

**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  
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**Trustees**

C. Spencer (appointed 5 December 2024)  
N. Storey (appointed 14 September 2023)  
M. Abdy (resigned 5 December 2024)  
M. Holmes  
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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 Bassettlaw - 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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### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

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.

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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 practice 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**

Meeting up at Time for Us is my end of the week survival treat, we laugh, cry learn something new, craft, talk to each other, 2 hours flies by, coffee ends what more could we ask for ... more please

'Consider changing the clinical environment as these often are not favoured by younger children as they can promote sensory overload with the lights, noise and smells of the hospital, another consideration would be to have sensory bags for distraction'

'Two appointments would be preferable when starting the GDA. I without the child possibly via Teams and I with the child present. The reason being is that parents often do not like to talk in a negative voice about their child'

'Families would like regular updates on where they are in the waiting list for assessment from beginning the journey to having the appointment (waiting wall)'

'Consider assessing Blackpool children in a familiar environment APTCOO are recommended on the pathway as a family support and the environment is comfortable. This could take a load off the hospital'

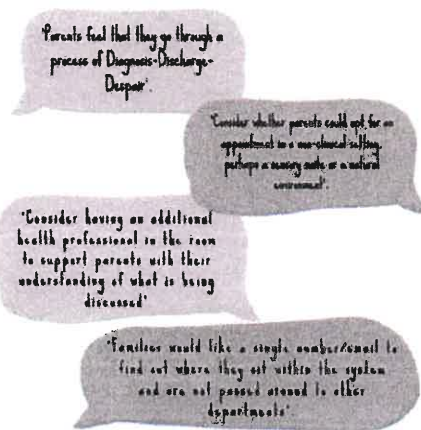
'We have learned so much. APTCOO has opened a new door in our family life. I have made new friends who have lived experiences. I am also feeling confident to help others.'

'I have been living in the dark for over 10 years I came to APTCOO and a light switched on Thank you to the team who are all so kind, caring and understanding and truly helpful.'

'My adopted child has experienced ELT hospitals, questions from strangers in one session will achieve nothing other than distrust upset and mistrust - nobody talks to each other, this is soul destroying'



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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	£626,723	£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 Basettlaw 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

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**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.

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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 of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies
- 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 29/5/25 And signed on its behalf by

  
L. Piercy  
Trustee



**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of A Place to Call Our Own (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 July 2024 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).

- 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.

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**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.

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.

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.



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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 properly 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](http://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  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors  
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006  
2 Wyevale Business Park  
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Date

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

	Notes	Restricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>55,002</b>	<b>1,039,158</b>	<b>1,094,160</b>	<b>988,096</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	7,582	1,037,537	1,045,119	981,406
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,582</b>	<b>1,037,537</b>	<b>1,045,119</b>	<b>981,406</b>
<b>Net gains on investments</b>					
<b>Net income</b>	7	<b>47,420</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>49,041</b>	<b>6,690</b>
Transfers between funds					
<b>Net income before other gains/(losses)</b>		<b>47,420</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>49,041</b>	<b>6,690</b>
<b>Other gains and losses</b>					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>47,420</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>49,041</b>	<b>6,690</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		0	627,102	627,102	620,412
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>47,420</b>	<b>628,723</b>	<b>676,143</b>	<b>627,102</b>

**Continuing operations**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing operations

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**Balance Sheet at 31 July 2024**  
**Charity No. 1102516**  
**Company No. 04708232**

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

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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**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 requirements 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 charitable 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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**Cashflow statement at 31 July 2024**  
**Charity No. 1102516**

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

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**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**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Net Movement of funds in period	49,041	6,690
Adjustments 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	<u>34,992</u>	<u>209,045</u>

**2 Analysis of Changes in Net Funds**

	<b>At 1.8.23</b>	<b>Cashflow</b>	<b>At 31.7.24</b>
Net cash			
Cash at Bank	310,963	(40,772)	270,191
Total	<u>310,963</u>	<u>(40,772)</u>	<u>270,191</u>



## **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 of 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 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.

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**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.

## **A Place To Call Our Own Limited**

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

#### **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 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, that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the cash and cash equivalents. Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank 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.

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

**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.

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**Notes to the Accounts cont..**

**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
	<b>55,002</b>	<b>25,732</b>	<b>80,734</b>	<b>2313</b>

**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
	<b>0</b>	<b>1,012,964</b>	<b>1,012,964</b>	<b>984,944</b>

**4. Investment income**

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable on bank deposits		462	462	839
	<b>0</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>839</b>

**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
	<b>7,582</b>	<b>1,037,537</b>	<b>1,045,119</b>	<b>981,406</b>

**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

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**Notes to the Accounts cont..**

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
	<u>763,850</u>	<u>707,394</u>

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

No employees received salary over £50,000 in the year (2023: None)

Key Management 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	<u>481,936</u>	<u>15,260</u>	<u>45,493</u>	<u>40,383</u>	<u>1,814</u>	<u>584,886</u>
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	25,656
As at 31st July 2024	<u>39,283</u>	<u>3,198</u>	<u>7,582</u>	<u>23,142</u>	<u>654</u>	<u>73,859</u>
Net book values						
At 31st July 2024	<u>442,652</u>	<u>12,062</u>	<u>37,911</u>	<u>17,241</u>	<u>1,161</u>	<u>511,027</u>
At 31st July 2023	<u>963</u>	<u>890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,613</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>9,613</u>

**9. Investment properties**

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

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	<u>5,040</u>	<u>5,040</u>
	<u>14,505</u>	<u>61,674</u>



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Notes to the Accounts cont..

**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
	<b>63,804</b>	<b>124,538</b>

**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
	<b>55,776</b>	<b>81,454</b>

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
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>627,102</b>	<b>1,094,160</b>	<b>1,045,119</b>	<b>676,143</b>

	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
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>620,412</b>	<b>988,096</b>	<b>981,406</b>	<b>627,102</b>

13. Commitments

Operating lease commitments

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

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	Land and buildings	Other	Land and buildings	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