

# ALTERNATIVES ACTIVITY CENTRE

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024



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# Section 1

## Introduction & Background

Alternatives Activity Centre is a registered charity that provides support for adults with learning disabilities in the form of activity-based hubs, a training shop, an independent living skills house and community support.

2024 was our 34<sup>th</sup> year of delivering services in Derby for adults with learning disabilities. We are extremely proud of all our achievements.

Our Hubs, Training Shop and HOUSE SIX which are staffed by a highly skilled team of paid employees, volunteers and students aim to work with each individual learner to enable them to develop, grow and achieve their full potential. Interventions with each individual focus on ensuring that they achieve something real and meaningful from each session.

We aim to develop and increase;

- self esteem and confidence

by joining in group and individual craft activities, discussion groups, music/dance/singing groups, volunteer duties, learning new things, experimenting with 'taster' sessions, problem solving, speaking up (self advocacy) etc

- independence skills

by joining the cookery group, shopping project, using the phone, using the computer/iPad and the Internet, travelling on buses, etc

- employability skills

by learning about work, being a volunteer at the Hubs & the weekly Church café (The Gathering Place) or as a learner in the Training Shop, problem solving, speaking up (self advocacy) etc

- creative skills

by joining in our craft workshops, music groups, contributing to pieces of artwork for displays, etc

- independent living skills

by learning all types of home skills within our own independent living skills setting

We aim to promote:

- healthier lifestyles

by joining in fitness sessions, our music/exercise groups and relaxation group, using exercise equipment, walking groups, basketball, healthy options in our Coffee Bar, health promotion information, health promotion visitors and via our community support programme at the gym and swimming pool.

Alternatives Activity Centre was first registered as a charity in 1990 after a steering group was set up by professionals in the field of learning disabilities. Later in 2001, it became a charitable company. The Memorandum and Articles of Association state clearly how Trustees are recruited. The board provides a full induction for new Trustees and an introduction to the decision-making processes. Ongoing training and development for all Trustees is both available and encouraged. A training needs analysis/skills audit is carried out regularly. One person from the original steering group remains on the Board of Trustees today. The Committee is made up of representatives from our user base, parent/carers, former staff and social work professionals. Several staff members regularly attend and contribute to trustee meetings.

The aims and objectives of Alternatives today still reflect the original Mission Statement that was compiled by the steering group following their research into the needs of people with learning disabilities. Our services help to reduce the risk of social isolation for many

people who use them and we work with each individual to build confidence, self-esteem and to improve/increase/retain the skills essential to cope with day to day life.

2024, like 2023, was a very challenging year financially due to the cost of living crisis, inflation etc.

2024 also saw the fourteenth birthday of the 'Training Shop'. This project offers training placements for adults with learning disabilities within our own charity shop. This project complements the preparation for work skills we offer at the Hubs. The shop is now an established 6 days per week service.

The Centre Hubs offer development opportunities in a unique, supportive community-based environment on three weekdays between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Around 20-25 people per day use the Hubs from a user group of around 55 individuals.

In 2024 saw the third anniversary of our purchase Number 6 Chapel Side, a three bedroomed house we use for training independent living skills. This service is called 'House Six'.



## **Section 2**

### **TRUSTEES, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS & STUDENTS IN 2024**

#### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Chair:	Hilary Marshall
Vice Chair:	Gez Grimes
Treasurer	Hannah Gotheridge
Secretary:	Alex Marshall
Trustees :	Azeem Ghaffar Laura James Richard Moylan Amanda O'Rourke

#### **STAFF**

Chief Executive Officer	Belinda Hadfield
Hubs & All Sites Manager	Natalie Graham
Assistant All Sites Manager	Sam Elliott
Hubs & Community Support Workers	Sarah Brookes Satia Chohan Liane Clay Rebecca Elyard Rose Meehan Amy Palmer Victoria Pavlou Sam Saccone Victoria Turner Maureen White
Contractor – Art/Craft	Mel Allen
Charity Shop & Training Centre & All Sites Manager	Jo Evans
Assistant All Sites Manager	John Graham
Assistant All Sites Manager	Kai Greenwell
Shop & House 6 Training Staff & Community Support Workers	Sarah Brookes Satia Chohan Liane Clay Rebecca Elyard Britt Hadfield Rose Meehan Ellie-May Millett Jane Morrison Amy Palmer



