

# GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1103838

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [04471739](#)

**Registered** 2004-05-20

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (G.A.P) SHALL BE THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATIONS FOR CHILDREN BEING FACILITIES OF WHICH SUCH CHILDREN HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, AND, WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR SUCH CHILDREN BY PROMOTING THEIR EDUCATION, PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING.

**Activities:** Provide play activities/opportunities for young people aged 6-16 years.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MERSEYSIDE
- Liverpool City

## Finances

| Period end | Income     | Expenditure | Assets   | Employees |
|------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £1,146,980 | £1,147,985  | £217,242 | 5         |
| 2024-03-31 | £353,787   | £219,098    | -        | -         |
| 2023-03-31 | £148,692   | £143,667    | -        | -         |
| 2022-03-31 | £173,614   | £150,316    | -        | -         |
| 2021-03-31 | £212,716   | £170,702    | -        | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                 | Role  | Appointed  |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Susan Roberts</b> | Chair | 2018-11-28 |
| BEVERLEY OWENS       |       |            |
| Christian Adeniran   |       | 2018-11-28 |
| Melissa Waddington   |       | 2024-02-01 |
| Sandra Hill          |       | 2025-01-14 |
| Theresa Wainwright   |       | 2022-02-01 |

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# Accounts

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# Garston Adventure Playground Trustees Report For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

*"Play Together - Stay Together"*

Charity Number 1179 01

Company Registration Number 1727 0764 Registered in England 01241 01

**Garston Adventure Playground  
Report and accounts  
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**GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND  
TRUSTEES REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

**History**

The Garston Adventure Playground originally began as a Summer Holiday playscheme, organized by local parents and residents on Garston Park. Recognizing the ongoing need for a dedicated space where children and young people in the area could play safely and freely, the community took proactive steps to secure a permanent location. Their efforts included searching for an ideal site and seeking out funding opportunities to bring their vision to life. With support from central government funding, combined with significant commitment and hard work from those involved, the development of Garston Adventure Playground officially commenced in 1978. In 1980 HRH The Duke of Edinburgh officially opened the playground.

- ❖ The rights of all children to play and free association
- ❖ To be consulted and listened to
- ❖ The right to fair and equal treatment and equality of opportunity
- ❖ The right to freedom from oppression and discrimination
- ❖ To have free, local play provision
- ❖ The promotion of independence and autonomy of all children



**Staff**

Carmel Moran – F/t Senior Playworker  
Rachael Hannington – Family Support/Playworker  
Shirley Dugdale – Art & Craft Playworker  
Libby Brown – Trainee Youth Support Worker  
Mischa O'Connor – Apprentice Youth Worker  
Mark Moran – Seconded from Liverpool City Council Targeted Services  
Aimee Jones – Youth Worker/Nutritional Development (Youth Investment Fund)  
Alex Anderson – Youth Worker/Physical Development (Youth Investment Fund)  
Detached Youthwork Team – Kelly Unsworth, Sandra Riley & Kerry Laverty

**Volunteer Acknowledgment**

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers. Their dedication and commitment are vital to our ability to offer a variety of services and a diverse range of activities and opportunities for the children and young people we support. Without their invaluable contributions, much of what we accomplish simply would not be possible.

Throughout this year, our volunteers have played an essential role in numerous areas. They have provided assistance with maintenance tasks and the installation of equipment, helped organise and participate in community clean-ups, and contributed their time and skills to cooking. Additionally, volunteers have supported our play and youth workers in daily activities and have accompanied children and young people on days out, ensuring these experiences are both enjoyable and well-supported.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support and positive impact our volunteers bring to the organisation and the community.



**Training**

Staff and volunteers have completed the following training:-

|  |                     |                      |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| Updated - Designated Safeguarding Lead | Safeguarding        | Food Safety          |
| Ketamine Awareness                     | Health & Safety     | Paediatric First Aid |
| Criminal Sexual Exploitation           | Youth Participation | Sexual Health        |
| Hate Crime                             |                     |                      |

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**Finance**

This financial year, we have received valuable support from a range of trusts, charitable foundations, organizations, and businesses. Their contributions have enabled us to continue providing essential services and opportunities for children and young people in our community. We are grateful for their partnership and commitment to our mission.

Children in Need  
Councillor's Local Neighbourhood Fund  
Community Foundation for Merseyside – Liverpool One Foundation  
Liverpool City Council – Youth & Play Grant  
South Liverpool Homes  
John Moores Foundation  
Merseyside Police  
HAF-Holiday Activities & Food  
PH Holt  
Merseyside Play Action Council  
Robertson Construction  
Morrisons Foundation  
Youth Investment Fund  
LCVS  
Groundwork - Tesco Community Grants  
Richard Longstaff (Local Resident)  
Liverpool City Council Energy Grant  
Feeding Britain

**Youth & Play Grant Administration**

We would like to recognize Five for Families for their vital role in administering the Youth & Play Grant funding for the Speke/Garston Consortium. Their effective management and coordination have ensured that grant resources are distributed efficiently and equitably, supporting a wide range of programs and activities for children and young people in our area.

**Children in Need**

This financial year marked the conclusion of our funding from Children in Need for the Art & Craft Playworker position. Due to a change in their funding priorities, Children in Need implemented a policy excluding organizations that have received support for nine years or more from reapplying for a period of three years. As a result, we were no longer eligible to seek continued funding for this role.

Despite this change, Children in Need generously provided a £5,000 exit grant for the 2024/25 financial year. This grant will help us transition as we adapt to the new funding landscape and continue our commitment to offering creative and engaging opportunities for children and young people in our community.



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**Food Provision and Community Support**

Thanks to the generosity of South Liverpool Homes, our Fareshare membership was fully paid for the year. This crucial support enabled us to access food supplies that were used to provide nutritious meals for young people in our community. After meeting the needs of the youth, any surplus food was distributed throughout the wider community, ensuring that nothing went to waste and that as many people as possible benefited from these resources.

In addition, funding from Feeding Britain played a complementary role by providing extra financial support. This assistance specifically helped us reach children who did not qualify for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) program, allowing us to extend our services to a broader group of young people. The additional funding also enabled us to support families and other community members by distributing food parcels, further strengthening our commitment to combating food insecurity in the area.

“My children and I are victims of domestic abuse, and I’m having to wait 6 weeks for universal credit. It breaks my heart to hear the children say their hungry. This is amazing. Thank you.”  
Family of 3

- ❖ 1390 individuals have benefited from our Fareshare food both on and off the playground.
- ❖ 20 Asda Shopping vouchers distributed.

“Even though am working food is so expensive, we struggle. I can make a few meals and packed lunches from this food.  
Thank you”.

**Groundwork - Tesco Community Grants**

**Renewing Essential Equipment**

Much of our equipment had reached the end of its usable life, creating an urgent need for replacements as we prepared to move back into our building. We prioritised acquiring new kitchen equipment to ensure our continued ability to provide meals and support for the community. The addition of a new freezer has significantly increased our storage capacity for food, allowing us to better serve local families and prevent food waste.

**Expanding the Homework Club**

Recognising the importance of educational support, we sought to expand our homework club—a vital resource for local children. This expansion required investment in new computers to enhance the club’s offerings and ensure children have access to the technology they need for learning and development.

**Acknowledgments**

We are extremely grateful to Tesco’s customers and resident Richard Longstaff for their generous support. Their contributions enabled us to purchase the necessary equipment, which has allowed us to continue our regular activities and broaden the range of services we offer to families in the community.

**John Moore’s Foundation and PH Holt: Enhancing Family Support Services**

Support from John Moore’s Foundation and PH Holt has been instrumental in funding our Family Support/Playworker position. This valuable contribution has allowed us to extend our opening hours and provide additional support to families in our community. By increasing our availability, we have been able to enhance the level of care and guidance offered to children and young people, ensuring that their needs are met more effectively.

Despite the progress made through this funding, there remains an ongoing need to secure additional resources to sustain the Family Support/Playworker role. This position is critical to our mission and plays a key part in delivering the best possible outcomes for the children and young people who rely on our services.

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**Youth Investment Fund: Supporting Our Refurbishment and Growth**

This year, our financial position experienced a notable boost as a result of receiving funding from the Youth Investment Fund. The support primarily consisted of capital funding, which was dedicated to the much-needed refurbishment of our building. In addition to the capital funds, we also received some revenue support aimed at facilitating our expansion, providing training opportunities, additional staff for 12 months and covering any additional expenses associated with the refurbishment project.

Refurbishment work commenced in May, marking a significant milestone for our organisation. Despite the ongoing construction, we remained committed to serving the community and continued to run our activities without interruption. During this period, we operated out of the Muddy Footprints Nursery, which is located on our site. This arrangement allowed us to maintain our regular services and support for local children and families while improvements to our main building were underway. The capital part of the project came in under budget. Unfortunately, we weren't able to re-allocate the funds.

**Transition Period and Return to Our Refurbished Building**

During the refurbishment, we continued to operate out of the Muddy Footprints Nursery. While this arrangement allowed us to maintain our regular activities, the number of young people attending was significantly lower than usual. Nevertheless, we remain committed to supporting as many young people as possible by expanding our activities and implementing some outreach work.

On October 1, 2024, we moved back into our newly refurbished building. The transformation was remarkable—the space is now much more welcoming, filled with natural light, warmer, and far more functional. This improved environment has greatly enhanced our ability to serve local children and families.

**Highlights of 24-25**

**Youth Voice**

Throughout the 2024-2025 period, we placed a strong emphasis on amplifying the voices of young people within our organization. Their feedback and ideas have been integral to shaping our programs and services, ensuring that our activities remain relevant and responsive to their needs.

**Venny Vision – Young Person's Committee**

A key development during this year was the introduction of the Venny Vision Young Person's Committee. This committee was established to give young people a dedicated platform to share their perspectives, contribute to decision-making, and play an active role in the future direction of our organization. Through their involvement, young people have helped guide our initiatives and strengthen our commitment to youth-led programming.

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- As part of our consultation exercises, young people were asked if they would like to be part of a young person's committee

5 young people meet monthly – they set the agenda - to discuss issues and plan projects. Hopefully more will join.  
Young people attend local printing business to design posters for Question Time.

7 young people attended Question Time in Town Hall.

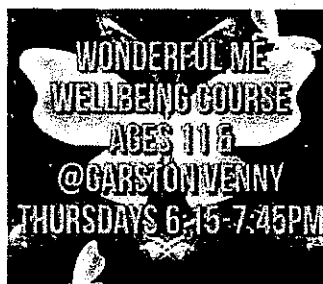
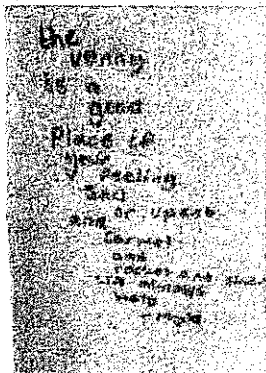
Children's Rights - Young people working on display to let other young people know their rights.



Interstellar Global CIC  
1<sup>st</sup> October 24 – March 25  
Music sessions – 52 young people participated  
35 Young people reported they had learnt new skills  
52 young people reported increased confidence



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- "I can express myself better"
- "I can concentrate better when listening to the music"
- "There's no right or wrong way to make my music"
- "Music sessions help me feel in a better mood"
- "It's fun"

Liverpool heritage - 20 young people took part in various sessions including photography, writing and crafts based on local area - the young people said they enjoyed seeing and hearing what it was like growing up in Garston in the past - 10 young people went to the exhibition of their work in the Liverpool Open Eye gallery with 1 young person's voice being recorded to be heard at the gallery - the young person was extremely excited at the opportunity and proud that they were able to overcome their fears

Be free Mental health workshops - using Art room sessions and connections to staff enabled 1 young person to participate away from the main group and work through what was being said at their own pace - They were able to draw as they said this relaxed them and question what was being said and was able to put this in context with their own thoughts and feelings - They said this helped them with the anxiety they felt and too much information at once.

**Sport & Physical Fitness Sessions**

- 264 young people participated in physical organised activities.
- 200 report they have increased the amount of time spent doing physical activity by 300%
- 217 report that they have made new friends.
- 96 report learnt new skills/knowledge.
- 173 increased confidence in playing and using equipment
- Community Clean-up 12 young people participated.
- Stay & Play sessions – 29 Families & 49 children attended.
- 3 student work placements completed 90 hours volunteering.
- 1 student completed Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteer hours.
- 772 Volunteer hours completed.
- 15 Family Christmas Hampers distributed.
- 33 Young People had Christmas Dinner
- We have 3 young people, 16-19 years employed by us.
- 2 Young people studying L2 Youth Work
- Christmas decorations distributed to families and Garston Children's Centre
- Youth Employment Hub – Just started
- 2 YPAS referrals



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**Partners**

- ❖ Kooth
- ❖ Five Children's & Families Trust
- ❖ Be Free Campaign
- ❖ South Liverpool Homes
- ❖ Merseyside Play Action Council
- ❖ Liverpool City Council
- ❖ Reach
- ❖ Salvation Army
- ❖ Local Councillors
- ❖ ASD Team
- ❖ Liverpool Children's Safeguarding Partnership
- ❖ Targeted Services
- ❖ YPAS
- ❖ Grow Speke
- ❖ ARCH
- ❖ Long Lane Youth Hub
- ❖ Neighbourhood Manager
- ❖ Broadgreen Academy
- ❖ Liverpool Heritage

Kooth - awareness session with 14 young people participating.

Young people were shown a slide show around different topics, we spoke about anxiety, eating disorders and exam stress. The importance of self-care and good sleep patterns.

The young people were given information about the app and were shown how it works, 8 young people downloaded it there and then, the app gives the young people free anonymous support with real people in a chat.

Quotes:

"I feel confident about using the app and it's great that it's anonymous" Young Person

"I think I would use this app it's so easy to get on". Young Person

**Acknowledging Jon Newman's Contribution**

We would like to formally recognise and express our sincere gratitude for the invaluable support provided by Jon Newman in helping us prepare the grant application for the Youth Investment Fund. His dedication and commitment played a significant role in our efforts, and his unexpected passing is a profound loss. Jon will be greatly missed by everyone involved.

