

LEISURE FOR AUTISM

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 OCTOBER 2023**

Registered Charity No. 1076305

LEISURE FOR AUTISM

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st October 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st October 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Reference and administrative information

Charity Name: Leisure for Autism

Charity Number: 1076305

Structure, governance, and management

The Charity is a registered charity and is constituted under a trust deed dated 29th June 1999.

Trustees

Mrs F Brower

Ms J Breden

Mr J Corker Chair of Trustees

Mr A Farley

Mr M Hanbury

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Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

To promote, support and sustain the emotional and physical well-being of children and young people with an autistic spectrum condition (ASC) by enabling them to participate in self-determined leisure activities focused within their local communities.

To support the parents, carers and siblings of the children and young people who participate in the charity's activities by providing them with respite.

To advance the education of the public in all matters concerning ASC.

The main activities are activity based playschemes for youngsters with ASC across the Greater Manchester region.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

As always, we remain grateful to our host schools for their on-going support – Grange School, Longsight, Inscape House School, Cheadle, and Pictor Academy, Timperley.

A review of our achievements and performance: How our activities delivered public benefit

We are pleased to report that the adverse impact of the pandemic on the logical aspects of the schemes has eased considerably since our last report, although the Stockport and Trafford schemes are not as large as they were before covid hit. We once again ran three schemes during the summer, as well as an easter scheme in Manchester. We are pleased to say that towards the end of the year we managed to re-open a Saturday scheme in Stockport, and hope that this will develop and expand over time. On an aggregated basis we ran for a total of 35 days (last year 35), offering support to 71 children (last year 80) and providing 453 days of leisure activities (last year 478). More than ever, we are indebted to the 82 fantastic staff (last year 78) who worked for a total of 534 days to make this possible (last year 569).

We were also able to provide much-needed time for the youngsters' families to undertake the type of normal, everyday activities that they often can't do when their autistic youngster is with them. Our families tell us how important and valuable this time is to them, and they look forward to the playschemes just as eagerly as their youngsters do.

Financial review

During the year ending October 2023 our income remained approximately the same as the previous year, down by £880 (2.7%). The main receipt was a grant of £26,758 from Manchester City Council. The other schemes relied purely on contributions from carers. Our expenditure also remained static, down by £691 (1.2%), despite agreeing to an average 8.3% cost of living increase for the staff. At £38,772 the employment costs remain by far the largest expense we incur.

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Investment powers and policy

The trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of operating the charity, have kept available funds in two current accounts, one of which is interest-bearing.

Reserves policy and going concern

The balance held in unrestricted reserves on 31st October 2023 was £65,898 (2022: £89,081) all of which are free reserves. This is primarily due to the generous grant that was received from TUI Care in previous years.

At a trustee meeting held on 5/12/2023 the trustees agreed to commence a managed reduction in the charity's operation over the next 2 to 3 years. The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which will cover planned future schemes. The trustees will continue to progress applications for grants as they feel appropriate and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The Charity's main source of income is grants and fees. Having regard to the level of reserves the Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

Plans for Future Periods

After the forced break for covid the trustees had to decide whether to re-open the schemes or wind up the charity. They did re-open but it feels like the momentum that we had pre-pandemic has been lost. A lot of our staff have moved on and not returned and the schemes are now primarily focussing on children that are already known rather than seeking new and younger children. As mentioned above the trustees have therefore decided that it is now time to plan the gradual scaling down of the charity's activities. We have sufficient funds in reserve to run schemes for another 2 to 3 years, albeit we will need to manage down the level of scheme places that we offer.

Appointment of trustees

New trustees are appointed by existing trustees and serve for one year after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. The Trust Deed provides for a minimum of three trustees, with no maximum, with all the trustees due for re-appointment every year.

At a trustee meeting on 5/12/2023 Francine Brower decided to step down as a trustee. All existing trustees have agreed to remain in post until such time as the charity is formally dissolved. It is not felt necessary or appropriate to seek new trustees at this stage.

We try to hold quarterly trustee meetings, although these have become more irregular since the pandemic. As a minimum we hold one meeting a year. During these meetings the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Charity, including investment, reserves and risk management

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policies and performance. The day-to-day administration of the Charity is delegated to the Project Manager and Chair.