Victoria Pavlou  
Liz Piggott  
Sam Saccone  
Victoria Turner

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Satia Chohan  
Gez Grimes  
Dave Hadfield  
Janine Riminton

**Support Staff not employed by Alternatives but whom work on site and whose contributions we appreciate:**

Wayne Hallam  
Awinga Obed  
Amanda West

## **PRESIDENT**

Jane Jones



## **Section 3**

### **Chair's Report for 2024**

When I come to write my annual report and look back over each year, it never ceases to amaze me how varied all the events at each site have been, and how much they have all moved on and diversified. Although our Mission Statement and Objectives remain the same, we are not an organisation that stands still. Having said that, some firm favourites have re-appeared during this last year: Glalternatives, Hallowe'en party, Pyjama Day, and the infamous Bush Tucker Trials. 'One-offs' such as this year's Olympics were much enjoyed, and as usual, the enormous amount of thought and preparation put into every event is obvious.

As always, Belinda has kept keen eyes on the state of our finances and managed to secure funding for various things, most notably this year the sensory room – now known as the 'Zen Den' following a name-choosing survey. We could not provide new and exciting services if there wasn't a continuous flow of money coming in, and the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to get it should not be underestimated.

As always, there have been less exciting, but absolutely necessary, events to ensure everyone's wellbeing, including a successful infection control inspection and follow-up. Our concerns for the steps and railings outside House 6 are raised on a regular basis, unfortunately with not much progress so far. We continue to hope for a successful resolution.

Disappointingly, after a promising start, our collaboration with the Patient Experiences Team at Royal Derby Hospital seems to have ground to a (hopefully temporary) halt. I feel we have a responsibility to highlight issues relating to adults with learning disabilities' experiences within the health services. If we do not, they will potentially receive a poorer, less informed service as a result. We need to underline again things like difficulties in navigating appointments technology; lack of available carers to support attendance at appointments; mobility issues, and difficulty in accessing transport.

We were sent drafts of some 'Easy Read' documents explaining possible procedures, such as having an X-ray, and how to give feedback about appointments, etc. We spent a lot of time working on these, and sent our thoughts and suggestions back to the hospital. However, we have not heard anything further, so feel there has been little real progress on any of our concerns, in part due to changing staff at the hospital and the PE Team having to await responses from other colleagues and



departments. This must be equally as frustrating for them, too. We shall decide how best to proceed.

Earlier in the year we had discussions with Derby University about the new Nursing Associates course. As a result, so far, we have had one student on a 5-week placement, and will welcome another one before the end of January. As we are not medically qualified, the course tutors review and assess the students' work, but we have a strong role in ensuring they work in a person-centred way, develop their communication skills, understand the importance of seeing people as individuals with differing needs, and have an awareness of day to day risk assessment. We also need to see that they have the ability to reflect on their own practice and that of others, and can take responsibility for their own learning and professionalism.

**In brief:**

- to our great relief, and with a huge sense of achievement, our CAF [Charities Aid Foundation] loan was paid off at the beginning of the year.
- We have established a 'Suggestions Box' (which is kept locked) for learners and staff to drop their ideas into. (Anything urgent should be referred immediately to a member of the management team.) The box is checked prior to each month's Trustees Meeting and any suggestions discussed.
- The Accident and Incident report books are checked and signed off by me on a regular basis, and any necessary action taken.
- Staff training has continued over the last twelve months, and the relevant certificates adorn the walls.
- I've been delighted to judge various competitions during the year, and present one or two prizes, not least, the overall Gold Medal at the Olympics.

As always, huge and grateful thanks to local businesses and individuals who have supported us in so many ways throughout the year, and to **ALL** learners, families, carers, staff, volunteers, church staff, and my fellow Trustees, for their dedication and hard work, sense of humour, and unwavering support to me.

Hilary Marshall

Chair of the Trustees

## **Section 4**

### **Summary of Activities in 2024**

2024, like 2023, continued to be challenging. The cost of living/inflation affected us in many ways, however we managed to run safe and successful services throughout the year. We have learned to budget carefully and manage resources very effectively.

