

**A Place To Call Our Own Limited**

**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Charity No. 1102516**

**Company No. 04708232**

**Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts**

**31 July 2020**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Company No. 04708232**

**Charity No. 1102516**

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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



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### **DIRECTORS' AND STRATEGIC REPORT**

- 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 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.

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 practice 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.

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#### **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



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- 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.

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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

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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.

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#### *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.



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Due to the restrictions brought 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.

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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.

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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 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 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  
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**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 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and Legacies	3	10,455	-	10,455	2,550
Charitable activities	4	21,126	555,047	576,172	419,610
Investments		206	-	206	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>31,786</u>	<u>555,047</u>	<u>586,833</u>	<u>422,160</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	5	197	-	197	1,893
Charitable activities	6	78,180	333,370	411,550	403,669
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>78,377</u>	<u>333,370</u>	<u>411,747</u>	<u>405,562</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	8	<u>(46,591)</u>	<u>221,677</u>	<u>175,086</u>	<u>16,598</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)</b>		(46,591)	221,677	175,086	16,598
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(46,591)	221,677	175,086	16,598
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		(5,437)	58,667	53,230	36,632
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>(52,028)</u>	<u>280,344</u>	<u>228,316</u>	<u>53,230</u>

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.

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**BALANCE SHEET**

at 31 July 2020

Company No.	4708232	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible assets	10		4,036	6,053
			<u>4,036</u>	<u>6,053</u>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	11		27,743	33,908
Cash at bank and in hand			299,309	102,811
			<u>327,052</u>	<u>136,719</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12		102,772	89,542
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>224,280</u>	<u>47,177</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>228,316</u>	<u>53,230</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u><u>228,316</u></u>	<u><u>53,230</u></u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>				
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted income funds	13		280,344	58,667
			<u>280,344</u>	<u>58,667</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	13		(52,028)	(5,437)
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><u>228,316</u></u>	<u><u>53,230</u></u>

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**

<b>Company No.</b>	<b>4708232</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2020</b> £	<b>2019</b> £
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) in operating activities</b>		16	<u><b>199,168</b></u>	<u><b>56,521</b></u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Interest income			206	-
<b>Cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>			<u><b>206</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
Borrowing			-	23,600
Amounts paid under finance lease			(2,790)	(3,900)
Interest paid			(86)	-
<b>Cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>			<u><b>(2,876)</b></u>	<u><b>19,700</b></u>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>			<u><b>196,498</b></u>	<u><b>76,221</b></u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			102,811	26,590
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>			<u><u><b>299,309</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>102,811</b></u></u>

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**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 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 unconditionally met the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be entitled 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. |

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**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

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| 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



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**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 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.

**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.

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**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 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and Legacies	2,550	-	2,550
Charitable activities	33,841	385,769	419,610
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,391</b>	<b>385,769</b>	<b>422,160</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
	1,893	-	1,893
Charitable activities	76,567	327,102	403,669
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,460</b>	<b>327,102</b>	<b>405,562</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<b>(42,069)</b>	<b>58,667</b>	<b>16,598</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(42,069)</b>	<b>58,667</b>	<b>16,598</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward	36,632	-	36,632
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>(5,437)</b>	<b>58,667</b>	<b>53,230</b>

**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Personal donations	10,455	-	10,455	697
Donations from companies	-	-	-	1,853
	<b>10,455</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,455</b>	<b>2,550</b>

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**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
	<u>21,126</u>	<u>555,047</u>	<u>576,172</u>	<u>419,610</u>

**5 Expenditure on raising funds**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Activities and events	197	-	197	1,893
	<u>197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>1,893</u>

**6 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
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
	<u>78,180</u>	<u>333,370</u>	<u>411,550</u>	<u>403,669</u>

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
	<u>237,729</u>	<u>264,737</u>



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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:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Management	3	3
Admin support	4	4
Frontline staff	12	10
	<u>19</u>	<u>17</u>

**10 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Land and buildings</b>	<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost or revaluation</b>			
At 1 August 2019	29,744	12,105	41,849
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 July 2020	<u>29,744</u>	<u>12,105</u>	<u>41,849</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 August 2019	29,744	6,052	35,796
Depreciation charge for the year	-	2,017	2,017
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 July 2020	<u>29,744</u>	<u>8,069</u>	<u>37,813</u>
<b>Net book values</b>			
At 31 July 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>4,036</u>	<u>4,036</u>
At 31 July 2019	<u>-</u>	<u>6,053</u>	<u>6,053</u>

**11 Debtors**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	1,378	10,760
Prepayments and accrued income	26,365	23,148
	<u>27,743</u>	<u>33,908</u>

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**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
	<u>102,772</u>	<u>89,542</u>

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 £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
<b>Restricted income funds:</b>					
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)	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>58,667</u>	<u>555,047</u>	<u>(333,370)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,344</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	(5,437)	31,786	(78,377)	-	(52,028)
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>53,230</u>	<u>586,833</u>	<u>(411,747)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,315</u>

**Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:**

**Restricted funds:**

Education Funding to deliver commissioned education, health and care placements.

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**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 special 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)	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>385,769</b>	<b>(327,102)</b>	-	<b>58,667</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	36,632	36,391	(78,460)	-	(5,437)
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>36,632</b>	<b>422,160</b>	<b>(405,562)</b>	-	<b>53,230</b>