A PLACE TO CALL OUR OWN LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1102516

Details

Other names	APTCOO
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04708232
Registered	2004-03-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE PERSONS WITH A LEARNING OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY BY ASSISTING SUCH PERSONS TO REALISE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND LEAD FULFILLING LIVES IN PARTICULAR BY HELPING SUCH PERSONS AND FAMILIES OR CARERS TO OBTAIN THEIR FULL RIGHTS PRIVILEGES.

Activities: The charity is a voluntary organisation offering an accessible community based resource for disabled children, young people, their carers and families. We offer a help line, support for carers, an information base covering a broad range of issues, a fully equipped sensory room and social events such as play sessions.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£1,305,299	£986,072	£995,370	28
2024-07-31	£1,094,160	£1,045,119	£676,143	29
2023-07-31	£988,096	£981,406	£627,102	25
2022-07-31	£995,224	£729,451	£620,414	24
2021-07-31	£757,948	£624,159	£354,641	16
2020-07-31	£586,833	£411,747	£228,316	19

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Catherine Spencer		2024-12-05
Lee Brazier		2026-03-05
Lee Piercy		2020-02-20
Lottie Learoyd		2026-03-05
Nichola Storey		2023-09-14

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Company No. 04708232
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 July 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

Introduction from Lee Piercy, APTCOO (A Place to Call Our Own) Chairman

I am pleased and privileged to present this Trustee Report on behalf of the Charity.
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, community partners, and fellow Trustees for their unwavering commitment to providing safe, high-quality care to the people we support. In a year shaped by changes in public policy, a turbulent political climate, and rising costs, your resilience and professionalism have been exceptional.

Day-to-day operations at APTCOO are led by our CEO and Senior Leadership Team, under the governance of our Board of Trustees—a group who bring significant knowledge, experience, and insight from across sectors to guide APTCOO's development and success.

This year, we have seen the benefits of investing in our people, enhancing green environments, and progressing our new property in Bassetlaw—Tall Trees. More service users accessed support, and attendance at our special school increased, enabling more young people to have their needs met earlier in their often challenging lives.
Whenever I visit our sites and teams, I am inspired by their dedication and ambition. Their expertise is rooted in empathy for children and families and in kindness and respect for one another. I am proud of the leadership, drive, and determination that APTCOO demonstrates every day.

Looking ahead, we anticipate continued political, economic, and social change. We are proactively advancing our strategic priorities to ensure APTCOO remains agile and sustainable—by Thinking Differently, collaborating with key stakeholders, and leveraging the voice of people.

A heartfelt thank you to every person in the APTCOO team. You bring a wealth of knowledge, lived experience, kindness, and compassion. We also extend our gratitude to everyone who has financially supported APTCOO. With your continued support, we look forward to carrying on our vital work.

Introduction from Carol Burkitt, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

A year of meaningful change

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to share the profound impact APTCOO has made in the lives of the families we support and across our local community.

At APTCOO, we bring together lived experience and professional expertise to provide specialist information, expert advice, and a compassionate listening ear.

Lived experience at the heart

Lived experience is central to everything we do. It enables us to offer services that are authentic, compassionate, and truly resonate with the families we support. Our holistic approach is why so many families continue to place their trust in us—knowing we will be here for them, whenever they need us.

After fifteen years at the helm of APTCOO, one truth has never changed: change is constant. We have survived and thrived by holding fast to our values—genuine kindness and our shared humanity.

Our work reaches deep into the lives of families, children and our own team. That depth requires emotional intelligence and the humility to know that none of us are flawless. At APTCOO we choose grace over gripe. We listen first, we extend trust, and when mistakes happen, we learn—together.

I am deeply proud to share this year's report. It is heart-centred and rooted in empathy, not competition or hierarchy. Compassion is not a soft alternative to results; it is how we get results that last. Compassion helps us keep things simple when the system feels complex. It helps us coordinate with partners and stand steady through change, challenge and crisis. It is the everyday practice behind our promise: the right support, at the right time, in the right place, with the right people.

Thank you to our families for your courage, to our staff and volunteers for your care, and to our partners and commissioners for your trust. Together we are making homes safer, days happier, lives healthier and futures more hopeful—one compassionate act at a time.

Annual Highlight | Summer Bazaar at Tall Trees

This year, Tall Trees was buzzing with excitement, laughter, and plenty of smiles as we hosted our Summer Bazaar—a fundraising event and a celebration of community spirit.

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Aims and Objectives - continued

From the moment the doors opened, the atmosphere was warm and welcoming. Our wonderful team, volunteers, parents/carers, and young people worked together to make the day truly special. Delicious homemade cakes and drinks were enjoyed by all, and a fantastic range of products showcased the value of our Grow-to-Grow Enterprise Project. The homegrown and handmade items highlighted the talent and creativity across APTCOO, including some very gifted parents, staff, and young people who worked hard the day before to prepare for the event. It was heart-warming to see young people from APTCOO in Bassetlaw's after-school club and the APTCOO Independent Special School in attendance—able to see first-hand how their enterprise projects contributed to plant sales and refreshments. This clearly demonstrates how APTCOO blends its charity heart with education, promoting each pupil's personal development and positive community impact.

Thank you

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our team, volunteers, and all those who support APTCOO. Together, we are making a difference—ensuring every family feels seen, supported, and empowered.

Public Benefit

APTCOO has built on its long legacy of family support to establish a dynamic, holistic and strengths-based approach to work with the SEND community, whatever their background or circumstances, whatever has happened in the past and whatever is happening now in the present. As APTCOO continues to expand and develop communities of reflective practice, we increasingly transform our frontline experience into an evidence base of what works when placing family, and their voices, at the heart of our day-to-day work, providing a community of practice.

Across all our services, APTCOO focuses on:
- Creating opportunity and life chances
- Promoting health, wellbeing and connectedness
- Supporting families through all life stages and major changes
- Helping to build and sustain safe, supportive relationships
- Amplifying family stories and the voices of families today
- Supporting a system that respects the whole family, treating every child as a whole person, not a diagnosis to be managed
- Relationships Really Matter

We provide extensive wraparound services that focus on health, wellbeing and fun. Activities are embedded in our local communities that form part of a network of community inclusion.

Our services include:
- Waiting well, support and access to parent group and wellbeing activities
- Delivery of specialist workshops
- Emotional wellbeing support for families
- After school activity groups for children and young people across all age ranges
- Therapeutic sensory space
- School Holiday Activities
- Volunteering
- Education, training, and employability; learning and work experience
- APTCOO provides hosting to other complementary providers and agencies enabling families to benefit from joined up services and coordinated care.

Our Values

At APTCOO, our vision is to build a community where every family and every child who is neurodivergent and/or has special needs and/or disabilities including early life trauma, is empowered, supported and no family ever feels alone.

Our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment for every parent, carer, child, and young person we support. Our SEND community is strengthened by the rich mix of diversity among our families, staff, and partners. This diversity brings fresh perspectives, fosters understanding, and enriches every aspect of our work. At APTCOO, we believe in reciprocal learning; recognising that everyone in our community, from children and families to staff and partners, brings valuable knowledge and experiences that help us grow together. Over the past year, we have worked closely with our dedicated team, partners, and families to deliver high-quality, specialist services that meet the needs of our families and commissioners.

Our Impact is measured not only by service outcomes, but by the confidence, independence, and sense of belonging our families gain. These outcomes are a testament to the dedication of the team, and the strength of the special families we serve.

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Public Benefit - continued

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support from our stakeholders, families, and community partners. As we look ahead, we remain committed to building on our successes, learning from our challenges, and striving for even greater impact in the years to come.

APTCOO Independent Special School

APTCOO Independent Special School offers an inclusive, safe and nurturing environment supporting learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) who have struggled to make progress in mainstream or special school settings. Learners attending APTCOO will typically be experiencing significant barriers to learning because of their social and emotional needs. We have created an all-encompassing curriculum placing a high priority on trauma-informed practise and nurture using the Principles of PACE (Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity and Empathy).

Prior to coming to APTCOO it has been identified that learners have not been able to make progress in either mainstream or special schools and need the specialised nurturing environments that APTCOO provides. These are often children and young people at a high level of need, who will have, or be in the process of an assessment of an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and the involvement of several professionals.

The curriculum is broad, balanced and engaging and has a heavy focus on nurture and developing learners' confidence and communication skills and improving dysregulated behaviour. This will be carefully adapted with special consideration to cognitive ability, dignity and personal development.

Our Independent Special School remains small and niche responding to the local commissioners who need a special place for a special child. APTCOO offers an inclusive, safe and nurturing environment supporting learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) who have struggled to make progress in mainstream or special school settings. As we reached the end of the summer term we were pleased and proud to share the special work of APTCOO throughout our Ofsted inspection. The outcome of our inspection was a rating of Good; we were thrilled. The visit was thorough and perhaps equal to the grading we all enjoyed the experience, including our team and the inspectors who remarked on their own privileged experience and valuable insight into the lives of children who have experienced early life trauma.

"APTCOO is a safe and caring environment for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Pupils feel happy and say they are very well cared for. They enjoy attending because of the strong relationships they have with the staff."
Source: Ofsted Inspection Report, July 2025

Throughout this year APTCOO has been focused on agreeing its strategic priorities co-produced in partnership with families, and partners.
1. Grow and expand the support and services to reach more families
2. Design and deliver mental health support to those who are on long wait lists
3. Develop the data quality of the work internally & externally
4. Increase the number of school places
5. Broaden the age focus to include Early Years with trauma- based early intervention
6. Promote the value of experts by experience, amplify the voices
7. Explore and share the benefits of green social prescribing
8. Invest in technology, systems to support 24/7 response

Each year APTCOO celebrates the impact and outcome of its work; APTCOO has managed to develop and grow its trauma informed specialist service provision in what are particularly challenging economic times. Impressive strides have been made in knowledge, skills, provision and strategies that can help to underpin trauma responsive support and interventions.

APTCOO manage and maintain a positive relationship between commissioners and service users acknowledging that none of the services or waiting well models offer a panacea for multi-faceted problems. However, APTCOO are now seeing the benefits of designing trauma informed needs led services which support, enhance and ensure a consistent and seamless journey through a maze of services. Together, the workforce and community are feeling the positive change in culture and reducing the stigma surrounding trauma and adversity.

APTCOO in Bassetlaw | Tall Trees Family Hub

Our Tall Trees SEND Family hub is flourishing, offering a positive learning centre for children and their families. Thank you to all the amazing local businesses and corporates that support us in a variety of ways from fundraising, raffle prizes discounts, free entry tickets for our families and donating their skill set and volunteering with us!

It has been an extremely busy year with the Tall Trees Family Hub in full swing, offering parents, carers and professionals a place to meet in the community that is safe, non-judgemental and open to new ways of "thinking differently" specialising in the cause and effect of family trauma and how best to improve the family wellbeing.

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Public Benefit - continued

The principles of green social prescribing - helping people to take part in nature-based activities to improve their mental and physical health - provide a framework to scaffold the soft therapeutic benefits of art, cookery, crafts and outdoor gardening horticulture and woodwork.

APTCOO offers a combined indoor and outdoor approach and has invested in places and spaces, offering therapeutic environments for all to enjoy, this includes our team and their families too. The social, economic and health benefits of our beautiful outdoor spaces is now recognised as a leap forward in creating community-embedded, nature-based, person-centred care.

Over the last year parents and volunteers have worked together to re-design and renovate our indoor and outdoor space into a thriving social enterprise hub.

APTCOO continues to develop parent carer champions, working to improve family health and well-being; they have lived through the experience and make the best teachers of life skills. APTCOO has implemented a whole system relational approach to well-being for all service users, staff and volunteers aiming to prevent the onset of mental health conditions.

The aim is to share the impact of collaboration by embedding a culture of learning within APTCOO and harnessing the best available evidence about what works in improving outcomes for all.

APTCOO shares the benefits of collective intelligence to share and generate the learning that is now being used to encourage the wider inclusion and interest from multiple agencies. These findings are a valuable opportunity for learning to be more swiftly disseminated to public sector partners. APTCOO is ambitious for the SEND community gathering and sharing their voice, contributing to the re-design of local services, without a battle.

APTCOO's community Food Club helps with food and essentials; while our family support, helps people shape - or reshape - their futures for themselves. The Food Club improves families access to affordable food and specialist support on a year-round basis and offers food for a fraction of its retail value and reduces food waste.

The food club is very responsive to local need enabling families to stretch their budgets further each week, helping to prevent financial crises. The products include a wide selection of fresh, chilled, frozen, and ambient goods.

Alongside affordable food, families are able to access support services including a menu of activities, toolkits and advice, sharing good practice. The Food Club offers many opportunities to families targeting sensory diets, food sensitivities, healthy eating, lifestyles and the wider impact of health linked to eating problems, sleep deprivation, associated with the challenges of young people with SEND.

Time For Us | APTCOO Parent Carer Support Group

Time for Us has grown in numbers and remit. We now have a core group of parent carers who are steering the family-friendly and informative discussions in a way that they feel makes a difference and most importantly parent carers feel included.

We use the principles of Anna Freud Reflective Parenting model which helps parents and carers develop a better understanding of the thoughts, feelings, and intentions behind their own and their family emotions and behaviours. It encourages parents and carers to pause and reflect, improving communication, reducing conflict, and enhancing attachment by building a clearer picture of the child's inner world.

APTCOO's impact has been built on its ability to learn and evolve, responding to change with energy and innovation. Critical to the direction of travel is the commitment to demonstrate the impact. We are very proud of our compassion and care that is woven into our organisation.

At APTCOO, we measure what matters. We support families so children and young people can thrive—making homes safer, days happier, lives healthier and futures more hopeful. We listen, we learn, and we improve—capturing change through reliable data and real stories so we can do more of what works and share our impact with families, partners and funders.

Over the last year APTCOO has dedicated time and expertise, highlighting to partners how peer support approaches are increasingly valued as a powerful opportunity for those with lived experience to support one another.

We offer a safe space and encourage compassionate curiosity, acknowledging any challenging emotions, asking probing, open-ended questions to hear diverse opinions, and by responding with compassion to others. We encourage families, young people and our team to view feedback as a way of strengthening ideas and processes, rather than critique.

Case Study: From Support to Empowerment – A Parent's Journey with APTCOO

Background
Parent X is a local mother of two boys, both diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). She has been an active member
of APTCOO for over four years, accessing family support and practical strategies to help both

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Public Benefit - continued

children transition successfully into school life. Before starting a family, Parent X graduated with a degree in Fine Art and initially pursued a career in retail. Her passion for art remained strong, but parenting challenges and the demands of daily life meant her creative ambitions were put on hold.

Challenges
- Navigating the complexities of dual diagnoses (ASD and ADHD) for both children
- Managing periods of high stress and low morale while awaiting formal diagnoses
- Limited opportunities for personal development and creative expression

APTCOO's Role
APTCOO provided flexible, tailored support during critical times, including:
- Family Support Services: Practical strategies for managing behaviour and routines
- Emotional Support: Helping Parent X build self-esteem and confidence
- Enterprise Hub Opportunities: Encouraging parents to explore skills and passions

Turning Point
Through APTCOO, Parent X rediscovered her love for art. She began volunteering as an Art Therapy facilitator, delivering creative sessions for parents and children.

This experience:
- Offered a therapeutic outlet for her and other families
- Fulfilled a university entry requirement for practical experience in art therapy
- Transformed her role from a passive recipient of support to an active contributor within the APTCOO community

Future Aspirations
Parent X is now planning to return to higher education to study Art Therapy, building on her Fine Art degree and volunteer experience. Her journey demonstrates the power of reciprocal partnerships—where support evolves into empowerment and shared growth.

Parent Feedback
"APTCOO has been more than a support service to me and my family—we have grown stronger together. Tall Trees offers my boys a calm sensory experience that we need so much, especially after a day at school. I no longer feel lost and lonely; I'm excited about the future. Carrying out my love of art and sharing it with others has become a natural form of therapy that we are all enjoying."

What do we know
It is essential to ensure that the voices of children, young people and families are at the heart of decisions about the interventions, research and services introduced to support them. A strong awareness of the diversity of those voices, and of the importance of hearing those that may be marginalised or socially excluded.

We know there is a rising demand and limited resources to address the increase in family/teenage mental health, we are working together with our partners offering intensive family therapy at the right time, in the right place, with the right people.

A single point of access helps enormously, that has 'no wrong door' and provides different types of support at different levels of engagement as families need it. This means that families can step into support when life becomes complex in any given areas and feel welcomed in a place they belong. We offer a comprehensive, one-stop shop with fully accessible and multi-functional space. Families enjoy and benefit from learning more about themselves, making friends and feeling valued.

Looking to the future

APTCOO operates in a SEND community landscape that is constantly evolving. We respond dynamically, listening to families, learning from practice, and adapting our support to the realities of today's system. We know further challenges lie ahead. That's why this year we've focused on being ready for future opportunities and equipped for change—so we can meet the needs of an overstretched public sector, commissioners, children, young people and their families.

Our ambition is to extend and improve services while keeping things simple. Families tell us that clarity matters, especially when navigating systems that can feel complex and overwhelming. We make it easier to get help that works.

APTCOO supports people through change, challenge and crisis. We care deeply about the children of today, the adults of tomorrow, and everyone we are becoming. Our promise is straightforward: the right support, at the right time, in the right place, with the right people. That's how we help families feel safer, days become happier, lives grow healthier, and futures become more hopeful.

APTCOO Volunteers | Grow Your Own Workforce

APTCOO volunteers include people from all walks of life, in the local community; they have an established and growing team of volunteers including parents, carers, students, professionals, and willing members of the community.

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Public Benefit - continued

Volunteers bring an enormous amount of value by providing their time, skills and energy and it is important to reward them. At the right time a full range of training and development opportunities increases their chances of employment and in some cases employment with APTCOO itself.

The concept of "grow your own workforce" where parent carers, young people and volunteers from the local community are trained and developed underpins the ethos of APTCOO.

Feedback from volunteers

"I've volunteered for several years for various causes, including mental health advocacy. It was through volunteering that I first encountered APTCOO, by chance. I was really interested in what APTCOO was doing, so I started doing some work in a voluntary capacity. I got involved in the groups for young people as well as working in the office on funding applications.

As a volunteer I have accessed a full and varied training programme to support my development and I am now a paid member of staff, in line with APTCOO's policy of "growing our own workforce", I have become an advisory to the board representing young people.

For me, volunteering has helped develop a wide range of skills and given me a great deal of experience in many areas. It has been incredibly rewarding to transition from that into an active and paid role. No matter what, though, volunteering is a very positive experience. You never know who you'll meet or in which direction it can take you."

"When I first started volunteering at APTCOO I worked with the children and young people in groups, I found this interesting and gained knowledge and experience.

I volunteered for approximately 6 months trying out different types of work with young people with complex needs. I was fortunate enough to start education with a young boy enabling him to transition back into school. This gave me a further interest to work with children and young people with an additional need within the educational setting. Volunteering has helped me gain a vast amount of knowledge and experiences that I will never forget. I have been lucky enough to have and continue to enjoy the amazing training opportunities, currently I am focussing on Mental Health Awareness another string to my bow!!!"

Next Year's Plans

APTCOO will continue to grow our funding, fundraising and commissioning base to ensure continued sustainability and growth.

APTCOO's role is to weave and coordinate—linking education, health, social care, and community organisations—so help is simple to reach, easy to understand and delivered by the right people at the right time.

Relationship building is a strategic priority, not a nice to have. Strong, trusted relationships are the engine of systems change: they reduce duplication and delay, unlock earlier help, and keep the focus on what matters to families—being safer, happier, healthier and more hopeful. Our commitment to partners is clear: we will convene, connect and coordinate, creating the conditions for shared decisions, and shared results.

APTCOO's support is holistic and dynamic in response to the fluctuating level of need and progress of the children and young people and families we meet every day. APTCOO recognises the changes and demands that families encounter as their children grow older.

APTCOO has seen a huge increase in awareness and recognition for children and adults with conditions such as Autism and ADHD, together with a noticeable change in vocabulary from special needs and disabilities to the Neurodivergent. We are now using and promoting the term 'neurodiversity services'; this change has become far less stigmatising through the growing use of social media, apps and the resources available.

One of our greatest assets is our ability to demonstrate the listening and learning from our team and beneficiaries. We will continue to develop our community of practice model with an aim to encourage others to listen and learn and make changes together. Systems and processes are much needed together with trust, shared knowledge, and shared practice to reach and agree collective intelligence.

In concluding this review of 2024/2025, we would like to thank every member of the APTCOO Team; our members of staff, with our volunteers and fundraisers, commissioners, and donors including acts of kindness from the local communities. Without these we could not offer such highly valued services for our families, together with continuous employment training and volunteering opportunities that remain our golden thread.

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Public Benefit - continued

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Continuing to Invest

Throughout 2024/2025, we have continued to go the extra mile—investing in our team, environments, and core services to ensure that both the people who deliver our work and the people we serve experience the benefits.

As demand for charitable services continues to rise, communities are grappling with multiple, overlapping pressures charities are often stepping in where statutory support has been withdrawn or reduced. In this context, the Trustees and CEO are faced with increasingly difficult choices about how to deploy finite resources responsibly and fairly, with one of the hardest calls being when to say yes and when to say no.

That decision requires balancing mission fit, urgency of need, organisational capacity, risk and safeguarding considerations, equity across beneficiaries, and the likely sustainability and impact of any intervention.

Ultimately, effective leadership means holding the tension between compassion, reputation and meeting immediate need, where possible, while protecting the charity's long term ability to serve.

Achievements and Performance

Risk Management

The Trustees regularly review and assess the risks faced by the charity in all areas of its work. The Trustees have a risk register acting as a management strategy which comprises:

- the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces is updated by the senior management team and presented to the full board, for review and discussion
- the establishment of policies, systems, and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise

The Trustees ensure the decision-making processes are informed, rigorous and timely, and that effective delegation, control and risk-assessment and management systems are set up and monitored.
The Trustees promote a culture of sound management of resources but also understand that being over-cautious and risk averse can itself be a risk and hinder innovation. Where aspects of a Trustee's role are delegated to committees, staff, volunteers, or contractors, they keep responsibility and oversight.
The Trustees operate a risk management approach to the charity's business and the process involves:

- Setting out objectives/targets to be achieved annually
- Setting out an annual budget
- Delegating authority to ensure objectives and targets are achieved
- Undertaking an annual Financial Risk Assessment
- Developing a Governor toolkit
- Team wellbeing

In addition, the Trustees have also set out and implemented policies and procedures to cover quality assurance, team wellbeing, equal opportunities, health and safety, environmental issues and recycling, IT data and financial policies covering investment, reserves, and limits of authority for expenditure.