During the year we improved our website which provides information of what we do and photo evidence of our achievements. The website can be found at: [www.alternativesderby.com](http://www.alternativesderby.com).

### **The Activity Hubs Services:**

Throughout the whole of 2024 we continued to run two activity services from our base at St. Augustine's Church. We called the service from the Parish Rooms 'Upstairs'.

Approximately 6 to 8 people generally are 'Upstairs' each session and everyone else remains in the Watson Rooms. Everyone has the chance during each week to attend both areas.

### **Upstairs:**

This area is used on Mondays and Fridays for art and craft activities in the main. On Wednesdays a group of Centre Users work with Church staff to support the catering for their 'Gathering Place' café. Various exercise and learning activities take place on Wednesdays after the Gathering Place.

### **The Watson Rooms:**

The Watson Rooms Hub continues to offer a huge variety of opportunities to users over all three days supported by all of the staffing team at various times throughout the week.

Many activities have been introduced or developed over the year. These have included;

### **Independency Skills:**

- Cookery (hot and cold; starters, main courses, desserts, snacks, creating a packed lunch)
  - Menu planning
  - Nutrition
  - Ingredient recognition
  - Vegetable preparation
- Accessing local supermarkets (our shopping project)
  - Making and using a shopping list
  - Finding products
  - Comparing for value/freshness/offers
  - Paying for and packing purchases including using self check-outs
  - Loading and unloading shopping and putting everything in its correct place
  - Checking that we use the oldest products first
- Contributing to group discussions
  - Turn taking
  - Not interrupting

- Listening to views of others
- Questioning
- Answering questions

#### Life Skills

- Basic literacy and numeracy practise
- Money skills
- Using computers effectively
- Speaking up (self-advocacy)
- Problem solving and managing conflict
- Getting help with problems via using the phone and Internet
- Gardening, grounds maintenance and recycling

#### Creative Skills to Increase Confidence and Self Esteem

- Music groups
- Jewellery making
- Collage
- Mural design
- Knitting & rug making
- Card making (using a variety of techniques)
- Canvas painting
- Christmas decoration making
- Fabric printing

#### Exercise and Promoting Healthier Lifestyles

- Basketball
- Boxing
- Table Football & Swingball
- Chair exercises
- Dance exercise groups including drumstickercise
- Yoga
- Joining in the Relaxation group
- Walking groups
- Balloon badminton

#### Accessing the community

- Visits to the park and football pitch
- Trips to farms and garden centres
- Museum and culture visits

#### Employability and Vocational Skills

- Volunteering in our Coffee Bar & The Gathering Place
- Developing customer service skills
- Volunteering in our Training Shop (see separate section below)
- Using computers/iPads effectively
- Developing an understanding of Health & Safety
- Speaking up (self-advocacy)
- Problem solving and managing conflict
- Getting help with problems via using the phone & Internet

#### We improved the Hubs environment

- We continued with our commitment to recycle, re-use and reduce waste



- We replaced and upgraded our displays

The shopping project runs all year and is very useful for teaching valuable life skills including how to be risk-aware in the community.

Throughout this year we have spent much more time in small groups out of the hubs base. We have visited local museums, art events, garden centre trips, farm visit etc. Photos throughout this report show what an exciting time we have all had.

This was our programme of the special events during the year.

Month	Event	Details
January	Belinda's 60 <sup>th</sup> extravaganza! Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee Style Tea Party upstairs Invites to all Hadfield family and friends!!
February	Valentine's Day Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's activities and Disco Everyone invited to wear red.
February	Pancake Day Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cooking and Flipping pancakes a day early.
March	Easter Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrating Easter a little early with a treasure hunt.
May	Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Society Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cakes to make and buy
June	'Glasternatives' Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Our own take on a festival to celebrate Glastonbury, wear wellies and festival wear and enjoy music and festival food.
July	2024 Olympics 26 <sup>th</sup> onwards	Opening ceremony celebrations and then our own Olympic events during late July/August
August	Sarah's 50 <sup>th</sup> birthday party! (a few days earlier on 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Please all wear sunshine colour clothes for the day! Yellow and orange drinks, fruits and ice lollies to enjoy!
August	Beach Party Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ, Beach Fancy Dress. Ice Cream Van
September	Pyjama Day Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cake and Party Games Those that wish to wear pyjamas and slippers (Donations to Headway).
October	Halloween Disco Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Spooky tunes and Fancy dress.
November	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Bush Tucker Trial	Gruesome foods to sample Jungle themed crafts and activities
December	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carols, Mince pies and mulled 'wine' Buffet and Disco Party Games and Chips Christmas Jumper competition each day!
December	Various Dates	Carols/Christmas experience in St Augustine's.