Trustee induction and training

There have been few trustee changes in recent years. Professional training is usually unnecessary for existing trustees or new joiners because they are all already suitably qualified in their respective fields. They are all also chosen because they have some existing link to the charity so know how it operates and what its aims are.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

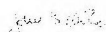
The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

Approved by the trustees on 20 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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John Corker
CHAIR of TRUSTEES

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LEISURE FOR AUTISM
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1076305**

I report on the accounts of the charity, for the Year Ended 31st October 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of 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 you as 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

In connection with my examination, except as shown below, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, ; and
 - with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
- have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

E.L Anderson MA FCA CTA
Date: 20th May 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST OCTOBER 2023
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Further Details	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year Ended 31st October 2023 £	Total Funds Year Ended 31st October 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	(3)	-	-	-	22
Charitable Activities	(4)	4,960	26,758	31,718	32,913
Investment Income		378	-	378	41
Total		5,338	26,758	32,096	32,976
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	(5)	28,521	26,758	55,279	55,970
Total		28,521	26,758	55,279	55,970
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(23,183)	-	(23,183)	(22,994)
Net movement in funds		(23,183)	-	(23,183)	(22,994)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	(11)	89,081	-	89,081	112,075
Total funds carried forward	(11)	65,898	-	65,898	89,081

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets:			
Debtors	(9)	676	746
Cash at Bank & in Hand		65,828	88,944
Total current assets		<u>66,504</u>	<u>89,690</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(10)	606	609
Net current assets or liabilities		<u>65,898</u>	<u>89,081</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		65,898	89,081
Total net assets or liabilities		<u><u>65,898</u></u>	<u><u>89,081</u></u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds	(11)	65,898	89,081
Restricted income funds		-	-
Total charity funds		<u><u>65,898</u></u>	<u><u>89,081</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees Management Committee

John Corker

Chair of Trustees

Date: 20th May 2024

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts.

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ending 31st October 2023

	Year Ended 31st October 2023 £	Year Ended 31st October 2022 £
Net movement in funds	(23,183)	(22,994)
Deduct investment income	(378)	(41)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors ,	70	16,742
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(3)	9
Net cash used in operating activities	(23,494)	(6,284)
Cash flows from investment activities:		
Bank Interest	378	41
Net cash provided by investing activities	378	41
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(23,116)	(6,243)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	88,944	95,187
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	65,828	88,944

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st October 2023**1. Accounting policies****(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 1st January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Funds structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. There is one restricted fund at the year end.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

(c) Income recognition

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

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

(d) Expenditure Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (f) below.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st October 2023**(f) Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 6.

(g) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their varying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(h) Pensions

The charity administers contributions to an auto enrolment pension scheme on behalf of individuals. The charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the contributions.

(i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

(j) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of the funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2022: £nil). Expenses paid to the trustees in the year totalled £nil (2022: £nil).

3. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	Year Ended	Year Ended	Year Ended
	31st October	31st October	31st October
	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£
Donations	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Previous Year			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	Year Ended	Year Ended	Year Ended
	31st October	31st October	31st October
	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£
Donations	22	-	22
	22	-	22

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st October 2023

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Year Ended 31st October 2023 £	Restricted Year Ended 31st October 2023 £	Total Funds Year Ended 31st October 2023 £
Parental Contributions	4,960	-	4,960
Restricted Grants:			
MCC - Holiday Playschemes	-	26,758	26,758
	<u>4,960</u>	<u>26,758</u>	<u>31,718</u>

Previous Year

	Unrestricted Year Ended 31st October 2022 £	Restricted Year Ended 31st October 2022 £	Total Funds Year Ended 31st October 2022 £
Parental Contributions	4,610	-	4,610
Restricted Grants:			
MCC - Holiday Playscheme	-	28,303	28,303
	<u>4,610</u>	<u>28,303</u>	<u>32,913</u>

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

Activities	Year Ended 31st October 2023 £	Year Ended 31st October 2022 £
Employment costs	38,772	37,239
Events & Activities	13,050	15,417
Printing, Stationery & Postage	-	3
DBS Checks	-	65
Telephone	172	55
Volunteer Rewards	-	110
Governance	606	600
Support Costs	2,679	2,481
	<u>55,279</u>	<u>55,970</u>

