

FRIENDS FOR LEISURE

Annual Report

April 2024 - March 2025

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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.

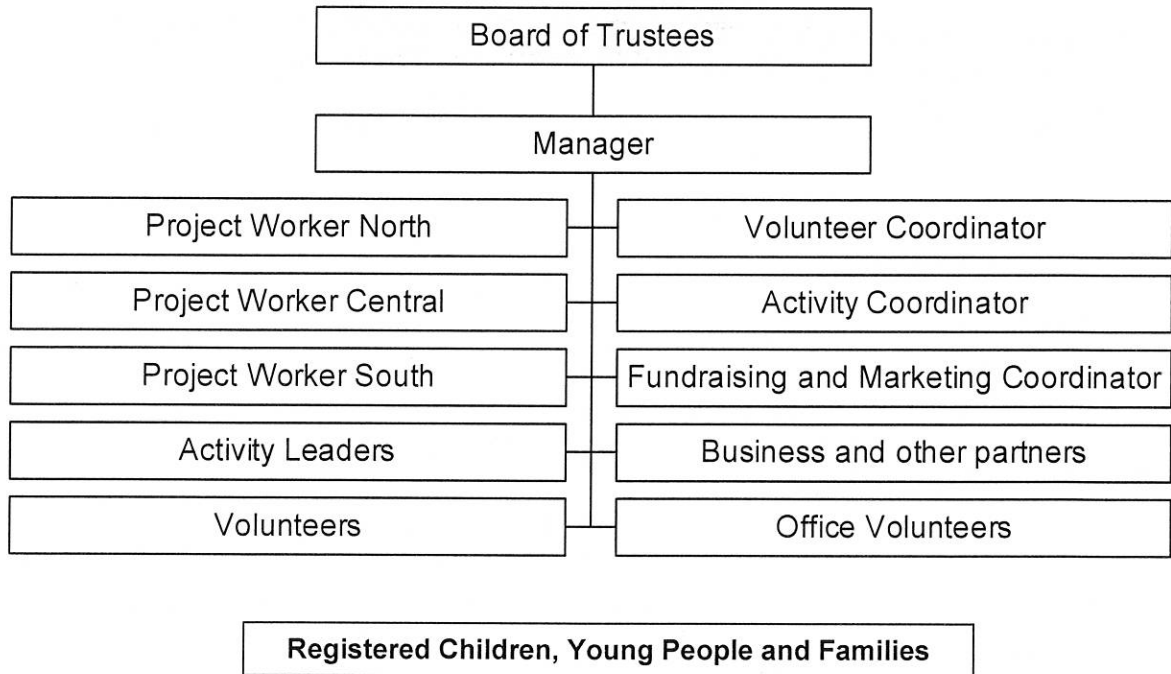
Our Aims

- 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 2024 to March 2025**

Trustees

P Walker - resigned 19 June 2024
P Drew - appointed 17 July 2024
C Booth
P Carey
M Heywood
H Pearce

Staff & Office Support

Gillian Jones	Manager
Sarah Gill	P/T Project Worker
Amanda Hunt	P/T Project Worker
Chloe Wilson (Jones)	P/T Project Worker
Hannah Guthrie	P/T Activity Coordinator
Sean Worth	F/T Volunteer Coordinator
Sarah Hampton	P/T Fundraising & Marketing Coordinator – from 11/07/2024
Jo Stokes	Activity Leader
Maria Potter	Activity Leader
Lesley Ingham	Activity Leader
Tess Hulme	Activity Leader
Liz Houlihan	Activity Leader
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

2024-2025 was a settled year with no changes in staff. The Chair of Trustees, Paul Walker, stood down and was replaced by Paul Drew.

On 1st July 2024 we moved to new premises at The Bromley Centre in Congleton as the previous premises were sold by the landlord.

Grant criteria has been changing resulting in more charities applying for funding from smaller funders which has made the fundraising environment more challenging.

Project workers undertook 52 initial assessments and 34 reassessments with young people.

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

SERVICE PROVISION

Funding from Cheshire East Council remained 25% lower and the contract was extended until December 2025. Despite this reduction in funding we have still managed to continue all of our services however securing funding from other sources is becoming very competitive.

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 2163 hours of activities were provided in the year, with 1,520 attendances.

Unfortunately, we also had 287 non-attendances. Of these, around half cancelled after receiving the reminder and 71 did not attend or let us know.