## **The Training Shop services:**

We opened our Training Shop in November 2010. It is located in the village of Spondon in a precinct of mixed businesses/shops.

The shop has been well received by the local community who have been supportive on many levels, for example, buying second hand goods that are for sale and donating goods to be processed for sale.

There are placements available for adults with learning disabilities who want to learn the skills required to work in a charity shop. Shop Learners can attend for a half or full day. The shop is open for trading Mondays to Saturdays.

This training shop, we believe, is a major success. There is no other service in Derby like it and positive feedback from the general public and our shop customers has been overwhelming!

We have made some internal adjustments during this year to both increase and alter the working spaces in the training area. All areas of the shop are now effective and set up to ensure our learners have super spaces in which to carry out their tasks.

## **HOUSE SIX:**

In 2021 we secured the purchase of 6 Chapel Side –a 3 bedroomed maisonette over the row of shops where our Training Shop is.

House Six learners have access to five rooms in which to learn a huge variety of independent living skills or to contribute to the training shop.

In 2024 we were excited to introduce the Zen Den to House Six. This wonderful sensory room which is an amazing asset was majority funded by the Screwfix Foundation. We are massively grateful for their support.

Many of the House Six activities are similar to those listed above under the Watson Rooms section.

## **Community Support:**

We ran supported sessions for Gym attendance and swimming during the week and occasionally other events such as football and boccia.

## **Our Community Presence**

- We joined in the Spondon Christmas Lights evening
- We watered the Spondon precinct flower beds throughout the summer
- We continued to help with the maintenance of the grounds and flowerbeds of St. Augustine's Church and ensured the external areas remained free from litter
  
- We raised over £300+ for a variety of charities over the year;  
Alzheimer's Society - Friends of Spondon Parks - Macmillan Cancer Support - Royal British Legion

## Section 5

### **Service Manager's Review of 2024 and plans for 2025**

The Annual Report and Annual General Meeting are the opportunities we have to look back at the last calendar year and examine our achievements. It is also the time to recognise and record the individuals and organisations that have helped us to achieve our aims. The photographs section of the report shows what we achieved in 2024. Section 8 of this document contains a list of thanks to all those who have supported us during 2024. My apologies go to anyone I have forgotten to include.

As always, I would like to thank the Management Committee for their support, encouragement and commitment throughout 2024.

2024 was just as challenging and exciting as 2023 but we did some great things and are very proud of all of our achievements.

I can honestly state that all of our Hub and Shop/House Six learners have had a fantastic year with us in 2024. I see it for myself when I work at each site and I collect feedback from other staff, Trustees, parents, carers, the community and learners themselves. We try to keep our website up to date with new photos that speak for themselves in demonstrating what we do and how much everyone has fun achieving and having a meaningful time.

The displays of our art and craft work at the Hubs remain amazing. Mel and other staff have introduced us to a wide range of creative ideas, many of which we had not tried before.

There has been an amazing variety of activities across all services as the previous section of the report details.

We had a variety of fundraising events throughout the year raising small sums of money for other charities with valuable aims.

We celebrated several key birthdays including my own which proved to be an amazing event which I thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

We celebrated the Olympics with many sporting events leading to most people being awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal and prior to that we had an opening ceremony Flag parade up and down Upper Dale Road.

Our two summer main events – Glasternatives and Beach Day were super successful and this year the weather was perfect for us.

We had fun too at Halloween with fancy dress and plenty of spooky activities and had our usual events based on the TV programme 'I'm A Celebrity'.

Christmas, as usual, was fun across all sites with activities and celebratory treats.

We continued to support the catering for St. Augustine's Church 'Gathering Place' café on Wednesdays. This is proving a fantastic opportunity to collaborate with the Church and local community for this popular weekly event.



We opened the shop on the evening of the Christmas lights switch on in Spondon which was, as always, a fantastic evening attended by hundreds of people although this year the inclement weather meant that the fireworks were cancelled.

