each) as may be demanded of them towards payment of the debts and liabilities of the charity.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated Funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects. Any amounts not utilised are carried forward where the specific purpose or project remains part of the charity's objectives.

Restricted Funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activities to which they relate. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

The trustees have reviewed the company's fixed asset capitalisation and depreciation policies. Assets such as office equipment are not considered to have any realisable value and the capitalisation thereof only serves to overstate the funds available for the beneficiaries of Friends For Leisure.

Accordingly, these assets have been written off in the year of acquisition.

Taxation

The company is exempt from any corporation tax liability due to its charitable status.

2 EMPLOYEES

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>

**FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

3 DONATIONS

Donations and legacies received during the year include those from the following:

Mr I Bradley
In memory of Delyth Crean
Mr M Dwire
Mr J Hunt

Mrs I Jeffers
JMW Solicitors LLP
Macclesfield College students
Wilmslow & District Rotary

4 FUNDRAISING

	2024	2023
	£	£
Includes the following events:		
Carol Singing	-	312
Congleton Rotary Swimathon	128	-
Debbie Douglas Sky Dive	-	370
London Marathon sponsorship	-	1,686
Sales of donated items	86	113
Waitrose	-	400
Knutsford 10K	250	250
Money Boxes	55	-
Sponsored cycle ride C Carsons & M Skelley)	1,790	-
Congleton Santa Float	343	394
Others	58	86
	<u>2,710</u>	<u>3,611</u>
Less fundraising costs	<u>(10,869)</u>	<u>(10,403)</u>
	<u><u>(8,159)</u></u>	<u><u>(6,792)</u></u>

Fundraising costs include the costs associated with applying for income beyond the fundraising income noted above, such as grant applications.

**FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

5 PROVISION OF SERVICE

	2024	2023
	£	£
Includes the following:-		
Active Cheshire	2,019	851
Albert Hunt Trust	2,000	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	-	2,000
BBC Children in Need	9,644	19,788
C4C	2,000	-
Cheshire Community Foundation Main Grants	-	2,500
Cheshire Community Foundation Best Days	2,100	-
Congleton Inclosure Trust	25,000	-
Congleton Town Council	1,000	1,000
Congleton Town Trust	-	1,000
Co-op Community Fund	1,108	3,865
Crewe Town Council	1,800	-
Edward Gostling Foundation	3,775	-
Georgia Leigh Ogden Foundation	-	300
Julia and Hans Rausing Charitable Trust	7,500	-
Macclesfield Town Council	2,000	-
Margaret Williamson Memorial Fund	-	440
Masonic Charitable Foundation	5,000	5,000
National Lottery Communtiy Fund	7,306	-
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund	30,839	29,254
NGED Community Matters Fund	4,640	-
Postcode Community Trust Magic Little Grant	-	500
Redrow Homes North West	-	1,000
Robert Clutterbuck Foundation	1,700	-
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust	3,000	-
St James's Place Foundation	-	2,500
SMF/DCMS Community Match Challenge	-	8,623
Sobell Foundation	5,000	-
Tesco Community Fund	1,625	-
The Russell Trust	2,000	2,000
True Colours Trust	3,000	-
William Dean Educational Trust	1,200	-
	<u>125,256</u>	<u>80,621</u>

6 COMMISSIONED INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cheshire East Council - Short Breaks for Disabled Children	35,861	41,984
	<u>35,861</u>	<u>41,984</u>

7 OTHER GRANTS AND OTHER INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Blakemore Foundation	-	100
BBC Children in Need	-	250
Congleton Young People's Trust	-	250
Martyn Bracegirdle Charitable Foundation	1,000	500
Pennycress Trust	300	-
	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,100</u>

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8 WORKPLACE PENSION

A workplace pension is provided through the SALVUS Master Trust.

9 Fundraising Cost	2024	2023
	£	£
Marketing and fundraising coordinator	9,056	10,388
Fundraising Expenses	<u>1,813</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u><u>10,869</u></u>	<u><u>10,403</u></u>
 10 Capital Expenditure	 2024	 2023
	£	£
Website Development	<u>-</u>	<u>80</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>80</u></u>
 11 Debtors	 2024	 2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,300</u>	<u>319</u>
 12 Creditors	 2024	 2023
	£	£
Pension Fund	532	-
PAYE payable	14	14
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,618</u>	<u>32,520</u>
	<u><u>3,164</u></u>	<u><u>32,534</u></u>

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13 Movements of Major Funds	At 01/04/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	At 31/03/24
	£	£	£	£
Active Cheshire	-	2,019	(2,019)	-
Albert Hunt Trust	-	2,000	(1,834)	166
BBC Children in Need	4,452	9,644	(14,096)	-
C4C	31	2,000	(2,031)	-
Cheshire Community Foundation Main Grants	1,051	-	(1,051)	-
Cheshire Community Foundation Best Days	-	2,100	(1,249)	851
CEC COVID Response & Recovery Grant	339	-	(339)	-
Cheshire Freemasons	4,040	-	(3,096)	944
Commissioned Cheshire East	28,143	35,861	(46,003)	18,001
Congleton Inclosure Trust	356	25,000	(1,453)	23,903
Congleton Town Council	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Congleton Town Trust	283	-	(283)	-
COOP Community Fund	3,865	1,108	(476)	4,497
Crewe Town Council	-	1,800	(295)	1,505
Edward Gostling Foundation	-	3,775	(2,485)	1,290
Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	-	7,500	(4,467)	3,033
Macclesfield Town Council	116	2,000	(2,116)	-
Margaret Williamson Charitable Trust	247	-	(247)	-
Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
NGED Community Matters Fund	-	4,640	(3,651)	989
National Lottery Reaching Communities	4,823	30,839	(31,588)	4,074
National Lottery Community Fund	-	7,306	(4,330)	2,976
Postcode Community Trust Magic Little Grant	500	-	(500)	-
Robert Clutterbuck Foundation	-	1,700	(329)	1,371
Redrow Homes North West	1,000	-	(496)	504
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust	-	3,000	(2,860)	140
Sobell Foundation	-	5,000	(4,913)	87
Tesco Community Fund	233	1,625	(938)	920
The Russell Trust	416	2,000	(705)	1,711
True Colours Trust	-	3,000	(2,905)	95
William Dean Educational Trust	-	1,200	(120)	1,080
Williams Family Foundation	843	-	(808)	35
Total restricted funds	50,738	161,117	(143,683)	68,172
Unrestricted	77,331	18,518	(24,036)	71,813
Total Funds	128,069	179,635	(167,719)	139,985

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14 GENERAL FUNDS AND RESERVES POLICY

In line with Charities Commission guidelines, the Friends for Leisure Trustees feel it prudent to keep a level of reserve for the charity.

	2024 £	2023 £
General funds show a surplus	<u>71,813</u>	<u>77,331</u>
	2024 £	2023 £
Funding Requirement:		
To cover shortfall		
6 months running costs, in event of closing down the charity	<u>85,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>

15 LIMITED LIABILITY AND GUARANTORS

The liability of the members is limited to a guarantee to contribute a maximum of £10 each in the event of the company becoming insolvent.

16 COMMITMENTS AND LEASES

On 1 September 2019 the Charity entered into a lease agreement for office accommodation. The lease expired on 31 July 2024. The annual rent was £6,500. A new lease agreement commenced on 1 July 2024 with a new landlord and the charity can opt out on 31 March 2025. The annual rent is £7,992 (including utilities).

17 OTHER INFORMATION

Friends for Leisure is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England.
Its registered office is:
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Cheshire
CW12 1PT