**Legal status**

Garston Adventure Playground is a Company Limited by guarantee and a registered charity, not having a share capital it is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees who served during the period covered by the report:

**Beverley Owens  
Susan Roberts  
Christian Adeniran  
Theresa Wainwright  
Sandra Hill  
Melissa Waddington**

Registered office:

**Bowden Road, Liverpool, L19 1QP**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE YOUNG PEOPLE & PLAYGROUND  
THIS YEAR**

**Garston Adventure Playground  
Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

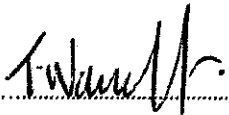
The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Theresa Wainwright



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Date

19-12-25  
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**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Independent auditor's report**  
**to the members of Garston Adventure Playground**

**Opinion**

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

In our opinion the accounts:

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

**Basis of 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.

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to the members of Garston Adventure Playground**

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

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

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

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur.

Audit Procedures performed by the Charity engagement team included:

- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable law and regulations;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates.


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**to the members of Garston Adventure Playground**

Despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatement in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularity likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

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 members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Michael Forshaw, FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of DJH Audit Limited  
Statutory Auditor  
3rd Floor Pacific Chambers  
11-13 Victoria Street  
Liverpool Merseyside  
L2 5QQ

Date: 19/12/2025

**Garston Adventure Playground  
Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

|                                      | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2025<br>Total<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                        |       |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Income from donations and grants     | 3     | 926                        | 1,143,575                | 1,144,501          | 351,633            |
| Income from investments              | 4     | 479                        |                          | 479                | 452                |
| Other income                         | 5     |                            | 2,000                    | 2,000              | 851                |
|                                      |       | <u>1,405</u>               | <u>1,145,575</u>         | <u>1,146,980</u>   | <u>352,936</u>     |
| Expenditure on charitable activities |       | 460                        | 1,147,525                | 1,147,985          | 318,290            |
| Net income                           |       | 945                        | (1,950)                  | (1,005)            | 34,646             |
| Total funds brought forward          |       | 32,538                     | 185,709                  | 218,247            | 183,601            |
| Total funds carried forward          |       | <u>33,483</u>              | <u>183,759</u>           | <u>217,242</u>     | <u>218,247</u>     |

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**Garston Adventure Playground**

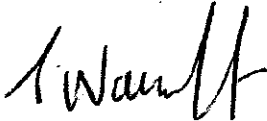
**Registered number:** 04471739

**Balance Sheet**

**as at 31 March 2025**

|   | Notes | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |       |                |                |
| Tangible assets                                       | 10    | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |                |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 227,203        | 215,614        |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 11    | (21,060)       | (8,466)        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       | <u>206,143</u> | <u>207,148</u> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |       | <u>217,242</u> | <u>218,247</u> |
| <b>Charity Funds</b>                                  |       |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds                                    |       | 33,483         | 32,538         |
| Restricted funds                                      |       | 183,759        | 185,709        |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                            |       | <u>217,242</u> | <u>218,247</u> |

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.



Theresa Wainwright  
Approved by the board on 19.12.25

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**Garston Adventure Playground  
Notes to the Accounts  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**1 Summary of significant accounting policies**

**(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Garston Adventure Playground is a public benefit entity in England / Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 3 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are provision of play activities and opportunities for young people aged from six to sixteen.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £0.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions of FRS 102(1A) and not prepared a statement of cash flows.

**(b) Income recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Revenue in respect of service contracts is credited to income in the period in which entitlement becomes due.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as deposit bank accounts. It includes interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

**(c) Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities ; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Inrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

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**(d) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. The basis of the allocation of premises overheads and other overheads is shown in Note 7.

The analysis of these costs is included in notes 6 to 9.

**(e) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Freehold land | not depreciated |
|---------------|-----------------|

**(f) Debtors receivable within one year**

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

**(g) Creditors payable within one year**

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

**(h) Taxation**

A current tax liability is recognised for the tax payable on the taxable profit of the current and past periods. A current tax asset is recognised in respect of a tax loss that can be carried back to recover tax paid in a previous period. Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between the recognition of income and expenses in the financial statements and their inclusion in tax assessments. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference, except for revalued land and investment property where the tax rate that applies to the sale of the asset is used. Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

**2 Audit Information**

The audit report is unqualified.

Senior statutory auditor:

Firm:

Date of audit report:

Michael Forshaw

DJH Audit Limited

19/12/2025.

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| 3 Income from donations and grants |                   |                     | 2025             | 2024           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                                    | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | £                | £              |
| LNF (Local Neighbourhood Fund)     | 4,000             | -                   | 4,000            | 8,100          |
| Consortium                         | 42,387            | -                   | 42,387           | 34,880         |
| BBC Children in Need               | -                 | -                   | -                | 20,000         |
| MPAC, HAF & Playscheme             | 14,700            | -                   | 14,700           | 25,500         |
| PH Hofl                            | 10,000            | -                   | 10,000           | -              |
| LCVS                               | -                 | -                   | -                | 500            |
| Community Foundation               | -                 | -                   | -                | 15,000         |
| LCC/Liverpool City Council         | 10,598            | -                   | 10,598           | 12,551         |
| John Moores Foundation             | 7,869             | -                   | 7,869            | -              |
| Feeding Britain                    | 3,398             | -                   | 3,398            | -              |
| Morrisons Foundation               | 1,750             | -                   | 1,750            | -              |
| South Liverpool Homes              | 1,535             | -                   | 1,535            | -              |
| Police Commissioner                | -                 | -                   | -                | 5,000          |
| Youth Investment Fund              | 1,040,618         | -                   | 1,040,618        | 211,927        |
| Other                              | 6,720             | 926                 | 7,646            | 19,026         |
|                                    | <u>1,143,575</u>  | <u>926</u>          | <u>1,144,501</u> | <u>352,484</u> |

The Speke/Garston Consortium grant is made up from contributions by Liverpool City Council Youth & Play Grant and Cressington Councillors Neighbourhood Fund.

Garston Adventure Playground was awarded a life-changing Youth Investment Fund grant to transform its services for young people in the area. The Capital and some Revenue grant of £1,370,696.00 was used to renovate, build and extend its youth service offer with new heating systems, a kitchen extension, solar panels, fitness equipment and a refurbishment of its Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) pitch. It was very welcome news for young people, staff & volunteers at the playground who will benefit from this generous funding and meant that Garston Adventure Playground would be able to support another 125 young people by the time the project has been completed in August 2024. This will transform health, well-being, skills, and opportunities for young people, providing a long-lasting resource that will deliver life-changing services that they need.

| 4                   |                   |                     | 2025       | 2024       |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                     | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | £          | £          |
| Interest receivable | -                 | 479                 | 479        | 452        |
|                     | <u>-</u>          | <u>479</u>          | <u>479</u> | <u>452</u> |

| 5 Other income                    |                   |                     | 2025         | 2024         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                   | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | £            | £            |
| Fundraising                       |                   |                     |              |              |
| Income from charitable activities | 2,000             | -                   | -            | 851          |
|                                   | <u>2,000</u>      | <u>-</u>            | <u>2,000</u> | <u>851</u>   |
|                                   |                   |                     | <u>2,000</u> | <u>1,702</u> |

| 6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities | Provision of     | Support costs |
|--|------------------|---------------|
|  | play activities  |               |
|  | £                | £             |
| Direct costs                                       | 1,138,112        | -             |
| Allocated costs                                    | 1,975            | 7,898         |
|  | <u>1,140,087</u> | <u>7,898</u>  |

£1,147,525(2024 - £317,870) of the above costs were attributable to restricted funds.

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**7 Allocation of support costs**

|                              | Basis of allocation | Provision of play activities | Support costs |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Office costs                 | 20% v 80%           | 1,783                        | 7,130         |
| Governance/Professional Fees | 20% v 80%           | <u>192</u>                   | <u>768</u>    |
|                              |                     | <u>1,975</u>                 | <u>7,898</u>  |

| 8 Governance costs         |                   |                     | 2025       | 2024       |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | £          | £          |
| Independent examiner's fee | <u>480</u>        | <u>480</u>          | <u>960</u> | <u>840</u> |
|                            | <u>480</u>        | <u>480</u>          | <u>960</u> | <u>840</u> |

| 9 Staff costs              |                   |                     | 2025           | 2024          |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | £              | £             |
| Wages and salaries         | 122,266           | -                   | 122,266        | 88,396        |
| Staff training and welfare | <u>2,059</u>      | <u>-</u>            | <u>2,059</u>   | <u>286</u>    |
|                            | <u>124,325</u>    | <u>-</u>            | <u>124,325</u> | <u>88,682</u> |

No employee received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

|                                |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Number of staff on the payroll | 9 | 4 |
| Full time equivalents          | 5 | 3 |

**10 Tangible fixed assets**

|                       | Land and buildings<br>£ |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                         |
| At 1 April 2024       |                         |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>11,099</u>           |
|                       | <u>11,099</u>           |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                         |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>-</u>                |
|                       | <u>-</u>                |
| <b>Net book value</b> |                         |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>11,099</u>           |
| At 31 March 2024      | <u>11,099</u>           |

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

|                                    | 2025          | 2024         |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                    | £             | £            |
| Trade creditors                    | 18,555        | 4,192        |
| Taxation and social security costs | <u>2,505</u>  | <u>4,274</u> |
|                                    | <u>21,060</u> | <u>8,466</u> |

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**12 Restricted funds**

|                                 | Balance at 1<br>April 2024 | Income           | Expenditure        | Balance at 31<br>March 2025 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Purchase of land                | 11,099                     | -                | -                  | 11,099                      |
| Activities and Special projects | 174,610                    | 1,145,575        | (1,147,525)        | 172,660                     |
|                                 | <u>185,709</u>             | <u>1,145,575</u> | <u>(1,147,525)</u> | <u>183,759</u>              |

**13 Unrestricted funds**

|                    | Balance at 1<br>April 2024 | Income       | Expenditure  | Balance at 31<br>March 2025 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | <u>32,538</u>              | <u>1,405</u> | <u>(460)</u> | <u>33,483</u>               |

**14 Net assets by funds**

|  | Unrestricted  | Restricted     | Total          |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Tangible fixed assets                        | -             | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 33,483        | 193,720        | 227,203        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (21,060)       | (21,060)       |
|  | <u>33,483</u> | <u>183,759</u> | <u>217,242</u> |
| <b>Prior year:</b>                           |               |                |                |
| Tangible fixed assets                        | -             | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 28,963        | 186,651        | 215,614        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (8,466)        | (8,466)        |
|  | <u>28,963</u> | <u>189,284</u> | <u>218,247</u> |

**15 Other information**

Garston Adventure Playground is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:  
Bowden Road  
Liverpool  
Merseyside  
L19 1QP

**GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 1103838

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# Accounts

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# Garston Adventure Playground Trustees Report For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

*"Play together - Stay together"*

Charity Number: 1103838 Company Registration Number: 4471739 Ofsted Registration Number: EY234801

**GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND  
TRUSTEES REPORT  
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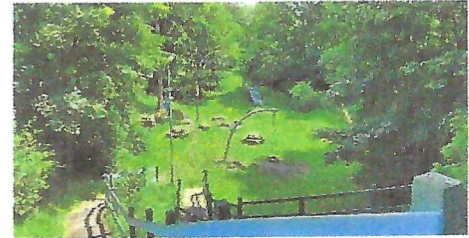
## History

It started out as a Summer Holiday playscheme which was run by local parents and residents on Garston Park. Having recognised the need for a permanent place for children and young people to play in the area, they set about finding the ideal site and funding. With the help of funding from central government and a lot of hard work, work on Garston Adventure Playground began in 1978.

In 1980 HRH The Duke of Edinburgh officially opened the playground.

## Our Values

- ❖ The rights of all children to play and free association
- ❖ To be consulted and listened to
- ❖ The right to fair and equal treatment and equality of opportunity
- ❖ The right to freedom from oppression and discrimination
- ❖ To have free, local play provision
- ❖ The promotion of independence and autonomy of all children



**NORTHERN ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2023**

**BEST FAMILY FRIENDLY PLAYGROUND & LEISURE GROUP 2023**

## Staff

Carmel Moran – F/t Senior Playworker  
Rachael Hannington – Community Playworker  
Shirley Dugdale – Art & Craft Playworker  
James Devine – Playworker  
Mischa O'Connor – Apprentice Youth Worker  
Mark Moran – Seconded from Liverpool City Council Targeted Services

This year we said goodbye to James who moved on to full-time work. Shirley returned to the playground to fill our vacant Art & Craft Playworker position. And Mischa joined the team on a 2-year Youth Work Apprenticeship.

Detached Youthwork Team – Kelly Unsworth, Sandra Riley & Kerry Lavery.

It has been really difficult to recruit for positions that we have had available, through the YIF funding, this is not just a problem we are seeing but it's across the country a lack of Youth & Playworkers.

## Volunteers

Thank You to all our volunteers, without them we wouldn't be able to offer all the services we do and provide the range of activities and opportunities for the children and young people.

This year volunteers have helped with providing support with maintenance, and installation of equipment, community clean ups, cooking, supporting our play and youth workers and accompanying children and young people on days out.



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**Training**

Staff and volunteers have completed the following training:-

|                 |                      |                              |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Food Safety     | Slow Cooker Training |                              |
| Health & Safety | Suicide Prevention   | Criminal Sexual Exploitation |
| Safeguarding    | ASD Awareness        |                              |

**Finance**

This financial year we have gained support from various trusts, charitable foundations, organisations and businesses which include the following:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Children in Need   | Local Neighbourhood Fund   |
| Community Foundation for Merseyside – Liverpool One Foundation |  |
| Liverpool City Council – Youth & Play Grant                    | Luciano Fashion  |
| Lord Mayor   | Masonic  |
| Merseyside Police  | HAF-Holiday Activities & Food                                    |
| Merseyside Play Action Council                                 | Liverpool City Council-Eurovision Song Contest-Creative Sessions |
| Youth Investment Fund  | LCVS Children in Need  |

Five for Families for administrating the Youth & Play Grant funding for Speke/Garston Consortium.

**LCVS – Community Impact Fund.** This project would see us partnering with South Liverpool Homes and their Grow Speke Project that will include sessions on upcycling furniture, learning how to grow your own food, bee keeping and environmental activities. The project will start 1st March 2023. Unfortunately, the project didn't quite go as planned so we decided to run the project on the playground. With the help of young people and volunteers we re-built our planting beds and contacted Karen at Arch-Under-The-Bridge to see if she would deliver the sessions.



The sessions got underway in July and would run for 12 months. They consisted of constructing planter beds. Preparing beds for planting. Making wreaths for Remembrance Day and making jam. Visits to grow Speke for pumpkin picking during Halloween, Tatton Park looking at their gardens, gaining ideas and information. Sowing seeds then taking them home until they were established and brought them back to plant on the playground, weeding beds, building bird boxes, using everyday household items to make bird feeders, made bench out of pallets, made wind chimes with materials found on the playground and what young people brought in, during one session the young people listed all the birds and insects that they would find in the garden, Karen the following week came in with pictures and they children learnt how to sew the outline and created their own piece of embroidery and various other garden activities. Each day they would go and take turns seeing what fruit or veg was ready to pick. They would then eat especially the fruit before we even got to see what was ripe. Vegetables were used in the kitchen and any surplus was given out to families.