We welcomed Ellie-May as our new employee working at the Shop on Saturdays. Amy returned from Maternity Leave giving us a whole staffing team off 22! This is the most employees we have had at any one time in our history.

One of our main achievements this year was the installation of the Zen Den which is our sensory room based in House Six. I really don't know why we had not pursued funding for this before – it is an amazing asset and very well loved by our learners and staff alike. We would very much like some similar, but smaller scale at our Hubs base and will look into trying to move this forward in 2025.

We are going to have a mini makeover of House Six kitchen in 2025 – a new boiler and a new cooker and hob. We will be updating and replacing some of the lighting in the Shop and hope to decorate parts of the Hubs in the summer months. We have a new ramp ready to place in position at the Hubs and we will continue to maintain the Church grounds and planting beds.

All in all, a fantastic year full of meaningful and exciting activities supported by an amazing staffing team. We record any compliments we receive over the year in our Committee Meeting minutes and in 2024 we had so much positive feedback from our learners, parents, shop customers, volunteers etc all praising the work of our staff and the organisation as a whole. It is an absolute pleasure to work alongside all of you. Thank you so much for your contributions. You are appreciated and respected highly.

Belinda Hadfield  
Service Manager



## **Service Manager's Review – Statistics**

Below I have detailed how long each of the staffing team has been with Alternatives (including time as a volunteer if applicable):

Name	Length of Service at end of 2024
Belinda Hadfield	29 years
Maureen White	27½ years
Satia Chohan	24¾ years
Natalie Graham	24years
Jo Evans	14½ (& 10½ years past service)
Samantha Elliott	14¼ years
Britt Hadfield	14¼ years
Jane Morrison	134¼ years (& 6¾ years past service)
Kai Greenwell	13½ years
John Graham	11¼ years
Mel Allen	8 years 3 months
Sam Saccone	7 years and 9 months
Rebecca Elyard	7 years and 3 months
Amy Palmer	7 years
Sarah Brookes	5 years and 4 months
Liane Clay	2 years and 11 months
Rose Meehan	2 years and 6 months
Victoria Pavlou	2 years and 4 months
Liz Piggott	2 years and 2 months
Victoria Turner	1 year and 2 months
Vicky Thomas	1 year and 9 months
Ellie-May Millett	2 months

I think this table further demonstrates that working at Alternatives is rewarding in many ways.

Here is a list of everyone who has been a paid employee of Alternatives during the last 30+ years (not in order) (apologies if I have missed anyone).

Myself	Kate Grailey	Sandy Sanders	Jo Evans
Natalie Graham	Jane Morrison	Maureen White	Satia Chohan
Richard Moylan	Sam Elliott	Britt Hadfield	Kai Greenwell
John Graham	Stef Hahn	Sara Owen	Jane Penny
Hannah Lloyd	George Whittingham	Charlotte Wroe	Carla Bazeley
Julie Shortland	Anne Haxell	David Yale	Abu Nsubuga
Marion Slater	Leila Renshaw	Amanda O'Rourke	Schani Caves
Alex Smith	Karen Gibbons	Debbie Hirst	Sam Cook
Chantelle Bardouille	Val Travers Muir	Gurpreet Johal	Adele Taylor
Chris Buttery	Emma Goldsney	Eileen Egan	Louise Partlow
Lisa Waugh	Suzanne Ashman	Pam Woodman	Mel Allen
Amy Smith	Sam Saccone	Rebecca Elyard	Amy Palmer
Caroline Wheway	Sarah Brookes	Liane Clay	Rose Meehan
Victoria Pavlou	Liz Piggott	Vicky Thomas	Victoria Turner
Ellie-May Millett			

and all of our Centre Users who worked for us on Stage 1 of our Employment Scheme.

## Section 6

### Staff Contribution

I started working with the staff and learners at the Alternatives Activity Centre, as an Outreach Arts Facilitator for Derby Museums around 2012. I visited six mornings a year to work with the learners to produce artworks inspired by the museum's collections and exhibitions. I think my favourite projects at that time were the "Alternatives open exhibition", which was inspired by the museum's collection of shells and sea creatures, and the skeleton that learners illustrated on black paper with silver and gold pens. Both of these art activities encouraged learners to draw something themselves from life, something some of them found quite challenging as they believed they "couldn't draw". In the end, with some persuasion, they had a go and helped to produce these really beautiful displays of their own art.