Financial Review

Financial Position

At 31 March 2025, the charity held free reserves of £496,559 (2024: £117,696).
The trustees consider this level of reserves to be appropriate for the size and nature of the charity's operations, providing sufficient flexibility to manage financial risks and maintain service delivery.
The trustees will continue to monitor reserves throughout the year to ensure they remain aligned with the charity's strategic and operational needs.

Reserves Policy

We are pleased with the financial performance of the charity during the year. We have continued to grow and develop and add to reserves, 2025 reserves are split restricted £39,838 (2024: £47,420) and unrestricted £955,533 (2024: £628,723)

APTCOO's reserves policy promotes resilience, informs planning and gives confidence and provides assurance to commissioners and stakeholders that the finances are being properly managed and its activities are sustainable. This also provides an indicator of future funding needs and its overall resilience.

The utilisation of the charity's reserves can only be undertaken within the limits and parameters set by the Trustees, who have agreed that sufficient reserves be retained to cover re-investment in the team, in capital/premises, equipment and projects.

APTCOO is reviewing their three-year financial plan, therefore, the level of reserves requires protecting the organisation against income fluctuations and continuity reserves to protect our operations against unplanned, adverse events.

The Trustees have set the target of free reserves at £522,590 to allow for closure costs including staff redundancies, should they be required. The trustees believe that this is being met.

Most of our contracted work is either funded from Local Authority Education contracts, health commissioners and grants. The economic downturn and cost of living crisis continues to have an impact on our organisation in terms of staff costs and the costs of services we receive, We anticipate these will continue to rise. The Trustees recognise this and will continue to closely monitor the situation.

The Trustees will develop a plan of action to be taken to reduce costs, should the required income required to sustain the work is not secured.

APTCOO strive to secure as many funding streams as possible to reduce risk by not depending on one source of income. In this regard we are happy to report funding to deliver specialist education continues to provide the sustainability of our wrap-around Charity support without any extra cost to the families. We are grateful to have had continued fundraising support from local community grants, organisations and contracted income through the local authority, and Health including:

• Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (Education) - APTCOO deliver commissioned education, health, and care placements
• Nottingham ICB - APTCOO in Bassetlaw provides a range of high, quality support services to empower families pre- and post-diagnosis, who have children and young people with behaviours that challenge including Autism, ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). Services include information, advice ASD (autism spectrum disorder) guidance, family learning programme and ASD (autism spectrum disorder) Sensory Therapies
• Nottinghamshire County Council Short Breaks – APTCOO provide a flexible Short Breaks Service supporting young people with additional needs APTCOO activity groups and the local community

Pay, Reward and Recognition

APTCOO offer generous, family friendly terms and conditions with flexible working agreements that continue to attract, manage, support, and deliver to the Charity's aims. We are immensely proud of the neuro-diverse make-up of the team who bring their own lived experience, understanding with added value.

Over the last year we delivered on our commitment to invest in our team. We introduced a new pay framework based on an extensive benchmarking exercise, a simpler grade and flattened organisational structure which saw a significant investment in pay, with all colleagues receiving an increase.

We are now piloting a new approach to performance and growth with our management and leadership team to help drive quality and excellence on behalf of children and young people and families. We will continue our work to link performance more closely with pay and reward.

During this period, we also made changes to our reward offer, including:

• Enhanced our family friendly working patterns
• Increased Maternity, Paternity, Adoption and Carer leave entitlements
• Widened our support for colleagues' mental health and wellbeing, investing in a confidential counselling service
• Family benefits including use of the green environments
• Generous hospitality

Often, the commitment of staff comes from lived experience of or a personal connection which can make day-to-day work emotional, triggering or distressing. With the need to focus on delivery it is all too easy for the mental health of staff, volunteers and leaders to become secondary.

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Pay, Reward and Recognition - continued

The CEO and Trustees recognise their unique responsibility and influence in shaping a culture where everyone can do their best work safely and sustainably. APTCOO invests in preventative approaches, and ensure our policies, workloads, and people practices support safety and inclusion; we provide confidential support and peer networks for staff to ensure everyone is supported.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

APTCOO is a local charity and company limited by guarantee. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which sets out the objects and powers of the charitable company and governed under its Articles of Association.

APTCOO is led by a voluntary board of Trustees, currently consisting of five members. These members bring a wealth of commitment, knowledge, and experience to support the strategic development of the organisation.

The Trustees accept collective responsibility for ensuring that the charity has a clear and relevant set of aims and an appropriate strategy for achieving them. They agree the charity's vision, values and reputation and leads by example, requiring anyone representing the charity reflects its values positively; they oversee the ethos and culture of the organisation underpinning the safeguarding delivery of all activities.

The Trustees of the charity are also the Board of Governors to the Independent Special School who meet on a quarterly basis periodically review the organisation's charitable purpose to make sure that the charity, and its purposes, stay relevant and valid. The Trustees regularly meet and review the quarterly financial management reports, the sustainability of its income sources the sustainability of its income sources and their impact on achieving charitable purposes in the short, medium, and longer term.
Trustees consider the benefits and risks of partnership working, its broader responsibilities towards communities, stakeholders, wider society and the environment, and acts on them in a manner consistent with the charity's purposes, values, and available resources.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the CEO has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the Trustees for operational matters including services for APTCOO families, financial management, fundraising, marketing and publicity, HR and employee relations.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustee Selection Methods

All new Trustees receive an induction plan. As a minimum, this includes meetings with the Chair, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Senior Leadership Team and other key staff, the opportunity to observe a Board meeting before joining the Board. The CEO presents in detail on the charity's history, strategy, services, finances, and current operating environment.

As part of the recruitment process, prospective Trustees receive an induction pack which includes the Charity Commission publication "CC3 The Essential Trustee: What you need to know". The pack also contains information on the charity's structure, aims and objectives, policies and procedures, sub-committees, latest Annual Report & Accounts and Memorandum and Articles of Association. Prospective Trustees are invited to attend a full board meeting to observe and discuss the responsibilities of being a APTCOO Trustee. They visit the activity groups and school and work environments, meet with the parents to see, and feel the Charity in operation, meet the staff and volunteers.

Induction and Training of Trustees

Trustees follow an induction with training that is continually reviewed, and information is provided of training courses available.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Lee Piercy
Mrs Catherine Spencer (appointed 05/12/2024)
Mrs Nichola Storey
Mrs Karen Kilner
Mr Michael Holmes

Other Personnel

C Burkitt - CEO
M Ledsham - Head Teacher
S Wright - Executive Assistant

Charity Number

1102516

Company Number

04708232

Registered Office

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Auditors

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of A Place To Call Our Own Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statement unless they are satisfied that they 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 the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to Auditors

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Small Company Rules

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

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Lee Piercy

Trustee
23/04/2026



Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of A Place To Call Our Own Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of A Place To Call Our Own Limited (the "charitable company") for the year ended 31 July 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, The Balance Sheet, The Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2006.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 23 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions Relating to Going Concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on Which We Are Required to Report by Exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records or returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with representatives from the trustees and the finance team and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the accounts or the activities of the charity. These included but were not limited to the Charities Act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and safeguarding regulations; and
- We assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of representatives from the trustees and the Bursar and review of minutes of trustees' meetings.

We assessed the susceptibility of the group and parent charity's accounts to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- Making enquiries of representatives from the trustees and the finance team as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- Considering the internal controls in place to mitigate

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- Tested and reviewed journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- Carried out substantive testing of expenditure including the authorisation thereof;
- Assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements - continued

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- Agreeing accounts disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- Reading the minutes of meetings of trustees; and
- Enquiring of as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

We did not identify any irregularities, including fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Use Of Our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters that we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Thorne Widgery Accountancy Ltd,

Date

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A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 July 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	1,018	-	1,018	80,735
Charitable activities	4	1,304,164	-	1,304,164	1,012,964
Investments	5	117	-	117	462
		1,305,299	-	1,305,299	1,094,161
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	7	(978,490)	(7,582)	(986,072)	(1,045,120)
NET INCOME		326,809	(7,582)	319,227	49,041
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		326,809	(7,582)	319,227	49,041
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		628,723	47,420	676,143	627,102
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	19	955,532	39,838	995,370	676,143

The notes on pages 19 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 July 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	25,733	55,002	80,735
Charitable activities	4	1,012,964	-	1,012,964
Investments	5	462	-	462
		1,039,159	55,002	1,094,161
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities	7	(1,037,538)	(7,582)	(1,045,120)
NET INCOME		1,621	47,420	49,041
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,621	47,420	49,041
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		627,102	-	627,102
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	19	628,723	47,420	676,143

The notes on pages 19 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 July 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	12	458,972	22,746	481,718	511,027
		458,972	22,746	481,718	511,027
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	130,413	-	130,413	14,505
Cash at bank and in hand		488,661	17,092	505,753	270,191
		619,074	17,092	636,166	284,696
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	14	(89,817)	-	(89,817)	(63,804)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		529,257	17,092	546,349	220,892
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		988,229	39,838	1,028,067	731,919
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year	15	(32,697)	-	(32,697)	(55,776)
NET ASSETS		955,532	39,838	995,370	676,143
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				39,838	47,420
Unrestricted Funds				955,532	628,723
TOTAL FUNDS	19			995,370	676,143

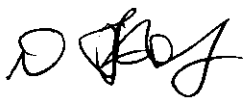
For the year ending 31 July 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

On behalf of the board



Mrs Nichola Storey

Trustee
23/04/2026

The notes on pages 19 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Statement of Cash Flows
For The Year Ended 31 July 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash generated from operations	1	260,979	68,762
Interest paid		(7,697)	(8,091)
Net cash generated from operating activities		253,282	60,671
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible assets		(12,115)	(76,226)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible assets		18,619	-
Interest received		117	462
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		6,621	(75,764)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of bank borrowings		(23,078)	(23,080)
Repayment of finance leases		(1,263)	(2,599)
Net cash used in financing activities		(24,341)	(25,679)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		235,562	(40,772)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2	270,191	310,963
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	2	505,753	270,191

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows
For The Year Ended 31 July 2025

1. Reconciliation of income to cash generated from operations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net income	319,227	49,041
Adjustments for:		
Interest expense	7,697	8,091
Interest income	(117)	(462)
Depreciation of tangible assets	26,571	25,655
Profit on disposal of tangible assets	(3,767)	-
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other debtors	(115,908)	47,170
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other creditors	27,276	(60,733)
Net cash generated from operations	260,979	68,762

2. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents, as stated in the Statement of Cash Flows, relates to the following items in the Balance Sheet:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	505,753	270,191

3. Analysis of changes in net funds

	As at 1 August 2024	Cash flows	As at 31 July 2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	270,191	235,562	505,753
Finance leases	(1,263)	1,263	-
Debts falling due within one year	(23,080)	-	(23,080)
Debts falling due after more than one year	(55,776)	23,079	(32,697)
	190,072	259,904	449,976

1. General Information

A Place To Call Our Own Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 04708232 and registered charity number 1102516. The registered office is North Farm House, Worksop Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG22 9EX.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "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)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

Recognition of income:

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure:

Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies:

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts, donated services and facilities:

Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates. These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help Investment income:

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets:

This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on investment assets:

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

2.3. Resources Expended

Recognition of expenditure:

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising funds:

These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities:

These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.

Grants payable:

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2.3. **Resources Expended - continued**

All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance costs:

These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examinationfees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Other expenditure:
These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

2.4. **Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Land and Buildings	2% SLM
Improvements to land and buildings	10% SLM
Plant & Machinery - Unrestricted	20% SLM
Motor Vehicles	25% RBM
Plant & Machinery - Restricted	20% SLM
Computer Equipment	33% RBM

2.5. **Leasing and Hire Purchase Contracts**

Assets obtained under finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the charitable company. Obligations under such agreements are included in the creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the statement of financial activities as incurred.

2.6. **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

2.7. **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax as all its income is charitable and applied for charitable purposes.

3. **Income from Donations and Legacies**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	1,018	-	1,018
Legacies	-	-	-
	1,018	-	1,018

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £
Donations and gifts	6,043	-	6,043
Legacies	19,690	55,002	74,692
	25,733	55,002	80,735

4. Income from Charitable Activities

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Contracted services	1,297,963	1,007,188
Grants	6,201	5,776
	1,304,164	1,012,964

5. Investment Income

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Bank interest receivable	117	462

6. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	26,571	25,655
Gain/Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(3,767)	-

7. Analysis of Expenditure

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs (see note 8) £	2025 Total £
Contracted services	12,256	973,816	986,072

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs (see note 8) £	2024 Total £
Contracted services	4,329	1,040,791	1,045,120

8. Support Costs

	2025 Contracted services
	£
Employee costs	744,615
Premises expenses	107,401
General administration	91,299
Depreciation	22,804
Interest payable	7,697
	973,816

	2024 Contracted services
	£
Employee costs	763,851
Premises expenses	142,228
General administration	100,966
Depreciation	25,655
Interest payable	8,091
	1,040,791

9. Auditor's Remuneration

Remuneration received by the charitable company's auditors and their associates during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Audit Services		
Audit of the company's financial statements	13,500	12,500

10. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	678,141	694,155
Social security costs	54,562	56,979
Other pension costs	11,912	12,717
	744,615	763,851

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period exceeded £60,000 was:

	2025	2024
£60,000 to £69,999	1	1

Key management staff received salaries of £141,500 (2024 £141,000)

11. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: 28 (2024: 26)

12. Tangible Assets

	Land & Property			
	Land and Buildings	Plant & Machinery - Unrestricted	Motor Vehicles	Plant & Machinery - Restricted
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 August 2024	481,936	15,260	40,383	45,493
Additions	-	-	12,116	-
Disposals	-	(904)	(15,945)	(7,583)
As at 31 July 2025	481,936	14,356	36,554	37,910
Depreciation				
As at 1 August 2024	39,283	3,198	23,142	7,582
Provided during the period	9,152	2,872	6,579	7,582
Disposals	-	-	(9,579)	-
As at 31 July 2025	48,435	6,070	20,142	15,164
Net Book Value				
As at 31 July 2025	433,501	8,286	16,412	22,746
As at 1 August 2024	442,653	12,062	17,241	37,911

	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
As at 1 August 2024	1,814	584,886
Additions	-	12,116
Disposals	-	(24,432)
As at 31 July 2025	1,814	572,570
Depreciation		
As at 1 August 2024	654	73,859
Provided during the period	387	26,572
Disposals	-	(9,579)
As at 31 July 2025	1,041	90,852
Net Book Value		
As at 31 July 2025	773	481,718
As at 1 August 2024	1,160	511,027

13. **Debtors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	15,862	9,465
Other debtors	114,551	5,040
	130,413	14,505

14. **Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	-	1,263
Trade creditors	10,650	9,340
Bank loans and overdrafts	23,080	23,080
Other creditors	2,381	2,663
Taxation and social security	36,049	13,158
Accruals and deferred income	17,657	14,300
	89,817	63,804

15. **Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans	32,697	55,776

16. **Loans**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
Bank loans	23,080	23,080

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due between one and five years:		
Bank loans	32,697	55,776

The loan is provided by Northern Ipact Fund over a 5 year period. It was to assist with the purchase of The Tall Trees. The charity has committed to share social impact reports during the period of the loan. The loan is unsecured.

17. Other Commitments

The total of future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as following:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Not later than one year	43,200	42,000
Later than one year and not later than five years	160,800	124,800
Later than five years	307,200	350,400
	511,200	517,200

18. Pension Commitments

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £11,912 (2024: £12,717).

At the statement of financial position date contributions of £2,381 (2024: £2,663) were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

19. Movement In Funds

	As at 1 August 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 July 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	628,723	1,305,299	(978,490)	955,532
Restricted funds				
Restricted	47,420	-	(7,582)	39,838
Total funds	676,143	1,305,299	(986,072)	995,370

	As at 1 August 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	627,102	1,039,159	(1,037,538)	628,723
Restricted funds				
Restricted	-	55,002	(7,582)	47,420
Total funds	627,102	1,094,161	(1,045,120)	676,143

20. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

21. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure, except for those disclosed in the Transactions with Trustees note.

22. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

23. FRC's Ethical Standard - Provision Available for Small Entities

In common with other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 July 2025

	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations from Individuals	321	3,812
Donations from organisations	697	2,231
Legacies	-	74,692
	1,018	80,735
Charitable Activities:		
Contracted services		
Income from charitable activities	1,297,963	1,007,188
	1,297,963	1,007,188
Grants		
Grants	6,201	5,776
	6,201	5,776
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	117	462
	117	462
	1,305,299	1,094,161
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Charitable Activities:		
Contracted services		
Purchases	(12,256)	(4,329)
Wages and salaries	(678,141)	(694,155)
Employers NI	(54,562)	(56,979)
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	(11,912)	(12,717)
Rent	(52,908)	(58,556)
Light and heat	(35,690)	(43,138)
Repairs and maintenance	(16,456)	(38,305)
Cleaning	(2,347)	(2,229)
Vehicle running costs	(8,307)	(9,441)
Small tools	(3,671)	(7,309)
Insurance	(6,874)	(7,378)
Printing, postage and stationery	(4,266)	(4,497)
Publications	(852)	(5,468)
Telecommunications and data costs	(9,978)	(7,537)
Accountancy fees	(16,153)	(17,511)
Legal fees	(27,140)	(28,929)
Subscriptions	(8,276)	(8,495)
Bank charges	(3,973)	(750)
Sundry expenses	(1,809)	(3,651)
Depreciation	(18,989)	(18,073)
Depreciation of plant and machinery	(7,582)	(7,582)

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Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	3,767	-
Bank interest payable	(7,697)	(7,502)
Other interest payable	-	(589)
	(986,072)	(1,045,120)
	(986,072)	(1,045,120)
NET INCOME	319,227	49,041

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England & Wales - Charity number 1102516

Accounts

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Charity No. 1102516 (England and Wales)
Trustees' Report and Audited Accounts
31 July 2024

Company number: 04708232

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Trustees Annual Report
31 July 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the Charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1st January 2019.

Charity details

Company number:	04708232
Charity number:	1102516

Trustees

C. Spencer (appointed 5 December 2024)
N. Storey (appointed 14 September 2023)
M. Abdy (resigned 5 December 2024)
M. Holmes
K. Kilner
L. Piercy

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution and Governing document

Introduction from Lee Piercy - APTCOO (A Place to Call Our Own) Chair

I am pleased and privileged to present this Trustee report on behalf of the charity.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank all of our dedicated staff and fellow Trustees for their unwavering commitment and dedication in providing quality and safe care to the people we support. We have all continued to work hard in the face of difficulties experienced due to changes in public policy, an increasingly turbulent time in politics and rising costs. This year, we have reaped the benefits of investing in our staff, green environments, and the opening of our new property in Bassetlaw - Tall Trees. More service users were able to access support this year, and the numbers of young people that attended our special school has also increased, allowing more young people to have their needs met much earlier in their often-traumatic lives.
I am proud of the leadership, drive, and determination that APTCOO shows every day. This year is certain to have more than its fair share of political, economic, and social change.
Whenever I visit our sites and teams, I am moved and enthused by the incredible dedication and aspiration of our team. Their knowledge and expertise is deeply rooted in empathy for children and families, and kindness and respect of each other.
To successfully navigate the uncertainties of the future, we are proactively addressing our strategic plans and priorities that will keep APTCOO fleet of foot and with a sustainable future. By embracing "Thinking Differently", collaborating with key stakeholders, and leveraging the power of people and technology, we are confident that we can not only see and feel the norm of family lives post-Covid, running alongside the cost-of-living crisis but come through stronger and more resilient.
The Charity is always looking for ways in which it can make a positive difference to family lives. Trustees recognise the exceptional leadership of the Chief Executive, and Senior Leadership Team, staff, volunteers, and supporters, I would like to thank them all.

Carol Burkitt, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Throughout 2023/2024 we have continued to go the extra mile investing more in the team, environments and core services that we provide and ensuring that the people who deliver and we support and see experience those benefits. Our Tall Trees Family hub marked its first anniversary, and you'll see throughout this review of how the people we support, families, parents and carers children and young people who benefit from holistic specialist support, education, and personalised care for their loved ones who have benefitted from APTCOO.

I have the pleasure of meeting with colleagues, friends, families and young people every day and feel firsthand what many are going through, I recognise the fundamental importance of having trust in any organisation that is involved with caring for ourselves, each other and what is the most precious gift in life, a child, a young person, a family. I thank each and every person that I work with and for, who all bring a value and meaning that informs our direction of travel.

In the climate of uncertainty that follows an election year, we're so pleased to be in a position as a charity to expand our services and projects we have a lot of exciting plans in the coming year. All of the above can only be achieved with the support and dedication of our Trustees staff, donors, funders, supporters, families, carers, service users, communities and others championing our cause. Thank you for your continued support, you provide the energy to keep going!
Throughout this year we have been focused on agreeing our strategic priorities. These were developed in partnership with our families and reflect our determination to ensure that the core of our work keeps the needs and aspirations of our families at the centre of all we do:
1. Grow and expand our support and services to reach more families
2. Develop the data quality of our work internally & externally
3. Increase our number of school places
4. Broaden our age focus to include Early Years with trauma- based early intervention
5. Promote the value of experts by experience, amplify the voices
6. Explore and share the benefits of green social prescribing
7. Invest in technology, systems to support 24/7 response

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Each year we celebrate the impact and outcome of our work; I am extremely proud that we have managed to develop and grow our trauma informed specialist service provision in what are particularly challenging economic times. We have made impressive strides in knowledge, skills, provision and strategies that can help to underpin trauma responsive support and interventions.

We have forged and maintained positive working relationships with commissioners and the clinical teams at a strategic and operational delivery level across education, health and social care. We manage and maintain a positive relationship between commissioners and service users acknowledging that none of our services or waiting well models offer a panacea for multi-faceted problems. However, we are now seeing the benefits of designing trauma informed systems which support, enhance and ensure a consistent and seamless journey through a maze of services.

Together, the workforce and community are feeling the positive change in culture and reducing the stigma surrounding trauma and adversity.

We recognise that there will be further challenges ahead and with this in mind we have focused attention this year on making sure that our organisation is ready for future opportunities and equipped to meet the changing needs of the over stretched public sector, commissioners, children, young people and the families we exist to serve.

Organisational structure

The board, as a whole, and Trustees individually, accept collective responsibility for ensuring that the charity has a clear and relevant set of aims and an appropriate strategy for achieving them.