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This summer we managed to grow: cabbage, sweetcorn, raspberries, blue berries, blackcurrants, onions, strawberries, spring onion, radish and various herbs.

"I now like blueberries"

"I'm going to grow my own pumpkin"

30 jars of jam were made.

366 hours of parents getting involved and supporting children.



**Lord Mayor's Fund**

This year The Lord Mayor, Mary Rasmussen gave us some money to provide meals for the children and young people. This money along with HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) supported over 700 young people throughout the year. With us offering healthy food workshops and providing a meal each day we are open. We were also able to deliver Fed up Slow cooker train the trainer course to some of our young people's parents. We spoke about budget and meal planning where possible. We were able to show them how to make a basic soup, bread, a hot pot, and a gammon joint. Recipe sheets and information were distributed on how to make a healthy meal for £5.00.

One of the participants was a single mother of 6 children, who has recently lost her own mother and who struggles with her own mental health. She finds everyday tasks daunting and struggles financially. We invited her onto the course which she thoroughly enjoyed.

We were able to send her home with a slow cooker and some ingredients so that she was able to make a healthy meal for her children. She told us that the children helped with the preparation, asked lots of questions which she was now more confident to answer, and that they ate every single bit.

The young people were excited to tell us about the meal they had helped to prepare and enjoy.

**YIF-Youth Investment Fund**

As a result of all the hard work done by staff, young people and volunteers this year saw us being awarded a life-changing Youth Investment Fund grant to transform its services for young people in the area. The grant of £1,370,696.00 will renovate, build and extend its youth service offer with new heating systems, a kitchen extension, solar panels and a refurbishment of its Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) pitch. It is very welcome news for young people, staff & volunteers at the playground who will benefit from this generous funding and means that Garston Adventure Playground will be able to support another 500 young people by the time the project has been completed in August 2024. This will transform health, wellbeing, skills, and opportunities for young people, providing a long-lasting resource that will deliver life-changing services that they need.



Young people supported by Garston Adventure Playground played a key role in developing this exciting new project. The charity worked with young people to discover wants and needs and how these could be achieved. Young people from the area also made a video to support the funding application alongside key project team partners including Susan Roberts at Five for Families Children's Trust, Jon Newman HCT Surveying and Dai Gwynne G-Squared Architecture.

Garston Adventure Playground is one of 140 youth centres in England to benefit from a Youth Investment Fund grant. This funding was made available by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and was distributed its national partner, the charity Social Investment Business who in turn partner with Key Fund, National Youth Agency and Resonance to support grantees at regional levels. The Youth Investment Fund is part of the Government's National Youth Guarantee to transform and level up opportunities for young people in England.

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With the help of volunteers, we emptied the building of all its contents, put them into storage and transferred our activities to Muddy Footprints Nursery, as they weren't operational in January 2024. Work to refurbish the Multi-Purpose Pitch, install Fitness equipment and a pathway to the lower play area started end of January and was completed by end of March 2024.

The building work would start in May 2024 after a short delay. Unfortunately, we were unable to use the lower play area during building work for H & S reasons.



**Activities**

Once again a busy year with lots going on. From April to June activities included the following:



- Healthy food workshops
- Arts and crafts workshops
- Music workshops
- Holistic Therapy
- Safer Internet Day
- Celebrating Pride
- Celebrating International Women's Day
- Black History Month
- Young inspectors took part in an interview process for LCC and the playground.
- Detached girls group providing targeted youth work for 11 young women

- Families/parents/residents signposted & Foodbank referrals.
- Community day for Alleyway project
- Working alongside Arch gardening with young people and parents
- Gym sessions at lifestyles
- Mental Health awareness sessions
- Provided meals for children and young people.
- Hosted young people on work experience
- Company action day where painting and clearing of our grounds and digging holes for a new swing to be installed.
- Consultations with young people.
- Residential at Eshton Grange-Playaway Centre
- Detached Youthwork



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- New volunteer opportunities created
- Photography sessions Thursday evenings with Culture Liverpool
- Consultation for YIF/activities & opportunities with young people
- Redevelopment of our Garden area
- 8 new coats given out to young people.
- Stay and Play on a Friday afternoon for parents with under 5's.
- 8 Young people completed and received certificates for AQA.
- New outdoor equipment installed, and we are now in the process of installing a new swing.
- Clay workshops
- Blinging sunglasses

"The Christmas hamper I received has been a huge help for me and my family food is so expensive we loved our breakfast hamper"

"I enjoy meeting my mates"

My mum does not have much money and the Venny is sick and its free

I loved the different foods we tried my favourite was Spanish It was Paella.

"The staff are helping me make better choices and not get into trouble"

Had the opportunity to make, create and take-home arts and crafts and learnt lots of new skills. I.e. sewing, using a sewing machine, fine motor skills, completed homework tasks. Experiments – learning about science. Basic life skills learnt how to make a hot drink safely, iron a pillow-case, how to sew a button on.

Young people achieving AQAs

Young people learnt and celebrated different cultures as part of the Eurovision workshops and tried tasty meals from different countries. Created a model village of landmarks around the world which represented the heritage and diversity of our young people.

With Sport England Funding we were able to continue with our sport sessions on Wed evening at Garston Lifestyles and the young people reported that this helped to improve physical and mental health and increased physical activity.

Supported parent who was anxious with a pre-employment form and they were successful in gaining employment.

It's with a sad heart that we said Goodbye to Thomas O'Rourke this year who had been involved with the playground since its inception back in 1978. Helping to build it, work here as a Youth & Community Worker and then as a Trustee (Chairperson) who sadly passed away. Tom was a huge advocate for children's & young people's right to have a safe, free place to play he will be greatly missed.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE YOUNG PEOPLE & PLAYGROUND THIS YEAR**

Registered number  
04471739  
Charity registration number  
1103838

Garston Adventure Playground

Report and Accounts

31 March 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Garston Adventure Playground is a Company Limited by guarantee and a registered charity, not having a share capital it is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association signed 27th June 2002.

Trustees who served during the period covered by the report:

Thomas O'Rourke  
Beverley Owens  
Susan Roberts  
Christian Adeniran  
Theresa Wainwright

Registered Office

Bowden Road, Liverpool, L19 1QP

Reserves and Risk Management

The trustees decided that it is prudent to establish a level of resources sufficient to cover the running cost of the organisation for a period of six months, which equates to approximately £38,000. At this time, the free reserves equate to £11,799. The trustees always struggle to balance the need to use free reserves for charitable activities against the need to build up a reserve fund.

The charity prepares a budget each year based on expected income, primarily from the City Council. There are tight internal controls and regular meetings of the charity's trustees, to analyse income and expenditure. Arrears of risk are regularly identified by trustees and policies are in place to treat, tolerate, transfer or terminate risk.

Company Secretary

 24/11/24

Beverly Owens

**Garston Adventure Playground**

**Registered number: 04471739**

**Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Principal activities**

Charity Registration Number: 1103838

**Directors**

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Thomas O'Rourke  
Beverley Owens  
Theresa Wainwright

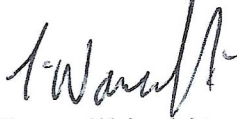
**Political donations**

Bowden Road, Liverpool, L19 1QP

**Small company provisions**

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

This report was approved by the board on 14 August 2024 and signed on its behalf.



Theresa Wainwright  
Director

## **Garston Adventure Playground Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Garston Adventure Playground**

### **Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Garston Adventure Playground**

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the company (who are also the directors of the company 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').

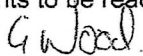
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('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**

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 that:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 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
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.



Gary Wood  
Business Accounting Services  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
111 Mount Pleasant  
Liverpool  
L3 5TF

14 August 2024

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

|                                      | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Earned<br>Income | 2024<br>Total<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                        |       |                            |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Income from donations and grants     | 2     | 4,426                      | 334,492                  | 13,566           | 352,484            | 146,908            |
| Income from investments              | 3     | 452                        |                          |                  | 452                | 80                 |
| Other income                         | 4     | 851                        |                          |                  | 851                | 1,704              |
|                                      |       | <u>5,729</u>               | <u>334,492</u>           | <u>13,566</u>    | <u>353,787</u>     | <u>148,692</u>     |
| Expenditure on charitable activities |       | <u>420</u>                 | <u>317,870</u>           |                  | <u>318,290</u>     | <u>143,667</u>     |
| Net Income                           |       | <u>5,309</u>               | <u>16,622</u>            |                  | <u>35,497</u>      | <u>5,025</u>       |
| Total funds brought forward          |       | <u>28,080</u>              | <u>155,521</u>           |                  | <u>183,601</u>     | <u>178,576</u>     |
| Total funds carried forward          |       | <u>33,389</u>              | <u>172,143</u>           |                  | <u>219,098</u>     | <u>183,601</u>     |

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**Garston Adventure Playground****Registered number:**

04471739

**Balance Sheet****as at 31 March 2024**

|   | Notes | 2024<br>£      | 2023<br>£      |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |       |                |                |
| Tangible assets                                       | 9     | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |                |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 215,614        | 178,230        |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 10    | (8,466)        | (5,728)        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       | <u>207,148</u> | <u>172,502</u> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |       | <u>218,247</u> | <u>183,601</u> |
| <b>Charity Funds</b>                                  |       |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds                                    |       | 28,963         | 28,080         |
| Restricted funds                                      |       | 189,284        | 155,521        |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                            |       | <u>218,247</u> | <u>183,601</u> |

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with with FRS 102 SORP.



Theresa Wainwright

Approved by the board on 14 August 2024

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**1 Summary of significant accounting policies**

***(a) General information and basis of preparation***

Garston Adventure Playground is a public benefit entity in England / Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 3 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are provision of play activities and opportunities for young people aged from six to sixteen.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £0.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions of FRS 102(1A) and not prepared a statement of cash flows.

***(c) Income recognition***

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Revenue in respect of service contracts is credited to income in the period in which entitlement becomes due.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as deposit bank accounts. It includes interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.



**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**(i) Taxation**

A current tax liability is recognised for the tax payable on the taxable profit of the current and past periods. A current tax asset is recognised in respect of a tax loss that can be carried back to recover tax paid in a previous period. Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between the recognition of income and expenses in the financial statements and their inclusion in tax assessments. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference, except for revalued land and investment property where the tax rate that applies to the sale of the asset is used. Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

| 2 Income from donations and grants |                   |                     |               | 2024           | 2023           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                    | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | Earned Income | £              | £              |
| LNF (Local Neighbourhood Fund)     | 8,100             | -                   | -             | 8,100          | 1,411          |
| Consortium                         | 34,880            | -                   | -             | 34,880         | 50,078         |
| BBC Children In Need               | 20,000            | -                   | -             | 20,000         | 750            |
| MPAC, HAF & Playscheme             | 25,500            | -                   | -             | 25,500         | 2,500          |
| Sport England                      | -                 | -                   | -             | -              | 7,618          |
| LCVS                               | 500               | -                   | -             | 500            | 27,037         |
| Community Foudation                | 15,000            | -                   | -             | 15,000         | -              |
| LCC/Liverpool City Council         | 12,551            | -                   | -             | 12,551         | -              |
| Steve Morgan Foundation/DCM Youth  | -                 | -                   | -             | -              | 12,500         |
| Police Commissioner                | 5,000             | -                   | -             | 5,000          | 15,640         |
| Youth Investment Fund              | 211,927           | -                   | -             | 211,927        | -              |
| Other                              | 1,034             | 4,426               | 13,566        | 19,026         | 29,374         |
|                                    | <u>334,492</u>    | <u>4,426</u>        | <u>13,566</u> | <u>352,484</u> | <u>146,908</u> |

The Speke/Garston Consortium grant is made up from contributions by Liverpool City Council Youth & Play Grant and Cressington Councillors Neighbourhood Fund.

| 3 Investment income |                   |                     | 2024       | 2023      |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|
|                     | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | £          | £         |
| Interest receivable |                   | 452                 | 452        | 80        |
|                     |                   |                     | <u>452</u> | <u>80</u> |

| 4 Other income                    |                   |                     | 2024       | 2023         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|
|                                   | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | £          | £            |
| Fundraising                       |                   | 851                 | 851        | 1,704        |
| Income from charitable activities | -                 | -                   | -          | -            |
|                                   | <u>-</u>          | <u>851</u>          | <u>851</u> | <u>1,704</u> |

**Garston Adventure Playground  
Notes to the Accounts  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

| <b>5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities</b> | Provision of<br>play activities<br>£ | Support costs<br>£ |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Direct costs  | 311,373                              | -                  |
| Allocated costs   | 1,384                                | 5,538              |
|   | <u>312,757</u>                       | <u>5,538</u>       |

£143,667(2022 - £150,316) of the above costs were attributable to restricted funds.

| <b>6 Allocation of support costs</b> | Basis of<br>allocation | Provision of<br>play activities | Support costs |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Office costs                         | 20% v 80%              | 1,216                           | 4,866         |
| Governance/Professional Fees         | 20% v 80%              | 168                             | 672           |
|                                      |                        | <u>1,384</u>                    | <u>5,538</u>  |

| <b>7 Governance costs</b>  | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>2024</b><br>£ | <b>2023</b><br>£ |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Independent examiner's fee | 420               | 420                 | 840              | 780              |
|                            | <u>420</u>        | <u>420</u>          | <u>840</u>       | <u>780</u>       |

| <b>8 Staff costs</b>       | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>2024</b><br>£ | <b>2023</b><br>£ |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wages and salaries         | 88,396            |                     | 88,396           | 88,205           |
| Sessional workers          | -                 |                     | -                | -                |
| Staff training and welfare | 286               |                     | 286              | 877              |
|                            | <u>88,682</u>     | <u>-</u>            | <u>88,682</u>    | <u>89,082</u>    |

No employee received received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

|                                |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Number of staff on the payroll | 8 | 4 |
| Full time equivalents          | 4 | 3 |

**Garston Adventure Playground  
Notes to the Accounts  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

|                       | <b>Land and<br/>buildings<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                                     |
| At 1 April 2023       | 11,099                              |
| At 31 March 2024      | <u>11,099</u>                       |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                                     |
| At 31 March 2024      | <u>-</u>                            |
| <b>Net book value</b> |                                     |
| At 31 March 2024      | <u>11,099</u>                       |
| At 31 March 2023      | <u>11,099</u>                       |