I was asked in 2016 if I would be interested in working one day a week at Alternatives as an arts and craft coordinator, which I was more than happy to accept. This has given me the opportunity to get to know both staff and learners very well, and hopefully made me much more understanding of the needs of the learners we all work with. I have found that working within a framework, but still allowing the freedom for individual creativity often produces the best results and I am constantly surprised and amazed at the beautiful work each learner creates.

Since 2020 and Covid I've worked with colleagues regularly with small groups in the Parish room. This is a much more relaxed and quiet experience for learners. Originally organized so we were in smaller groups to lessen the risk of the spread of covid, as that risk lessened, we found some learners preferred the smaller quieter group so that provision continued.

In 2021 I was asked if I'd like to work an extra day a week, and I now also work in the Activity Centre Rooms, which is a much livelier setting where flexibility is key, fitting in with other activities that take place. Many of those activities can inspire the art produced. For example, the whale with plastic bottles stuffing the body was inspired by a regular learner activity based around pollution and the environment. I have always been happy to work with others to produce something for the Centre and feel that projects where everyone can contribute are the most successful. I think out of these my favourite pieces are the wonderful tiles on the fireplace, and the beautifully patterned paper produced using stamps of insects and flowers that the learners designed and that was then used to make our "Bisa Butler" inspired "David Bowie".

Since starting to work two days a week I feel I have become much more part of the team. Working with such outstanding colleagues has been a really positive experience for me. The support and understanding they give to both me and our group of learners is an inspiration to see, and I am so pleased to be part of such a fantastic team. I am happy to have had even a small role in helping learners to overcome obstacles and improve their confidence by producing something they love making and are rightly proud of.

Mel Allen





## Section 7

### Service User Contribution

Hi my name is Karen, i've been coming to Alternatives since 2024. Since i've been coming to Alternatives i've met lots of lovely people. Since i've been coming i've stepped up and took charge of making people's birthday cards etc. Since i've been coming to Alternatives i've found this really helpful. It's the best thing i've done because it helped stop me feeling so isolated and lonely and it has improved my mental health. I've made lots of close friends called Saima, Carol, Amanda & Joanne etc. The staff are really helpful & supportive and look out for Activities for me to do

from Karen



## Section 8

### Our Thanks

#### **FUNDERS, DONORS & SUPPORTERS in 2024.**

**We would like to extend our thanks to all of the following organisations and individuals for their contributions that were all very appreciated during 2024 (some received in 2023).**

**Included on this list are some of the individuals who have offered help, advice and support in a variety of ways during the year.**

#### **Thanks to:**

Awards for All – The National Lottery  
The Arnold Clark Foundation  
The B & Q Foundation  
The Charities Aid Foundation  
CAF Bank  
Jill & Richard Comer  
Derby City Council – Adults, Health & Housing  
Dianne and John Clarke  
East Midlands Airport Community Fund  
Frances & Trevor Nash  
Foundation Derbyshire  
Gez Grimes – money raised in memory of Julie  
Janine Riminton  
Jewellery Lady  
St. Augustine's Church  
Mark Harrison – Midlands Accountancy Services (pensions support)  
Mencap  
The James family  
Leeds Building Society  
The Masons - Derbyshire  
Margaret Mowles-Derby Community Accountancy Service  
Mark Newey-Derby Community Accountancy Service  
Jenny & Gill Orme  
The Screwfix Foundation  
The Severn Trent Water Community Fund  
Various members of the Piggott family  
The community in Spondon  
Everyone who has given goods for our charity shop

**THANK  
YOU**



**and finally, thanks again to the current staff and volunteer team who work so hard to ensure that our excellent service levels are maintained.**

## Section 9

### Annual Accounts for 2024

On the following pages are extracts from Alternatives Activity Centre's accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

The accounts were produced by Derby Community Accountancy Service.

The accounts were signed on behalf of the Treasurer prior to the Annual General Meeting.