The board agrees to the charity's vision, values and reputation and leads by example, requiring anyone representing the charity reflects its values positively; they oversee the ethos and culture of the organisation underpinning the safeguarding delivery of all activities.
The Trustees of the charity are also the Board of Governors to the Independent School who meet on a quarterly basis; whilst its sub-committees and task and finish groups meet monthly and/or as required. The Trustees periodically review the organisation's charitable purposes, and the external environment in which it works, to make sure that the charity, and its purposes, stay relevant and valid.
The board regularly meet and reviews the quarterly financial management reports, the sustainability of its income sources and their impact on achieving charitable purposes in the short, medium, and longer term.
Trustees consider the benefits and risks of partnership working, its broader responsibilities towards communities, stakeholders, wider society and the environment, and acts on them in a manner consistent with the charity's purposes, values, and available resources.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Induction and training of new Trustees

All new Trustees receive a personalised induction plan. As a minimum, this includes meetings with the Chair, CEO, Senior Leadership Team and other key staff, the opportunity to observe a Board meeting before joining the Board. The CEO presents in detail on the charity's history, strategy, services, finances, and current operating environment. Board members are invited to meet the team, attend team training days, and generally get a feel of the working life at APTCOO.

As part of the recruitment process, prospective trustees receive a Trustee Information Pack, which includes the Charity Commission publication "CC3 The Essential Trustee: What you need to know". The pack also contains information on the charity's structure, aims and objectives, policies and procedures, sub-committees, latest Annual Report & Accounts and Memorandum and Articles of Association. Prospective Trustees are invited to attend a full board meeting to observe and discuss the responsibilities of being a APTCOO trustee. They visit the activity groups, meet with parents to see, and feel the Charity in operation, meet the staff and volunteers and follow an induction programme. Trustee training is continually reviewed, and information is provided of training courses available.
Trustees have access to online training, face to face and membership to NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations), Andrew Hall Safeguarding, Key Leaders, and a range of Third Sector, Governance and Leadership publications. They are encouraged to visit Charity Commission and Companies House websites, where documents outlining Trustee responsibilities, charity law and other training opportunities can be accessed.
Our effective system of integrated charity/school governance enables the Trustees to make informed decisions by providing them with an overview of the organisation's key objectives, the systems needed to achieve them and the risks that might be involved. A designated member of the senior leadership team supports the school Governor role with training and overall compliance responsibilities.

Pay, Reward and Recognition

APTCOO offer generous, family friendly terms and conditions with flexible working agreements that continue to attract, manage, support, and deliver to the Charity's aims. We are immensely proud of the neuro-diverse make-up of the team who bring their own lived experience, understanding with added value.
Over the last year we delivered on our commitment to invest in our team. We introduced a new pay framework based on an extensive benchmarking exercise, a simpler grade and flattened organisational structure which saw a significant investment in pay, with the majority of colleagues receiving an increase. For 2023/2024, we continued our ongoing commitment to pay all colleagues as a minimum above the Real Living Wage. For some colleagues this meant a significant pay increase, whilst the majority of colleagues received an Annual Pay Award of 5%, reflecting the high cost-of-living and other external factors. We also piloted a new approach to performance and growth with our management and leadership cohort, which is being rolled out across the charity in 2024/2025, to help drive excellence on behalf of children and young people and families. We will continue our work to link performance more closely with pay and reward.

During this period, we also made changes to our reward offer, including:

- Enhanced our family friendly working patterns
- Increased Maternity, Paternity, Adoption and Carer leave entitlements
- Widened our support for colleagues' mental health and wellbeing, investing in a confidential counselling service
- Family benefits including use of the green environments
- Free meals and refreshments

We have continued to recognise our colleagues' contribution to APTCOO through our improving working lives time out days. We are committed to embracing change that addresses the voice of the team and individuals, recognising that one size does not fit all. The needs wants and choices are as varied as the diversity of the team. A personalised approach from recruitment, through to induction and throughout the years' service has contributed greatly to the extraordinary low levels of sickness and high retention and career development of our highly valued team. Together we are creating the conditions for wellbeing at work that reflect aspirations, remove barriers to connection and enable people to choose their own way forward and thrive.
Trustees are responsible for setting remuneration levels for the Charity's most senior staff. These senior staff are identified by the Trustees and will typically, although not always, be part of the charity's executive or senior management team.
To set appropriate pay and rewards for these staff requires making informed judgments and following the Charity's governance and constitutional arrangements.

Public Benefit and Activities

APTCOO specialise in early intervention and preventative practise with an aim to keep children and young people safe, healthy, happy and thriving. We work across and in between health, education, and social care, acting as a safety net and a professional partner to safeguard looked after children and vulnerable families. Our services are flexible and designed to encourage engagement and participation at the right time, bringing families together so they can connect with support services, support each other, make friends, and socialise reducing isolation and loneliness.

Related parties

There are no Directors or Trustees related party issues.

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Our services include:

- Waiting well, support and access to parent group and wellbeing activities
- Delivery of specialist training programmes
- Emotional wellbeing support for families
- After school activity groups for children and young people across all age ranges
- Therapeutic sensory space
- School Holiday Activities
- Volunteering
- Education, training, and employability; learning and work experience
- APTCOO provides hosting to other complementary providers and agencies enabling families to benefit from joined up services and coordinated care.

APTCOO is an independent Special School using highly innovative and creative practical strategies that offer new opportunities for a small number of vulnerable young people together with their families. We are a positive learning centre where families and professionals come together to improve the health, education, and wellbeing within our locations each with their own specialism based in the local community and close to home. Our Independent Special School offers an inclusive, safe, and nurturing environment supporting learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) who have struggled to make progress in mainstream or special school settings.

We have created an all-encompassing curriculum that provides emotional, practical, and educational support to vulnerable children and young people together with their whole family unit; specialising in early life trauma, intervention, and preventative practise with an aim to keep young people safe, healthy, happy, and achieving together with ambitions for the brightest future.

This year we have responded to the identified need and stepped up to becoming a trauma-informed school and organisation as a whole.

We deliver a wide range of activities throughout our beautiful spaces and places, each with their own specialism. Our Family Hub offers a mixture of focused and inclusive support designed to promote good outcomes for parents and carers of special needs children such as parenting support, sensory processing services, relationships really matter, nutrition advice and guidance.

APTCOO in Bassetlaw

It has been an extremely busy year with our Tall Trees Family Hub in full swing, offering parents, carers and professionals a place to meet in the community that is safe, non-judgemental and open to new ways of "thinking differently" specialising in the cause and effect of trauma. We have focussed on Research in Practice and we continue to deliver high-quality and evidence-informed learning resources. This includes bringing together experts from practice, academia and lived experience to create extensive learning resources such as the Anna Freud Reflective parenting programme. We have trained in the theory and delivered in practice to hundreds of parents who have or still do live with the effects of trauma.
We continue to develop parent carer champions working to improve family health and well-being, they have lived through the experience and make the best teachers of life skills. We have implemented a whole system approach to well-being for all service users, staff and volunteers aiming to prevent the onset of mental health conditions.

Our aim is to share the impact of collaboration by embedding a culture of learning within APTCOO and harnessing the best available evidence about what works in improving outcomes for children and their families.

We ensure the whole family views, experiences, and insight, inform every aspect of our work because we recognise that they are experts in their own lives.

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Conversations have acknowledged some of the limitations in traditional formal research designs. missing out on opportunities to understand more about the role of non-clinical, specialist community-based services, and or early intervention supports. We see enthusiasm and appetite for research that addresses these gaps through creative approaches which actively involve the parents, young people and the communities we serve. We are harnessing the benefits of collective intelligence to share and generate learning that is now being used to encourage the wider inclusion and interest from multiple agencies. These findings are a valuable opportunity for learning to be more swiftly disseminated to services and communities locally, regionally and nationally. We are ambitious and innovating rapidly, our discussions with service users have centred on opportunities to help improve support for children, young people and families.

What do we know

It is essential to ensure that the voices of children, young people and families are at the heart of decisions about the interventions, research and services introduced to support them. A strong awareness of the diversity of those voices, and of the importance of hearing those that may be marginalised or socially excluded is particularly important in building systems that are able to close the support gap for children, young people and families.

Time For Us – APTCOO Parent Carer Support Group

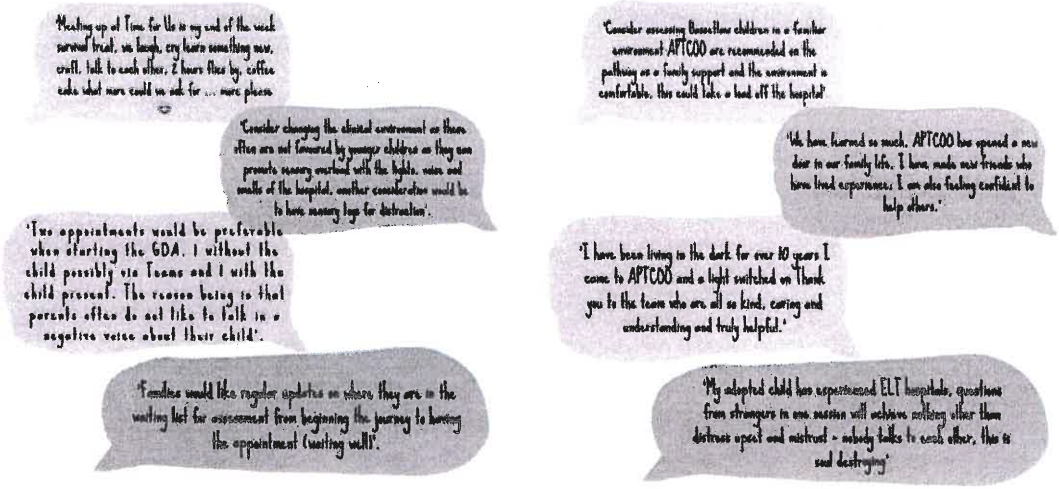
This year our parent carer group, Time for Us has flourished; we now have a core group who are steering our family-friendly and informative discussions in a way that they feel makes a difference and most importantly parent carers feel included.
The lived experience voice of parents is powerful and now contributing locally, regionally and nationally towards the changes needed to improve local specialist services.

There is increasing recognition that getting support right for children, young people, parents and carers involves recognising that they are experts by experience and hearing what they have to say about what works for them. Across all of our discussions we hear passionate and professional voices communicating the case for involvement – however, we also hear that organisations and services' efforts can seem tokenistic or insufficient.

Impact

Our impact has been built on our ability to learn and evolve, responding to change with energy and innovation. Critical to our direction of travel is our commitment to demonstrating our impact. Each year we improve how we capture and communicate the difference we are making for families. We are strongly focused on measuring, understanding and communicating the impact we achieve for families to be safer, happier, healthier and more hopeful. Further to this, over the last year we have dedicated time and expertise to highlight to our partners how peer support approaches are increasingly valued as a powerful opportunity for those with lived experience to support one another.

Parent Carer Feedback





Over the last year we have adapted and delivered personalised training remotely and face to face to over 600 families, and over 100 paediatric health, education, and social care teams. Parents and carers are supported to understand and engage in open discussions with an ultimate aim to build resilience in their family and equip them to be able to manage the challenges of everyday life to enable them to have greater choice and control over the decisions that affect their family.

We utilise professional theories matched to individual family needs including The Lighthouse Parenting Programme (Gerry Byrne), an evidence-based theory and practise, underpinned by research in the fields of attachment, child development, trauma and neuroscience that offer insight into how our minds and relationships work; Anna Freud Reflective Parenting, an approach to parenting that aims to develop a better understanding of a child's emotions and behaviours, wrapped around PACE Principles (Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity, Empathy) – how to connect and communicate with a child with a sense of security and attachment.

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

APTCOO is committed to embracing neurodiversity as an asset, promoting equal opportunities, and providing fair treatment in all that we do. We strive for a working environment that is inclusive, free from discrimination and where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. We believe that people with diverse backgrounds, skills, attitudes, and experiences bring fresh ideas and perspectives to the workplace. We seek to encourage and harness these differences to meet the changing needs and requirements of our staff, volunteers, service users, governance, partners, funders, and supporters.

The APTCOO team represents health and care, education, private and voluntary sector. Our investment in training and development continues to be our forte. Each year we support staff and volunteers within their chosen fields of work to develop their skills, qualifications, and aspirations. We work together with local colleges and universities providing high quality clinical placements. Our safe and complex environments lend themselves to research and development, this is recognised and rewarded with master's level students, paediatric doctors and qualified therapists spending quality time with APTCOO, and in some cases continuing to volunteer and becoming part of the APTCOO workforce.

Our Trustees commit to equality, diversity and inclusion and set a positive example and tone for the charity, delivering its purpose, and setting inclusive values and culture. Addressing equality, diversity and inclusion helps APTCOO make better decisions. This requires commitment; recognising and countering any imbalances in power, perspectives, and opportunities in the charity, and in the attitudes and behaviour of Trustees, staff and volunteers, helps to make sure that a charity achieves its aims.

Volunteers – Grow 2 Grow

The natural development from passive recipient to becoming an active paid member of the workforce is now embedded within the culture of APTCOO, we call this Grow2Grow. This applies to how we deliver, as well as the social impact and value on families that we serve. We are motivated by the social, economic, health, environmental and community benefits; we are committed to bringing those benefits to as many people as possible, including marginalised and vulnerable groups.

We are committed to supporting, enabling, and celebrating volunteering in all its diversity. APTCOO volunteers include people from all walks of life, in the local community. We have an established and growing team of volunteers including parents, carers, students, professionals, and willing members of the community.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

We are pleased with the financial performance of the charity during the year. We have continued to grow and develop and add to reserves.

Our closing reserves at the year end are:

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
2024	£47,420	£628,723	£676,143
2023	£ 0	£627,102	£627,102

We have continued to build our staffing numbers, such that we are able to offer education to our capacity level of 20 children. This has meant that our wage costs have risen in anticipation of increasing our roll call in the 2025 year end.

Our reserves policy remains to maintain sufficient reserves to cover 6 months of total costs, which the Trustees believe is appropriate for its effective operation. At the year end the Charity held free reserves of £211,383. The trustees consider this level to be appropriate to cover approximately four months of core operating costs, in line with the charity's reserves policy, which aims to ensure financial stability and the ability to respond to unforeseen events or reductions in income."

The utilisation of the charity's reserves can only be undertaken within the limits and parameters set by the Trustees, who have agreed that sufficient reserves be retained to cover re-investment in the team, in capital/premises, equipment.

We now have a three-year financial plan, therefore, the level of reserves require meeting capital requirements, protecting the charity against income fluctuations and continuity reserves to protect our operations against unplanned, adverse events.

Principal funding sources

We strive to secure as many funding streams as possible to reduce risk by not depending on one source of income. In this regard we are happy to report funding to deliver specialist education continues to provide the sustainability of our wrap-around Charity support without any extra cost to the families. We are grateful to have had continued fundraising support from local community, organisations and contracted income through the local authority, and Health including:

- Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (Education) - APTCOO deliver commissioned education, health, and care placements

- Doncaster Council (Education) - APTCOO deliver commissioned education, health, and care placements
- Nottingham ICB - APTCOO in Bassetlaw provides a range of high, quality support services to empower families pre- and post-diagnosis, who have children and young people with behaviours that challenge including Autism, ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). Services include information, advice ASD (autism spectrum disorder) guidance, family learning programme and ASD (autism spectrum disorder) Sensory Therapies

- Nottinghamshire County Council Short Breaks - APTCOO provide a flexible Short Breaks Service supporting young people with additional needs APTCOO activity groups and the local community

- Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) - the HAF Programme provides support to children in receipt of free school meals throughout school holiday periods ensuring young people have access to accessible, enrichment activities

NEXT YEARS PLANS

APTCOO's support is holistic and dynamic in response to the fluctuating level of need and progress of the children and young people and families we meet every day. APTCOO recognises the changes and demands that families encounter as their children grow older. Families develop new skills and resilience with the knowledge that APTCOO is always there when needed. APTCOO actively seeks the views and opinions of our families and colleagues to help measure the impact of services and to assist in the development and planning of future provision.

Post-Covid we have seen a huge increase in awareness and recognition for children and adults with conditions such as Autism and ADHD, together with a noticeable change in vocabulary from special needs and disabilities to the Neurodivergent. We are now using and promoting the term 'neurodiversity services'; this change has become far less stigmatising through the growing use of social media, apps and the resources available. Technology plays a big part in providing peer support.

We are very passionate about the role of peer support groups and activities for parents and have been running them for years. There is also a lot of research around the benefits of digital tools to support 'waiting well'. Next year we are planning to refresh our brand, logo and website to respond to the changes needed in technology, accessibility and to reflect what APTCOO has become.

Technology now plays a big part in providing peer support. Virtual meetings for example, has been proven to be a big help in supporting individuals and their families whilst waiting for assessment and diagnosis, with the ability to signpost people to the right platforms and resources.

The design of our brand refresh provides an exciting opportunity for the charity to re-engage the community with the work we do and why. Strengthening the community's connection to our new brand will be co designed with parents and young people, together with the team to all have a voice and make a choice.

APTCOO offers a combined indoor and outdoor approach we have invested in our places and spaces, offering therapeutic environments for all to enjoy, this includes our team and their families too. The social, economic and health benefits of our beautiful outdoor spaces is now recognised as a leap forward in creating community-embedded, nature-based, person-centred care.

One of our greatest assets is our ability to demonstrate the learning from others as an asset, we will continue to develop our community of practice model with an aim to influence others to listen and learn and make changes together. Systems and processes are much needed together with trust, shared knowledge, and shared practice together we create collective intelligence.

Risk management

The Trustees have a risk register acting as a management strategy which comprises:

- The principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces are updated by the senior management team and presented to the full board, for review and discussion

- The establishment of policies, systems, and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review

- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise

The Trustees ensure the decision-making processes are informed, rigorous and timely, and that effective delegation, control and risk-assessment and management systems are set up and monitored.

The Trustees promote a culture of sound management of resources but also understand that being over-cautious and risk averse can itself be a risk and hinder innovation.

Where aspects of a Trustee's role are delegated to committees, staff, volunteers, or contractors, they keep responsibility and oversight.

The Board of Trustees retain overall responsibility for risk management and discusses and decides the level of risk it is prepared to accept for specific and combined risks. It regularly reviews the Charity's specific significant risks and the effect of these risks added together. It makes plans to mitigate and manage these risks appropriately. Trustees consider risk that relates to their situation and where they work, for example charities working with children or vulnerable adults will look at risks relating to safeguarding.

The Trustees put in place and regularly checks the Charity's process for identifying, prioritising, escalating, and managing risks and, where applicable, the Charity's system of internal controls to manage these risks. They review the effectiveness of the Charity's approach to risk at least every quarter or as and when required. The Trustees describe the Charity's approach to risk in its annual report and in line with regulatory requirements.

The Trustees operate a risk management approach to the charity's business and the process involves:

- Setting out objectives/targets to be achieved annually
- Setting out an annual budget
- Delegating authority to ensure objectives and targets are achieved
- Undertaking an annual Financial Risk Assessment

In addition, the Trustees have also set out and implemented policies and procedures to cover quality assurance, equal opportunities, health and safety, environmental issues and recycling, IT data and financial policies covering investment, reserves, and limits of authority for expenditure.

These policies are reviewed annually, and monitoring takes place to measure the impact of the implementation of these policies the results of which are used to improve the quality and effectiveness of staff and the services by the charity.

In concluding this review of 2023/2024, we would like to thank every member of the APTCOO Team; our members of staff, or our tremendous volunteers and fundraisers, commissioners, donors including acts of kindness from the local communities. Without these we could not offer such highly valued services for our families, employment training and volunteering opportunities that remain our golden thread.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The charity trustees (who are also the directors for the purpose of company law) 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).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application or 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
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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 Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29/8/25 And signed on its behalf by

L. Piercy
Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
A Place to Call Our Own

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of A Place to Call Our Own (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 July 2024which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations - ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

o Enquiring of trustees, the finance committee and inspection of policy documentation as to the Charity's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.

o Reading Trustees' meetings and finance committee minutes.

o Considering performance targets for management.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, and taking into account our overall knowledge of the control environment, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because the revenue is non-judgemental and straightforward, with limited opportunity for manipulation.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks. We performed procedures including identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. These included those posted by finance management/ those posted and approved by the same user/ those posted to unusual accounts.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, and through discussion with management (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation, taxation legislation and the Charities Act legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the Charity is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of noncompliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation or the loss of the Charity's license to operate. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety, anti-bribery, employment law, data protection, anti-money laundering and specific areas of other legislation recognising the nature of the Charity's activities.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of management, inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have property planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Thorne Widgery Accountancy Ltd

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Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
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29/5/25

Date

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 July 2024

Income and endowments from:	Notes	Restricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Donations and legacies	2	55,002	25,732	80,734	2,313
Charitable activities	3		1,012,964	1,012,964	984,944
Investment income	4		462	462	839
Total		**55,002**	**1,039,158**	**1,094,160**	**988,096**
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	7,582	1,037,537	1,045,119	981,406
Total		**7,582**	**1,037,537**	**1,045,119**	**981,406**
Net gains on investments					
Net income	7	47,420	1,621	49,041	6,690
Transfers between funds					
Net income before other gains/(losses)		**47,420**	1,621	49,041	6,690
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		**47,420**	1,621	49,041	6,690
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		0	627,102	627,102	620,412
Total funds carried forward		**47,420**	**628,723**	**676,143**	**627,102**

Continuing operations
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing operations

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Balance Sheet at 31 July 2024
Charity No. 1102516
Company No. 04708232

	Notes	Restricted 2024	Unrestricted 2024	Total 2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	37,911	473,116	511,027	9,613
Investments	9	-	-	0	450,842
		37,911	**473,116**	**511,027**	**460,455**
Current assets					
Debtors	10	-	14,505	14,505	61,674
Cash at bank and in hand		9,509	260,682	270,191	310,963
		9,509	**275,187**	**284,696**	**372,637**
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	11	-	(63,804)	(63,804)	(124,538)
Net current assets		**9,509**	**211,383**	220,892	248,099
Total assets less current liabilities		47,420	684,499	731,919	708,554
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	-	(55,776)	(55,776)	(81,454)
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		47,420	628,723	676,143	627,100
Total net assets				**676,143**	**627,100**
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	12		628,723	628,723	627,102
Restricted funds	12	47,420		47,420	
Total funds		**47,420**	**628,723**	**676,143**	**627,102**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2024

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

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A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Balance Sheet at 31 July 2024
Charity No. 1102516
Company No. 04708232

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the rquirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the chariable company.