BEFRIENDING & BUDDYING – 7 friendship links

We have made two additional friendship links between young people and volunteers this year. The benefits to our young people is apparent.

"This has been a very powerful experience where I have formed a unique bond with a family I have worked with for many years. This will have a lifelong impact on me and has allowed me to understand the type of service users I work with best and how I would like to apply my skills in a professional setting. I feel as though the impact has been significant on both [young person's] family and me. This is a relationship I hope to continue, despite the end of my volunteering experience." (Volunteer)

Volunteers provided 73 hours of friendship.

YOUTH GROUPS – 636 attendances (954 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.

"I just think its an excellent provision for young people with disabilities. It gives them the opportunity to socialise, to learn new things and without it a lot of the young people would struggle social and mentally. IF they don't have that stimulation. School is one thing but they need extra stimulation. I'd just like an adult group because I feel like a lot of things drop off once they're 21. But yeah it does a lot for their mental help because I noticed a massive dip in his mental health during the pandemic and I imagined a lot of other young people were the same." (Parent)

"Friends for Leisure has helped to provide a stable environment for [my son] to come to which has helped him with his social skills and making new connections outside of school and college over the years. Friends for Leisure put the thoughts and ideas of the young people first when deciding what activities to plan and always make them very inclusive to all ages and abilities."
(Parent)

DRAMA GROUP – 321 attendances (481 hours of provision)

The "Friends of Fall" drama group is the highlight of the week for the young people who attend. Ian Mac and Kathryn Howard have delivered 481 hours of fun and games, as well as termly showcases. Our Activity Assistant, Liz Houlihan, provides vital support at these sessions.

"The drama club has been instrumental in [my son's] development. It's improved his communication, listening, social skills and confidence. He used Drama as his skill for both Bronze (completed 2024) and Silver (completed 2025) Duke of Edinburgh Awards. It's one of the most inclusive clubs I've seen - encouraging children with and without language to contribute towards small productions. Their recent production of Peter Pan was wonderful! FFL are lucky to have the support, skills, and inspiration from Ian Mac. He really cares about each child's abilities and is excellent at utilising their strengths and ideas. He, and his support team, are truly brilliant. In a time where so many charities, or clubs within them, are closing, it's important to continue supporting as many as possible. This one really can't close! It would be detrimental to the development of those most in need." (Parent)

"Overall I love the sessions, I'm not a "drama" person however I find the sessions to be rewarding. It's nice to be a role model for the kids and it's never the same twice! It's nice to work alongside someone to get them involved and see them slowly become more confident in themselves and start to put themselves out more. One thing that was really a pleasant surprise was just how kind the kids are to each other; they are all extremely patient and work their best to get those less confident than them involved. A comes to mind, she is always happy to volunteer to go first, O as well, he always tries his best even if it's not particularly easy for him." (Volunteer)

PALS – 57 attendances (86 hours of provision)

PALS (Personal and Life Skills) sessions are held throughout the year. These activities included staying safe in the community, first aid workshops, eating out and relationships.

Funding from The National Lottery Community Fund enabled us to continue to provide activities throughout the year.

TEN-PIN BOWLING – 260 attendances (325 hours of provision)

Saturday bowling at SUPERBOWL Macclesfield has always been popular and funding from The Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust has enabled us to offer similar sessions at the TENPIN bowling alley in Crewe throughout the year.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES – 158 attendances (185 hours of provision)

Sessions were provided over the Easter, Summer, October and February school holidays. We provided a range of opportunities including sports, taster sessions, junk art, animal therapy including birds of prey and meals out.

"The range of activities are absolutely fabulous, and they give the opportunity for my son to take part in things that he may not get to do. The staff and volunteers are amazing and very understanding of every child's needs, and interact with them accordingly. I also find that the staff are extremely supportive to parents too. [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)

"It's just nice knowing that the kids are looked after and safe and giving us a break for an hour and a half, getting them independent and trying new things that they probably wouldn't try at home" (Parent)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – 88 attendances (132 hours of provision)

This year we provided 60 free tickets to the circus, thanks to Circus Starr and we had a Christmas disco.

VOLUNTEERING

Over this year we recruited 67 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.

46 volunteers completed online safeguarding and training, 27 completed First Aid courses and 12 completed Signalong sessions.

