

Charity registration number 1078467 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 03867657

THE PHOENIX CENTRE
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

THE PHOENIX CENTRE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Mrs L Jones
Mrs C McEwan
Mrs L Ashfield
Mrs J Marsh
Mrs C Horne
Mrs S Staves

(Appointed 15 January 2025)
(Appointed 27 November
2023)

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102)" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up 28 October 1999 and its company registration number is 03867657. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association; its objects are to advance the education of young children with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees and serve for three years after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting. At the regular trustees' meetings, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the trust including reserves and risk management policies and performance. Prospective trustees are identified from parents of children using the service and through Dudley CVS who can signpost prospective trustees to the Board for initial consideration. All prospective trustees meet the Board prior to appointment to discuss their possible future role.

Enhanced data barring checks are undertaken prior to accepting appointment and a Code of Conduct is signed on appointment by each trustee. As at 31 August 2024 there are six Trustees in place who are able to effectively manage the Charity. However, another two positions are available to interested parties, be they parents, guardians or other appropriate members of the community; which is still proving a challenge to fill.

In terms of governance compliance, the minimum living wage and work place pensions are two specific issues that the Trustees continually monitor. In relation to pensions the implementation of the NEST Pension Scheme has gone well and during this year the lowest hourly rate was increased in April 2024 to £11.44 and in line with legislation would continue to be increased in a phased manner during April over the forthcoming years to ensure that we retained our valued staff.

Day to day administration of the charity is carried out by a Centre Manager who is employed by Dudley MBC, with key matters being drawn to the attention of the Chair of Trustees for consideration and discussion with other trustees as required, either at the regular Trustee meetings or by direct contact in between the same.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J Brown

Mrs L Jones

Mrs C McEwan

Mrs L Ashfield

Mrs J Marsh

Mrs S Staves (appointed 27 November 2023)

Mrs C Horne (appointed 15 January 2025)

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Objectives and activities

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objectives contained in the company's Memorandum of Association are to: -

- Provide specialist support to advance the education (including social and physical training) of the children in the area of benefit up to the age of 16 years with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.
- Enhance the development and education of such children by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children and encouraging parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities by which the objectives are furthered and promoted.
- Advance the education of such children by enabling them to interact with their parents and guardians and with children who do not have any learning difficulties.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit. The charity provides a public benefit by: -

- Continuing to provide a specialist pre-school nursery provision for children 2 to 4 years old with a range of special needs whose families/guardians reside with the area of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (DMBC) and beyond. There is limited specialist pre-school nursery provision for children under 4 with disabilities within DMBC area and as such demand exceeds the number of places available.
- Making available spaces for up to a maximum of 20 children per week from this specific disadvantaged group and engaging with parents and guardians at their homes and within the setting to enable them to discuss concerns and educational development of their child.
- Endeavouring to ensure that the staff at the Phoenix Centre has the resources and training required to maintain the support and educational requirements of the children in their care.

Achievements and performance

On behalf of the Trustees, I have to report that 2023/24 has in the main been a positive year for The Phoenix Centre, with staff retention being the main challenge for the charity.

This year marked the 50th Anniversary of The Phoenix Centre with a summer fayre and raffle. A small number of commemorative mugs were provided to staff and trustees (past and present) to mark this particular milestone.

During the year, suitable suppliers were identified and quotes obtained for the supply and installation of portable equipment for the Sensory Room. This equipment has now been purchased and is proving to be a valuable asset for the staff and children alike. The balance of the sponsorship funding provided for this equipment (£1,602) will remain available as designated funding for the provision of additional sensory equipment that may be required in the future.

The intake of the morning groups of children (Tuesday to Friday) has remained at a maximum of 10; with the intake of the afternoon group (Monday to Friday) of children to a maximum of 5. Both cohorts received 15 hours per week per child. During 2024/25 it is anticipated that both cohorts will comprise of children with complex needs, with the morning and afternoon groups numbering 5 children.

The Trustees are proud of the fact that The Phoenix Centre is renowned for the quality of work and care, and the attention and professionalism of its staff continues to be acknowledged by parents and professionals alike.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Funding

The Charity has been supported in its operation by Central Government Grant funding based on each individual child that attends the Phoenix Centre, along with donations and fundraising.

From September 2023, Dudley Metropolitan Council will pay £90,000 per year up to August 2025.

Other donations were received during the year from the local MP (IPSO donation), Centrica, Scouts, local businesses and Kinver Rotary. In addition, staff and trustees ran a Halloween Stall during October 23 as well as a Summer Raffle in May 24, which also provided much needed funds. The collective sum realised from all of these generous donations was £4,142.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

Reserves

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Designated reserve funding of circa £19,688 deposited in a CCLA account, is in place to meet statutory redundancy payments to staff who are entitled to receive these payments which have been calculated to be £3,663. In addition, a further £3,200 would be required to cover the 1 year's additional insurance and the remaining 3 years lease costs. Therefore, the total payments from reserves would be circa £6,863, leaving a contingency balance of £12,823 to meet any final utility or contracted payments.

The Trustees wish to stress that they sincerely hope that it will not become necessary to take the ultimate and difficult course of action to reduce staff hours or indeed make some or all of the staff redundant; but they are mindful of their legal responsibilities to ensure that the Charity does not become financially insolvent. It is hoped that over the forthcoming year that these significant challenges are able to be addressed by the constructive engagement of all parties involved in both the safe operation and the funding of the Phoenix Centre.