These financial statement have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 MAY 2025 ..... And were signed on its behalf by:

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A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Cashflow statement at 31 July 2024
Charity No. 1102516

		2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	34,992	209,045
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities		34,992	209,045
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(76,226)	(451,064)
Interest received		462	839
Net Cash used iin investing activities		(75,764)	(450,225)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(40,772)	(241,180)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	310,963	552,143
Cash and cash equivalents at the the end of the reporting period	2	270,191	310,963

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
For the Year Ended 31 July 2024

1 Reconciliation of Net (Expenditure) / Income to Net Cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
Net Movement of funds in period	49,041	6,690
Adjustements for:		
Depreciation	25,655	3,045
Interest received	(462)	(839)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	47,170	117,850
Movement in creditors	(86,412)	82,299
Net cash (used in) / provided by operations	34,992	209,045

2 Analysis of Changes in Net Funds

	At 1.8.23	Cashflow	At 31.7.24
Net cash			
Cash at Bank	310,963	(40,772)	270,191
Total	310,963	(40,772)	270,191

Notes to the Accounts, for the year ended 31 July 2024

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 if Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Going concern
The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of the authorisation of the financial statements. The charitable company has continued support of its bankers and funders and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The board will continue to monitor and review the activities and provide strong and clear governance.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts
There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds: These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

Designated funds: These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds: These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds: These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income
Recognition of income:
Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure:
Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies:
Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts, donated services and facilities:
Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help investment income:
The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts:
This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets:
This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on investment assets:
This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure
Recognition of expenditure:
Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising funds:
These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities:
These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.

Grants payable:
All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance costs:
These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Other expenditure:
These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Land and Buildings	2% straight line method
Improvements to land and buildings	10% straight line method
Equipment	20% straight line method
Motor	25% reducing balance method
Computer	33% reducing balance method

Capitalisation policy
Only assets with a cost exceeding the capitalisation threshold of £150 shall be capitalised and recognised as fixed assets. Assets below this threshold should be expensed in the period incurred.

Trade and other 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.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid i nvestments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities.that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the In the overdrafts Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bankcompany's cash management.

Trade and other creditors
Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other 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 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.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.
Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

lower, Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

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Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Personal donations		3,812	3,812	10
Corporate donations		2,231	2,231	0
Legacies	55,002	19,690	74,692	2303
	55,002	25,732	80,734	2313

3. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Contracted services		1,007,189	1,007,189	883,173
Grants		5,776	5,776	101,771
	-	1,012,964	1,012,964	984,944

4. Investment income

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable on bank deposits		462	462	839
	0	462	462	839

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£
Contracted services		4,329	4,329	2,437
Support costs	7,582	1,033,208	1,040,790	978,969
	7,582	1,037,537	1,045,119	981,406

6. Net income before transfers

	2024	2023
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	25,655	3,045
Auditor remuneration	12,500	0
Operating lease payments	42,000	42,000

7. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	694,155	642,934
Social security costs	56,978	52,339
Pension costs	12,717	12,121
	763,850	707,394

The average number of full time employees in the year was 29 (2023: 26)

No employees received salary over £60,000 in the year (2023: None)

Key Mangement staff received salaries of £141,000 (2023: £137,738)

No Trustee received payment or expenses during the year (2023: None)

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Equipment	Restricted Equipment	Motor	Computer	Total
	£	£		£	£	£
Cost or revaluation						
At 1st August 2023	31,094	1,495		25,009	220	57,817
Additions	450,842	13,765	45,493	15,374	1,594	527,068
At 31st July 2024	481,935	15,260	45,493	40,383	1,814	584,885
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1st August 2023	30,131	605		17,395	73	48,204
Depreciation charge for the year	9,152	2,593	7,582	5,747	580	25,655
As at 31st July 2024	39,283	3,198	7,582	23,142	654	73,859
Net book values						
At 31st July 2024	442,652	12,062	37,911	17,241	1,161	511,027
At 31st July 2023	963	890	-	7,613	147	9,613

9. Investment properties

	2024	2023
	£	£
At cost	£450,842	£450,842
Transfer to land and buildings	(£450,842)	£0
	£0	£450,842

The asset has been reclassified to Land and Buildings in the year as they took occupancy

10. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	9,465	56,634
Prepayments and accrued income	5,040	5,040
	14,505	61,674

11. Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	23,080	23,080
Obligations under finance lease and hire	1,263	1,264
Trade creditors	9,340	23,694
Other taxes and social security	13,158	13,436
Other creditors	2,663	2,754
Accruals	14,300	60,310
	63,804	**124,538**

11. Creditors cont..

Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	55,776	78,856
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	0	2,598
	55,776	**81,454**

The loan is provided by the Northern Impact Fund over a 5 year period. It was provided to assist with the purchase of The Tall Trees. The charity has committed to share and social impact reports during the period of the loan. The loan is unsecured.

12. Movement in funds

	At 31 July 2023	Incoming resources (inc other gains/losses)	Resources expended	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:		55,002	7,582	47,420
Unrestricted funds:	627,102	1,039,158	1,037,537	628,723
Total funds	**627,102**	**1,094,160**	**1,045,119**	676,143

	At 31 July 2022	Incoming resources (inc other gains/losses)	Resources expended	At 31 July 2023
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:		-	-	-
Unrestricted funds:	620,412	988,096	981,406	627,102
Total funds	**620,412**	**988,096**	**981,406**	627,102

13. Commitments

Operating lease commitments
Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024 Land and buildings £	2024 Other £	2023 Land and buildings £	2023 Other £
Operating leases with expiry date:				
Less than 1 Year	42,000	0	42,000	0
Less than 5 Years	124,800	0	135,600	0
Over 5 Years	350,400	0	381,600	0

14 Pension commitments

	2024 £	2023 £
The pension cost charge to the charity amounted to:	12,717	12,121

A PLACE TO CALL OUR OWN LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1102516

Accounts

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Charity No. 1102516

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 July 2023

Company number: 04708232

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The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1102516

Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

M. Abdy
M. Holmes
K. Kilner
L. Piercy
P. Green
D. Liggins

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution and governing document

Introduction from Matt Abdy - APTCOO (A Place to Call Our Own) Chair

This year our AGM (Annual General Meeting) focussed on the sad passing of two of our long serving Trustees, Trish Green the founder member and David Liggins our long serving Chair. Their combined lifetime achievements are something that you can only feel proud and privileged to have worked closely with for many years.

I was honoured to be appointed as the Chair having previously served as a Trustee, I will endeavour to carry on the work and dedication of the Charity and its legacy held sacred by many.

I am delighted to present APTCOO's trustee report for 2022/2023. This has been another extraordinary year for the Charity. The highlight of the year was the acquisition, refurbishment, and grand opening of our own premises namely Tall Trees. This started the new year with an exciting development plan – a Specialist Family Hub in Retford serving the Bassetlaw locality together with an ambitious plan to deliver new services co-produced with partners, parents, and young people.

I am proud of the leadership, drive, and determination that APTCOO shows every day. This year is certain to have more than its fair share of political, economic, and social change. But we have also entered a year of choices, challenges, and opportunities.

To successfully navigate the uncertainties of the future, we are proactively addressing our strategic plans and priorities that will keep APTCOO fleet of foot. By embracing change, collaborating with key stakeholders, and leveraging the power of people and technology, we are confident that we can not only weather the storm of post-Covid, running alongside the cost-of-living crisis together with the political unknowns but come through stronger and more resilient.

The Charity is always looking for ways in which it can make a positive difference to family lives. Trustees recognise the exceptional leadership of the Chief Executive, and Senior Leadership Team, staff, volunteers, and supporters, I would like to thank them all.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Review

This year we have grown from the pandemic as a changed organisation. We have learned a great deal about providing services virtually when that works well and when it does not replace face to face contact. We have invested in our Infrastructure, technology and communications retaining agility and forward thinking with the hindsight of safety and GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations).
We have reviewed and renewed the services that we put in place to respond to the post-pandemic and cost of living crisis.

We know there is a rising demand and limited resources to address the increase in family/teenage emotional wellbeing, we are working together with our local mental health teams and crisis support offering intensive family therapy at the right time, in the right place, with the right people. A single point of access helps enormously, that has 'no wrong door' and provides several types of support at various levels of engagement as families need it.

This means that families can step into support when life becomes complex in any given areas and feel welcomed in a place they belong. We offer a comprehensive, one-stop shop with fully accessible and multi-functional space. Families enjoy and benefit from learning more about themselves, making friends and feeling valued. Our facilities offer an equal opportunity for positive play and educational development.

We have also made great strides forward in terms of our organisation-wide ability to use technology well. Many meetings across the organisation are now taking place virtually and that will remain the case as it serves to be effective, economical, and efficient.

Organisational structure

The board, as a whole, and Trustees individually, accept collective responsibility for ensuring that the charity has a clear and relevant set of aims and an appropriate strategy for achieving them.

The board agrees to the charity's vision, values and reputation and leads by example, requiring anyone representing the charity reflects its values positively; they oversee the ethos and culture of the organisation underpinning the delivery of all activities.

The Trustees of the charity are also the Board of Governors to the independent school who meet on a quarterly basis; whilst its sub-committees and task and finish groups meet monthly and/or as required. The Trustees periodically review the organisation's charitable purposes, and the external environment in which it works, to make sure that the charity, and its purposes, stay relevant and valid.

The board regularly reviews the sustainability of its income sources and their impact on achieving charitable purposes in the short, medium, and longer term.

Trustees consider the benefits and risks of partnership working, its broader responsibilities towards communities, stakeholders, wider society and the environment, and acts on them in a manner consistent with the charity's purposes, values, and available resources.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Induction and training of new Trustees

All new Trustees receive a bespoke induction plan according to individual need. As a minimum, this includes meetings with the Chair, CEO, Senior Leadership Team and other key staff, the opportunity to observe a Board meeting before joining the Board. The CEO presents in detail on the charity's history, strategy, services, finances, and current operating environment.

As part of the recruitment process, prospective trustees receive a Trustee Information Pack, which includes the Charity Commission publication "CC3 The Essential Trustee: What you need to know". The pack also contains information on the charity's structure, aims and objectives, policies and procedures, sub-committees, latest Annual Report & Accounts and Memorandum and Articles of Association. Prospective Trustees are invited to attend a full board meeting to observe and discuss the responsibilities of being a APTCOO trustee. They visit the activity groups, meet with parents to see, and feel the Charity in operation, meet the staff and volunteers and follow an induction programme. Trustee training is continually reviewed, and information is provided of training courses available. Trustees have access to online training, face to face and membership to NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations), Andrew Hall Safeguarding, and a range of Third Sector, Governance and Leadership publications. They are encouraged to visit Charity Commission and Companies House websites, where documents outlining Trustee responsibilities, charity law and other training opportunities can be accessed.

Our effective system of integrated charity/school governance enables the Trustees to make informed decisions by providing them with an overview of the organisation's key objectives, the systems needed to achieve them and the risks that might be involved. A designated member of the senior leadership team supports the school Governor role with training and overall compliance responsibilities.

Pay and Remuneration

APTCOO offer generous, family friendly terms and conditions with flexible working agreements that continue to attract and to retain the while team to lead, manage, support, and deliver the Charity's aims We are immensely proud of the diverse make-up of the team who bring their own lived experience, understanding and added value.

Trustees are responsible for setting remuneration levels for the Charity's most senior staff. These senior staff are identified by the Trustees and will typically, although not always, be part of the charity's executive or senior management team.

To set appropriate pay and rewards for these staff requires making informed judgments and following the Charity's governance and constitutional arrangements.

Public Benefit and Activities

APTCOO provides emotional, practical, and educational support to vulnerable children and young people with additional needs and life limiting conditions and their whole family unit; specialising in early intervention and preventative practise with an aim to keep children and young people safe, healthy, and happy. We work across and in between health, education, and social care, acting as a safety net and a professional ally to safeguard looked after children and vulnerable families. Our services are bespoke and flexible, designed to encourage engagement and participation at the right time for a family, bringing families together so they can support each other, make friends, and socialise reducing isolation and loneliness.

Our services include:

- Crisis support - nurture unit acting as safety net between agencies
- Delivery of specialist training programmes
- Emotional wellbeing support for families
- After school activity groups for children and young people across all age ranges
- Parents and sibling groups
- Young carer group
- Therapeutic sensory space
- Outreach and home support
- Short breaks
- Volunteering
- Education, training, and employability
- Workforce development APTCOO provides hosting to other complementary providers and agencies enabling families to benefit from joined up services and coordinated care.

APTCOO is an Independent Special School using highly innovative and creative practical strategies that offer new opportunities for a small number of vulnerable young people together with their families. We are a positive learning centre where families and professionals come together to improve the health, education, and wellbeing within our locations each with their own specialism based in the local community and close to home. Our Independent Special School offers an inclusive, safe, and nurturing environment supporting learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) who have struggled to make progress in mainstream or special school settings.

We have created an all-encompassing curriculum that provides emotional, practical, and educational support to vulnerable children and young people together with their whole family unit; specialising in early life trauma, intervention, and preventative practise with an aim to keep young people safe, healthy, happy, and achieving together with ambitions for the brightest future.

There is a rising demand and limited resources to address the increase in family/teenage depression, we work together with our local mental health teams and crisis support offering intensive family therapy within the community hub offering a positive learning environment. We continue to develop volunteer champions working to improve family health and well-being, they have lived through the experience and make the best teachers of life skills and an increasingly competitive jobs market. We have implemented a whole system approach to well-being for all service users, staff and volunteers aiming to prevent the onset of long-term mental health conditions.

Over the last year we have adapted and delivered personalised training remotely and face to face to over 400 families, and over 100 paediatric health, education, and social care teams. Reflective parenting is an approach, which helps parents better understand their children's behaviour and their own. From this we start to build their relationship and connection with the whole family unit, removing the conflict. We have delivered this service in partnership with the commissioners and funding received from the newly formed Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board.

During the past 12 months we have taken some significant steps on our journey towards delivering 'outstanding' specialist family services, improving the quality of the services that support children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEND) and their whole family unit in Nottinghamshire. Our service provides a safety net working in partnership with local services whose primary aim is to support families who often do not know where to turn for help or how to ask for help; the Charity has worked closely with social workers, the virtual school and paediatric team, mental health and the police offering a reliable safety net with wrap around care and support.

APTCOO in Bassetlaw

This year we opened the doors to our newly acquired and refurbished premises in Retford, locally known as Tall Trees. The day was a celebration, the opening of our much-needed SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Family Hub and the Specialist Multi-Sensory Therapy Suite, a project that started many years ago when the Trustees of a legacy were looking for a suitable charity to benefit from the funds raised by local people. The Trustees were delighted to see their hopes, dreams and aspirations transformed into reality meeting their four main criteria; local, children, disabled or disadvantaged. We have been on a journey working together with the Trustees to overcome the storm of Covid and retaining momentum in the project. Celebrating the opening of the centre and sharing our heartfelt thanks with the Trustees and local community was a testament to the legacy and longevity of the investment.

The centre has a therapeutic spa feeling both inside and out with beautiful gardens and growing spaces and a centralised café for that all important coffee and catch up. We have opened the doors and now it is time for the centre to come to life, a place in the community that is fit for purpose for our parents and partners to work together under one roof to meet the needs, wants and choices of our families in Bassetlaw.

APTCOO has worked in Bassetlaw for many years as a satellite service, working together with our partners in Health who have supported and encouraged our innovative and ambitious plans to meet the needs of Bassetlaw families and the gaps identified through creative commissioning. APTCOO services in Bassetlaw have expanded offering a sensory therapy suite, a community café, enterprise, training and education for young adults, parents, carers, and the local community.

With a small project team and committed volunteers and local business partners we have transformed Tall Trees into a place for families to flourish. We would like to thank the local community who have welcomed and shared their pleasure on a great facility and restoration of a lovely building, grounds, and gardens. We would like to thank Key Fund who offered early investment allowing the fast-paced project to come to life.

Impact

To deliver the Charity's vision APTCOO provides safe environments offering a wide range of support and specialist services, achieving an outcome of increased resilience and empowerment within our families. APTCOO shares its hands-on experience to advocate that the needs of the child and family are fully understood. The Trustees carefully consider how planned activities will contribute to APTCOO's aims and objectives. To ensure APTCOO's work remains focused on our stated aims and objectives, performance and outcomes are continuously monitored. APTCOO systematically seeks feedback from our families which, along with monitoring and evaluation, indicates we are providing essential and high-quality services and activities. We are committed to measuring the impact of our work. We seek to triangulate the impact of our services through service user feedback, compliance with contractually agreed outcomes and self-assessment of the effectiveness of our service models.

We are seeing and feeling better impacts for children, young people, families, post-Covid we have re-energised our workforce together with flexible working options, responding to the changes and family dynamics post-Covid. Our strengthened capacity means we can be equal partners contributing locally and nationally to the enhanced reputation and value of Education, Health, and Social Care Services within the community setting.

Objectives

- To build resilience within families who have children and/or young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- To improve family health and wellbeing; supporting, signposting, and hosting other complimentary organisations to reduce the effect and wider determinants of mental health; anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts, addiction, and domestic violence
- Raise aspirations and quality of life, enabling families to be the 'best they can be,' increasing their confidence
- To maximise employability skills of parents and young people themselves through education, training, volunteering, and supported employment

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

APTCOO is committed to encouraging diversity, promoting equal opportunities, and providing fair treatment in all that we do. We strive for a working environment that is inclusive, free from discrimination and where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. We believe that people with diverse backgrounds, skills, attitudes, and experiences bring fresh ideas and perspectives to the workplace. We seek to encourage and harness these differences to meet the changing needs and requirements of our staff, volunteers, service users, governance, partners, funders, and supporters.

The APTCOO team represents health and care, education, private and voluntary sector. Our investment in training and development is exemplary. Each year we support staff and volunteers within their chosen fields of work to develop their skills, qualifications, and aspirations. We work together with local colleges and universities providing high quality clinical placements. Our safe and complex environments lend themselves to research and development, this is recognised and rewarded with master's level students, paediatric doctors and qualified therapists spending quality time with APTCOO, and in some cases continuing to volunteer and becoming part of the APTCOO workforce.

Addressing equality, diversity and inclusion helps APTCOO make better decisions. This requires commitment, but it means that a charity is more likely to stay relevant to those it serves and to deliver its public benefit. Recognising and countering any imbalances in power, perspectives, and opportunities in the charity, and in the attitudes and behaviour of Trustees, staff and volunteers, helps to make sure that a charity achieves its aims.

Our Trustees commit to equality, diversity and inclusion and set a positive example and tone for the charity, delivering its purpose, and setting inclusive values and culture.

Volunteers

We are committed to supporting, enabling, and celebrating volunteering in all its diversity. APTCOO volunteers include people from all levels of society. We have an established and growing team of volunteers including parents, carers, students, professionals, and willing members of the community.

The natural development from passive recipient to becoming an active paid member of the workforce is now embedded within the culture of APTCOO, we call this Grow2Grow. This applies to how we deliver, as well as the social impact and value on families that we serve. We are motivated by the social, economic, health, environmental and community benefits; we are committed to bringing those benefits to as many people as possible, including marginalised and vulnerable groups.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Policy on reserves

The utilisation of the charity's reserves can only be undertaken within the limits and parameters set by the Trustees, who have agreed that sufficient reserves be retained to cover re-investment in capital/premises, equipment and the funding needed to operate for a minimum of three months running costs. In the next budget year, we are working towards a target of six months reserves, dependent on organisational growth and sustainable business plans.

Principal funding sources

We strive to secure as many funding streams as possible to reduce risk by not depending on one source of income. In this regard we are happy to report funding to deliver specialist education continues to provide the sustainability of our wrap-around Charity support without any extra cost to the families. We are grateful to have had continued fundraising support from local community, organisations and contracted income through the local authority, and Health including:

- Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (Education) - APTCOO deliver commissioned education, health, and care placements
- Bassetlaw NHS (National Health Service) (Integrated Care Board) - APTCOO in Bassetlaw provides a range of high, quality support services to empower families pre- and post-diagnosis, who have children and young
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- people with behaviours that challenge including Autism, ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). Services include information, advice ASD (autism spectrum disorder) guidance, family learning programme and ASD (autism spectrum disorder) Sensory Therapies
- Key Fund – To assist with the purchase of The Tall Trees, Retford
- Nottinghamshire County Council Short Breaks – APTCOO provide a flexible Short Breaks Service supporting young people with additional needs APTCOO activity groups and the local community
- Fundays in Nottinghamshire – Funding to support families access activities and excursions throughout the summer holidays
- Holiday Activities and Food Programme HAF (Holidays Activities and Food) - the HAF Programme provides support to children in receipt of free school meals throughout school holiday periods ensuring young people have access to accessible, enrichment activities

APTCOO strategic plans support the combination of integrated health and social care services becoming a valued partner within multi-speciality community teams with a broader approach to improving family and community wellbeing.

This year we have intensively transformed our organisation without losing any understanding of the local community, new insights are based on revealed capabilities rather than limitations, we find out what we can do to help develop these capabilities only through openness to learning.

The public, private and voluntary sector is fragmented, APTCOO needs to ensure a quality offer if we are to survive in a competitive environment.

We learn as equals on a journey of discovery, the destination is not always clear but will equate to permanent positive change in a clear process rather than chance benefits from routine delivery. The boundary between beneficiary and provider is not blurred in any way but the reciprocal learning process defines something very equal and dignifying from where we can all grow!

This means, joining up the dots between the range of services that are currently too often treated separately, enabling families to access support at the right time, in the right place with the right people.

Involvement and engagement

Our services are co-designed with our customers to meet the needs of our communities, reducing the strain on public services and empowering individuals by putting families and young people at the heart of what we do.

Raising income through expanding the delivery of our own bespoke services is key to our sustainability. We need to be pro-active when considering partnerships, seeking out good partners with shared values, and aligned services to work collaboratively. We are working together with our partners from public, private, and other VCSE (Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise).

What we do know is the significant role of the voluntary sector in supporting education, health, and social care as part of the local sustainability and transformation plans. APTCOO is a valued third sector partner in transforming our local community services.

APTCOO's support is holistic and evolves over time, in response to the level of need and age of the children and young people with additional needs and disabilities. APTCOO recognises the changes and demands that families encounter as their children grow older. Families develop new skills and resilience with the knowledge that APTCOO is always there when needed. APTCOO actively seeks the views and opinions of our families to help measure the impact of services and to assist in the development and planning of future provision.

Related parties

There are no Directors or Trustees related party issues.

Risk management

The Trustees have a risk register acting as a management strategy which comprises:

- the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces are updated by the senior management team and presented to the full board, for review and discussion
- the establishment of policies, systems, and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise

The Trustees ensure the decision-making processes are informed, rigorous and timely, and that effective delegation, control and risk-assessment and management systems are set up and monitored.
The Trustees promote a culture of sound management of resources but also understand that being over-cautious and risk averse can itself be a risk and hinder innovation.
Where aspects of a Trustee's role are delegated to committees, staff, volunteers, or contractors, they keep responsibility and oversight.

The Board of Trustees retain overall responsibility for risk management and discusses and decides the level of risk it is prepared to accept for specific and combined risks. It regularly reviews the Charity's specific significant risks and the effect of these risks added together. It makes plans to mitigate and manage these risks appropriately. Trustees consider risk that relates to their situation and where they work, for example charities working with children or vulnerable adults will look at risks relating to safeguarding.