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

|                                    | <b>2024<br/>£</b> | <b>2023<br/>£</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Trade creditors                    | 4,192             | 4,132             |
| Taxation and social security costs | <u>4,274</u>      | <u>1,596</u>      |
|                                    | <u>8,466</u>      | <u>5,728</u>      |

**11 Restricted funds**

|                                 | Balance at 1<br>April 2023 | Income         | Expenditure      | Balance at 31<br>March 2024 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Purchase of land                | 11,099                     | -              | -                | 11,099                      |
| Activities and Special projects | <u>144,422</u>             | <u>316,753</u> | <u>(317,875)</u> | <u>143,300</u>              |
|                                 | <u>155,521</u>             | <u>316,753</u> | <u>(317,875)</u> | <u>154,399</u>              |

**12 Unrestricted funds**

|                    | Balance at 1<br>April 2023 | Income       | Expenditure  | Balance at 31<br>March 2024 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | <u>28,080</u>              | <u>1,303</u> | <u>(390)</u> | <u>28,993</u>               |

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**13 Net assets by funds**

|  | Unrestricted  | Restricted     | Total          |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Tangible fixed assets                        | -             | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 28,080        | 187,534        | 215,614        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (8,466)        | (8,466)        |
|  | <u>28,080</u> | <u>190,167</u> | <u>218,247</u> |
| <b>Prior year:</b>                           |               |                |                |
| Tangible fixed assets                        |               | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 28,080        | 150,150        | 178,230        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (5,728)        | (5,728)        |
|  | <u>28,080</u> | <u>155,521</u> | <u>183,601</u> |

**14 Other information**

Garston Adventure Playground is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:  
 Bowden Road  
 Liverpool  
 Merseyside  
 L19 1QP

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Detailed profit and loss account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

*This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts*

|                          | <b>2024</b>          | <b>2023</b>         |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                          | <b>£</b>             | <b>£</b>            |
| <b>Sales</b>             | 352,936              | 148,692             |
| Cost of sales            | (239,333)            | (132,905)           |
| <b>Gross profit</b>      | <u>113,603</u>       | <u>15,787</u>       |
| Administrative expenses  | (78,962)             | (10,762)            |
| <b>Operating profit</b>  | <u>34,641</u>        | <u>5,025</u>        |
| <b>Profit before tax</b> | <u><u>34,641</u></u> | <u><u>5,025</u></u> |

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Detailed profit and loss account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

*This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts*

|                                  | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                  | £              | £              |
| <b>Sales</b>                     |                |                |
| Grants                           | 34,880         | 50,078         |
| Earned income                    | 13,566         | 14,360         |
| Charitable Trust donations       | 303,187        | 82,470         |
| Fundraising                      | 851            | 1,704          |
| Interest received                | 452            | 80             |
|                                  | <u>352,936</u> | <u>148,692</u> |
| <br>                             |                |                |
| <b>Cost of sales</b>             |                |                |
| Wages and salaries               | 88,396         | 88,205         |
| Sessional workers                | -              | -              |
| Travel and subsistence           | 3,581          | 2,516          |
| Volunteers expenses              | 355            | 344            |
| Activities and special projects  | 15,321         | 27,780         |
| Premises costs                   | 11,296         | 7,208          |
| Equipment and materials          | 117,757        | 3,600          |
| Other direct costs               | 2,627          | 3,252          |
|                                  | <u>239,333</u> | <u>132,905</u> |
| <br>                             |                |                |
| <b>Administrative expenses</b>   |                |                |
| Employee costs:                  |                |                |
| Pensions                         | 395            | 1,393          |
| Employer's NI                    | 1,429          | 1,650          |
| Staff training and welfare       | 286            | 877            |
|                                  | <u>2,110</u>   | <u>3,920</u>   |
| General administrative expenses: |                |                |
| Telephone and fax                | 877            | 908            |
| Postage and administration       | -              | 613            |
| Stationery and printing          | 758            | 449            |
| Insurance                        | 3,753          | 3,722          |
| Sundry expenses                  | 694            | 370            |
|                                  | <u>6,082</u>   | <u>6,062</u>   |
| Legal and professional costs:    |                |                |
| Accountancy fees                 | 840            | 780            |
| Other legal and professional     | 69,930         | -              |
|                                  | <u>70,770</u>  | <u>780</u>     |
|                                  | <u>78,962</u>  | <u>10,762</u>  |

**GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 1103838

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# Accounts

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Registered number  
04471739  
Charity registration number  
1103838

# Garston Adventure Playground

## Report and Accounts

31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Garston Adventure Playground is a Company Limited by guarantee and a registered charity, not having a share capital it is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association signed 27th June 2002.\*

Trustees who served during the period covered by the report:

Thomas O'Rourke  
Beverley Owens  
Louise Keegan - Resigned 21.2.2022  
Susan Roberts  
Christian Adeniran  
Theresa Wainwright - Appointed 22.2.2022

Registered Office

Bowden Road, Liverpool, L19 1QP

Reserves and Risk Management

The trustees decided that it is prudent to establish a level of resources sufficient to cover the running cost of the organisation for a period of six months, which equates to approximately £38,000. At this time, the free reserves equate to £11,799. The trustees always struggle to balance the need to use free reserves for charitable activities against the need to build up a reserve fund.

The charity prepares a budget each year based on expected income, primarily from the City Council. There are tight internal controls and regular meetings of the charity's trustees, to analyse income and expenditure. Arrears of risk are regularly identified by trustees and policies are in place to treat, tolerate, transfer or terminate risk.

Company Secretary



Beverly Owens

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Registered number: 04471739**  
**Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Principal activities**

Charity Registration Number: 1103838

**Directors**

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Thomas O'Rourke  
Louise Keegan - Resigned 21.2.2022  
Theresa Wainwright - Appointed 22.2.2022

**Political donations**

Bowden Road, Liverpool, L19 1QP

**Small company provisions**

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

This report was approved by the board on 27 January 2023 and signed on its behalf.



Thomas O'Rourke  
Director

## **Garston Adventure Playground Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Garston Adventure Playground**

### **Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Garston Adventure Playground**

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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**

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 that:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
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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.

  
Gary Wood

27 January 2023

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**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

|                                      | <b>Notes</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>2022<br/>Total<br/>£</b> | <b>2021<br/>Total<br/>£</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                        |              |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| Income from donations and grants     | 2            |                                     | 172,808                           | 172,808                     | 212,705                     |
| Income from investments              | 3            | 4                                   |                                   | 4                           | 11                          |
| Other income                         | 4            |                                     | 802                               | 802                         | -                           |
|                                      |              | <u>4</u>                            | <u>173,610</u>                    | <u>173,614</u>              | <u>212,716</u>              |
| Expenditure on charitable activities |              | <u>390</u>                          | <u>149,925</u>                    | <u>150,315</u>              | <u>170,702</u>              |
| Net Income                           |              | (386)                               | 23,685                            | 23,299                      | 42,014                      |
| Total funds brought forward          |              | 27,151                              | 128,125                           | 155,276                     | 113,264                     |
| Total funds carried forward          |              | <u>26,765</u>                       | <u>151,810</u>                    | <u>178,575</u>              | <u>155,278</u>              |

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**Garston Adventure Playground****Registered number:** 04471739**Balance Sheet****as at 31 March 2022**

|   | Notes | 2022<br>£      | 2021<br>£      |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |       |                |                |
| Tangible assets                                       | 9     | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |                |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 173,146        | 149,900        |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 10    | (5,669)        | (5,725)        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       | 167,477        | 144,175        |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |       | <u>178,576</u> | <u>155,274</u> |
| <b>Charity Funds</b>                                  |       |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds                                    |       | 26,766         | 27,151         |
| Restricted funds                                      |       | 151,810        | 128,123        |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                            |       | <u>178,576</u> | <u>155,274</u> |

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with with FRS 102 SORP.



Thomas O'Rourke

Approved by the board on 27 January 2023

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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| <b>2 Income from donations and grants</b> |                   |                     | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2021</b>    |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund                | 5,850             | -                   | 5,850          | 7,200          |
| Consortium                                | 31,154            | -                   | 31,154         | 80,402         |
| BBC Children In Need                      | 10,000            | -                   | 10,000         | 12,000         |
| MPAC                                      | 2,000             | -                   | 2,000          | 8,202          |
| John Moores Foudation                     | -                 | -                   | -              | 6,534          |
| LCVS - HAF & OPAL                         | 25,736            | -                   | 25,736         | -              |
| Awards for All                            | 10,000            | -                   | 10,000         | -              |
| PH Holt Foundation                        | 15,006            | -                   | 15,006         | -              |
| Steve Morgan Foundation/DCM Youth         | 35,560            | -                   | 35,560         | 25,000         |
| Other                                     | 37,502            | -                   | 37,502         | 73,367         |
|   | <u>172,808</u>    | <u>-</u>            | <u>172,808</u> | <u>212,705</u> |

The Speke/Garston Consortium grant is made up from contributions by Liverpool City Council Youth & Play Grant and Cressington Councillors Neighbourhood Fund.

| <b>3 Investment income</b> |                   |                     | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Interest receivable        |                   | 4                   | 4           | 11          |
|                            |                   |                     | <u>4</u>    | <u>11</u>   |

| <b>4 Other income</b>             |                   |                     | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                   | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Fundraising                       | 802               | -                   | 802         | -           |
| Income from charitable activities | -                 | -                   | -           | -           |
|                                   | <u>802</u>        | <u>-</u>            | <u>802</u>  | <u>-</u>    |

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| <b>5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities</b> | Provision of<br>play activities<br>£ | Support costs<br>£ |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Direct costs  | 141,711                              | -                  |
| Allocated costs   | 1,721                                | 6,884              |
|   | <u>143,432</u>                       | <u>6,884</u>       |

£150,316 (2021 - £170,702) of the above costs were attributable to restricted funds.

**6 Allocation of support costs**

|              | Basis of<br>allocation | Provision of<br>play activities | Support costs |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Office costs | 20% v 80%              | 1,565                           | 6,260         |
| Governance   | 20% v 80%              | 156                             | 624           |
|              |                        | <u>1,721</u>                    | <u>6,884</u>  |

**7 Governance costs**

|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>2022</b><br>£ | <b>2021</b><br>£ |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Independent examiner's fee | 390               | 390                 | 780              | 753              |
|                            | <u>390</u>        | <u>390</u>          | <u>780</u>       | <u>753</u>       |

**8 Staff costs**

|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>2022</b><br>£ | <b>2021</b><br>£ |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wages and salaries         | 82,104            |                     | 82,104           | 84,167           |
| Sessional workers          | 906               |                     | 906              | 7,164            |
| Staff training and welfare | 542               |                     | 542              | 828              |
|                            | <u>83,552</u>     | <u>-</u>            | <u>83,552</u>    | <u>92,159</u>    |

No employee received received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

|                                |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Number of staff on the payroll | 4 | 4 |
| Full time equivalents          | 3 | 3 |

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**9 Tangible fixed assets**

|                       | <b>Land and<br/>buildings<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                                     |
| At 1 April 2021       | 11,099                              |
| At 31 March 2022      | <u>11,099</u>                       |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                                     |
| At 31 March 2022      | <u>-</u>                            |
| <b>Net book value</b> |                                     |
| At 31 March 2022      | <u>11,099</u>                       |
| At 31 March 2021      | <u>11,099</u>                       |

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

|                                    | <b>2022<br/>£</b> | <b>2021<br/>£</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Trade creditors                    | 4,132             | 4,209             |
| Taxation and social security costs | 1,537             | 1,516             |
|                                    | <u>5,669</u>      | <u>5,725</u>      |

**11 Restricted funds**

|                                 | Balance at 1<br>April 2021 | Income         | Expenditure      | Balance at 31<br>March 2022 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Purchase of land                | 11,099                     | -              | -                | 11,099                      |
| Activities and Special projects | 117,026                    | 173,614        | (149,925)        | 140,715                     |
|                                 | <u>128,125</u>             | <u>173,614</u> | <u>(149,925)</u> | <u>151,814</u>              |

**12 Unrestricted funds**

|                    | Balance at 1<br>April 2021 | Income   | Expenditure  | Balance at 31<br>March 2022 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | <u>27,151</u>              | <u>4</u> | <u>(390)</u> | <u>26,765</u>               |

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**13 Net assets by funds**

|  | Unrestricted  | Restricted     | Total          |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Tangible fixed assets                        | -             | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 26,765        | 146,380        | 173,145        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (5,669)        | (5,669)        |
|  | <u>26,765</u> | <u>151,810</u> | <u>178,575</u> |
| <b>Prior year:</b>                           |               |                |                |
| Tangible fixed assets                        |               | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 27,151        | 122,753        | 149,904        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (5,725)        | (5,725)        |
|  | <u>27,151</u> | <u>128,127</u> | <u>155,278</u> |

**Garston Adventure Playground  
Detailed profit and loss account  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

*This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts*

|                          | <b>2022</b><br>£    | <b>2021</b><br>£    |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sales</b>             | 173,614             | 212,716             |
| Cost of sales            | (140,965)           | (166,698)           |
| <b>Gross profit</b>      | <hr/> 32,649        | <hr/> 46,018        |
| Administrative expenses  | (9,351)             | (4,004)             |
| <b>Operating profit</b>  | <hr/> 23,298        | <hr/> 42,014        |
| <b>Profit before tax</b> | <hr/> <u>23,298</u> | <hr/> <u>42,014</u> |

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Detailed profit and loss account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

*This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts*

|                                  | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2021</b>    |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                  | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>Sales</b>                     |                |                |
| Grants                           | 78,714         | 113,733        |
| Charitable Trust donations       | 94,094         | 98,972         |
| Fundraising                      | 802            | -              |
| Interest received                | 4              | 11             |
|                                  | <u>173,614</u> | <u>212,716</u> |
| <b>Cost of sales</b>             |                |                |
| Five for Families - Repaid       | -              | 25,343         |
| Wages and salaries               | 82,104         | 84,167         |
| Sessional workers                | 906            | 7,164          |
| Staff training and welfare       | 542            | 828            |
| Travel and subsistence           | 2,010          | 1,137          |
| Volunteers expenses              | 229            | 577            |
| Activities and special projects  | 41,757         | 23,410         |
| Premises costs                   | 6,985          | 8,993          |
| Pensions                         | 938            | 1,127          |
| Equipment and materials          | 1,898          | 10,420         |
| Other direct costs               | 3,596          | 3,532          |
|                                  | <u>140,965</u> | <u>166,698</u> |
| <b>Administrative expenses</b>   |                |                |
| Employee costs:                  |                |                |
| Employer's NI                    | 846            | 736            |
|                                  | <u>846</u>     | <u>736</u>     |
| General administrative expenses: |                |                |
| Telephone and fax                | 1,094          | 740            |
| Postage and administration       | 1,235          | 941            |
| Stationery and printing          | 534            | 326            |
| Insurance                        | 4,611          | -              |
| Sundry expenses                  | 251            | 508            |
|                                  | <u>7,725</u>   | <u>2,515</u>   |
| Legal and professional costs:    |                |                |
| Accountancy fees                 | 780            | 753            |
|                                  | <u>780</u>     | <u>753</u>     |
|                                  | <u>9,351</u>   | <u>4,004</u>   |



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# Garston Adventure Playground Trustees Report For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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*"Play together - Stay together"*

Charity Number: 1103838 Company Registration Number: 4471739 Ofsted Registration Number: EY234801

**GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND  
TRUSTEES REPORT  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

## History

It started out as a Summer Holiday playscheme which was run by local parents and residents on Garston Park. Having recognised the need for a permanent place for children and young people to play in the area, they set about finding the ideal site and funding. With the help of funding from central government and a lot of hard work, work on Garston Adventure Playground began in 1978.