68 volunteers attended at least one activity.

"During my time volunteering at FFL, I had the opportunity to work with a diverse range of young people, learning about them and seeing the joy they found in activities they might not otherwise have access to. I hope I have helped to contribute to this amazing charity. This experience also helped me develop my confidence and communication skills, both of which will be invaluable for my future career." (Volunteer)

"I have enjoyed volunteering so much and has been such a valuable experience that I will remember forever. Again, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to volunteer with all of the amazing children and for all of the fun I've had at sessions." (Volunteer)

Volunteers gave 540 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

Whilst the year has been financially challenging, the children and young people are always at the centre of what we do.

We will continue to seek new funders for our existing activities as well as extending our drama offer into Congleton and Crewe.

We would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who take time to understand and befriend our children and young people. The charity would not survive without your continued support.

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 Ian Bradley
Rebecca Carey
Congleton Tangent
Gladman Developments

Holmes Chapel High School
JMW Solicitors LLP
Mr Richard Mellor
PETT Ltd

FRIENDS FOR LEISURE

A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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	
P Walker	resigned 19 June 2024

REGISTERED OFFICE

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The Bromley Centre
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**FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

The directors present their report and the financial statement for the year ended 31st March 2025

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:

P Drew (appointed 17 July 2024)
P Walker (resigned 19 June 2024)
C Booth
P Carey
M Heywood
H Pearce

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 4 December 2025 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 2025**

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, The Garfield Weston Foundation, and the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund. We were also very grateful to receive monies from Baily Thomas Charitable Trust, Congleton Town Trust, Georgia Leigh Ogden Foundation, Felicity Wilde Charitable Trust, Masonic Charitable Foundation and Julia and Hans Rausing Charitable Trust.

We very much appreciate the continued IT support received from Prism.

This year has once again highlighted the increasingly challenging funding environment faced by charities, particularly in relation to support from local authorities and traditional funding partners. Reductions in local authority contributions, coupled with changes in funding priorities among larger funding organisations, have placed significant pressure on income streams.

As a result, our income for the year stood at £133,112, against an expenditure of £158,860, leading to a deficit of £25,748. While this shortfall reflects the wider financial pressures across the sector, the charity remains in a stable position. Our unrestricted reserves stand at £76,517; equivalent to around six months of running costs, in line with our reserves policy.

The Trustees and I remain committed to careful financial management while continuing to seek out new funding opportunities to secure the charity's long-term sustainability.

The total number of new young people registered with the charity amounted to 43, with 185 young people registered at year end. There were 7 friendship/buddy links during the year, some of which were virtual. We took on 67 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 and tennis.

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 2025
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 2025.

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 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

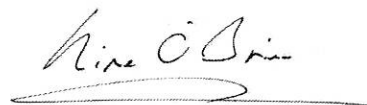
the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

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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26 November 2025



**Kime O'Brien Limited
Chartered Accountants**

FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

		2025			2024		
	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming resources							
Donations	3	-	8,438	8,438	-	7,586	7,586
Fundraising	4	-	2,066	2,066	-	2,710	2,710
Provision of service	5	72,347	-	72,347	125,256	-	125,256
Commissioned Income	6	31,488	-	31,488	35,861	-	35,861
Other grants and income	7	-	11,531	11,531	-	1,300	1,300
Activity-related income (Subs. etc)		-	2,913	2,913	-	1,855	1,855
Interest		-	4,170	4,170	-	3,493	3,493
Earned income		-	-	-	-	120	120
Gift aid		-	159	159	-	1,454	1,454
Total incoming resources		103,835	29,277	133,112	161,117	18,518	179,635
Resources expended							
Salaries		97,422	16,420	113,842	103,495	15,155	118,650
Employer National Insurance		1,048	2,289	3,337	437	2,923	3,360
Employer pension contributions	8	41	2,214	2,255	77	2,095	2,172
Travel and Subsistence (staff)		1,485	-	1,485	1,426	-	1,426
Vol expenditure		1,764	-	1,764	1,590	-	1,590
Training		-	-	-	114	-	114
Recruitment		-	-	-	171	-	171
Activities		10,710	1,078	11,788	12,708	75	12,783
Stationery		45	-	45	89	-	89
Postage		-	3	3	513	-	513
Telecommunication		1,813	-	1,813	2,195	-	2,195
Rent & utilities		8,993	-	8,993	8,335	-	8,335
Insurance		1,573	-	1,573	1,752	-	1,752
Admin.		1,725	-	1,725	2,599	-	2,599
Bank charges		-	218	218	-	224	224
Publicity and Promotion		597	-	597	657	-	657
Relocation Costs		2,328	-	2,328	-	-	-
Equipment		-	-	-	220	-	220
Parent/Carer information sessions		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		129,544	22,222	151,766	136,378	20,472	156,850
Fundraising costs	9	4,743	2,351	7,094	7,305	3,564	10,869
Capital expenditure	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Costs		134,287	24,573	158,860	143,683	24,036	167,719
Net movement in funds		(30,452)	4,704	(25,748)	17,434	(5,518)	11,916
Total funds brought forward		68,172	71,813	139,985	50,738	77,331	128,069
Total funds carried forward		37,720	76,517	114,237	68,172	71,813	139,985