The Trustees put in place and regularly checks the Charity's process for identifying, prioritising, escalating, and managing risks and, where applicable, the Charity's system of internal controls to manage these risks. They review the effectiveness of the Charity's approach to risk at least every quarter or as and when required. The Trustees describe the Charity's approach to risk in its annual report and in line with regulatory requirements.

The Trustees operate a risk management approach to the charity's business and the process involves:

- Setting out objectives/targets to be achieved annually
- Setting out an annual budget
- Delegating authority to ensure objectives and targets are achieved
- Undertaking an annual Financial Risk Assessment

In addition, the Trustees have also set out and implemented policies and procedures to cover quality assurance, equal opportunities, health and safety, environmental issues and recycling, IT data and financial policies covering investment, reserves, and limits of authority for expenditure.

These policies are reviewed annually, and monitoring takes place to measure the impact of the implementation of these policies the results of which are used to improve the quality and effectiveness of staff and the services by the charity.

In concluding this review of 2022/2023, we would like to thank every member of the APTCOO Team; our members of staff, or our tremendous volunteers and fundraisers, commissioners, donors including acts of kindness from the local communities. Without these we could not offer such highly valued services for our families, employment training and volunteering opportunities that remain our golden thread.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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 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 provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

M. Abdy
Trustee
Dated
24/04/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of A Place To Call Our Own Limited

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of A Place To Call Our Own Limited for the year ended 31 July 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

As the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Neil M King FCCA
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Dated:
24/04/2024

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 July 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	2,313	2,313	5,759
Charitable activities	3	984,944	984,944	989,384
Other	4	839	839	81
Total		988,096	988,096	995,224
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	2,437	2,437	16
Other	6	978,969	978,969	729,435
Total		981,406	981,406	729,451
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net income	7	6,690	6,690	265,773
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		6,690	6,690	265,773
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		6,690	6,690	265,773
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		620,412	620,412	354,641
Total funds carried forward		627,102	627,102	620,414

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Balance Sheet

at 31 July 2023

Charity No. 1102516		**2023**	**2022**
		£	**£**
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	9,615	12,440
Investments	10	450,842	-
		460,457	12,440
Current assets			
Debtors	11	61,674	179,524
Cash at bank and in hand		310,963	552,143
		372,637	731,667
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	12	(124,538)	(119,831)
Net current assets		248,099	611,836
Total assets less current liabilities		708,556	624,276
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(81,454)	(3,862)
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		627,102	620,414
Total net assets		627,102	620,414
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	14		
Unrestricted funds	14		
General funds		620,412	620,412
Designated funds		6,690	-
		627,102	620,412
Reserves	14		
Total funds		627,102	620,414

Approved by the trustees on 31 July 2023

And signed on their behalf by:

L. Piercy
Trustee

24 April 2024

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 July 2023

1 **Accounting policies**

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 if Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Land and Buildings improvements	10% Straight line
Equipment	20% Straight line
Motor	25% Reducing balance
Computer	33% Straight line

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other 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.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other 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 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.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.
Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.
All exchange differences are are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.
Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.
Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation.
Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.
Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.
In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 **Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Personal donations	10	10	783
Donations from companies	2,303	2,303	4,976
	2,313	2,313	5,759

3 **Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Contracted Services	883,173	883,173	837,699
Grants	101,771	101,771	151,685
	984,944	984,944	989,384

4 **Other income**

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Interest receivable on bank deposits	839	839	81
	839	839	81

5 **Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Contracted Services	2,437	2,437	16
Governance costs			
	2,437	2,437	16

6 **Other expenditure**

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Bank loan and overdraft interest payable	4,375	4,375	427
Other interest payable	589	589	589
Employee costs	728,118	728,118	541,866
Motor and travel costs	6,139	6,139	20,418
Premises costs	127,619	127,619	88,838
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	3,045	3,045	3,816
General administrative costs	91,516	91,516	54,006
Legal and professional costs	17,568	17,568	19,475
	978,969	978,969	729,435

7 **Net income before transfers**

	2023	2022
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	3,045	3,816

8 **Staff costs**

	2023	2022
Salaries and wages	642,934	420,180
Social security costs	52,339	52,598
Pension costs	12,121	18,868
	707,394	491,646

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average number of employees in the year was 26.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Equipment	Motor	Computer	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation					
At 1 August 2022	31,094	1,495	25,009	-	57,598
Additions	-	-	-	220	220
At 31 July 2023	31,094	1,495	25,009	220	57,818
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 August 2022	29,996	305	14,857	-	45,158
Depreciation charge for the year	135	299	2,538	73	3,045
At 31 July 2023	30,131	604	17,395	73	48,203
Net book values					
At 31 July 2023	963	891	7,614	147	9,615
At 31 July 2022	1,098	1,190	10,152	-	12,440

10 **Investments**

	Freehold Investment Property	Total
	£	£
Cost or revaluation		
Additions	450,842	450,842
At 31 July 2023	450,842	450,842
Net book values		
At 31 July 2023	450,842	450,842

11 **Debtors**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	56,634	174,484
Prepayments and accrued income	5,040	5,040
	61,674	179,524

12 **Creditors:**
amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	23,080	-
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	1,264	2,598
Trade creditors	23,694	15,746
Other taxes and social security	13,436	13,786
Other creditors	2,754	2,057
Accruals	3,506	3,840
Deferred income	56,804	81,804
	124,538	119,831

13 **Creditors:**
amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	78,856	-
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	2,598	3,862
	81,454	3,862

14 **Movement in funds**

	At 1 August 2022	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses)	Resources expended	At 31 July 2023
		£	£	£
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	620,412	-	-	620,412
Designated funds:				
	-	988,096	(981,406)	6,690
Total	-	988,096	(981,406)	6,690
Total funds	620,412	988,096	(981,406)	627,102

15 **Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	£	£
Fixed assets	9,615	9,615
Investments	450,842	450,842
Net current assets	248,099	248,099
Creditors due in more than one year and provisions	(81,454)	(81,454)
	627,102	627,102

16 **Reconciliation of net debt**

	At 1 August 2022	Cash flows	At 31 July 2023
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	552,143	(241,180)	310,963
	552,143	(241,180)	310,963
Bank loans	-	(101,936)	(101,936)
Obligations under HP/Finance leases	(6,460)	2,598	(3,862)
	(6,460)	(99,338)	(105,798)
Net debt	545,683	(340,518)	205,165

17 **Commitments**

Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2023 Land and buildings	2023 Other	2022 Land and buildings	2022 Other
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases with expiry date:				

Pension commitments

	2023	2022
	£	£
The pension cost charge to the charity amounted to:	12,121	18,868

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 July 2023

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
Personal donations	10	10	783
Donations from companies	2,303	2,303	4,976
	2,313	2,313	5,759
Charitable activities			
Contracted Services	883,173	883,173	837,699
Grants	101,771	101,771	151,685
	984,944	984,944	989,384
Other			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	839	839	81
	839	839	81
Total income and endowments	988,096	988,096	995,224
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities			
Contracted Services	2,437	2,437	16
	2,437	2,437	16
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	2,437	2,437	16
Other expenditure			
Bank loan and overdraft interest payable	4,375	4,375	427
Other interest payable	589	589	589
	4,964	4,964	1,016
Employee costs			
Salaries/wages	642,934	642,934	420,180
Employer's NIC	52,339	52,339	52,598
Pension costs	12,121	12,121	18,868
Staff training	20,724	20,724	17,345
Temporary staff	-	-	32,875
	728,118	728,118	541,866
Motor and travel costs			
Travel and subsistence	6,139	6,139	6,877
Business mileage costs reimbursed	-	-	13,541
	6,139	6,139	20,418
Premises costs			
Rent	81,909	81,909	76,718
Rates	41,755	41,755	-
Light, heat and power	-	-	9,848

Premises cleaning	3,955	3,955	2,272
	127,619	127,619	88,838
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation			
Depreciation of land and buildings	135	135	135
Depreciation of Equipment	299	299	297
Depreciation of Motor	2,538	2,538	3,384
Depreciation of Computer	73	73	-
Bank charges	2,111	2,111	4,035
Equipment expensed	19,585	19,585	11,807
Equipment repairs and maintenance	34,649	34,649	16,845
General insurances	7,650	7,650	5,505
Information and publications	5,854	5,854	1,250
Stationery and printing	4,534	4,534	2,341
Subscriptions	6,504	6,504	4,708
Sundry expenses	2,023	2,023	1,575
Telephone, fax and broadband	8,606	8,606	5,940
	94,561	94,561	57,822
Legal and professional costs			
Accountancy and bookkeeping	6,110	6,110	3,840
Other legal and professional costs	11,458	11,458	15,635
	17,568	17,568	19,475
Total of expenditure of other costs	978,969	978,969	729,435
Total expenditure	981,406	981,406	729,451
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
Net income	6,690	6,690	265,773
Net income before other gains/(losses)	6,690	6,690	265,773
Other Gains	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	6,690	6,690	265,773
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	620,412	620,412	354,641
Total funds carried forward	627,102	627,102	620,414

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Accounts

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Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

For the year ended 31 July 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Directors and Trustees
The following served as directors and trustees during the year:

David Liggins	Chairman and lead trustee on governance and enterprise
Patricia Green	Lead trustee on care services and safeguarding
Lee Piercy	Lead trustee on finance
Michael Holmes	
Rebecca Hayes	Resigned 17 November
Matthew Abdy	
Karen Kilner	

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution, governing document and organisational structure

The board of Trustees as a whole, and individually, accept collective responsibility for ensuring that the charity has a clear and relevant set of aims and an appropriate strategy for achieving them; the board agrees to the charity's vision, values and reputation and leads by example, requiring anyone representing the charity reflects its values positively.

The board recognises the charity's values are reflected in all its work and that the ethos and culture of the organisation underpin the delivery of all activities.

The Trustees of the charity are also the Board of Governors to the Independent School who meet on a quarterly basis; whilst its sub-committees and task and finish groups meet monthly and/or as required.

The board periodically reviews the organisation's charitable purposes, and the external environment in which it works, to make sure that the charity, and its purposes, stay relevant and valid.

The board leads the development of, and agrees, a strategy or plan that aims to achieve the organisation's charitable aims and objectives and is clear about the desired outputs, outcomes, and impacts. The board evaluates the charity's impact, outputs, and outcomes on an ongoing basis, analysing the external environment and planning for sustainability.

The CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and Finance Lead attend the Trustee meetings; the Headteacher presents the school report and other members of the Senior Management Team report on operations and service developments of the charity and independent school.

Reporting to the board are sub-committees linked to the strategic plan and organisational development:

- Finance, Audit, Infrastructure and Estates
- Governance and Risk
- Safeguarding, Quality of Teaching and Learning, Looked After Children (LAC)
- Business Development and Performance
- Equality Diversity & Inclusion - Community Engagement
- Organisational Development, Human Resources and Remuneration

Trustees consider the benefits and risks of partnership working, merger or dissolution if other organisations are fulfilling similar charitable purposes more effectively and/or if the charity's viability is uncertain.

The board recognise its broader responsibilities towards communities, stakeholders, wider society and the environment, and acts on them in a manner consistent with the charity's purposes, values, and available resources.

Induction and training of new trustees

As part of the recruitment process, prospective trustees receive a Trustee Information Pack, which includes the Charity Commission publication "CC3 The Essential Trustee: What you need to know". Prospective trustees are invited to attend a full board meeting to observe and discuss the responsibilities of being a APTCOO trustee. They visit the activity groups, meet with parents to see and feel the Charity in operation, meet the staff and volunteers and follow an induction programme.

Trustee training is continually reviewed and information is provided of training courses available. Trustees have access to online training, face to face and membership to NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations), Andrew Hall Safeguarding, and a range of Third Sector, Governance and Leadership publications. They are encouraged to visit the Charity Commission website, where documents outlining Trustee responsibilities, charity law and other training opportunities can be accessed.

Our effective system of integrated charity/school governance enables the Trustees to make informed decisions by providing them with an overview of the organisation's key objectives, the systems needed to achieve them and the risks that might be involved. We have now recruited a new member of the senior management team who supports the school Governor role with training and overall compliance responsibilities.

Pay and remuneration

APTCOO offer fair pay to attract and retain appropriately qualified staff to lead, manage, support, and deliver the charity's aims. It should always be consistent with these aims and recognise that for certain charities it is possible to attract senior executives with lower pay than public or private sector market rates.

Trustees are responsible for setting remuneration levels for the charity's most senior staff. These senior staff should be clearly identified by the Trustees and will typically, although not always, be part of the charity's executive or senior management team.
To set appropriate pay and rewards for these staff requires making informed judgments and following the charity's governance and constitutional arrangements.

Public Benefit

Parent and family support is central to the purpose of the charity and all that we do. APTCOO seeks to listen, inform, and encourage parents of children and young people who have additional needs and disabilities, which enables them to grow in strength and knowledge. The focus is on enhancing the balance between caring and parenting whilst maintaining family life and enabling positive plans for the future.

APTCOO make an enormous difference to the families we work with providing them with nurture, time to talk and reflect, plan and reset in a place of choice, non-clinical and non-judgemental. For this reason, we invested in the Anna Freud Reflective Parenting Training. During the last year of COVID we adapted and delivered remotely to over 200 families, and over 100 paediatric health, education, and social care teams. Reflective parenting is an approach, which helps parents better understand their children's behaviour and their own. We have piloted this service in partnership with the commissioners and funding received from Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group, including social prescribing, and Sensory Integration, working creatively together to match the services with the needs wants and choices of families during a period of unprecedented and turbulent change, the positive feedback is transformational and providing the blueprint for APTCOO in the future.

The benefit of services like APTCOO was summed up by the Children's Commissioner for England recently when she said, "Providing support in this way provides a wide range of benefits. It relieves pressure on specialist CAMHS services, it enables children to learn and engage together with their parents and it reduces upsetting behaviour, and family breakdown." Post Covid our plans include a full rollout of the training programme taking place in our family hubs, allowing parents to socialise and learn with each other and realise they are not alone.

During the past 12 months we have taken some significant steps on our journey towards delivering 'outstanding' specialist family services, improving the quality of the services that support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their whole family unit in Nottinghamshire. Our service provides a safety net working in

partnership with local services whose primary aim is to support families who often do not know where to turn for help or how to ask for help; the Charity has worked closely with social workers, the virtual school and paediatric team, mental health and the police offering a trusted safety net with wrap around care and support.

The services offered provide emotional, practical, and educational support to vulnerable children and young people together with their whole family unit; specialising in early life trauma, intervention and preventative practise with an aim to keep children and young adults safe, healthy, happy, and achieving.

The APTCOO team represents health and care, education, private and voluntary sector. Our investment in training and development is exemplary. Each year we support staff and volunteers within their chosen fields of work to develop their skills, qualifications, and aspirations. We work together with local colleges and universities providing high quality clinical placements. Our safe and complex environments lend themselves to research and development, this is recognised and rewarded with master's level students, paediatric doctors and qualified therapists spending quality time with APTCOO, and in some cases continuing to volunteer and becoming part of the APTCOO workforce.

The public benefit of our service is to raise aspirations and improve the life chances of disadvantaged families so that their negative experiences do not translate into poor outcomes. Research shows that children are less likely to suffer from serious mental health difficulties in later life if they receive support at an early age, often saving the far higher costs of engaging statutory mental health services.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

Addressing equality, diversity and inclusion helps APTCOO make better decisions. This requires commitment, but it means that a charity is more likely to stay relevant to those it serves and to deliver its public benefit. Recognising and countering any imbalances in power, perspectives, and opportunities in the charity, and in the attitudes and behaviour of Trustees, staff and volunteers, helps to make sure that a charity achieves its aims.

All Trustees have the same responsibility for APTCOO, so they must have equal opportunity to contribute to decision making. Trustee diversity, in the widest sense, is important because it encourages more balanced decision making, in turn this increases legitimacy and impact. APTCOO ensures all trustees are welcomed, valued and able to contribute.

Our Trustees commit to equality, diversity and inclusion and set a positive example and tone for the charity, delivering its purpose, and setting inclusive values and culture.

Objectives and Activities

Looking back at how much Covid dominated our activities, none of us could imagine that it would continue to do so in such a profound way during 2022 as well. The team at APTCOO once again showed the resilience to continue to deliver, develop and adapt the outstanding service they are known for, despite at times suffering from Covid themselves.

During and post Covid, more and more children became vulnerable and off the radar particularly in Education, I am pleased and relieved to share that all children placed with APTCOO attended and thrived in their unique bubbles. Feeding the children and the local community through our food club, remained a vital supply of food and keep warm checks with our families who in some cases became cut off and forgotten. We delivered food to the family homes, together with clothing and

warm blankets to help throughout what for some families became an unknown period of darkness, isolation, poverty and more.

We have many children and families that are entering APTCOO with higher anxiety levels, we are also seeing more family breakdowns and families in crisis. These families need a safe space to express themselves, the intensity of the support, trust and relationship building is difficult to quantify, reliant on the emotional intelligence, knowledge, and experience of a small, committed team.

With this in mind, one of the main aims of the Health and Social Care Act 2022 is to move the health and social care system away from a competitive internal market approach which is thought not to have succeeded in bringing about the level of improvement in outcomes, quality and choice originally expected. This has been the focus reinforced by the response to the Covid-19 pandemic where collaboration at pace has led to innovation and breaking down of organisational silos and boundaries. The introduction of Integrated Care Boards and the joining up of care, health and support is now happening at place and neighbourhood levels. It is here where APTCOO feel most connection can be made to people's lives and their insights, achieving this in practice requires engagement and co-production with people and communities in a place where they feel confident and able to contribute to the re shaping of services in the future.

It is once again a testament to the CEO and the team that they have continued to renew and revitalise the full range of APTCOO services. Following Government advice, the Family Hub remained largely closed to the public, until April 2022. However, the information advice and guidance, social prescribing signposting and crisis support website and on-line Microsoft Teams sessions continued and flourished. Education remained open as the children attending APTCOO are vulnerable by the nature of their placement, we formed bubbles and extended the use of the outdoor spaces and places based in the beautiful Sherwood Forest. We all had the luxury of spending time in the green space and bringing nature into everyday life benefitting the young people and staff alike both mentally and physically; from growing food and flowers, exercising outdoors to looking after animals all became known as "The APTCOO Good Life". An extraordinary experience, with extraordinary people, the positive effects and changes to how we work are now forming the direction of travel for APTCOO for the years to come.

In the course of good relationships with statutory funders, care providers, local authorities and other agencies, APTCOO utilises its hands-on experience to advocate that the needs of the child and family are fully understood. To deliver the charity's vision APTCOO provides safe environments offering a wide range of support and specialist services, achieving an outcome of increased resilience and empowerment within our families. The Trustees carefully consider how planned activities will contribute to APTCOO's aims and objectives. To ensure APTCOO's work remains focused on our stated aims and objectives, performance and outcomes are continuously monitored. APTCOO systematically seeks feedback from our families which, along with monitoring and evaluation, indicates we are providing essential and high-quality services and activities. We are committed to measuring the impact of our work. We seek to triangulate the impact of our services through service user feedback, compliance with contractually agreed outcomes and self-assessment of the effectiveness of our service models.

APTCOO provides emotional, practical, and educational support to vulnerable children and young people with additional needs and life limiting conditions and their whole family unit; specialising in early intervention and preventative practise with an aim to keep children and young people safe, healthy, and happy. We work across and in between health, education, and social care, acting as a safety net and a professional ally to safeguard looked after children and vulnerable families. Our services are bespoke and flexible, designed to encourage engagement and participation at the right time for a family, bringing families together so they can support each other, make friends, and socialise reducing isolation and loneliness.

Our services include:

- Crisis support - nurture unit acting as safety net between agencies.
- Delivery of specialist training programmes
- Emotional wellbeing support for families
- After school activity groups for children and young people across all age ranges
- Parents and sibling groups
- Young carer group
- Therapeutic sensory space
- Outreach and home support
- Flexible short breaks
- Volunteering
- Education, training, and employability
- Workforce development APTCOO provides hosting to other complementary providers and agencies enabling families to benefit from joined up services and coordinated care.

We embrace the importance and power of learning through fun without the fear of failure, changing the emphasis from surviving into thriving. We support families to make informed choices and work together with a wide range of complementary partners to provide access to the right services, at the right time, with the right people.

APTCOO is an Independent Special School using highly innovative and creative practical strategies that offer new opportunities for a small number of vulnerable young people together with their families. We are a positive learning centre where families and professionals come together to improve the health, education, and wellbeing within our locations each with their own specialism based in the local community and close to home.

Volunteers

We are committed to supporting, enabling, and celebrating volunteering in all its diversity. APTCOO volunteers include people from all levels of society. We have an established and growing team of volunteers including parents, carers, students, professionals, and willing members of the community.

The natural development from passive recipient to becoming an active paid member of the workforce is now embedded within the culture of APTCOO, we call this Grow2Grow. We are extremely proud to share that over 80% of our workforce started out as volunteers. Grow2Grow is now embedded within the culture of APTCOO; this applies to how we deliver, as well as the social impact and value on families that we serve. We are motivated by the social, economic, health, environmental and community benefits; we are committed to bringing those benefits to as many people as possible, including marginalised and vulnerable groups.

Financial Review

Policy on reserves

The utilisation of the charity's reserves can only be undertaken within the limits and parameters set by the Trustees, who have agreed that sufficient reserves be retained to cover re-investment in capital/premises, equipment and the funding needed to operate for a minimum of three months running costs. In the next financial year, we will work towards a target of three to six months running costs, reflecting organisational growth and sustainable business plans.
We are pleased to report at the end of this financial year a surplus that will now allow the Charity to purchase a property as an investment for the future.

Principal funding sources
We strive to secure as many funding streams as possible to reduce risk by not depending on one source of income. This year and the previous year have been particularly difficult due to grants, changes in commissioning and donations in the form of direct Covid-19 response. In this regard we are happy to report funding to deliver specialist education continues to provide the sustainability of our Charity support without any cost to the families.

We are grateful to have had continued fundraising support from local community organisations and contracted income through the local authority, and Health including:

- Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (Education) - APTCOO deliver commissioned education, health and care placements
- Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme - APTCOO family support services; providing emotional and practical support to vulnerable children and young people with additional needs and life limiting conditions and their whole family unit; specialising in early intervention and preventative practise with an aim to keep children and young people safe, healthy and happy
- Bassetlaw CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) - APTCOO in Bassetlaw provides a range of high, quality support services to empower families pre and post diagnosis, who have children and young people with behaviours that challenge including Autism, ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). Services include information, advice ASD (autism spectrum disorder) guidance, family learning programme and ASD (autism spectrum disorder) (autism spectrum disorder) Sensory Therapies
- Nottinghamshire County Council Short Breaks – APTCOO provide a flexible Short Breaks Service supporting young people with additional needs APTCOO activity groups and the local community
- Fundays in Nottinghamshire – Funding to support families access activities and excursions throughout the summer holidays

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) - the HAF Programme provides support to children in receipt of free school meals throughout school holiday periods ensuring young people have access to accessible, enrichment activities.