In 1980 HRH The Duke of Edinburgh officially opened the playground.

## Our Values

- ❖ The rights of all children to play and free association
- ❖ To be consulted and listened to
- ❖ The right to fair and equal treatment and equality of opportunity
- ❖ The right to freedom from oppression and discrimination
- ❖ To have free, local play provision
- ❖ The promotion of independence and autonomy of all children



**THIS YEAR WE WERE AWARDED BEST YOUTH & PLAY  
DEVELOPMENT VENUE 2022.**

Garston Adventure  
Playground Ltd -  
the United  
Kingdom

Best Youth Play & Development  
Venue - Liverpool

[garstonplay.com](http://garstonplay.com)

## Staff

Carmel Moran – F/t Senior Playworker

Pippa Taylor – Art & Craft Playworker

Rachael Hannington – Community Playworker

James Devine - Playworker

Mark Moran – Seconded from Liverpool City Council Targeted Services

Detached Youthwork Team – Kelly Unsworth, Sandra Riley & Kerry Laverty

Sadly, we said Goodbye to Pippa in March 2023 who was moving on to a new chapter in her life.

## Volunteers

Thank You to all our volunteers, without them we wouldn't be able to offer all the services we do and provide the range of activities and opportunities for the children and young people. This year volunteers have helped with the Jubilee Events, providing support with maintenance, and installation of equipment, attended training, community clean ups, cooking, supporting our play and youth workers and accompanied children and young people on days out.



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These include:

Marie Forde, Victor Adams, Aimee Moyden, Carla Moran, Katie Deary, Margie Hamill, Peter Chisell, Michelle Hammond, Sandy Hill, Sophie Gillow, Angela Hancock, Prudentia Education, South Liverpool Homes and all the young volunteers.

### **Training**

Staff and volunteers have completed the following training:-

|                                    |                      |                        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Food Safety                        | Paediatric First Aid | UN - Children's Rights |
| Health & Safety                    | Safeguarding         | Cycle Leadership       |
| Child Sexual Exploitation (update) |                      |                        |

### **Finance**

This financial year we have gained support from various trusts, charitable foundations, organisations and business's which include the following:

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Steve Morgan Community Match Funding                   | Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)    |
| Merseyside Play Action Council                         | LCVS – Community Impact Fund       |
| Children in Need                                       | Masonic Hall                       |
| Police Commissioner's Fund                             | Sport England – A4All Jubilee Fund |
| Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund                             |                                    |
| Liverpool City Council – Youth & Play Grant            |                                    |
| South Liverpool Homes – Paid our Fareshare Membership. |                                    |

Five for Families for administrating the Youth & Play Grant funding for Speke/Garston Consortium.

Projects do regularly run from one year to the next and it is the norm for them to overlap in our accounting year.

We now have a defibrillator installed on the playground thanks to one of our local Councillors. Christmas Bingo fundraised £618.00 a huge thank you to all those who donated prizes and those who attended.

Police Commissioner's Fund – Have agreed to fund the continuation of our Detached Youth Work Sessions

Alleyway Environmental Project – There are still funds available for residents to get involved.

This year we have been working with Five Susan Roberts – Five for Families, consulting with young people, Dai Gwynne (Architect) & Jon Newman (Quantity Surveyor) who kindly offered their services free of charge to put together a bid, and young people making a video to support the application to the Youth Investment Fund for a Capital Project, which would entail a refurbishment of our building and make it fit for purpose in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. A new extension will see our kitchen moved and expanded to make it more functionable with us providing more and more cooking activities and meals for children, young people and families. And refurbish our multi-purpose games pitch and some fitness equipment. Which will allow us to increase our offer of activities and opportunities for young people 11-16 years. This has now been submitted and we wait the outcome.

Thanks to Children in Need who awarded us £30,000 in 2022 over a 3-year period for our Arts & Crafts Playworker. To continue to provide a safe and enjoyable space for young people to take part in fun art and craft activities, have access to new experiences and build positive relationships. They will be able to gain knowledge and skills in different art forms as well as be encouraged in their own style and talent.

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*"I think twice now before downloading any apps"  
Young Person*

**PH Holt Project**

The first phase of this project went brilliantly but as we all know covid-19 happened and we had to put this on hold for some time. Once things were starting to get back to normal we re-started the project. This was a slow process as quite a few of our volunteers and some young people had stopped accessing the playground now. Either some were classed as vulnerable and had to shield or others had got older and moved on.



We contacted a Social Landlord and organized a community action day with their employees this gave us the start we needed. They came in and helped carry out some much-needed maintenance. Facilitating The Alleyway Project which was an Environmental project this entailed the surrounding streets of the playground cleaning up their alleyways, recycling materials creating seating, planters and making them places where residents can get together.

Over 500 residents got involved. Young people helped make hanging baskets, planter boxes and carrying compost bags to elderly residents. Sometime had passed now and slowly we were able to replenish our volunteers. We held a couple more community days, cleaned and did some maintenance around the playground. We also installed a climbing frame, bridge, seesaw and cantilever swing. Young people got involved out in the community, teaming up with local residents cleaning up the streets and planting bulbs around trees in the local area.

Volunteers came together to help support local families and residents at Christmas. Having secured funding with local Councillors. Our team of volunteers helped put together food hampers, wrap toys and pyjamas for them and then deliver them around the community.



- 2 parents completed a Food Safety Course.
- 15 young people gained AQA accreditations, many achieving more than one.
- 2 young people have enrolled to become Young Inspectors.
- 56 families received xmas dinner
- 14 xmas Family hampers delivered

This project achieved so much more than we imagined, there is still probably lots of things that we haven't included. It enabled us to access other funding and other projects developed because of this work. The project will finish in June 2023.

*"I feel my confidence has grown loads and my anxiety is getting less" Young person*

**Jubilee - Awards for All**

This year the Queen celebrated her Platinum Jubilee. We were awarded a grant from Awards for All to celebrate this event. Consultation events took place with the local community to decide how we should celebrate. We found that many of the elderly residents weren't too keen after covid-19 socialising with people outside their peer group and although they loved the idea, did say they wouldn't attend. This was a dilemma for us, we really wanted them to be part of these celebrations.



The results were in. It was decided on 3 events, one in a local park, one on the playground and the third one would see us support the local social club who every Monday had bingo and activities for the elderly residents so that they could have their own celebrations.

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Volunteers needed to be recruited and an itinerary drawn up. Advertising on social media and using the playground as a platform for engagement we set about pulling things together. 30 volunteers recruited, organisations contacted to see if they wanted to be part of these celebrations, equipment and materials ordered. **LET THE PARTY'S BEGIN.**



Over 700 people attended events.  
600 hours of volunteering completed.  
Access to information and support.  
150 food parcels given to local residents.  
Local parks cleaned up

“Because the workers have given me responsibilities, I have learnt new skills, and has helped me decide what I want to do in the future”.

“Fantastic day the whole family have thoroughly enjoyed the event”.

### Sport 4 All – A4All

This project was aimed at children, young people aged 6-16 yrs and families. It will enable them to have free access to various sports and physical activities during a 12-month period.



- Young people not being able to participate in activities because of financial restriction.
- Targeted supported for those who need it most.
- Increasing the amount of time young people engage in physical activity thus improving their health & wellbeing.
- Children and young people having fun.
- Improve overall health and fitness and help children maintain a healthy weight to support the prevention of childhood obesity.
- Build confidence and improve social skills.
- Give them the opportunity to learn new skills and teaches them important life skills.
- Inspire positivity and encourages tolerance.

We were able to adapt the project to meet the needs of the young people, participation was key to its success. Part of the project was to enable young people to have access to the local Lifestyle Centre by providing free gym passes. Initially the take-up was good with over 20 young people attending the induction sessions. But after they hardly attended. We altered the project slightly and hired the sports hall at Lifestyles and our Youth Worker who is a personal trainer and sports coach attended. This made a huge difference, each week more and more attended. Family swim sessions were offered, and we hired the local swimming baths during the mornings, each session had over 20 families attend. Young people enjoyed canoe, paddle boarding and kayaking at Merseysport on the Albert Dock. One-to-one football coaching, football skills provided by Mr Silky skills, Badminton sessions etc. Linking in with LFC Foundation providing additional sessions. The project was a huge success and will continue to run into 2023.

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“The venny is a godsend to me, my son has SEN and the playground gives him the space he needs, access to opportunities and activities. And supports me when I need a friend and maybe some advice” Parent

### Activities

There are too many to list. Here is a snapshot:

We have delivered a **Holiday Activity** and **Food** programme during school holidays, Detached Youth Work.

Workshops during Anti-bullying week – how to recognise bullying, prevention and supporting friends. Mental Health Awareness Display, workshops and activities

Celebrated Black History Month, International Women’s Day, Pride etc

Song writing and music production.

Visit to Men’s World Gymnastics Final at M & S Arena

Themed Saturdays, boxing fitness sessions,

Stay & Play on a Friday afternoon for parents with under 5’s

Supported the xmas toy appeal with local Councillor

Distributed Winter coats to children and young people.

Attended young people’s Question time in the Town Hall.

Community Clean ups. Supported families with signposting, applying for school bus passes, school uniforms, DLA forms etc.

Sports, arts & crafts, healthy food workshops, music, dance & drama, climbing, kayaking & paddleboarding, dj workshops, visits from various artists and animals.

Families received food vouchers or hampers.

The list goes on.

“I have some qualifications that I can put on my cv before I even take my exams” Young person

### Family Camp

Feedback from our Easter Playscheme was that families would love to have a holiday with their children but with a number of them not being able to afford it or never had the confidence to go alone with the children, being a single parent. We decided to have a family camp. This was to take place in Wrexham in Wales during the Summer holidays, and we would be camping. A scary thought for some as they had never been camping before. Staff went early to set up the camp. We had all the equipment we needed, or we thought we did. A Last-minute rush to get a new tent. Volunteers recruited to drive families to Wales.

Families took turns cooking, evenings sorted, bingo, talent show, toasted marshmallows on a fire and hot chocolate. Daytime we would visit various destinations throughout Wales. The best day voted by far was a walk down a stream and through woods, getting back to nature, they would have spent all day there had we not had to get back for dinner. A fantastic weekend enjoyed by all, parents enjoyed spending quality time with their children and the children loved all the new experiences, being with their friends and creating lasting memories.



“I’ve had the best time ever” – Young person at Residential.

A huge thank you to Staff, Volunteers and all those we have worked with during this past year.

Registered number  
04471739  
Charity registration number  
1103838

# Garston Adventure Playground

## Report and Accounts

31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Garston Adventure Playground is a Company Limited by guarantee and a registered charity, not having a share capital it is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association signed 27th June 2002.\*

Trustees who served during the period covered by the report:

Thomas O'Rourke  
Beverley Owens  
Louise Keegan - Resigned 21.2.2022  
Susan Roberts  
Christian Adeniran  
Theresa Wainwright - Appointed 22.2.2022

Registered Office

Bowden Road, Liverpool, L19 1QP

Reserves and Risk Management

The trustees decided that it is prudent to establish a level of resources sufficient to cover the running cost of the organisation for a period of six months, which equates to approximately £38,000. At this time, the free reserves equate to £11,799. The trustees always struggle to balance the need to use free reserves for charitable activities against the need to build up a reserve fund.

The charity prepares a budget each year based on expected income, primarily from the City Council. There are tight internal controls and regular meetings of the charity's trustees, to analyse income and expenditure. Arrears of risk are regularly identified by trustees and policies are in place to treat, tolerate, transfer or terminate risk.

Company Secretary



Beverly Owens

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Registered number: 04471739**  
**Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Principal activities**

Charity Registration Number: 1103838

**Directors**

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Thomas O'Rourke  
Louise Keegan - Resigned 21.2.2022  
Theresa Wainwright - Appointed 22.2.2022

**Political donations**

Bowden Road, Liverpool, L19 1QP

**Small company provisions**

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

This report was approved by the board on 27 January 2023 and signed on its behalf.



Thomas O'Rourke  
Director

## **Garston Adventure Playground Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Garston Adventure Playground**

### **Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Garston Adventure Playground**

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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**

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 that:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 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
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.

  
Gary Wood

27 January 2023

Business Accounting Services  
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**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

|                                      | <b>Notes</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>2022<br/>Total<br/>£</b> | <b>2021<br/>Total<br/>£</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                        |              |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| Income from donations and grants     | 2            |                                     | 172,808                           | 172,808                     | 212,705                     |
| Income from investments              | 3            | 4                                   |                                   | 4                           | 11                          |
| Other income                         | 4            |                                     | 802                               | 802                         | -                           |
|                                      |              | <u>4</u>                            | <u>173,610</u>                    | <u>173,614</u>              | <u>212,716</u>              |
| Expenditure on charitable activities |              | <u>390</u>                          | <u>149,925</u>                    | <u>150,315</u>              | <u>170,702</u>              |
| Net Income                           |              | (386)                               | 23,685                            | 23,299                      | 42,014                      |
| Total funds brought forward          |              | 27,151                              | 128,125                           | 155,276                     | 113,264                     |
| Total funds carried forward          |              | <u>26,765</u>                       | <u>151,810</u>                    | <u>178,575</u>              | <u>155,278</u>              |

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**Garston Adventure Playground****Registered number:** 04471739**Balance Sheet****as at 31 March 2022**


|   | Notes | 2022<br>£      | 2021<br>£      |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |       |                |                |
| Tangible assets                                       | 9     | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |                |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 173,146        | 149,900        |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 10    | (5,669)        | (5,725)        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       | 167,477        | 144,175        |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |       | <u>178,576</u> | <u>155,274</u> |
| <b>Charity Funds</b>                                  |       |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds                                    |       | 26,766         | 27,151         |
| Restricted funds                                      |       | 151,810        | 128,123        |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                            |       | <u>178,576</u> | <u>155,274</u> |

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with with FRS 102 SORP.