# Alternatives Activity Centre

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

<b>2023</b>				<b>2024</b>
<b>£</b>				<b>£</b>
	<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
99400	Land & Buildings	Note 5		99400
	<b>Current Assets</b>			
295737	Bank Balance			322244
8406	Debtors and prepayments	Note 6		8210
170	Cash			193
403713	<b>Total assets</b>			430047
	<b>less liabilities</b>			
-12427	Creditors<1 Yr	Note 7		-8115
	Total assets less Current Liabilities			<b>421932</b>
<b>391286</b>	<b>Net Assets</b>			<b>421932</b>
	<b>Represented by Funds</b>			
834	Restricted Funds	Note 9		5000
215452	Unrestricted Funds			166932
175000	Designated Fund	Note 4		250000
<b>391286</b>				<b>421932</b>

Alternatives Activity Centre						
Statement of Financial Activity						
For year ended 31st December 2024						
2023			Designated Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024
£			£	£	£	£
	<b>Charitable Income</b>					
3480	Grants	Note 1	0	170	10000	10170
555	Donations		0	256	0	256
90920	Fundraising Income	Note 2	0	84548	0	84548
279298	Sundry Income	Note 3	0	343432	0	343432
1604	Interest		0	4918	0	4918
<b>375857</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>433324</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>443324</b>
	<b>Charitable Expenditure</b>					
294288	Salaries & Associated Costs		0	326722	0	326722
40072	Premises, Rates & Insurance		0	39851	0	39851
5936	Postage, Stationary & Telephone		0	3316	0	3316
1425	Professional Fees & Subscriptions		0	4942	0	4942
3857	Travel		0	3637	0	3637
7570	Equipment & Maintenance		0	4766	0	4766
14022	Provisions		0	15300	834	16134
743	Sundries		0	181	0	181
0	Sensory Room		0	4750	5000	9750
1623	Interest on Loan		0	49	0	49
<b>369536</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>403514</b>	<b>5834</b>	<b>409348</b>
3560	<b>Cost of Managing &amp; Administering the Charity</b>		0	3330	0	3330
0	<b>Cost of Generating Funds</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>373096</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>406844</b>	<b>5834</b>	<b>412678</b>
<b>2761</b>	<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>		0	26480	4166	30646
<b>388525</b>	<b>Fund Balance at Start of Period</b>		175000	215452	834	391286
0	<b>Transfer Between Funds</b>		75000	-75000	0	0
<b>391286</b>	<b>Fund Balance at End of Period</b>		<b>250000</b>	<b>166932</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>421932</b>



	<b>Alternatives Activity Centre</b>				
		<b>Notes to the Accounts</b>			
<b>Note 1</b>				<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Grants received consisted of		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Together Fund		0	0	0	3480
Mencap		170	0	170	0
Screwfix Foundation		0	5000	5000	0
Anton Jurgens		0	5000	5000	0
		<b>170</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>10170</b>	<b>3480</b>
<b>Note 2</b>					
Fundraising					£
Coffee Bar and Centre shop					2339
Spondon Shop and other sales					82209
					<b>84548</b>
<b>Note 3</b>					
Sundry Income					£
Fee income					343432
					<b>343432</b>
<b>Note 4</b>					
£170,000 has been reserved to cover costs in the event of business closure.					
£80,000 has been reserved to cover the future costs for the shop project.					
<b>Note 5</b>					
Fixed Assets				Land & Buildings	Equipment
				£	£
Cost as at 31 December 2023				99400	35375
Additions					0
Cost as at 31 December 2024				99400	35375
Depreciation b/fwd				0	35375
Depreciation this year				0	0
Total Depreciation				0	35375
Net Value at 31 December 2024				<b>99400</b>	<b>0</b>

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		Notes to the Accounts				
<b>Note 6</b>						
Debtors and prepayments						
						£
Rent paid in advance						8210
						<b>8210</b>
<b>Note 7</b>						
<b>Creditors&lt;1 Yr</b>						
						£
HM Revenue and Customs						-7003
NEST						-1102
Ebay						-10
						<b>-8115</b>
<b>Note 9</b>						
Restricted Funds						
		Balance B/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance C/f
			£	£	£	£
Mencap Round The World Challenge		835	0	-835	0	0
Screwfix Foundation		0	5000	-5000	0	0
Anton Jurgens		0	5000	0	0	5000
		<b>835</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>-5835</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5000</b>