Related parties
There are no Directors or Trustees related party issues.

Risk management
The Trustees have a risk register acting as a management strategy which comprises:

- the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces are updated by the senior management team and presented to the full board, for review and discussion
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise

The Trustees ensure that its decision-making processes are informed, rigorous and timely, and that effective delegation, control and risk-assessment, and management systems are set up and monitored. The Trustees promote a culture of sound management of resources but also understands that being over-cautious and risk averse can itself be a risk and hinder innovation.

Where aspects of the board's role are delegated to committees, staff, volunteers or contractors, the board keeps responsibility and oversight. The Trustees retain overall responsibility for risk management and discusses and decides the level of risk it is prepared to accept for specific and combined risks.

The Trustees regularly review the charity's specific significant risks and the effect of these risks added together. It makes plans to mitigate and manage these risks appropriately. Trustees consider risk that relates to their situation and where they work, for example charities working with children or vulnerable adults will look at risks relating to safeguarding.

The Trustees regularly check the charity's process for identifying, prioritising, escalating and managing risks and, where applicable, the charity's system of internal controls to manage these risks. The Trustees review the effectiveness of the charity's approach to risk at least every year. The board describes the charity's approach to risk in its annual report and in line with regulatory requirements.

The Trustees operate a risk management approach to the charity's business and the process involves:

- Setting out objectives/targets to be achieved annually
- Setting out an annual budget
- Delegating authority to ensure objectives and targets are achieved
- Undertaking an annual Financial Risk Assessment. In addition, the Trustees have also set out and implemented policies and procedures to cover quality assurance, equal opportunities, health and safety, environmental issues and recycling, IT data and financial policies covering investment, reserves, and limits of authority for expenditure.

These policies are reviewed annually, and monitoring takes place to measure the impact of the implementation of these policies the results of which are used to improve the quality and effectiveness of staff and the services by the charity.

Plans for the future

APTCOO retains its ambition to acquire a new premise in Bassetlaw to create a positive learning centre with a focus to set up a new positive learning centre for our families with a focus on sensory therapy in honour and memory of the Faye Williams Legacy. As we learn to live with Covid and things return more and more to the new normal, we are redeveloping our strategic and business plans, consulting and co -designing a new centre in Bassetlaw to meet the needs wants and choices of parents, young people and partners.

We will:

- Re-evaluate current service delivery mechanisms, developing the offering in light of the experience gained during lockdown
- Ensure that APTCOO remains in a good position financially with adequate reserves to cover expenditure requirements for three to six months
- Adjust staffing levels to ensure that APTCOO is able to meet growing demand for our services across the whole of Nottinghamshire
- Progress investment plans for upgrading and or re-locating both our premises in Mansfield, including our back-office infrastructure
- Review the functionality of the Website and mobile access. Ensure it is fit for purpose and user friendly
- Sustain and develop new relationships with our commissioners, supporters and volunteers
- Refocus fundraising for the Charity seeking new sources of funds as well as recognising the difficult economic conditions our supporters will face not least due to post Covid demands and the rising inflation due to the Cost-of-Living crisis
- Continue to monitor the health and wellbeing of staff who have dealt so well with the very difficult circumstances of the last two years

Involvement and engagement

Our services are co-designed with our customers to meet the needs of our communities, reducing the strain on public services and empowering individuals by putting families and young people at the heart of what we do.

Central to our core values is our ability to tell a compelling story (through the APTCOO legacy) and inspiring people to take action – whether getting and/or giving support – thereby increasing the impact we make on the lives of children, young people, and their families.

APTCOO attracts many people who believe in what we are doing, we now need to grow relationships with partners, to diversify our income streams, grow our business and remain sustainable.

Raising income through the delivery of our own bespoke services to expand is key to our sustainability. We need to be pro-active when considering partnerships, seeking out good partners with shared values, and aligned services to work collaboratively. We are working together with our partners from public, private, and other VCSE (Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise).

What we do know is the significant role of the voluntary sector in supporting education, health, and social care as part of the local sustainability and transformation plans. APTCOO is a valued third sector partner in transforming our local community services.

APTCOO's support is holistic and evolves over time, in response to the level of need and age of the children and young people with additional needs and disabilities. APTCOO recognises the changes and demands that families encounter as their children grow older. Families develop new skills and resilience with the knowledge that APTCOO is always there when needed. APTCOO actively seeks the views and opinions of our families to help measure the impact of services and to assist in the development and planning of future provision.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of A Place To Call Our Own Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year.

Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, and 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.
The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

Signed on behalf of the board



Matthew Adby
Trustee

Date 20/04/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of A Place To Call Our Own Limited

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of A Place To Call Our Own Limited ("the Company") for the period ended 31 July 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Neil M King FCCA
Cedar + Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
The Greenhouse
106-108 Ashbourne Road
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Date 20/04/23

Statement of Financial Activities

(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses) for the year ended 31July 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 31 July 2022 £	Total funds 31July 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	5,759	-	5,759	866
Charitable activities	4	58,554	930,830	989,364	757,062
Investments	5	-	81	81	-
Total Income		64,313	930,911	995,224	757,948
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	16	-	16	823
Charitable activities	7	82,934	645,485	728,419	623,336
Interest payable		-	1,016	1,016	466
Total Expenditure		82,950	646,501	729,451	624,159
Net income/(expenditure)	9	(19,653)	285,426	265,773	133,789
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		(19,653)	285,426	265,773	133,789
Net movement in funds	13	(19,653)	285,426	265,773	133,789
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		(77,887)	432,528	354,641	220,852
Total funds carried forward	13	(97,540)	717,954	620,414	354,641

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The statement of financial activities for 2021 is shown in Note 2 and the funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in Note 13.

Balance Sheet
at 31 July 2022
Company No. 4708232

	Notes	2022	2021
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	12,439	16,256
		12,439	16,256
Current assets			
Debtors	11	179,524	20,843
Cash at bank and in hand		552,144	418,189
		731,668	439,032
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	119,831	94,187
Net Current Assets		611,837	344,845
Total Assets less current liabilities		624,276	361,101
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	3,862	6,460
Total net assets	13	620,414	354,641
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted Funds			
Restricted Income funds	13	769,513	485,286
		769,513	485,286
Unrestricted Funds	13	(149,099)	(130,646)
Total Funds	13	620,414	354,641

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. For the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Lee Piercy
Trustee

Date 20/04/23

Statement of Cashflows
for the year ended 31 July 2022
Company No. 4708232

	Notes	2022	2021
Net cash provided by/ (used in) in operating activities	15	**134,889**	**153,968**
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		81	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(15,749)
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities		**81**	**(15,749)**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Borrowing		-	12,904
Repayment of borrowings		-	(3,753)
Repayment of loans		-	(23,600)
Amounts paid under finance lease		-	(4,891)
Interest paid		(1,016)	-
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities		**(1,016)**	**(19,340)**
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**133,955**	**118,880**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		418,189	299,309
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**552,144**	**418,189**

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 July 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 201S)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether they are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	- These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	- These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of the contract

Income

Recognition of income and expenditure	- Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability. Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SOFA.
Donations and legacies	- Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts is included in the SOFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Grants	- Income from grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached be receive and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Contracted services	Income from contracted services is recognised as unrestricted income when the relevant service is performed. However, if the terms of the contract limit payments to amounts expended by the charity on purposes specified in the contract and restrict the charity's use of any surplus then the income from that contract is presented as restricted in the accounts.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	- Income from tax reclaims is included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	- These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and
Volunteer help	- The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	- This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on	- This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market revaluation of value at the end of the year.
Fixed Gains/(losses) on investment assets	- This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	- Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	- These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	- These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects 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.
Grants payable	- All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	- These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	- These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated

Land and Buildings improvements	10% Straight line basis
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing balance basis
Equipment	20% Straight line basis

Trade and other 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.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors
Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other 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 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.

Leased assets
Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease. Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity.

Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2. Statement of Financial Activities - prior year	**Unrestricted funds 2021**	**Restricted funds 2021**	**Total funds 2021**
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and Legacies	886	-	886
Charitable activities	23,540	733,522	757,062
Investments	-	-	-
Total	24,426	733,522	757,948
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	823	-	823
Charitable activities	49,462	573,874	623,336
Interest payable	466	-	446
Total	50,285	573,874	624,159
Net expenditure	(25,859)	159,648	133,789
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(25,859)	159,648	133,759
Net Movement in funds	(25,859)	159,648	133,759
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	(52,058)	272,880	220,852
Total Funds carried forward	(77,887)	432,528	354,641

Notes to the Accounts

3. Income from Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
Personal donations	783		783	122
Donations from companies	4,976		4,976	764
	5,759		5,759	886

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
Contracted Services	58,554	779,145	837,699	634,107
Grants	-	151,685	151,685	121,664
Generated Income	-	81	81	1,291
	58,554	930,911	989,465	757,062

5. Income from Investments

	Total 2022	Total 2021
Interest receivable on bank deposits	81	0
	81	0

6. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
Activities and Events	16		16	823
	16		16	823

7. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
Contracted services	82,934	646,501	729,435	479,793
Grants and donations	-	-	-	116,330
Generated income	-	-	-	27,213
	82,934	646,501	729,435	623,336

All cost relates to the Charity's primary activity.

8. Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the period.

9. Net income before transfers

	2022	2021
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	3,816	3,529
Independent Examiner's fee	1,800	1,800
Other fees paid to the auditor or independent examiner	3,355	3,355
Salaries and wages	420,180	368,868
Social security costs and pensions	71,467	34,362
	500,618	403,230

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000. None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

The average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Management	5	4
Admin support	6	3
Frontline staff	13	9
Total	**24**	**16**

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and building improvements	Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
Cost or revaluation				
At 1 August 2021	31,094	1,495	25,009	57,598
At 31 July 2022	31,094	1,495	25,009	57,598
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 August 2021	29,861	8	11,473	41,342
Depreciation charge for the year	135	297	3,384	3,816
At 31 July 2022	29,996	305	14,857	45,158
Net book values				
At 31 July 2022	1,098	1,190	10,151	12,439
At 31 July 2021	1,233	1,487	13,536	16,256

11. Debtors

	2022	2021
Trade debtors	174,484	2,678
Prepayments and accrued income	5,040	18,165
	179,524	20,843

12. Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	2,599	2,599
Trade creditors	15,746	5,899
Other taxes and social security	15,843	9,240
Other loans	-	3,573
Accruals and deferred income	85,644	72,876
	119,832	94,187

Creditors:
amounts falling due after one year

	2022	2021
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	3,862	5,866
Other loans	-	604
	3,862	6,460

The hire purchase creditor is secured on the assets acquired under the contract.

Deferred income includes a legacy donation of £55,033 which is preserved in a separate bank account and against which no expenditure has been incurred. The charity is continuing to conduct a scoping exercise for a property in Bassetlaw that meets the terms of the deed.

13. Movement in funds

	At 1 August 2021	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses)	Resources expended	At 31 July 2022
Restricted funds:				
Restricted income funds:				
Education	479,953	772,744	(492,772)	759,925
Donations and Other		7,322	(7,322)	
Teacher Pension Grant	5,334	4,254		9,588
Bassetlaw CCG		146,591	(146,591)	
Total	485,287	930,911	(646,685)	769,513
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	(130,646)	64,313	(82,766)	(149,099)
Total funds	354,641	995,224	(729,451)	(620,414)

Movement in funds (continued)

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Education	Funding to deliver commissioned education, health and care placements. The education offer is supported by the holistic family support provided through the charity.
Fundays in Nottinghamshire	Funding to support our families throughout the Summer delivering Grow, Make and Eat sessions, these sessions included activities comprising simple construction, gardening, cooking, wildlife, friendly activities, making planting quick and easy, team activities increasing interest and engagement in gardening, cooking, and healthier lifestyles, raising self-esteem, self-belief and enthusiasm.
Notts CC LIS	Funding was also awarded for trips out for families.
Lloyds Foundation	APTCOO support services for Nottinghamshire County Council. Investment for training, enterprise, and employability work carried out by the charity.
Teacher Pension Grant	The teachers' pension employer contribution grant (TPECG) supports schools and local authorities with the cost of the increase in employer contributions to the teachers' pension scheme.
Notts CC Short Breaks	APTCOO is contracted to provide a Flexible Short Breaks Service supporting children and young people with special needs and disabilities within the community, these children and young adults are unable to access universal settings.

Movement in funds (continued)

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Bassetlaw CCG	To offer APTCOO support services from an approved location within Bassetlaw District.

	At 1 July 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31July 2021
Education	280,344	596,670	(397,062)	479,952
Fundays in Nottinghamshire		4,243	(4,243)	
Notts CC Grant Aid		4,375	(4,375)	
Lloyds Invest		25,000	(25,000)	
Teacher Pension Grant		5,334		5,334
Notts CC Short Breaks		10,945	(10,945)	
Bassetlaw CCG		86,955	(86,955)	
Total	280,344	733,522	(528,580)	485,286
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	(59,492)	24,426	(95,579)	(130,646)
Total funds	220,852	757,948	(624,159)	354,641

14. Commitments

Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2022 Land and buildings	2021 Land and buildings
Operating leases with expiry date:		
Within one year	65,600	10,800
Within 2-5 years	52,300	-
Over five years	42,800	51,600

15. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022	2021
Net movement in funds	265,773	133,789
Add back depreciation charge	3,816	3,529
Add interest payable on hire purchase	589	442
Add interest payable on loans	427	465
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(81)	-
Decrease (increase) in debtors	(158,681)	6,900
Increase (decrease) in creditors	23,046	8,843
Net cash generated by operating activities	134,889	153,968

16. Related party disclosures

There have been no related party transactions during the period.

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

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Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

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A Place To Call Our Own Limited
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Directors and Trustees
The following served as directors and trustees during the year:

David Liggins	-	Chairman and lead trustee on governance and enterprise
Patricia Green	-	Lead trustee on care services and safeguarding
Lee Piercy	-	Lead trustee on finance
Michael Holmes		
Rebecca Hayes		
James Wilson	-	resigned 21 July 2020
Matthew Abdy	-	appointed 7 April 2021
Karen Kilner	-	appointed 7 April 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution and governing document

Organisational structure

The board, as a whole, and Trustees individually, accept collective responsibility for ensuring that the charity has a clear and relevant set of aims and an appropriate strategy for achieving them.
The board agrees to the charity's vision, values and reputation and leads by example, requiring anyone representing the charity reflects its values positively.
The board makes sure that the charity's values are reflected in all its work, and that the ethos and culture of the organisation underpin the delivery of all activities.
The Trustees of the charity are also the Board of Governors to the independent school who meet on a quarterly basis; whilst its sub-committees and task and finish groups meet monthly and/or as required.
The board periodically reviews the organisation's charitable purposes, and the external environment in which it works, to make sure that the charity, and its purposes, stay relevant and valid.
The board leads the development of, and agrees, a strategy or plan that aims to achieve the organisation's charitable aims and objectives and is clear about the desired outputs, outcomes, and impacts.
All Trustees can explain the charity's public benefit. The board evaluates the charity's impact, outputs, and outcomes on an ongoing basis, analysing the external environment and planning for sustainability.
The CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and Finance Lead attend the Trustee meetings; the Headteacher presents the school report and other members of the Senior Management Team report on operations and service developments of the charity and independent school.
Reporting to the board are sub-committees linked to the strategic plan and organisational development:

- Finance, Audit, Infrastructure and Estates
- Governance and Risk
- Safeguarding, Quality of Teaching and Learning, Looked After Children (LAC)
- Business Development and Performance
- Equality Diversity & Inclusion - Community Engagement
- Organisational Development, Human Resources and Remuneration

The board regularly review the sustainability of its income sources and their impact on achieving charitable purposes in the short, medium, and longer term.
Trustees consider the benefits and risks of partnership working, merger or dissolution if other organisations are fulfilling similar charitable purposes more effectively and/or if the charity's viability is uncertain.
The board recognise its broader responsibilities towards communities, stakeholders, wider society and the environment, and acts on them in a manner consistent with the charity's purposes, values, and available resources.

Induction and training of new trustees

Prospective and new Trustees meet with the CEO, Chair of the Board, and members of the team to enable familiarisation with the charity and the complexity of the working environment, to gain an understanding of the current financial position and funding arrangements, staffing and other resources, and the future and objectives of the charity. A comprehensive induction, training and development programme is planned and delivered for new Trustees including refresher training. Trustees attend staff training days to gain an understanding and overview of the quality of training for the team and the competency of

themselves and others. Trustees have access to online training, face to face and membership to NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations), Andrew Hall Safeguarding, and a range of Third Sector, Governance and Leadership publications. They are encouraged to visit the Charity Commission website, where documents outlining Trustee responsibilities, charity law and other training opportunities can be accessed.

APTCOO (A Place to Call Our Own) is pro-active in seeking out suitable potential Trustees through a wide range of methods such as word of mouth, AGM (Annual General Meeting) and/or advertising. Our aim is always to achieve a diverse team with an appropriate skills mix, recruitment will always be based on merit. If approved, the Chair will then arrange for co-option/election at the earliest opportunity consistent with the Articles. Our effective system of integrated charity/school governance enables Trustees to make informed decisions by providing them with an overview of the organisation's key objectives, the systems needed to achieve them and the risks that might be involved.

Pay and remuneration

APTCOO offer fair pay to attract and retain appropriately qualified staff to lead, manage, support, and deliver the charity's aims. It should always be consistent with these aims and recognise that for certain charities it is possible to attract senior executives with lower pay than public or private sector market rates.

Trustees are responsible for setting remuneration levels for the charity's most senior staff. These senior staff should be clearly identified by the Trustees and will typically, although not always, be part of the charity's executive or senior management team.

To set appropriate pay and rewards for these staff requires making informed judgments and following the charity's governance and constitutional arrangements.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

APTCOO is a trusted friend, a professional service and more aware of the complex lives that our families live within. APTCOO services are person-centred, flexible, friendly, and delivered within non-clinical environments.

We work on issues that affect children and young people across the full range of education, health, and social care needs, from promoting public health needs through to working with clinical colleagues providing highly specialised services to children with the most complex health needs.

APTCOO encourages the people's voice to share what is sacred, what needs to change and what is currently not available. Family support helps to improve the mental and physical wellbeing, increasing people's resilience and improving health outcomes for the whole family unit.

Our service provides a safety net working in partnership with local services whose primary aim is to support families who often do not know where to turn for help or how to ask for help; the Charity has evolved from listening to parents/carers who share 'that nobody wants to know until it's too late.' We offer preventive rather than reactive support that prevents the problem from deteriorating to the point where expensive specialist services are needed.

The public benefit of our service is to raise aspirations and improve the life chances of disadvantaged families so that their negative experiences do not translate into poor outcomes. Research shows that children are less likely to suffer from serious mental health difficulties in later life if they receive support at an early age, often saving the far higher costs of engaging statutory mental health services.

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

Given the many challenges presented by Covid-19 it is not surprising to see considerable changes in the financial position of the Charity during a time of crisis. The potential impacts are widespread in many ways including reductions in contracts, fewer donations, and a loss of income from trading activities. The speed and gravity of the change meant that our organisation had to change funding strategies very quickly. We have a fundraising strategy and an annual funding plan, suddenly those plans were out the window because they just closed.

All Trustees have the same responsibility for APTCOO, so they must have equal opportunity to contribute to decision making. Trustee diversity, in the widest sense, is important because it encourages more balanced decision making, in turn this increases legitimacy and impact. APTCOO ensures all trustees are welcomed, valued and able to contribute.

Our Trustees commit to equality, diversity and inclusion and set a positive example and tone for the charity, delivering its purpose, and setting inclusive values and culture.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

APTCOO provides emotional, practical, and educational support to vulnerable children and young people with additional needs and life limiting conditions and their whole family unit; specialising in early intervention and preventative practise with an aim to keep children and young people safe, healthy, and happy. We work across and in between health, education, and social care, acting as a safety net and a professional ally to safeguard looked after children and vulnerable families. Our services are bespoke and flexible, designed to encourage engagement and participation at the right time for a family, bringing families together so they can support each other, make friends, and socialise reducing isolation and loneliness.

The service is a single point of contact and a one-stop walk in resource centre where families can improve their health, education, and wellbeing within an inclusive community hub setting. Our services include:

- Crisis support - nurture unit acting as safety net between agencies.
- Delivery of specialist training programmes
- Emotional wellbeing support for families
- After school activity groups for children and young people across all age ranges
- Parents and sibling groups
- Young carer group
- Therapeutic sensory space
- Outreach and home support
- Flexible short breaks
- Volunteering
- Education, training, and employability
- Workforce development
- APTCOO provides hosting to other complementary providers and agencies enabling families to benefit from joined up services and coordinated care.

We embrace the importance and power of learning through fun without the fear of failure, changing the emphasis from surviving into thriving. We support families to make informed choices and work together with a wide range of complementary partners to provide access to the right services, at the right time, with the right people.

APTCOO is an Independent Special School using highly innovative and creative practical strategies that offer new opportunities for a small number of vulnerable young people together with their families. We are a positive learning centre where families and professionals come together to improve the health, education, and wellbeing of vulnerable within the local community.

Volunteers

We are committed to supporting, enabling, and celebrating volunteering in all its diversity. APTCOO volunteers include people from all levels of society. We have an established and growing team of volunteers including parents, carers, students, professionals, and willing members of the community. We recognise the value that volunteers bring to our services and to the individuals themselves. Over 80% of the APTCOO workforce started at APTCOO as volunteers, we support through a comprehensive training, coaching and mentoring programme. The natural development from passive recipient to becoming an active paid member of the workforce is now embedded within the culture of APTCOO, we call this Grow2Grow.

Grow2Grow is now embedded within the culture of APTCOO; this applies to how we deliver, as well as the social impact and value on families that we serve. We are motivated by the social, economic, health, environmental and community benefits; we are committed to bringing those benefits to as many people as possible, including marginalised and vulnerable groups.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

We are pleased to inform, that through prudent spending, a balanced budget for both income and expenditure was set, and this has been achieved. It was clear that the income and sustainability provided through the Independent Special School remaining open throughout Covid-19, became the primary focus, added to a reduced reliance on small, short term funding streams.

By the end of the financial year, we are pleased to have achieved a surplus. Furthermore, as we look to the next twelve-month period, we have a sustainable budget together with surplus that will suffice all the requirements of charity reserves. This includes capital investment, liability insurance salaries, inflation rises, and post covid financial uplifts that are set to increase.

This is an exceptional turn around and the organisation is in a much stronger position financially than it has been for several years.