Thomas O'Rourke

Approved by the board on 27 January 2023

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**Garston Adventure Playground  
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| <b>2 Income from donations and grants</b> |                   |                     | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2021</b>    |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund                | 5,850             | -                   | 5,850          | 7,200          |
| Consortium                                | 31,154            | -                   | 31,154         | 80,402         |
| BBC Children In Need                      | 10,000            | -                   | 10,000         | 12,000         |
| MPAC                                      | 2,000             | -                   | 2,000          | 8,202          |
| John Moores Foudation                     | -                 | -                   | -              | 6,534          |
| LCVS - HAF & OPAL                         | 25,736            | -                   | 25,736         | -              |
| Awards for All                            | 10,000            | -                   | 10,000         | -              |
| PH Holt Foundation                        | 15,006            | -                   | 15,006         | -              |
| Steve Morgan Foundation/DCM Youth         | 35,560            | -                   | 35,560         | 25,000         |
| Other                                     | 37,502            | -                   | 37,502         | 73,367         |
|   | <u>172,808</u>    | <u>-</u>            | <u>172,808</u> | <u>212,705</u> |

The Speke/Garston Consortium grant is made up from contributions by Liverpool City Council Youth & Play Grant and Cressington Councillors Neighbourhood Fund.

| <b>3 Investment income</b> |                   |                     | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Interest receivable        |                   | 4                   | 4           | 11          |
|                            |                   |                     | <u>4</u>    | <u>11</u>   |

| <b>4 Other income</b>             |                   |                     | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                   | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Fundraising                       | 802               | -                   | 802         | -           |
| Income from charitable activities | -                 | -                   | -           | -           |
|                                   | <u>802</u>        | <u>-</u>            | <u>802</u>  | <u>-</u>    |

**Garston Adventure Playground  
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for the year ended 31 March 2022**

| <b>5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities</b> | Provision of<br>play activities<br>£ | Support costs<br>£ |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Direct costs  | 141,711                              | -                  |
| Allocated costs   | 1,721                                | 6,884              |
|   | <u>143,432</u>                       | <u>6,884</u>       |

£150,316 (2021 - £170,702) of the above costs were attributable to restricted funds.

**6 Allocation of support costs**

|              | Basis of<br>allocation | Provision of<br>play activities | Support costs |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Office costs | 20% v 80%              | 1,565                           | 6,260         |
| Governance   | 20% v 80%              | 156                             | 624           |
|              |                        | <u>1,721</u>                    | <u>6,884</u>  |

**7 Governance costs**

|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>2022</b><br>£ | <b>2021</b><br>£ |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Independent examiner's fee | 390               | 390                 | 780              | 753              |
|                            | <u>390</u>        | <u>390</u>          | <u>780</u>       | <u>753</u>       |

**8 Staff costs**

|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>2022</b><br>£ | <b>2021</b><br>£ |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wages and salaries         | 82,104            |                     | 82,104           | 84,167           |
| Sessional workers          | 906               |                     | 906              | 7,164            |
| Staff training and welfare | 542               |                     | 542              | 828              |
|                            | <u>83,552</u>     | <u>-</u>            | <u>83,552</u>    | <u>92,159</u>    |

No employee received received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

|                                |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Number of staff on the payroll | 4 | 4 |
| Full time equivalents          | 3 | 3 |

**Garston Adventure Playground  
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for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

|                       | <b>Land and<br/>buildings<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                                     |
| At 1 April 2021       | 11,099                              |
| At 31 March 2022      | <u>11,099</u>                       |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                                     |
| At 31 March 2022      | <u>-</u>                            |
| <b>Net book value</b> |                                     |
| At 31 March 2022      | <u>11,099</u>                       |
| At 31 March 2021      | <u>11,099</u>                       |

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

|                                    | <b>2022<br/>£</b> | <b>2021<br/>£</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Trade creditors                    | 4,132             | 4,209             |
| Taxation and social security costs | 1,537             | 1,516             |
|                                    | <u>5,669</u>      | <u>5,725</u>      |

**11 Restricted funds**

|                                 | Balance at 1<br>April 2021 | Income         | Expenditure      | Balance at 31<br>March 2022 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Purchase of land                | 11,099                     | -              | -                | 11,099                      |
| Activities and Special projects | 117,026                    | 173,614        | (149,925)        | 140,715                     |
|                                 | <u>128,125</u>             | <u>173,614</u> | <u>(149,925)</u> | <u>151,814</u>              |

**12 Unrestricted funds**

|                    | Balance at 1<br>April 2021 | Income   | Expenditure  | Balance at 31<br>March 2022 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | <u>27,151</u>              | <u>4</u> | <u>(390)</u> | <u>26,765</u>               |

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for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**13 Net assets by funds**

|  | Unrestricted  | Restricted     | Total          |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Tangible fixed assets                        | -             | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 26,765        | 146,380        | 173,145        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (5,669)        | (5,669)        |
|  | <u>26,765</u> | <u>151,810</u> | <u>178,575</u> |
| <b>Prior year:</b>                           |               |                |                |
| Tangible fixed assets                        |               | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 27,151        | 122,753        | 149,904        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (5,725)        | (5,725)        |
|  | <u>27,151</u> | <u>128,127</u> | <u>155,278</u> |

**Garston Adventure Playground  
Detailed profit and loss account  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

*This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts*

|                          | <b>2022</b><br>£    | <b>2021</b><br>£    |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sales</b>             | 173,614             | 212,716             |
| Cost of sales            | (140,965)           | (166,698)           |
| <b>Gross profit</b>      | <hr/> 32,649        | <hr/> 46,018        |
| Administrative expenses  | (9,351)             | (4,004)             |
| <b>Operating profit</b>  | <hr/> 23,298        | <hr/> 42,014        |
| <b>Profit before tax</b> | <hr/> <u>23,298</u> | <hr/> <u>42,014</u> |

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Detailed profit and loss account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

*This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts*

|                                  | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2021</b>    |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                  | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>Sales</b>                     |                |                |
| Grants                           | 78,714         | 113,733        |
| Charitable Trust donations       | 94,094         | 98,972         |
| Fundraising                      | 802            | -              |
| Interest received                | 4              | 11             |
|                                  | <u>173,614</u> | <u>212,716</u> |
| <b>Cost of sales</b>             |                |                |
| Five for Families - Repaid       | -              | 25,343         |
| Wages and salaries               | 82,104         | 84,167         |
| Sessional workers                | 906            | 7,164          |
| Staff training and welfare       | 542            | 828            |
| Travel and subsistence           | 2,010          | 1,137          |
| Volunteers expenses              | 229            | 577            |
| Activities and special projects  | 41,757         | 23,410         |
| Premises costs                   | 6,985          | 8,993          |
| Pensions                         | 938            | 1,127          |
| Equipment and materials          | 1,898          | 10,420         |
| Other direct costs               | 3,596          | 3,532          |
|                                  | <u>140,965</u> | <u>166,698</u> |
| <b>Administrative expenses</b>   |                |                |
| Employee costs:                  |                |                |
| Employer's NI                    | 846            | 736            |
|                                  | <u>846</u>     | <u>736</u>     |
| General administrative expenses: |                |                |
| Telephone and fax                | 1,094          | 740            |
| Postage and administration       | 1,235          | 941            |
| Stationery and printing          | 534            | 326            |
| Insurance                        | 4,611          | -              |
| Sundry expenses                  | 251            | 508            |
|                                  | <u>7,725</u>   | <u>2,515</u>   |
| Legal and professional costs:    |                |                |
| Accountancy fees                 | 780            | 753            |
|                                  | <u>780</u>     | <u>753</u>     |
|                                  | <u>9,351</u>   | <u>4,004</u>   |

**GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 1103838

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# Accounts

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**GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND TRUSTEES REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**



*"Play together - Stay together"*

Charity Number: 1103838

Company Registration Number: 4471739 Ofsted Registration Number: EY234801

## History

It started out as a Summer Holiday playscheme which was run by local parents and residents on Garston Park. Having recognised the need for a permanent place for children and young people to play in the area, they set about finding the ideal site and funding. With the help of funding from central government and a lot of hard work, work on Garston Adventure Playground began in 1978.

In 1980 HRH The Duke of Edinburgh officially opened the playground.

## Our Values

- ❖ The rights of all children to play and free association
- ❖ To be consulted and listened to
- ❖ The right to fair and equal treatment and equality of opportunity
- ❖ The right to freedom from oppression and discrimination
- ❖ To have free, local play provision
- ❖ The promotion of independence and autonomy of all children



## Staff

Carmel Moran – F/t Senior Playworker

Rachael Hannington – Community Play worker

Mark Moran – Seconded from Liverpool City Council Targeted Services

Austin Swaby – Playworker

Joanne Shannon - Cleaner

Pippa Taylor – Art & Craft Playworker

James Devine - Playworker

Jack Lawson – Playworker

Detached Youthwork Team – Kelly Unsworth, Sandra Riley & Kerry Laverty

This year we said goodbye to Austin and Jack who both moved on to pastures new.

Jack Brakel joined the team on placement as part of his Youth & Community Master's Degree from Bolton University.

## Volunteers

A Big Thank You to all our volunteers, without them we wouldn't be able to offer all the services we do and provide the range of activities and opportunities for the children and young people.

These include: Jack Brakel, Marie Forde, Victor Adams, Aimee Moyden, Carla Moran, Katie Deary, Margie Hamill, Peter Chisell.

South Liverpool Homes who brought along their team to carry out some much, needed maintenance.



## Finance

This financial year we have gained support from various trusts, charitable foundations, organisations and business's which include the following:

Steve Morgan Community Match Funding

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)

LCVS

PH Holt Foundation

Masonic Hall

Liverpool Play Partnership

Merseyside Play Action Council

Skelton Bounty Trust

Tesco Groundwork

Big Help Group

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Speke/Garston Councillor's Neighbourhood Fund  
Awards for All  
Cressington Councillor's Neighbourhood Fund  
South Liverpool Homes

Children in Need  
DCM Youth Investment Fund  
Calder Kids Adventure Playground  
Liverpool Youth & Play Grant

A huge shout out goes to Five Children's and Families Trust for agreeing to lead the Consortium and administer the Youth & Play Grant.

**Steve Morgan Foundation**

This project was part of the DCM and Steve Morgan Foundation Community Match Programme. We were awarded £50,000 over a 2 year duration the first half of the money had to be spent before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 which provided additional activities and support, some capital improvements and sessional staffing.

This funding supports our Community Play Worker Position. Projects delivered by this post include a Stay and Play session. This was brought to about from talking to parents about their children and the conversation around social development and the lack of it with their children especially those born during the covid pandemic. And the effects of isolation that parents felt during this time. So once a week we have a stay and play session for parents and pre-school age children. Parents can have a tea/coffee, chat with other parents, get support, advice and sign posted for additional support that we feel is beyond our expertise. Children get the opportunity to engage and play with other children, participate in activities, and learn from new experiences all of which have been absent from their formative years.

**Children in Need**

Thanks to Children in Need who awarded us £30,000 over a 3-year period for our Arts & Crafts Playworker, which they have funded continuously for several years now.

**HAF – Holiday Activities & Food**

The government introduced HAF this year for the Summer, Easter & Christmas school holidays. This was to provide food and activities for those on Free School Meals or have Special Educational Needs. Which meant we could apply to them for funding during these periods. The funding would be distributed by Merseyside Play Action Council.

However, as we don't discount any child or young person from accessing our playground these activities and the food must be targeted at those specified under the grant criteria. So additional funding is also still sought so that every child has this opportunity to participate.



**PH Holt Foundation – Resilience Fund**

To employ a part-time playworker for 25 hours per week for 12 months. To reconnect children and young people with their peers as restrictions ease. Allow a continuation of service. Improve children and young people's mental health & well-being plus provide support for families.

**Awards for All**

Our Jubilee Celebrations in June 2022.

**Calder Kids Adventure Playground**

After 40 years of operating in Liverpool it was with great sadness that Calder Kids Adventure Playground ceased to exist. We thankfully accepted a donation from their trustees towards our work with children and young people.

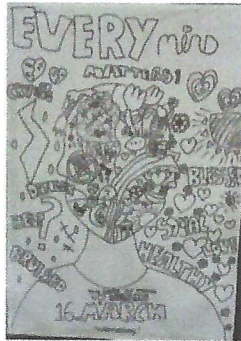
## Activities

Here is a snapshot of what's been delivered.

### Youth Nights

CUT is a theatre in education production centered around knife crime and youth violence. The production centers around a needless dispute at school causes a teenager to be stabbed and killed.

The show is 30 mins and after there is a group discussion. 25 young people participated in watching the production and interacting with the actors during the discussion session. "Brilliant" was one quote off a young person. "You don't realise how everyone is affected", was another.



Mental Health awareness week, we had a young person aged 12 design a poster setting a date for a discussion about how mental health affects us all. The young person created a power point presentation for the group and delivered the session getting young people to talk about what makes them happy and sad, and discussing ways of improving how we feel. It was captivating the way they delivered the session and got young people talking to each other.

D-Street media came to the playground The project looks at bullying, hate crime, knife crime and suicide. The evening was great with lots of positive feedback and interaction.

Additional funding has meant we have been able to deliver detached youth work 2/3 nights per week and have a Girl's Group on a Tuesday evening 7-9pm. The detached youth workers have been engaging with young people throughout Garston, liaising with shop keepers and business owners who have been very welcoming to them. On several occasions the staff have diffused fighting and arguments between young people from different areas coming to Garston and on one occasion there was a confrontation on Garston Park with adults and young people, they again interceded in this and diffused the situation.

Boxing/Fitness sessions – These were set up as feedback from the detached youth workers that the young people wanted them. A 12-week program was designed and delivered in a local gym. The first week 2 young people attended, then 8 the following. Numbers took a tumble the following few weeks but soon picked up, we think this was down to those having to self-isolate.



Healthy Food Workshops – Young people given a meal each evening. Young people found recipes, budgeted, cooked and served a meal for others to enjoy, gaining new skills and knowledge. We also started the Jamie Oliver Cookery School in partnership with Tesco, volunteers, parents and young people participated.