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 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank accounts: Deposit account		87,791	83,647
Current account		21,854	57,181
Petty Cash		572	1,021
Debtors	11	6,765	1,300
		<u>116,982</u>	<u>143,149</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(2,745)</u>	<u>(3,164)</u>
		<u>114,237</u>	<u>139,985</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Restricted funds			
Albert Hunt Trust		-	166
Cheshire Community Foundation Best Days		-	851
Cheshire Freemasons		-	944
Commissioned Cheshire East		6,786	18,001
Congleton Inclosure Trust		2,266	23,903
Congleton Town Trust		2,000	-
Congleton Young People's Trust		128	-
COOP Community Fund		2,853	4,497
Crewe Town Council		1,331	1,505
Edward Gostling Foundation		-	1,290
Felicity Wilde Charitable Trust		1,336	-
Garfield Weston		16,215	-
Julia and Hans Rausing Charitable Trust		1,377	3,033
Margaret Williamson Memorial Fund		290	-
Masonic Charitable Foundation		35	-
National Lottery Community Fund		-	2,976
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund		830	4,074
NGED Community Matters Fund		-	989
Robert Clutterbuck Foundation		800	1,371
Redrow Homes North West		5	504
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust		-	140
Sobell Foundation		-	87
Tesco Community Fund		-	920
The Russell Trust		481	1,711
True Colours Trust		-	95
William Dean Educational Trust		987	1,080
Williams Family Foundation		-	35
	13	<u>37,720</u>	<u>68,172</u>
General Funds	14	<u>76,517</u>	<u>71,813</u>
		<u>114,237</u>	<u>139,985</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 2025. 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 4 December 2025.

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 2025**

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

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>

**FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

3 DONATIONS

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

Mr Ian Bradley	Holmes Chapel High School
Rebecca Carey	JMW Solicitors LLP
Congleton Tangent	Mr Richard Mellor
Gladman Developments	PETT Ltd

4 FUNDRAISING	2025	2024
	£	£
Includes the following events:		
Carol Singing	382	-
Congleton Rotary Swimathon	-	128
Reubens Quiz Night	274	-
Sandbach Ladies Cricle	178	-
Sales of donated items	27	86
Wilmslow and District Rotary	250	-
Knutsford 10K	250	250
Money Boxes	-	55
Sponsored cycle ride (C Carsons & M Skelley)	-	1,790
Congleton Santa Float	400	343
Others	305	58
	<u>2,066</u>	<u>2,710</u>
Less fundraising costs	<u>(7,094)</u>	<u>(10,869)</u>
	<u>(5,028)</u>	<u>(8,159)</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 2025**