	Year Ended 31st October 2023 £	Year Ended 31st October 2022 £
Restricted funds	26,758	48,010
Unrestricted funds	28,521	7,960
	<u>55,279</u>	<u>55,970</u>

6. Allocation of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown below:

	General Support £	Governance £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Accountancy Fees	-	606	606	600
Bank Charges	41	-	41	-
Insurance	873	-	873	875
Sundries	2	-	2	-
Computer Software	372	-	372	416
Consultancy	1,000	-	1,000	1,270
Provision of Bad Debt	391	-	391	-
	<u>2,679</u>	<u>606</u>	<u>3,285</u>	<u>3,161</u>

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st October 2023

7. Analysis of staff costs

	Year Ended 31st October 2023 £	Year Ended 31st October 2022 £
Wages and Salaries	38,772	37,239
Social Security Costs	-	-
Pension Costs	-	-
	<u>38,772</u>	<u>37,239</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 78 with the full time equivalent being 1 (previous year: 1).
The charity considers its key management personnel comprises of the trustees. The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £nil (previous year: £nil).
No employee has benefits in excess of £60,000 (previous year: none).

8. Independent Examiner Fees

	Year Ended 31st October 2023 £	Year Ended 31st October 2022 £
Independent examination fees	606	600
	<u>606</u>	<u>600</u>

9. Analysis of debtors

	Year Ended 31st October 2023 £	Year Ended 31st October 2022 £
Prepayments	486	355
Other debtors	190	391
	<u>676</u>	<u>746</u>
Restricted Funds	-	-
Unrestricted Funds	676	746
	<u>676</u>	<u>746</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year Ended 31st October 2023 £	Year Ended 31st October 2022 £
Accruals	606	609
Other Creditors	-	-
	<u>606</u>	<u>609</u>
Restricted Funds	-	-
Unrestricted Funds	606	609
	<u>606</u>	<u>609</u>

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st October 2023

11. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds	Balance at 1st November 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31st October 2023 £
General Fund	83,081	5,338	(28,521)	-	59,898
Designated Fund - Summer Scheme	6,000	-	-	-	6,000
	<u>89,081</u>	<u>5,338</u>	<u>(28,521)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,898</u>

Previous year movements in unrestricted funds	Balance at 1st November 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31st October 2022 £
General Fund	86,368	4,673	(7,960)	-	83,081
Designated Fund - Summer Scheme	6,000	-	-	-	6,000
	<u>92,368</u>	<u>4,673</u>	<u>(7,960)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,081</u>

Name of unrestricted fund:
Designated Fund - Summer Scheme

Description, nature and purpose of the fund
An amount of £6000 has been set aside for playschemes to compensate for a reduction in funding
The free reserves.

General Fund

Analysis of movements in restricted funds	Balance at 1st November 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31st October 2023 £
MCC - Holiday Playschemes	-	26,758	(26,758)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>26,758</u>	<u>(26,758)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Previous year movements in restricted funds	Balance at 1st November 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31st October 2022 £
TUI Care	19,707	-	(19,707)	-	-
MCC - Summer Playscheme	-	28,303	(28,303)	-	-
	<u>19,707</u>	<u>28,303</u>	<u>(48,010)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Name of restricted fund:
MCC - Holiday Playschemes

Description, nature and purpose of the fund
~ towards holiday playscheme costs

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Designated funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	6,000	59,828	-	65,828
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	-	70	-	70
Total	<u>6,000</u>	<u>59,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,898</u>

Previous year analysis of net assets between funds

	Designated funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	6,000	82,944	-	88,944
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	-	137	-	137
Total	<u>6,000</u>	<u>83,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,081</u>

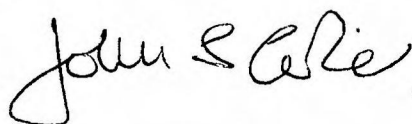
14. Post balance sheet events

The trustees consider that there were no post balance sheet events to disclose

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2023

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Approved on behalf of the Trustees Management Committee



John Corker

Chair of Trustees

Date: 20th MAY 2024

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