Here is a typical quarterly report of what we did/happened/achieved.

Creativity – Art & craft sessions included making fridge magnets, Created and designed their own t-shirts, made their own jewellery etc.  
Employed a local young person for the summer.

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Celebrations – Olympic Games, created our own Olympics with families taking part and enjoyed Greek dancing and food. Beach Day with food supplied, cooked and donated by Ragga's Restaurant, Sand play, photo boards, water play mocktail bar, coconut shy, steel drum band etc. This day we had over 140 young people attend. Installing new equipment – Increased the physical activity of young people, 60 hours of volunteering hours completed by young people and volunteers.

Awareness Sessions – A display on Diversity was created for our hall.

Foodshare – 2336.32 kg distributed to families throughout this quarter.

Provided more opportunities for play and physical exercise. By enhancing and creating more opportunities making the playground more attractive to them has helped encourage the young people to play more outdoors and overcome some of their fears.

Summer Playscheme - 5 weeks of activities which included visits from Art 2 Ewe, healthy food workshops, lots of sports, games and art & crafts. 6<sup>th</sup> week we went to Eshton Grange for a

Residential in Yorkshire and were able to support several families in giving the children a chance to have a holiday that they wouldn't have had.



Boxing/Fitness sessions – Started these back up after the summer and had 16 young people attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> week.

Worked with Cressington Councillors in supporting families getting school uniforms.

3 young people supported were accepted into college.

Supported a parent with cv writing and training opportunities

who then obtained employment.

Signposted parents and local residents to ie. MIND, Social Housing Providers, KOOTH

With the one stop shop having limited its hours we are finding more people coming to us to print bus timetables, printing forms and general help.

Play Days we provided transport for 35 families to go.



Thank You to Everyone who has supported Garston Adventure Playground over the past year.

## **Garston Adventure Playground**

### Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Garston Adventure Playground

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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**

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 that:

- 1        accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2        the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3        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
- 4        the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.

  
Gary Wood

27 January 2023

Business Accounting Services  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
111 Mount Pleasant  
Liverpool  
L3 5TF

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Garston Adventure Playground is a Company Limited by guarantee and a registered charity, not having a share capital it is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association signed 27th June 2002.\*

Trustees who served during the period covered by the report:

Thomas O'Rourke  
Beverley Owens  
Louise Keegan - Resigned 21.2.2022  
Susan Roberts  
Christian Adeniran  
Theresa Wainwright - Appointed 22.2.2022

Registered Office

Bowden Road, Liverpool, L19 1QP

Reserves and Risk Management

The trustees decided that it is prudent to establish a level of resources sufficient to cover the running cost of the organisation for a period of six months, which equates to approximately £38,000. At this time, the free reserves equate to £11,799. The trustees always struggle to balance the need to use free reserves for charitable activities against the need to build up a reserve fund.

The charity prepares a budget each year based on expected income, primarily from the City Council. There are tight internal controls and regular meetings of the charity's trustees, to analyse income and expenditure. Arrears of risk are regularly identified by trustees and policies are in place to treat, tolerate, transfer or terminate risk.

Company Secretary



Beverly Owens

**Garston Adventure Playground**

**Registered number: 04471739**

**Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Principal activities**

Charity Registration Number: 1103838

**Directors**

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Thomas O'Rourke

Louise Keegan - Resigned 21.2.2022

Theresa Wainwright - Appointed 22.2.2022

**Political donations**

Bowden Road, Liverpool, L19 1QP

**Small company provisions**

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

This report was approved by the board on 27 January 2023 and signed on its behalf.



Thomas O'Rourke  
Director

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

|                                      | <b>Notes</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>2022<br/>Total<br/>£</b> | <b>2021<br/>Total<br/>£</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                        |              |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| Income from donations and grants     | 2            |                                     | 172,808                           | 172,808                     | 212,705                     |
| Income from investments              | 3            | 4                                   |                                   | 4                           | 11                          |
| Other income                         | 4            |                                     | 802                               | 802                         | -                           |
|                                      |              | <u>4</u>                            | <u>173,610</u>                    | <u>173,614</u>              | <u>212,716</u>              |
| Expenditure on charitable activities |              | <u>390</u>                          | <u>149,925</u>                    | <u>150,315</u>              | <u>170,702</u>              |
| Net Income                           |              | (386)                               | 23,685                            | 23,299                      | 42,014                      |
| Total funds brought forward          |              | 27,151                              | 128,125                           | 155,276                     | 113,264                     |
| Total funds carried forward          |              | <u>26,765</u>                       | <u>151,810</u>                    | <u>178,575</u>              | <u>155,278</u>              |

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**Garston Adventure Playground**

**Registered number:** 04471739

**Balance Sheet  
as at 31 March 2022**

|   | Notes | 2022<br>£      | 2021<br>£      |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |       |                |                |
| Tangible assets                                       | 9     | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |                |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 173,146        | 149,900        |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 10    | (5,669)        | (5,725)        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       | 167,477        | 144,175        |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |       | <u>178,576</u> | <u>155,274</u> |
| <b>Charity Funds</b>                                  |       |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds                                    |       | 26,766         | 27,151         |
| Restricted funds                                      |       | 151,810        | 128,123        |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                            |       | <u>178,576</u> | <u>155,274</u> |

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with with FRS 102 SORP.



Thomas O'Rourke  
Approved by the board on 27 January 2023

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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| <b>2 Income from donations and grants</b> |                   |                     | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2021</b>    |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund Consortium     | 5,850             | -                   | 5,850          | 7,200          |
| BBC Children In Need                      | 31,154            | -                   | 31,154         | 80,402         |
| MPAC                                      | 10,000            | -                   | 10,000         | 12,000         |
| John Moores Foudation                     | 2,000             | -                   | 2,000          | 8,202          |
| LCVS - HAF & OPAL                         | -                 | -                   | -              | 6,534          |
| Awards for All                            | 25,736            | -                   | 25,736         | -              |
| PH Holt Foundation                        | 10,000            | -                   | 10,000         | -              |
| Steve Morgan Foundation/DCM Youth         | 15,006            | -                   | 15,006         | -              |
| Other                                     | 35,560            | -                   | 35,560         | 25,000         |
|   | 37,502            | -                   | 37,502         | 73,367         |
|   | <u>172,808</u>    | <u>-</u>            | <u>172,808</u> | <u>212,705</u> |

The Speke/Garston Consortium grant is made up from contributions by Liverpool City Council Youth & Play Grant and Cressington Councillors Neighbourhood Fund.

| <b>3 Investment income</b> |                   |                     | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Interest receivable        |                   | 4                   | 4           | 11          |
|                            |                   |                     | <u>4</u>    | <u>11</u>   |

| <b>4 Other income</b>             |                   |                     | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                   | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Fundraising                       | 802               | -                   | 802         | -           |
| Income from charitable activities | -                 | -                   | -           | -           |
|                                   | <u>802</u>        | <u>-</u>            | <u>802</u>  | <u>-</u>    |

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
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**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

| <b>5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities</b> | Provision of<br>play activities<br>£ | Support costs<br>£ |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Direct costs  | 141,711                              | -                  |
| Allocated costs   | 1,721                                | 6,884              |
|   | <u>143,432</u>                       | <u>6,884</u>       |

£150,316 (2021 - £170,702) of the above costs were attributable to restricted funds.

**6 Allocation of support costs**

|              | Basis of<br>allocation | Provision of<br>play activities | Support costs |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Office costs | 20% v 80%              | 1,565                           | 6,260         |
| Governance   | 20% v 80%              | 156                             | 624           |
|              |                        | <u>1,721</u>                    | <u>6,884</u>  |

**7 Governance costs**

|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>2022</b><br>£ | <b>2021</b><br>£ |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Independent examiner's fee | 390               | 390                 | 780              | 753              |
|                            | <u>390</u>        | <u>390</u>          | <u>780</u>       | <u>753</u>       |

**8 Staff costs**

|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>2022</b><br>£ | <b>2021</b><br>£ |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wages and salaries         | 82,104            |                     | 82,104           | 84,167           |
| Sessional workers          | 906               |                     | 906              | 7,164            |
| Staff training and welfare | 542               |                     | 542              | 828              |
|                            | <u>83,552</u>     | <u>-</u>            | <u>83,552</u>    | <u>92,159</u>    |

No employee received received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

|                                |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Number of staff on the payroll | 4 | 4 |
| Full time equivalents          | 3 | 3 |

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**9 Tangible fixed assets**

|                       | <b>Land and<br/>buildings<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                                     |
| At 1 April 2021       | 11,099                              |
| At 31 March 2022      | <u>11,099</u>                       |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                                     |
| At 31 March 2022      | <u>-</u>                            |
| <b>Net book value</b> |                                     |
| At 31 March 2022      | <u>11,099</u>                       |
| At 31 March 2021      | <u>11,099</u>                       |

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

|                                    | <b>2022<br/>£</b> | <b>2021<br/>£</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Trade creditors                    | 4,132             | 4,209             |
| Taxation and social security costs | 1,537             | 1,516             |
|                                    | <u>5,669</u>      | <u>5,725</u>      |

**11 Restricted funds**

|                                 | Balance at 1<br>April 2021 | Income         | Expenditure      | Balance at 31<br>March 2022 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Purchase of land                | 11,099                     | -              | -                | 11,099                      |
| Activities and Special projects | 117,026                    | 173,614        | (149,925)        | 140,715                     |
|                                 | <u>128,125</u>             | <u>173,614</u> | <u>(149,925)</u> | <u>151,814</u>              |

**12 Unrestricted funds**

|                    | Balance at 1<br>April 2021 | Income   | Expenditure  | Balance at 31<br>March 2022 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | <u>27,151</u>              | <u>4</u> | <u>(390)</u> | <u>26,765</u>               |

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**13 Net assets by funds**

|  | Unrestricted  | Restricted     | Total          |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Tangible fixed assets                        | -             | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 26,765        | 146,380        | 173,145        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (5,669)        | (5,669)        |
|  | <u>26,765</u> | <u>151,810</u> | <u>178,575</u> |
| <b>Prior year:</b>                           |               |                |                |
| Tangible fixed assets                        |               | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 27,151        | 122,753        | 149,904        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (5,725)        | (5,725)        |
|  | <u>27,151</u> | <u>128,127</u> | <u>155,278</u> |

**GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 1103838

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# Accounts

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GARSTONADVENTURE PLAYGROUND TRUSTEES REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021



*"Play together - Stay together"*

Charity Number: 1103838 Company Registration Number: 4471739 Ofsted Registration Number: EY234801

# **GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

## **HISTORY**

It started out as a Summer Holiday playscheme which was run by local parents and residents on Garston Park. Having recognised the need for a permanent place for children and young people to play in the area, they set about finding the ideal site and funding. With the help of funding from central government and a lot of hard work, work on Garston Adventure Playground began in 1978. In 1980 HRH The Duke of Edinburgh officially opened the Playground.

## **Our Values**

**The rights of all children to play and free association. To be consulted and listened to**

**The right to fair and equal treatment and equality of opportunity. The right to freedom from oppression and discrimination**

**To have free, local play provision**

**The promotion of independence and autonomy of all children**



## **Staff**

Carmel Moran – F/t Senior Playworker

Rachael Hannington – Community/Playworker

Rebekka Hughes – Summer Worker

Mark Moran – Seconded from Liverpool City Council Targeted Services

Gillian Deakin – P/t Youth & Playworker

Pippa Taylor – P/t Art & Craft Worker

Austin Swaby – P/t Playworker

Detached Youth Work Team: Kelly Unsworth – Ritchie Rawlins – Sandra Riley – Kerry Laverty

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to Gillian who went on to pastures new. And welcomed back Rachael in January as our new Community/Playworker thanks to funding from Steve Morgan Foundation and the DCM Community Match Challenge.

## **Volunteers**

My beautiful girls making up craft packs up for Garston Adventure playground to give out in the community. Thanks to Carmel for dropping them off in our garden kept them busy and happy to be helping



With lockdown, covid-19 restrictions and keeping people safe we had fewer regular volunteers this year.

However, they all offered their services when it came to delivering food hampers to residents and families. Volunteers were also recruited to help to put together the activity packs.

A Huge Thank You to everyone for all their help and support this year.



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**Finance**

Funding and support this year has come from numerous charities, foundations and money from local Councillors Neighbourhood Funds.

Thank You to the following:

Merseyside Play Action Council      Liverpool Play Partnership      Awards For All  
Liverpool City Region #Liverpool Cares      Merseyside Sporting Partnership  
Speke/Garston Councillors      Liverpool City Council      Cressington Councillors      Onward  
Homes      John Moore's Foundation      Tesco      PH Holt Foundation  
Children in Need      LCVS      Community Foundation for Merseyside  
Steve Morgan Foundation & Digital, Culture & Media (DCM)      Violence Reduction Partnership  
Five for Families Children's Trust for administering the Youth & Play Grant.      Torus Foundation

The local community and small business's for supporting our fundraising events.

The Play Partnership and Merseyside Play Action Council continued to support our Holiday Playschemes and provided additional support during Covid-19.

Our local Councillors, which are Speke/Garston and Cressington funded several projects throughout this year. Which included Christmas, Detached Youth Work project and Covid-19.

Children in Need supporting our Art & Craft Worker Post and we received a booster grant so that we could distribute activity packs during Lockdown.

We applied to The Steve Morgan and Digital, Culture & Media Community Challenge Match Funding and were successful in our bid for £50,000.

Detached Youth Work sessions continued thanks to the Violence Reduction Partnership, LCVS and the Community Foundation for Merseyside.

Onward homes and Awards for All provided funding for PPE, outdoor event tents, tables and equipment so that we could operate activities outside, additional sessions and a part-time cleaner.

PH Holt Foundation funded Phase 2 of our outdoor development, training for volunteers, young people and local community. Unfortunately, this project couldn't be delivered at this time due to restrictions.

The financial implications of Covid-19 and lockdown meant that some projects were not able to be completed during this financial year and have been suspended with funders agreeing to extensions on projects. This has also impacted on our rental income from tenants as we became a community food hub during this time which meant a loss of much needed revenue.

Thank You to all who have supported us.

# GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

## Activities & Projects

We should have been celebrating 40 years of Garston Adventure Playground this year. Instead, 2020/2021 has been a unique year not in the way we would have wanted to remember it. So much was done this year and the staff worked tirelessly and continuously adapting our services to meet the needs of the children, young people and community.



During lockdown we supported the community, taking referrals from local councillors, social landlords and families, providing food parcels, collecting prescriptions, shopping and issuing food vouchers to those most in need.