Due to the restrictions bought about through Covid-19, all activities, resources and support have been developed with low cost, high impact. Staff and volunteers who would normally support the groups and activities continued to support virtually and delivered food parcels door-to-door.

It is truly clear, that in the light of unprecedented time brought about through Covid-19 together with year upon year of funding cuts from local authorities and other statutory agencies to the charitable sector that other methods of raising funding to deliver services must be sourced, and plans have already been agreed to do this. We have invested in our back-office functions, systems, and processes, with a new website and revised marketing and communications strategy. APTCOO will continue to invest resources into generating its own income through small niche social enterprise projects whilst maintaining the ethos, aims and objectives of the organisation.

Policy on reserves

The utilisation of the charity's reserves can only be undertaken within the limits and parameters set by the Trustees, who have agreed that sufficient reserves be retained to cover re-investment in capital/premises, equipment in addition to the funding needed to operate for a minimum of three months running costs. In the next financial year, we will work towards a target of 6 months reserves, reflecting organisational growth and sustainable business plans.

Principal funding sources

We strive to secure as many funding streams as possible to reduce risk by not depending on one source of income. This year and the previous year have been particularly difficult due to grants and donations in the form of direct Covid-19 response. In this regard we are happy to report funding to deliver 'living well post-Covid' from a wide and diverse range of both new and existing funders such as grant making trusts, school partnerships, corporate sponsors, and individual donations. We are incredibly grateful to have had continued fundraising support from local community organisations and local authorities including:

- Fundays in Nottinghamshire – Funding to support families access activities and excursions throughout the summer holidays;
- Nottinghamshire County Council Short Breaks – APTCOO provide a flexible Short Breaks Service supporting young people with additional needs, APTCOO activity groups and the local community;
- Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (Education) - APTCOO deliver commissioned education, health and care placements;
- Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme - APTCOO family support services; providing emotional and practical support to vulnerable children and young people with additional needs and life limiting conditions and their whole family unit; specialising in early intervention and preventative practise with an aim to keep children and young people safe, healthy and happy;
- Bassetlaw CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) - APTCOO in Bassetlaw provides a range of high quality support services to empower families pre and post diagnosis, who have children and young people with behaviours that challenge including Autism, ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). Services include information, advice ASD (autism spectrum disorder) guidance, family learning programme and ASD Sensory Therapies.

Related parties

There are no Directors or Trustees related party issues.

Risk management

The board makes sure that its decision-making processes are informed, rigorous and timely, and that effective delegation, control and risk-assessment, and management systems are set up and monitored.
The board promotes a culture of sound management of resources but also understands that being over-cautious and risk averse can itself be a risk and hinder innovation.
Where aspects of the board's role are delegated to committees, staff, volunteers or contractors, the board keeps responsibility and oversight.
The board retains overall responsibility for risk management and discusses and decides the level of risk it is prepared to accept for specific and combined risks.

The board regularly reviews the charity's specific significant risks and the effect of these risks added together. It makes plans to mitigate and manage these risks appropriately. Trustees consider risk that relates to their situation and where they work, for example charities working with children or vulnerable adults will look at risks relating to safeguarding.

The board puts in place and regularly checks the charity's process for identifying, prioritising, escalating, and managing risks and, where applicable, the charity's system of internal controls to manage these risks. The board reviews the effectiveness of the charity's approach to risk at least every year. The board describes the charity's approach to risk in its annual report and in line with regulatory requirements.

The Trustees operate a risk management approach to the charity's business and the process involves:

- Setting out objectives/targets to be achieved annually
- Setting out an annual budget
- Delegating authority to ensure objectives and targets are achieved
- Undertaking an annual Financial Risk Assessment. In addition, the Trustees have also set out and implemented policies and procedures to cover quality assurance, equal opportunities, health and safety, environmental issues and recycling, IT data and financial policies covering investment, reserves, and limits of authority for expenditure.

These policies are reviewed annually, and monitoring takes place to measure the impact of the implementation of these policies, the results of which are used to improve the quality and effectiveness of staff and the services by the charity.

Plans for the future

The board is now working with the APTCOO team and customers to review our 5-year strategy and revised business plan for the period 2021-2026. There are five key strategic objectives:

1. Agile and Responsive – always able to look ahead, to innovate and seize opportunities.
2. Managed Growth – continue to grow in a managed, sustainable way in order that we are able to help more families to have better lives.
3. Improved Quality – to ensure that our services are of the highest quality.
4. Better Known with a bolder stronger voice for families – to build upon our local, regional, and national profile to ensure we have increased influence and impact.
5. Valuing our People – investing in our staff and volunteers and their development in order that APTCOO becomes an even better place to work.

We have worked together with Lloyds Bank Foundation throughout Covid-19, working together with consultants to share and contribute towards 'The Organisational Resilience Guide'. At its heart, the guide recognises that to build resilience we need to develop internal resilience, that is the ability of our organisation to anticipate, prepare for, respond, and adapt to incremental change and sudden disruptions to survive and prosper.

The Organisational Resilience Guide provides a framework around a set of ten principles split into three pillars of purpose, finance, and people:

1. Purpose – deliver with clarity and integrity, co-production with our people at the heart of all that we do.
2. Finance – management with intention and control, using the Charity Commission self-assessment.
3. People – with an appetite to learn and grow themselves as individuals and the organisation.

Involvement and engagement

Our services are co-designed with our customers to meet the needs of our communities, reducing the strain on public services and empower individuals by putting families and young people at the heart of what we do.

Central to our core values is our ability to tell a compelling story (through the APTCOO brand) and inspiring people to take action – whether getting and/or giving support – thereby increasing the impact we make on the lives of children, young people, and their families. We are developing our brand & marketing functions to integrate as part of an effective wider programme of fundraising and engagement campaigns.

Far from hunkering down, we have been fleet of foot, throughout Covid-19 we have taken a different journey, however this is not yet sufficient to make up for the declining statutory income and the high demand for our services due to the closure of other similar support services.

We have been on an extraordinary journey, we continue to diversify to build sustainable services, drive innovation, to inspire and enable families, young people, volunteers, and staff to realise and reach their full potential in life. APTCOO attracts many people who really believe in what we are doing, we now need to grow relationships with partners, to diversify our income streams and become sustainable.

Raising income through the delivery of our own bespoke services to expand is key to our sustainability. We need to be pro-active when considering partnerships, seeking out good partners with shared values, and aligned services to work collaboratively. Partners from public, private, and other VCSE (Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise) who we can join up with to offer early interventional support that are co-ordinated and paced to help families move forward rather than being pushed around from agency to agency.

What we do know is the significant role of the voluntary sector in supporting education, health, and social care as part of the local sustainability and transformation plans. APTCOO is a valued third sector partner in transforming our local community services.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of A Place To Call Our Own Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year.

Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing theses financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that they 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.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

Signed on behalf of the board



Patricia Green
Trustee
29 March 2022

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of A Place To Call Our Own Limited
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of A Place To Call Our Own Limited ("the Company") for the period ended 31 July 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Association of Accounting Technicians which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Caroline Hopkinson FMAAT
Association of Accounting Technicians
Emerald Accountancy Services Limited
3rd Floor, Staveley Hall
Staveley Hall Drive
Staveley
Chesterfield, S43 3TN

Date.....

A Place To Call Our Own Limited

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

for the year ended 31 July 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 31 July 2021 £	Total funds 31 July 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	886	-	886	10,455
Charitable activities	4	23,540	733,522	757,062	566,172
Investments	5	-	-	-	206
Total Income		24,426	733,522	757,948	576,833
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	823	-	823	197
Charitable activities	7	49,462	573,874	623,336	408,423
Interest payable		466	-	466	592
Total Expenditure		50,285	573,874	624,159	409,211
Net income/(expenditure)	9	(25,859)	159,648	133,789	167,622
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		(25,859)	159,648	133,789	167,622
Net movement in funds	18	(25,859)	159,648	133,789	167,622
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		(52,028)	272,880	220,852	53,230
Total funds carried forward	18	(77,887)	432,528	354,641	220,852

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods. The statement of financial activities for 2020 is shown in Note 2 and the funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in Note 14.

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
BALANCE SHEET

at 31 July 2021

Company No. 4708232	**Notes**	**2021**	**2020**
		£	**£**
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	16,256	4,036
		16,256	4,036
Current assets			
Debtors	12	20,843	27,743
Cash at bank and in hand		418,189	299,309
		439,032	327,052
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	94,187	106,059
Net current assets		344,845	220,993
Total assets less current liabilities		361,101	225,029
Creditors: Amount falling due after more than one year	13	6,460	4,177
Total net assets	18	354,641	220,852
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds			
Restricted income funds	14	485,286	280,344
		485,286	280,344
Unrestricted funds	14	(130,646)	(59,492)
Total funds	18	354,641	220,852

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
For the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Lee Piercy
Trustee
29 March 2022



A Place To Call Our Own Limited
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 31 July 2021

Company No. 4708232	**Notes**	**2021**	**2020**
		£	**£**
Net cash provided by/(used in) in operating activities	17	**153,968**	**192,295**
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		-	206
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(15,749)	-
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities		**(15,749)**	**206**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Borrowing		12,904	10,000
Repayment of borrowings		(3,753)	(3,127)
Repayment of loans		(23,600)	-
Amounts paid under finance lease		(4,891)	(2,790)
Interest paid		-	(86)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities		**(19,340)**	**3,997**
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**118,880**	**196,498**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		299,309	102,811
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**418,189**	**299,309**

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the period ended 31 July 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether they are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	- These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	- These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular
Revaluation funds	- These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	- These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of the contract.

Income

Recognition of income and expenditure	- Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reiability. Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SOFA.
Donations and legacies	- Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts is included in the SOFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Grants	- Income from grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

1 **Accounting policies (continued)**

Contracted services	- Income from contracted services is recognised as unrestricted income when the relevant service is performed. However, if the terms of the contract limit payments to amounts expended by the charity on purposes specified in the contract and restrict the charity's use of any surplus then the income from that contract is presented as restricted in the accounts.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	- Income from tax reclaims is included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	- These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and
Volunteer help	- The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	- This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed	- This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	- This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	- Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	- These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	- These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects 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.
Grants payable	- All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	- These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	- These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated

Land and Buildings improvements	10% Straight line basis
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing balance basis
Equipment	20% Straight line basis

1 **Accounting policies (continued)**

Trade and other 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.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank
In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors
Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other 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 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.

Leased assets
Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease. Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity.
Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

		Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Total funds 2020
		£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and Legacies		10,455	-	10,455
Charitable activities		21,125	555,047	576,172
Investments		206	-	206
Total		31,786	555,047	586,833
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		197	-	197
Charitable activities		78,180	333,370	411,550
Total		78,377	333,370	411,747
Net expenditure		(46,591)	221,677	175,086
Net income before other gains/(losses)		(46,591)	221,677	175,086
Prior year adjustment	18	-	(7,464)	(7,464)
Net movement in funds		(46,591)	214,213	167,622
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		(5,437)	58,667	53,230
Total funds carried forward		(52,028)	272,880	220,852

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Personal donations	122	-	122	10,455
Donations from companies	764	-	764	-
	886	-	886	10,455

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Contracted Services	22,249	611,858	634,107	493,544
Grants	-	121,664	121,664	68,325
Generated income	1,291	-	1,291	4,303
	23,540	733,522	757,062	566,172

5 Income from investments

	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Interest receivable on bank deposits	-	206
	-	206

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Activities and events	823	-	823	197
	823	-	823	197

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Contracted Services	22,249	457,544	479,793	268,062
Grants & donations	-	116,330	116,330	78,325
Generated income	27,213	-	27,213	62,036
	49,462	573,874	623,336	408,423

All cost relates to the Charity's primary activity.

8 **Trustees remuneration and expenses**

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the period.

9 **Net income before transfers**

	2021	2020
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	3,529	2,017
Independent Examiner's fee	1,800	1,650
Other fees paid to the auditor or independent examiner	3,355	3,355
Salaries and wages	368,868	228,256
Social security costs and pensions	34,362	9,473
	403,230	237,729

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000. None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

The average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Management	4	3
Admin support	3	4
Frontline staff	9	12
	16	19

11 **Tangible fixed assets**

	Land and building improvements	Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation				
At 1 August 2020	29,744	-	12,105	41,849
Additions	1,350	1,495	12,904	15,749
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 July 2021	31,094	1,495	25,009	57,598
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 August 2020	29,744	-	8,069	37,813
Depreciation charge for the year	117	8	3,404	3,529
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 July 2021	29,861	8	11,473	41,342
Net book values				
At 31 July 2021	1,233	1,487	13,536	16,256
At 31 July 2020	-	-	4,036	4,036

12 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,678	1,378
Prepayments and accrued income	18,165	26,365
	20,843	27,743

13 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	2,599	-
Trade creditors	5,899	9,137
Other taxes and social security	9,240	4,835
Other loans	3,573	26,887
Accruals and deferred income	72,876	65,200
	94,187	106,059

Creditors:

amounts falling due after one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	5,856	-
Other loans	604	4,177
	6,460	4,177

The hire purchase creditor is secured on the assets acquired under the contract.

Deferred income includes a legacy donation of £55,033 which is preserved in a separate bank account and against which no expenditure has been incurred. The charity is conducting a scoping exercise for a property in Bassetlaw that meets the terms of the deed.

Other loans total of £4,177 is owed to Big Issue from £10,000 funding drawn down last year. See Note 18.

14 Movement in funds

	At 1 August 2020 £	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	Gross transfers £	At 31 July 2021 £
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income funds:					
Education	280,344	596,670	(397,062)	-	479,952
Fundays in Nottinghamshire	-	4,243	(4,243)	-	-
Notts CC LIS	-	4,375	(4,375)	-	-
Lloyds Foundation	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-
Teacher Pension Grant	-	5,334	-	-	5,334
Notts CC Short Breaks	-	10,945	(10,945)	-	-
Bassetlaw CCG	-	86,955	(86,955)	-	-
Total	280,344	733,522	(528,580)	-	485,286
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	(59,492)	24,426	(95,579)	-	(130,646)
Total funds	220,852	757,948	(624,159)	-	354,641

14 Movement in funds (continued)

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Education	Funding to deliver commissioned education, health and care placements. The education offer is supported by the holistic family support provided through the charity.
Fundays in Nottinghamshire	Funding to support our families throughout the Summer delivering Grow, Make and Eat sessions, these sessions included activities comprising simple construction, gardening, cooking, wildlife, friendly activities, making planting quick and easy, team activities increasing interest and engagement in gardening, cooking, and healthier lifestyles, raising self esteem, self-belief and enthusiasm. Funding was also awarded for trips out for families.
Notts CC LIS	APTCOO support services for Nottinghamshire County Council.
Lloyds Foundation	Investment for training, enterprise, and employability work carried out by the charity.
Teacher Pension Grant	The teachers' pension employer contribution grant (TPECG) supports schools and local authorities with the cost of the increase in employer contributions to the teachers' pension scheme.
Notts CC Short Breaks	APTCOO is contracted to provide a Flexible Short Breaks Service supporting children and young people with speacial needs and disabilities within the community, these children and young adults are unable to access universal settings.

Movement in funds (continued)

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Bassetlaw CCG	To offer APTCOO support services from an approved location within Bassetlaw District.

	At 1 July 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 July 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Education	24,689	452,401	(196,746)	-	280,344
Fundays in Nottinghamshire	-	7,198	(7,198)	-	-
Notts CC Grant Aid	-	40,625	(40,625)	-	-
Lloyds Invest	33,978	-	(33,978)	-	-
Notts CC Short Breaks	-	17,123	(17,123)	-	-
Bassetlaw CCG	-	27,700	(27,700)	-	-
Total	58,667	545,047	(323,370)	-	280,344
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	(5,437)	31,786	(85,841)	-	(59,492)
Total funds	53,230	576,833	(409,211)	-	220,852

15 **Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	16,256	-	16,256
Net current assets	202,308	136,077	338,385
Total Net Assets	218,564	136,077	354,641

16 **Commitments**

Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2021 Land and buildings	**2021 Other**	**2020 Land and buildings**	**2020 Other**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Operating leases with expiry date:				
Within one year	10,800	-	-	1,013
In the second to fifth years inclusive	-	-	-	-
Over five years	51,600	-	14,400	-
	62,400	-	14,400	1,013

17 **Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net movement in funds	133,789	167,622
Add back depreciation charge	3,529	2,017
Add interest payable on hire purchase	442	86
Add interest payable on loans	465	592
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	-	(206)
Decrease (increase) in debtors	6,900	6,165
Increase (decrease) in creditors	8,843	16,020
Net cash generated by operating activities	153,968	192,295

18 **Prior year adjustment**

A grant of £10,000 recieved in the year ended 31 July 2020 treated as income, is repayable as a liability due to a change to grant conditions. This error has been adjusted as a prior year adjustment. The impact is to reduce the surplus for the year ended 31 July 2020 from £175,086 to £167,622. This reduction is comprised of reduced income of £10,000 and interest on loan of £592 less repayments in the year of £3,127. Current liabilities of £7,464 are recognised which reduces total funds for that year from £228,316 to £220,852.

19 **Related party disclosures**

There have been no related party transactions during the period.

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

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Accounts

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(A company limited by guarantee)

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Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 July 2020

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Directors and Trustees
The following served as directors and trustees during the year:

David Liggins	-	Chairman and lead trustee on governance and enterprise
Michael Holmes	-	Staff representative and director (non-voting at board)
Patricia Green	-	Lead trustee on care services and safeguarding
Lee Piercy	-	appointed 20 February 2020
Rebecca Hayes	-	appointed 20 February 2020
James Wilson	-	served 20 February 2020 until 21 July 2020
Stevie Wray-Marriott	-	resigned 10 January 2020

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution and governing document

COVID-19

Given the many challenges presented by Covid-19 it is not surprising to see considerable changes in the financial position of the Charity during a time of crisis. The potential impacts are widespread in many ways including reductions in contracts, fewer donations, and a loss of income from trading activities. The speed and gravity of the change meant that our organisation had to change funding strategies very quickly. We have a fundraising strategy and an annual funding plan, suddenly those plans were out the window because they just closed.

Organisational Resilience

We have worked together with Lloyds Bank Foundation throughout the Covid-19 year of change, together with consultants to share and contribute towards 'The Organisational Resilience Guide'. At its heart, we recognise that to build resilience we need to develop internal resilience, that is the ability of our organisation to anticipate, prepare for, respond, and adapt to incremental change and sudden disruptions The Trustees and team worked stoically throughout Covid 19, showing incredible commitment at a time of unprecedented change.

APTCOO has survived, a balanced budget for both income and expenditure was set and this has been achieved. It is clear that the income provided through the Independent Special School remaining open throughout, became the primary focus, of our service delivery.

Organisational structure

The Trustees of the charity, also the Board of Governors of the Independent Special School, meet regularly on a quarterly basis; whilst its sub-committees and task and finish groups meet monthly and as required. The CEO (Chief Executive Officer), Headteacher and Finance Lead are also invited to the Trustee meetings to report on the activities of the charity and present the School report.

In line with the strategic plan the Trustees focus on the following priorities:

- Organisational and workforce development committee is responsible for ensuring direction on strategic business, workforce planning and business developments.
- Nominations and remunerations are responsible for making recommendations to the Trustees about the pay of staff, senior management and Executive.
- Children, young people, and families committee is responsible for ensuring that the voice of our children, young people and families is heard.
- Finance and infrastructure committee is responsible for assuring the financial policies and performance of the Trust and that its support services serve the front-line staff effectively.
- Audit committee is responsible for assuring internal controls, effective governance, and risk management.
- Quality of teaching and learning
- Safeguarding Looked After Children (LAC)

Reporting to the board are six sub-committees linking to the strategic plan and organisational

- Finance, Audit, Infrastructure and Estates

- Governance and Risk
- Safeguarding, Quality of Teaching and Learning, Looked After Children (LAC)
- Business Development and Performance
- Community Engagement
- Organisational Development, Human Resources and Remuneration

Induction and training of new trustees

New Trustees are encouraged to meet with the CEO, Chairman of the Board, and members of the team to enable familiarisation with the charity and the complexity of the working environment, to gain an understanding of the current financial position and funding arrangements, staffing and other resources, and the future plans and objectives of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend staff training days and have access to EduCare Online Training. They are encouraged to visit the Charity Commission website, where documents outlining Trustee responsibilities, charity law and other issues are available.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

During the past 18 months we have taken some significant steps on our journey towards delivering 'outstanding' specialist children's services, improving the quality of the services that support children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEND) and their whole family unit in Nottinghamshire. Our service provides a safety net working in partnership with local services whose primary aim is to support families who often do not know where to turn for help or how to ask for help; the Charity has evolved from listening to parents/carers who share 'that nobody wants to know until it's too late'. We off preventive rather than reactive support that prevents the problem from deteriorating to the point where expensive specialist services are needed. The public benefit of our service is to raise aspirations and improve the life chances of disadvantaged families so that their negative experiences do not translate into poor outcomes. Research shows that children are less likely to suffer from serious mental health difficulties in later life if they receive support at an early age, often saving the far higher costs of engaging statutory mental health services.

The services offered provide emotional, practical, and educational support to vulnerable children and young people together with their whole family unit; specialising in early intervention and preventative practise with an aim to keep children and young people safe, healthy, happy, and achieving.

The APTCOO team represents health and care, education, private and voluntary sector. Our investment in training and development is exemplary. Each year we support staff and volunteers within their chosen fields of work to develop their skills, qualifications, and horizons. We work together with local colleges and universities providing high quality placements. Our environments lend themselves to research and development, this is recognised and rewarded with master's level students, paediatric doctors and qualified therapists spending time with APTCOO to carry out their work placement, volunteering and in some cases becoming part of the APTCOO workforce.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

A Place To Our Own Limited
DIRECTORS' AND STRATEGIC REPORT

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Established in 1991, three decades later, APTCOO achieves its charitable objectives through:

- Working in partnership with parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs, offering information, emotional support, and group activities.
- Raising public awareness of the needs of children and young people with SEND.
- Providing facilities which offer an equal opportunity for positive play and educational development for children and young people of all abilities in safe and stimulating environments.
- Offering a range of education, training, and employment opportunities.

During the past 18 months we have taken some significant steps on our journey towards delivering 'outstanding' specialist children's services. APTCOO has grown and remit; we have developed services and diversified our business to reach a group of families with significant needs.

We are seeing and feeling better impacts for children and families, a re-energised workforce, strengthened partnership working with stronger leverage and challenge. Our strengthened capacity means we can be equal partners contributing locally and nationally to the enhanced reputation and value of Education, Health and Social Care Services within the community setting.

Our approach is innovative. We believe everyone should have the same opportunity to succeed in life; our workforce is the key to our success. We have invested significantly in developing their skills and talents so we can improve our service delivery. It is right, therefore, that this continues to be a key focus going forward.