Transactions and financial position

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net surplus for the year of £53,634 (2023: £8,912) and reserves stand at £139,828 (2023: £86,194) in total.

The report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102)".

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr J Brown
Director, Chair Trustees

30 April 2025

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees (who are also directors of The Phoenix Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking **reasonable steps** for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant accounting information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant accountancy information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PHOENIX CENTRE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Phoenix Centre for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the 's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 30 April 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	4,142	-	4,142	16,209	-	16,209
Charitable activities	4	146,993	-	146,993	66,752	500	67,252
Investments	5	1,851	-	1,851	752	-	752
Total income		152,986	-	152,986	83,713	500	84,213
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	95,001	4,351	99,352	75,301	-	75,301
Total expenditure		95,001	4,351	99,352	75,301	-	75,301
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		57,985	(4,351)	53,634	8,412	500	8,912
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 September 2023		80,079	6,115	86,194	71,667	5,615	77,282
Fund balances at 31 August 2024		138,064	1,764	139,828	80,079	6,115	86,194

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	2,789		2,553	
Cash at bank and in hand		148,977		86,287	
		<u>151,766</u>		<u>88,840</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(11,938)		(2,646)	
Net current assets			<u>139,828</u>		<u>86,194</u>
The funds of the					
Restricted income funds	16		1,764		6,115
Unrestricted funds	17		138,064		80,079
			<u>139,828</u>		<u>86,194</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 August 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 financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30 April 2025


Mr J. Brown
Director, Chair Trustees

Company registration number 03867657 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Phoenix Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Barnett Lane, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 5PY.

1.1 Accounting convention

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), The Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound. The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The trustees now consider with the support of the local authority that the charity can continue its activities for at least the next two academic years.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits repayable on or within a three month notice period.

1.7 Financial instruments

The has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet when the becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the 's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.8 Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates pension auto-enrolment for eligible employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	4,142	6,208
Eveson Trust grant	-	10,001
	<u>4,142</u>	<u>16,209</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Grant funding	<u>146,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,993</u>	<u>66,752</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>67,252</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	1,851	752

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Restricted funds		
Sensory room expenditure	4,351	-
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	92,296	72,807
Governance	2,705	2,494
	99,352	75,301
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	95,001	75,301
Restricted funds	4,351	-
	99,352	75,301

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	73,323	59,408
Rent and rates	699	650
Insurance	2,127	1,869
Light and heat	3,879	3,936
Telephone	631	504
Printing, post and stationary	1,308	280
Sundry expenses	3,978	3,116
Pupil activity support	358	616
Training	320	107
Equipment, repairs and renewals	5,673	2,321
Legal and professional	2,705	2,494
Charitable activities	95,001	75,301

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

7 Support costs allocated to activities (Continued)

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs comprise:		
Legal and professional	2,705	2,494
	<u>2,705</u>	<u>2,494</u>

Legal and professional fees includes payments to the independent examiners of £1,728 (2023: £1,650) for independent examination fees and £552 (2023: £552) for other services.

Operating lease payments recognised as an expense £500 (2023: £500).

Within Total Resources Expended are Governance costs which the trustees estimate at 5% of unrestricted costs £4,750 (2023: £3,765). The remaining £90,251 (2023: £71,536) are costs incurred in providing the charitable activity.

Costs relating to restricted funding were £4,351 (2023: £Nil)

8 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits during the year. (2023: £Nil)

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	5	5
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	71,398	57,752
Other pension costs	1,925	1,656
	<u>73,323</u>	<u>59,408</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	238	1,758
Prepayments and accrued income	2,551	2,315
	<u>2,789</u>	<u>4,073</u>

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.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	-	341
Other creditors	9,660	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,278	2,305
	<u>11,938</u>	<u>2,646</u>

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

13 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Voluntary income is received by way of grants and donations and is included in full in The Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

14 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

15 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024 £	2023 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>1,925</u>	<u>1,656</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15 Retirement benefit schemes

(Continued)

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

16 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2024 £
Sensory room	5,952	-	(4,351)	1,601
Rear garden project	163	-	-	163
	<u>6,115</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,351)</u>	<u>1,764</u>
Previous year:	At 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2023 £
Rear garden project	163	-	-	163
Sensory room	5,452	500	-	5,952
	<u>5,615</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,115</u>

Rear Garden Projects

The rear garden project relates to funding for the improvement of the outside area at the rear of the Centre to improve the environment in which the children play.

Sensory Room

The Sensory Room funding relates to a donation from Jaguar Land Rover that has been designated for a sensory room equipment.

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2024 £
General funds	<u>80,079</u>	<u>152,986</u>	<u>(95,001)</u>	<u>138,064</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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17 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	71,667	83,713	(75,301)	80,079

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 August 2024:			
Current assets	138,064	1,764	139,828
	138,064	1,764	139,828
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 August 2023:			
Current assets	80,079	6,115	86,194
	80,079	6,115	86,194

Unrestricted funds are made up of the following:

	2024 £	2023 £
- General fund	118,376	60,391
- Designated reserve fund (CCLA)	19,688	19,688
	138,064	80,079

The Designated Reserve Fund has been set up by the Trustees to provide a fund for future costs in line with the charity's stated reserve policy on page 3. The fund will be increased as funds permit to represent approximately three months operating costs.

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19 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

At the reporting end date the had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	500	500
Between two and five years	1,000	1,500
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).