5 PROVISION OF SERVICE	2025	2024
	£	£
Includes the following:-		
Active Cheshire	-	2,019
Albert Hunt Trust	-	2,000
Baily Thomas	3,000	-
BBC Children in Need	-	9,644
C4C	-	2,000
Cheshire Community Foundation Best Days	-	2,100
Congleton Inclosure Trust	-	25,000
Congleton Town Council	-	1,000
Congleton Town Trust	2,000	-
Congleton Young People's Trust	300	-
Co-op Community Fund	-	1,108
Crewe Town Council	-	1,800
Edward Gostling Foundation	-	3,775
Felicity Wilde Charitable Trust	2,000	-
Garfield Weston	20,000	-
Georgia Leigh Ogden Foundation	3,000	-
C Jones	550	-
Julia and Hans Rausing Charitable Trust	7,500	7,500
Macclesfield Town Council	-	2,000
Margaret Williamson Memorial Fund	360	-
Masonic Charitable Foundation	2,250	5,000
National Lottery Communtiy Fund	-	7,306
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund	31,012	30,839
NGED Community Matters Fund	-	4,640
Robert Clutterbuck Foundation	-	1,700
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust	-	3,000
Sobell Foundation	-	5,000
Tesco Community Fund	375	1,625
The Russell Trust	-	2,000
True Colours Trust	-	3,000
William Dean Educational Trust	-	1,200
	<u>72,347</u>	<u>125,256</u>
6 COMMISSIONED INCOME	2025	2024
	£	£
Cheshire East Council - Short Breaks for Disabled Children	31,488	35,861
	<u>31,488</u>	<u>35,861</u>
7 OTHER GRANTS AND OTHER INCOME	2025	2024
	£	£
Barbara Ward Children's Foundation	6,000	-
Martyn Bracegirdle Charitable Foundation	500	1,000
Paypal Giving Fund	31	-
Pennycress Trust	-	300
The Pixel Fund	5,000	-
	<u>11,531</u>	<u>1,300</u>

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8 WORKPLACE PENSION

A workplace pension is provided through NATWEST CUSHON Trust (formerly SALVUS Master Trust).

9 Fundraising Cost	2025	2024
	£	£
Marketing and fundraising coordinator	7,094	9,056
Fundraising Expenses	-	1,813
	<u>7,094</u>	<u>10,869</u>
 10 Capital Expenditure	 2025	 2024
	£	£
Website Development	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 11 Debtors	 2025	 2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	6,765	1,300
	<u>6,765</u>	<u>1,300</u>
 12 Creditors	 2025	 2024
	£	£
Pension Fund	461	532
PAYE payable	14	14
Accruals and deferred income	2,270	2,618
	<u>2,745</u>	<u>3,164</u>

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13 Movements of Major Funds	At 01/04/2024	Incoming	Outgoing	At 31/03/25
	£	resources	resources	£
		£	£	
Albert Hunt Trust	166	-	(166)	-
Baily Thomas	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Cheshire Communtiy Foundation Best Days	851	-	(851)	-
Cheshire Freemasons	944	-	(944)	-
Commissioned Cheshire East	18,001	31,488	(42,703)	6,786
Congleton Inclosure Trust	23,903	-	(21,637)	2,266
Congleton Town Trust	-	2,000	-	2,000
Congleton Young People's Trust	-	300	(172)	128
COOP Community Fund	4,497	-	(1,644)	2,853
Crewe Town Council	1,505	-	(174)	1,331
Edward Gostling Foundation	1,290	-	(1,290)	-
Felicity Wilde Charitable Trust	-	2,000	(664)	1,336
Garfield Weston	-	20,000	(3,785)	16,215
Georgia Leigh Ogden Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
C Jones	-	550	(550)	-
Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	3,033	7,500	(9,156)	1,377
Margaret Williamson Charitable Trust	-	360	(70)	290
Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	2,250	(2,215)	35
NGED Community Matters Fund	989	-	(989)	-
National Lottery Reaching Communities	4,074	31,012	(34,256)	830
National Lottery Community Fund	2,976	-	(2,976)	-
Robert Clutterbuck Foundation	1,371	-	(571)	800
Redrow Homes North West	504	-	(499)	5
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust	140	-	(140)	-
Sobell Foundation	87	-	(87)	-
Tesco Community Fund	920	375	(1,295)	-
The Russell Trust	1,711	-	(1,230)	481
True Colours Trust	95	-	(95)	-
William Dean Educational Trust	1,080	-	(93)	987
Williams Family Foundation	35	-	(35)	-
Total restricted funds	68,172	103,835	(134,287)	37,720
Unrestricted	71,813	29,277	(24,573)	76,517
Total Funds	139,985	133,112	(158,860)	114,237

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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.

	2025	2024
	£	£
General funds show a surplus	<u>76,517</u>	<u>71,813</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
Funding Requirement:		
To cover shortfall		
6 months running costs, in event of closing down the charity	<u>80,000</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

A lease agreement commenced on 1 July 2024 and the charity can opt out on 31 March 2025. The annual rent is £7,992 (including utilities). This continues on a rolling monthly agreement.

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