APTCOO provides emotional, practical, and educational support to vulnerable children and young people with additional needs and life limiting conditions and their whole family unit; specialising in early intervention and preventative practise with an aim to keep children and young people safe, healthy, and happy. We work across and in between health, education, and social care, acting as a safety net and a professional ally to safeguard looked after children and vulnerable families. Our services are bespoke and flexible, designed to encourage engagement and participation at the right time for a family, bringing families together so they can support each other, make friends, and socialise reducing isolation and loneliness.

The service is a single point of contact and a one-stop walk in resource centre where families can improve their health, education and wellbeing within an inclusive community hub setting. Our services include:

- Crisis support - nurture unit acting as safety net between agencies.
- Delivery of specialist training programmes
- Emotional wellbeing support for families
- After school activity groups for children and young people across all age ranges · Parents and sibling groups
- Young carer group
- Therapeutic sensory space
- Outreach and home support
- Flexible short breaks
- Volunteering

- Education, training, and employability
- Workforce development APTCOO provides hosting to other complementary providers and agencies enabling families to benefit from joined up services and coordinated care.

We embrace the importance and power of learning through fun without the fear of failure, changing the emphasis from surviving into thriving. We support families to make informed choices and work together with a wide range of complementary partners in order to provide access to the right services, at the right time, with the right people.

APTCOO is now an Independent Special School using highly innovative and creative practical strategies that offer new opportunities for a small number of vulnerable young people together with their families. Activities are designed to encourage engagement and participation, bringing people together to support each other, making friends, socialising, reducing isolation and loneliness. We are a positive learning centre where families and professionals come together in order to improve the health, education, and wellbeing of vulnerable within the local community.

We work in partnership with Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Council and local schools to deliver flexible and personalised education that will improve young people's well-being, attendance, and achievement together with confidence to re-engage back into their own family and where possible mainstream school. Character education is at the heart of our education programme, we feel that acquiring positive character traits is associated with a range of positive life outcomes. The curriculum has a heavy focus on nurture and developing social and emotional aspects of learning (SEAL), developing learners' confidence and communication skills, and improving challenging behaviour.

What we do know, is young people and their families' are entering APTCOO with higher-than-average anxiety levels. We are also seeing more family breakdowns and families in crisis. These children need a safe space to express themselves. The APTCOO team, make an enormous difference with the young people we work with, providing them with nurture and a time to talk and reflect; the children are far more aware of their emotions and become more able to self-regulate, more confident and ready to learn. We offer unique, safe, and accessible spaces providing personalised education, training and employability skills for children and young people aged 5 to 25.

Volunteers

We are committed to supporting, enabling, and celebrating volunteering in all its diversity. APTCOO volunteers include people from all walks of life. We have an established and growing team of volunteers including parents, carers, students, professionals, and willing members of the community. We recognise the value that volunteers bring to our services and to the individuals themselves. Over 50% of the APTCOO workforce started off as volunteers, we support through a comprehensive training, coaching and mentoring programme. The natural development from passive recipient to becoming an active paid member of the workforce is now embedded within the culture of APTCOO, we call this Grow2Grow.

Grow2Grow is now embedded within the culture of APTCOO; this applies to how we deliver, as well as the social impact and value on families that we serve. We are motivated by the social, economic, health, environmental and community benefits; we are committed to bringing those benefits to as many people as possible, including marginalised and vulnerable groups.

The DNA of Grow2Grow has a particular focus on promoting the development of people's emotional intelligence and wellbeing as the bedrock for life-long learning, training, education, and employability. Grow2Grow is based upon a set of principles designed to preserve the integrity of APTCOO regardless of scale and to ensure that the ongoing associated commercial and social benefit is received by all.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The services offered by APTCOO fall under three main headings.

1. APTCOO Care and Support

APTCOO families need lots of support from professionals and wrap around services to be as healthy and happy as possible, but sometimes the way these services are organised and delivered in clinical settings can get in the way. Family learning helps to improve the mental and physical wellbeing, it tackles the wider determinants of health, increasing people's resilience and improving health outcomes for the whole family unit.

It is imperative that we keep pace with the changing needs of our local communities, so that we remain relevant and responsive, and at the same time aware of the changing climate of health and social care services. Place-based commissioning and integrated care partnerships are now back on the table of change, APTCOO holds a seat on important level steering groups, striving to keep the voice of the parents and young people key to all short- and longer-term decisions.

We work on issues that affect children and young people across the full range of education, health, and care needs, from promoting public health needs through to working with clinical colleagues providing highly specialised services to children with the most complex health needs.

2. Education and Training

This year APTCOO Independent Special School is maturing, our niche offer for a small number of children APTCOO offers an inclusive, safe and nurturing environment supporting learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) who have struggled to make progress in mainstream or special school settings. Our learners range in age from early years through to 19 years old. Learners attending APTCOO will typically be experiencing significant barriers to learning because of their social and emotional needs. We have created an all-encompassing curriculum that reflects the SEND Code of Practice 2015 placing a high priority in building social and emotional aspects of learning (SEAL). The SEAL initiative aims to support children and young people to develop the personal and social skills of:

- self-awareness
- managing their feelings
- motivation]
- empathy
- social skills

These interpersonal and intrapersonal skills have been shown to improve learning and promote emotional health and wellbeing, alongside a range of other benefits to pupils, families and schools. Prior to coming to APTCOO it has been identified that learners have not been able to make progress in either mainstream or special schools and need the specialised nurturing environment that APTCOO provides. These are often children and young people at the highest level of need, who will have, or be in the process of an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), statement of education need (or equivalent) and the involvement of a number of multi-agency services.

3. Innovation and Enterprise

In partnership with parents, carers and young people who are in the process of becoming an adult, we have created a unique space in which to explore life opportunities, employability, and a move towards greater independence. We call this the Learn, Work and Earn Centre (LWEC). Our approach removes 'barriers to learning' through confidence building, improved literacy and numeracy skills, exploration of potential, encouraging good attendance and reducing disaffection, exclusion, difficult family circumstances and low self-esteem. Local businesses who are passionate about our cause are now sharing their business expertise and supporting our business growth. A key objective in the next budget year is to expand the LWEC into The Enterprise Hub; a place for young people preparing for adulthood and employability to develop their independent living, education, and employability skills. Apprenticeships, supported self-employment and small business ownership is becoming an increasingly popular route to work, for people to use, sharing their skills and talents to create mutual employment opportunities within the supportive environment of APTCOO. The wider the range of people willing to invest and put their name to an APTCOO project, the more credibility the projects have and the more attractive the business propositions will become.

Case Studies

Young person A

Not saying goodbye is traumatic; Young person A was missing his dad. He was growing his way. The world of podcasts and noise helped him, however; other choices were more difficult. "Let me do what I want. Let me listen to music, swear, wear what I want. Let me go for walks." School was off-limits for Young person A.

His family made the absolute best preparations for Young person A. Support conversations with the GP, with CAHMS were "open for him"; he would phone his family when not coping.

This was a boy who needed a future. Young person A was vulnerable in peer-to-peer relationships. A safe place was needed. APTCOO listened to the family story and new levels of disclosure. This was a family voice that had to be heard.

Young person A is now open to conversations about music and a bigger world is positive. He is less angry now; trust has built at APTCOO.

APTCOO receives many enquiries about childhood adversity and trauma and supports family-based interventions. We offer education and alternative approaches. We help young people feel safe and protected. Young person A can access his new drumkit tomorrow. "I learn at least ten new things every day!" says Young person A.

Young person B

Young person B's history is complicated and complex, diagnosed with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and ADHD; described as an extremely anxious learner with an unclear picture of what type of education she will access, or how much support she will need. Young Person B has not attended school for two years, when her mental health became seriously unstable, and she was admitted to a children's. mental health hospital.

Young person B is very bright with a loving and supportive family. Young person B has a natural talent for poetry writing, nature and dancing, her parents would like to think that one day she will be able to manage her anxieties and become happy and achieving whilst at home and school.

Young person B started attending APTCOO and initially just getting out of the car was a milestone, however; trusting key staff was achieved within the first 6 weeks. Young person B has now engaged in her love for poetry writing, nature, photography, music, woodwork, and creative arts.

We have achieved a lot in a small amount of time, Young person B has made new friends and has engaged in school holiday activities to act as a keep warm temperature check, this also provides quality time for parents to spend with their other children. Young person B continues to suffer during the nights and shared how upset and angry she feels with her disturbed feelings that make the whole family very unhappy.

Financial Review

During Covid-19 income has been impacted in many ways including reductions in contracts, fewer donations, and a loss of income from trading activities such as venue hire and face to face activities. The speed and gravity of the change meant that APTCOO had to change funding strategies very quickly. The financial impacts of the pandemic hit hard, we have a fundraising strategy and an annual funding plan that relies upon the availability of certain regular programmes. Our agreed plans on paper and relationships with funders encouraging our new applications went out of the window, they just closed, only applications that could prove their immediate monetary loss and imminent closure would be considered.

The cumulative impact of financial pressure and a rapidly changing environment at the beginning of the budget year presented APTCOO with several challenges, changes, and opportunities.

We are pleased to inform, that through prudent spending, a balanced budget for both income and expenditure was set and this has been achieved. It was clear that the income and sustainability provided through the Independent Special School remaining open throughout, needed to become the primary focus, added to a reduced reliance on small, short term funding streams.

By the end of the budget year, we have achieved a small surplus. Furthermore, as we look to the next twelve-month period, we have a sustainable budget together with surplus that will suffice all charity reserves. This is an exceptional turn around and the organisation is in a much stronger position financially than it has been for several years.

Due to the restrictions bought about through COVID-19 all activities, resources and support have been developed with low cost, high impact. Staff and volunteers who would normally support the groups and activities are now supporting online and delivering personalised, paper-based activities together with food parcels that are delivered door-to-door.

It is truly clear, that in the light of unprecedented time brought about through Covid-19 together with year upon year of funding cuts from local authorities and other statutory agencies to the charitable sector that other methods of raising funding to deliver services must be sourced, and plans have already been agreed to do this. We are investing in our back-office functions, systems, and processes, with a new website and revised marketing and communications strategy we aim to be slicker. APTCOO will continue to invest resources into generating its own income through small niche social enterprise projects whilst maintaining the ethos, aims and objectives of the organisation.

Policy on reserves
The utilisation of the charity's reserves can only be undertaken within the limits and parameters set by the Trustees, who have agreed that sufficient reserves be retained to cover re-investment in capital/premises, equipment and the funding needed to operate for a minimum of three months running costs.

Principal funding sources
As always, we strive to secure as many funding streams as possible in order to reduce risk by not depending on one source of income. This year has been particularly successful in this regard and we are happy to report funding from a wide and diverse range of both new and existing funders such as grant making trusts, school partnerships, corporate sponsors, and individual donations. We are incredibly grateful to have had continued fundraising support from local community organisations such as:

- Big Issue
- Lloyds Foundation
- Fundays in Nottinghamshire
- Nottinghamshire County Council Short Breaks
- Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (Education)
- Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme
- Bassetlaw CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group)

Related parties
There are no Directors or Trustees related party issues.

Risk management
These policies are reviewed annually, and monitoring takes place to measure the impact of the implementation of these policies the results of which are used to improve the quality and effectiveness of staff and the services by the charity.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS
The Trustee Board is working with the senior management team to develop a new 5-year strategy and

1. Agile and Responsive – always able to look ahead, to innovate and seize opportunities.

2. Managed Growth- continue to grow in a managed, sustainable way in order that we are able to help more families to have better lives.
3. Improved Quality – to ensure that our services are of the highest quality so that we can.
4. Better Known with a bolder stronger voice for families – to build upon our local, regional, and national profile to ensure we have increased influence and impact.
5. Valuing our People – investing in our staff and volunteer and their development in order that APTCOO becomes an even better place to work.

We have worked together with Lloyds Bank Foundation throughout the Covid-19 year of change, working together with consultants to share and contribute towards 'The Organisational Resilience Guide'. At its heart, the guide recognises that in order to build resilience we need to develop internal resilience, that is the ability of our organisation to anticipate, prepare for, respond, and adapt to incremental change and sudden disruptions in order to survive and prosper.

The Organisational Resilience Guide provides a framework around a set of ten principles split into three pillars of purpose, finance, and people:

1. Purpose – deliver with clarity and integrity, co-production with our people at the heart of all that we do.
2. Finance – management with intention and control, using the Charity Commission self-assessment.
3. People – with an appetite to learn and grow themselves as individuals and the organisation.

Involvement and engagement

Our services are co-designed with our customers to meet the needs of our communities, reducing the strain on public services and empower individuals by putting families and young people at the heart of what we do.

Central to our core values is our ability to tell a compelling story (through the APTCOO brand) and inspiring people to take action – whether getting and/or giving support – thereby increasing the impact we make on the lives of children, young people, and their families. We are developing our brand & marketing functions to integrate as part of an effective wider programme of fundraising and engagement campaigns.

Far from hunkering down we have been fleet of foot, throughout Covid-19 we have taken a different journey, however this is not yet sufficient to make up for the declining statutory income and the high demand for our services due to the closure of other similar support services.

We have been on an extraordinary journey we continue to diversify in order to build sustainable services, drive innovation, to inspire and enable families, young people, volunteers, and staff to realise and reach their full potential in life. APTCOO attracts many people who really believe in what we are doing, we now need to grow relationships with partners, to diversify our income streams and become sustainable.

Raising income through the delivery of our own bespoke services to expand is key to our sustainability. We need to be pro-active when considering partnerships, seeking out good partners with shared values, and aligned services to work collaboratively. Partners from public, private, and other VCSE (Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise) who we can join up with to offer early interventional support interventions that are co-ordinated and paced to help families move forward rather than being pushed around from agency to agency.

What we do know is the significant role of the voluntary sector in supporting health and social care as part of the local sustainability and transformation plans. APTCOO is a valued third sector partner in the transforming of our local community services.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of A Place To Call Our Own Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year.

Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing theses financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that they 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.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

Signed on behalf of the board

Patricia Green
Trustee
24 March 2021

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of A Place To Call Our Own Limited
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of A Place To Call Our Own Limited ("the Company") for the period ended 31 July 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Association of Accounting Technicians which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Caroline Hopkinson FMAAT
Association of Accounting Technicians
Emerald Accountancy Services Limited
Association of Accounting Technicians
3rd Floor, Staveley Hall
Staveley Hall Drive
Staveley
Chesterfield, S43 3TN

Date.....

A Place To Call Our Own Limited

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

for the year ended 31 July 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 31 July 2020 £	Total funds 31 March 2019 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	10,455	-	10,455	2,550
Charitable activities	4	21,126	555,047	576,172	419,610
Investments		206	-	206	-
Total Income		31,786	555,047	586,833	422,160
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	197	-	197	1,893
Charitable activities	6	78,180	333,370	411,550	403,669
Total Expenditure		78,377	333,370	411,747	405,562
Net income/(expenditure)	8	(46,591)	221,677	175,086	16,598
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		(46,591)	221,677	175,086	16,598
Net movement in funds		(46,591)	221,677	175,086	16,598
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		(5,437)	58,667	53,230	36,632
Total funds carried forward		(52,028)	280,344	228,316	53,230

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods. The statement of financial activities for 2019 is shown in Note 2 and the funds breakdown for 2019 is shown in Note 13. The prior period was extended to comprise a sixteen month period and so the comparatives are not comparable.

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
BALANCE SHEET

at 31 July 2020

Company No. 4708232	**Notes**	**2020**	**2019**
		£	**£**
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	4,036	6,053
		4,036	6,053
Current assets			
Debtors	11	27,743	33,908
Cash at bank and in hand		299,309	102,811
		327,052	136,719
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	102,772	89,542
Net current assets		224,280	47,177
Total assets less current liabilities		228,316	53,230
Total net assets		228,316	53,230
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds			
Restricted income funds	13	280,344	58,667
		280,344	58,667
Unrestricted funds	13	(52,028)	(5,437)
Total funds		228,316	53,230

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
For the year ended 31 March 2020 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Lee Piercy
Trustee
24 March 2021

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 31 July 2020

Company No. 4708232	**Notes**	**2020**	**2019**
		£	**£**
Net cash provided by/(used in) in operating activities	16	**199,168**	**56,521**
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest income		206	-
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities		**206**	**-**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Borrowing		-	23,600
Amounts paid under finance lease		(2,790)	(3,900)
Interest paid		(86)	-
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities		**(2,876)**	**19,700**
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**196,498**	**76,221**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		102,811	26,590
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**299,309**	**102,811**

A Place To Call Our Own Limited
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the period ended 31 July 2020

1 **Accounting policies**

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.
The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether they are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	- These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	- These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes
Revaluation funds	- These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	- These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of the contract.

Income

Recognition of income and expenditure	- Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income expenditure is reported gross in the SOFA.
Donations and legacies	- Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts is included in the SOFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditionato the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will l entitlement to the income. Income from grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

1 **Accounting policies (continued)**

Contracted services	- Income from contracted services is recognised as unrestricted income when the relevant service is performed. However, if the terms of the contract limit payments to amounts expended by the charity on purposes specified in the contract and restrict the charity's use of any surplus then the income from that contract is presented as restricted in the accounts.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	- Income from tax reclaims is included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	- These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and
Volunteer help	- The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	- This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed	- This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	- This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	- Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to
Expenditure on raising funds	- These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	- These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects 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.
Grants payable	- All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	- These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	- These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated

Land and Buildings (Play areas)	20% Straight line basis
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing balance basis

1 **Accounting policies (continued)**

Trade and other 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.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank
In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors
Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other 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 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.

Leased assets
Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.
Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.
Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

1 **Accounting policies (continued)**

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity.
Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 **Statement of Financial Activities - prior year**

	Unrestricted funds 2019	Restricted funds 2019	Total funds 2019
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and Legacies	2,550	-	2,550
Charitable activities	33,841	385,769	419,610
Total	36,391	385,769	422,160
Expenditure on:			
	1,893	-	1,893
Charitable activities	76,567	327,102	403,669
Total	78,460	327,102	405,562
Net expenditure	(42,069)	58,667	16,598
Net movement in funds	(42,069)	58,667	16,598
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	36,632	-	36,632
Total funds carried forward	(5,437)	58,667	53,230

3 **Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Personal donations	10,455	-	10,455	697
Donations from companies	-	-	-	1,853
	10,455	-	10,455	2,550

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Contracted Services	16,823	476,722	493,544	253,956
Grants	-	78,325	78,325	156,675
Generated income	4,303	-	4,303	8,979
	21,126	555,047	576,172	419,610

5 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Activities and events	197	-	197	1,893
	197	-	197	1,893

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Contracted Services	16,144	255,045	271,189	271,993
Grants & donations	-	78,325	78,325	122,697
Generated income	62,036	-	62,036	8,979
	78,180	333,370	411,550	403,669

All cost relates to the Charity's primary activity.

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the period.

8 Net income before transfers

	2020	2019
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	2,017	3,026
Independent Examiner's fee	1,650	1,500
Other fees paid to the auditor or independent examiner	3,355	1,180

9 Staff costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salaries and wages	228,256	249,962
Social security costs and pensions	9,473	14,775
	237,729	264,737

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000. None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

The average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Management	3	3
Admin support	4	4
Frontline staff	12	10
	19	17

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 August 2019	29,744	12,105	41,849
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 July 2020	29,744	12,105	41,849
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 August 2019	29,744	6,052	35,796
Depreciation charge for the year	-	2,017	2,017
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 July 2020	29,744	8,069	37,813
Net book values			
At 31 July 2020	-	4,036	4,036
At 31 July 2019	-	6,053	6,053

11 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	1,378	10,760
Prepayments and accrued income	26,365	23,148
	27,743	33,908

12 **Creditors:**

amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	-	2,790
Trade creditors	9,137	2,536
Other taxes and social security	4,835	3,421
Other loans	23,600	23,600
Accruals and deferred income	65,200	57,195
	102,772	89,542

The hire purchase creditor is secured on the assets acquired under the contract.

Deferred income includes a legacy donation of £55,033 which is preserved in a separate bank account and against which no expenditure has been incurred. The charity is conducting a scoping exercise for a property in Bassetlaw that meets the terms of the deed.

Other loans total £23,600, these are to assist with the new development (North Farm House, Budby); these loans have been paid back since the year end.

13 **Movement in funds**

	At 1 August 2019	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses)	Resources expended	Gross transfers	At 31 July 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income funds:					
Education	24,689	452,401	(196,746)	-	280,344
Fundays in Nottinghamshire	-	7,198	(7,198)	-	-
Notts CC Grant Aid	-	40,625	(40,625)	-	-
Big Issue	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Lloyds Invest	33,978		(33,978)	-	-
Notts CC Short Breaks	-	17,123	(17,123)	-	-
Bassetlaw CCG	-	27,700	(27,700)	-	-
Total	58,667	555,047	(333,370)	-	280,344
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	(5,437)	31,786	(78,377)	-	(52,028)
Total funds	53,230	586,833	(411,747)	-	228,315

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Education — Funding to deliver commissioned education, health and care placements.

13 Movement in funds (continued)

Fundays in Nottinghamshire	Funding to support our families throughout the Summer delivering Grow, Make and Eat sessions, these sessions included activities comprising simple construction, gardening, cooking, wildlife, friendly activities, making planting quick and easy, team activities increasing interest and engagement in gardening, cooking, and healthier lifestyles, raising self esteem, self-belief and enthusiasm. Funding was also awarded for trips out for families.
Notts CC LIS	APTCOO support services for Nottinghamshire County Council.
Big Issue	Funding to be used exclusively for salary costs of the Director of Education, training and development.
Lloyds Invest	Investment for training, enterprise, and employability work carried out by the charity.
Notts CC Short Breaks	APTCOO is contracted to provide a Flexible Short Breaks Service supporting children and young people with speacial needs and disabilities within the community, these children and young adults are unable to access universal settings.
Bassetlaw CCG	To offer APTCOO support services from an approved location within Bassetlaw District.

	At 1 April 2018	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 July 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Education	-	192,219	(167,530)	-	24,689
Fundays in Nottinghamshire	-	11,989	(11,989)	-	-
CT Skills	-	800	(800)	-	-
Notts CC Grant Aid	-	30,625	(30,625)	-	-
Big Issue	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Reach	-	19,500	(19,500)	-	-
Lloyds Invest	-	50,000	(16,022)	-	33,978
Sheffield University	-	1,228	(1,228)	-	-
Notts CC Short Breaks	-	22,858	(22,858)	-	-
Bassetlaw CCG	-	41,550	(41,550)	-	-
Total	-	385,769	(327,102)	-	58,667
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	36,632	36,391	(78,460)	-	(5,437)
Total funds	36,632	422,160	(405,562)	-	53,230