Meals were delivered in partnership with Can cook, local Councillors and volunteers to families, elderly and those who were having to shield, 650 prepared meals were delivered.



### Quotes

"Reduced my anxiety about going to the shops"

"Really didn't have anyone to get our shopping as we are both having to shield"

"It's been a godsend with 40% of our wages gone"

"Self-employed, and have had no form of income now for 6 weeks"

"Less stress and worry about eating,

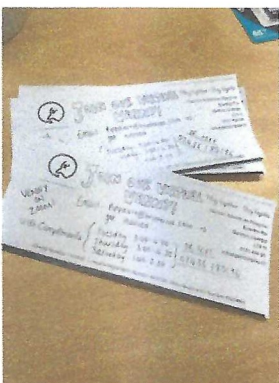
"It's been great just having some human contact". "I feel happier now I can see my friends"

"I LOVED DOING THE COOKING, AND DON'T FEEL AS LONELY AS I DID"

## #Liverpool Cares and Virtual Venny.

Following on from the Children in Need booster grant we secured funding for a virtual youth club.

Delivering a variety of fun, stimulating activities over the series of zoom sessions. 3 sessions per week were organised. The activities ranged from Pictionary and Bingo to scavenger hunts and quizzes. We 'marketed' the sessions on our Facebook page inviting young people to get involved via email and work issued phones. Risk assessments were drawn up and the appropriate research carried out including E-safety and ensuring the safest possible communication with the children.



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We planned and devised activities that were not only fun but challenged the children's learning which had been halted due to the pandemic.

'Mad-libs' re-engaged some children's passion for English language as it encouraged them to identify different vocabulary, verbs and adjectives. They also all received various art packs filled with materials, equipment, card, paint, glue and other crafts. This allowed the young people to still be creative at home and take part in the same arts and crafts as each other. They also received a 'My 2020 Covid-19 Time Capsule' pack to fill out at home. This included writing prompts and journal pages to explain how they were feeling, what they were doing, who their community is, special occasions and encouragement to interview their household like siblings and parents.



This meant that not only was the young person attending the 'Virtual Venny' sessions but the whole household was also getting involved. Another activity that encouraged family to be involved was our cooking sessions.



Every Saturday we would all bake or cook something together. Dishes included KFC chicken, Vegan sushi, cheesecake, pizza and fishcakes. For those that wanted to be involved with the cooking, the ingredients were bought, packaged and delivered to their houses a day before in order for it to be accessible to everyone. We also did a few games and quizzes which the winner received a prize. These included fun sports equipment to encourage keeping active, arts and craft materials or toys. Furthering the connection and inspiration needed due to lack of physical contact we created a Pinterest board and made it accessible to the young people through our WhatsApp group. They were then able to pin lots of different ideas to the board and we could then create these crafts during our 'Virtual Venny' sessions. Through the zoom sessions we were able to see the communicate with the children at times it was visible that a few of them were beginning to show the stresses of lockdown. With this in mind, we

were also able to offer support privately on a phone conversation using our work phones to provide that extra comfort. The children's mental health was of great concern to us so equipped with work phones we would contact the children on a secure WhatsApp group to do regular welfare checks and visits. Also, any that didn't join the chat we would make welfare calls to them to see how they were. Not everyone had access to internet so in these cases we provided activity packs and regularly called with food parcels to those families to check on how they were.



- 40 young people participated in zoom sessions
- 25 felt less lonely once these started.
- 12 benefitted from help with their schoolwork
- 20 felt less anxious
- 31 learnt new skills
- 8 felt more informed about current affairs
- 40 stated that they felt in a much better frame of mind having participated in the zoom sessions. Family orientated zoom sessions encouraging participation by all.
- 20 families took part all expressing a wish to have more time to spend and enjoy with family.
- 300 activity packs were distributed encouraging the children and young people to get active, creative and participate.
- Zoom physical activity sessions were organised throughout, and 35 young people increased their physical activity by 10 mins per day having been set challenges during this time to complete.

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As restrictions started to ease, we were able to provide small group sessions for children and young people deemed vulnerable. We did this through locked gate sessions and young people were contacted directly to invite them to come along to the playground. Activities included going for walks, fitness sessions, couch to 5K, arts & crafts, cooking, photography, staying safe online, healthy food workshops etc.

## **Summer Holidays**

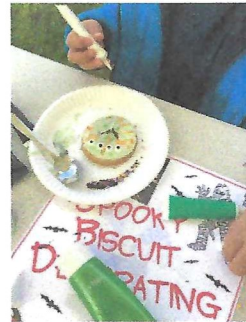
With the pandemic far from over, but some restrictions lifted we decided to split the days during the summer into 2 sessions. The morning session would be a family one, keeping in bubbles and families booking in to use the playground. These went really well, the whole summer was based outside thanks to funding from Onward Homes and Awards for All. Merseyside Sporting partnership provided funding for activity sessions to encourage families to be more active, these included yoga, trampolining and sports. We provided lunch and food hampers for families, information, advice, signposted and took on more referrals for support and gave more activity packs out for children.

The afternoon sessions were for children and young people only, no adults would be allowed in. We wanted to ensure the children had fun, to help alleviate any stresses and worries that they might have. During this time activities included, sports, games, arts & crafts, cooking, dance, graffiti art, the farm etc. again all based outdoors.



## **October Half Term**

With some restrictions still in place and a limited number of young people allowed into our building we made the decision to do some pop-up events for Halloween as well as having a holiday playscheme. We wouldn't advertise these as we didn't want lots of people attending. The plan was to have 3 events scattered in the Garston area, with pumpkin carving, sports, arts & crafts and dance workshops to create a "Thriller" video. Due to the weather, we were only able to deliver 2 mobile events. The Black-E in Liverpool City centre asked could they be part of the video and would create dance sessions with their young people. Over 100 children attended the 2 events and with them being outdoors limited the risk of infection. Great time had by all, and each child received a goody bag and those that didn't have costumes were given one. Please see our website for the Thriller video.



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

**Christmas**

Working with our local Councillors, Masonic Hall, Pro-Flex Gym, Torus Foundation, Beacon Counselling Trust and volunteers we were able to support families, elderly, children, young people and those having to shield during this time. Distributing gifts, pyjamas, hampers, toys, toiletries and shopping vouchers in and around our Community. Some gifts were donated to Bed Space for young people who were in their own accommodation or had just left care. Young people decorated the boxes and helped pack them.



Throughout the year we have been working with young people for them to achieve AQA accreditations which were for physical exercise, art & cooking. They received their awards at Christmas along with a small gift in recognition of their achievement.

Well, done to all the young people.



It was also at this time that we had fantastic news, we were organization finalists for The Echo Charity Organisation Award. And Liverpool City Region Impact Award for our Creative Response to Covid-19. Unfortunately we didn't win but the recognition of how much everyone had worked to support children, young people and community was greatly appreciated.



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**PH Holt**

Funding for phase 2 of the project was secured from PH Holt, unfortunately due to restrictions has been quite slow moving forward. Hopefully this project will progress, in the near future.

**Steve Morgan Foundation & Community Match Challenge**

This enabled us to provide some much-needed improvements to our building, play equipment, a 2-year Community/Playworker Post and additional sessional work to meet the needs of our young people and community. Insurance and Fareshare membership.

A Drama club was one of the additions to our services these ran for 12 weeks from Jan to March 21. They were closed sessions and young people had to book in, in accordance with government guidance.

**Case study**

An outcome of the sessions has been a short film. Three young people (2F&1M) wrote, devised, directed and performed a short film shot in the venny playground. Each of these young people began the drama sessions with areas of improvement including Confidence and being able to devise and collaborate with each other. During the beginning of the session's child A refused to get up in front of others due to being too self-conscious. Child B was similar and became very shy in front of others but also struggled with their voice and being able to be heard clearly. Although Child C was confident, they struggled to collaborate healthily with others and wasn't flexible with their ideas and direction. They have now successfully created this short film together that also highlights challenges within friendships, relationships and family. Firstly, discussing the themes, they wanted to cover then the characters they wanted to portray, they then began to write a script. totaling to 10 pages the script included character notes, dialogue and stage directions. They were so proud of what they achieved and 2 of them are now planning to pick drama for their GCSEs.

This is just a snapshot of what projects we were able to deliver in 20/21. A Big Thank You to all involved with Garston Adventure Playground and Charitable Trusts, Foundations, Business's and community who have supported our work.

**Garston Adventure Playground**

**Registered number: 04471739**

**Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Principal activities**

Charity Registration Number: 1103838

**Directors**

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Thomas O'Rourke

Louise Keegan

**Political donations**

Bowden Road, Liverpool, L19 1QP

**Small company provisions**

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

This report was approved by the board on 10 December 2021 and signed on its behalf.



Thomas O'Rourke  
Director

## **Garston Adventure Playground Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Garston Adventure Playground**

### **Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Garston Adventure Playground**

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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**

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 that:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 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
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.



Gary Wood  
Business Accounting Services  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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Liverpool  
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10th December 2021

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2021**

|                                      | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2021<br>Total<br>£ | 2020<br>Total<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                        |       |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Income from donations and grants     | 2     |                            | 212,705                  | 212,705            | 121,406            |
| Income from investments              | 3     | 11                         |                          | 11                 | 21                 |
| Other income                         | 4     |                            |                          | -                  | 2,939              |
|                                      |       | <u>11</u>                  | <u>212,705</u>           | <u>212,716</u>     | <u>124,366</u>     |
| Expenditure on charitable activities |       | <u>376</u>                 | <u>170,326</u>           | <u>170,702</u>     | <u>101,087</u>     |
| Net Income                           |       | <u>(365)</u>               | <u>42,379</u>            | <u>42,014</u>      | <u>23,279</u>      |
| Total funds brought forward          |       | <u>27,518</u>              | <u>85,746</u>            | <u>113,264</u>     | <u>89,985</u>      |
| Total funds carried forward          |       | <u>27,153</u>              | <u>128,125</u>           | <u>155,278</u>     | <u>113,264</u>     |

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**Garston Adventure Playground**  
**Registered number:** 04471739  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2021**

|   | Notes | 2021<br>£      | 2020<br>£      |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |       |                |                |
| Tangible assets                                       | 9     | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |                |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 149,904        | 107,417        |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 10    | (5,725)        | (5,252)        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       | <u>144,179</u> | <u>102,165</u> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |       | <u>155,278</u> | <u>113,264</u> |
| <b>Charity Funds</b>                                  |       |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds                                    |       | 27,151         | 27,518         |
| Restricted funds                                      |       | 128,127        | 85,746         |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                            |       | <u>155,278</u> | <u>113,264</u> |

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with with FRS 102 SORP.



Thomas O'Rourke  
 Approved by the board on 10 December 2021

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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| <b>2 Income from donations and grants</b> |                   |                     | <b>2021</b>    | <b>2020</b>    |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund                | 7,200             |                     | 7,200          | -              |
| Consortium                                | 80,402            |                     | 80,402         | 51,365         |
| BBC Children In Need                      | 12,000            | -                   | 12,000         | 20,000         |
| MPAC                                      | 8,202             | -                   | 8,202          | 3,640          |
| John Moores Foudation                     | 6,534             |                     | 6,534          | -              |
| LCC - Hardship Fund                       |                   | -                   | -              | -              |
| Ward Neighbourhood Fund                   |                   | -                   | -              | 7,038          |
| PH Holt Foundation                        |                   | -                   | -              | -              |
| Steve Morgan Foundation                   | 25,000            | -                   | 25,000         | -              |
| Other                                     | 73,367            | -                   | 73,367         | 39,363         |
|   | <u>212,705</u>    | <u>-</u>            | <u>212,705</u> | <u>121,406</u> |

The Speke/Garston Consortium grant is made up from contributions by Liverpool City Council Youth & Play Grant and Cressington Councillors Neighbourhood Fund.

| <b>3 Investment income</b> |                   |                     | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Interest receivable        |                   | 11                  | 11          | 21          |
|                            |                   |                     | <u>11</u>   | <u>21</u>   |

| <b>4 Other income</b>             |                   |                     | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b>  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                   | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>     |
| Fundraising                       |                   | -                   | -           | 2,939        |
| Income from charitable activities |                   | -                   | -           | -            |
|                                   | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>    | <u>2,939</u> |

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| <b>5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities</b> | Provision of<br>play activities<br>£ | Support costs<br>£ |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Direct costs  | 167,434                              | -                  |
| Allocated costs   | 654                                  | 2,614              |
|   | <u>168,088</u>                       | <u>2,614</u>       |

£170,702 (2020 - £100,711) of the above costs were attributable to restricted funds.

**6 Allocation of support costs**

|              | Basis of<br>allocation | Provision of<br>play activities | Support costs |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Office costs | 20% v 80%              | 503                             | 2,012         |
| Governance   | 20% v 80%              | 151                             | 602           |
|              |                        | <u>654</u>                      | <u>2,614</u>  |

**7 Governance costs**

|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>2021</b><br>£ | <b>2020</b><br>£ |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Independent examiner's fee | <u>377</u>        | <u>376</u>          | <u>753</u>       | <u>753</u>       |
|                            | <u>377</u>        | <u>376</u>          | <u>753</u>       | <u>753</u>       |

**8 Staff costs**

|                            | <i>restricted</i> | <i>unrestricted</i> | <b>2021</b><br>£ | <b>2020</b><br>£ |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wages and salaries         |                   | 84,167              | 84,167           | 60,722           |
| Sessional workers          |                   | 7,164               | 7,164            |                  |
| Staff training and welfare |                   | 828                 | 828              | 800              |
|                            | <u>-</u>          | <u>92,159</u>       | <u>92,159</u>    | <u>61,522</u>    |

No employee received received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

|                                |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Number of staff on the payroll | 4 | 4 |
| Full time equivalents          | 3 | 3 |

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**9 Tangible fixed assets**

|                       | <b>Land and<br/>buildings<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                                     |
| At 1 April 2020       | 11,099                              |
| At 31 March 2021      | <u>11,099</u>                       |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                                     |
| At 31 March 2021      | <u>-</u>                            |
| <b>Net book value</b> |                                     |
| At 31 March 2021      | <u>11,099</u>                       |
| At 31 March 2020      | <u>11,099</u>                       |

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

|                                    | <b>2021<br/>£</b> | <b>2020<br/>£</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Trade creditors                    | 4,209             | 4,218             |
| Taxation and social security costs | 1,516             | 1,034             |
|                                    | <u>5,725</u>      | <u>5,252</u>      |

**11 Restricted funds**

|                                 | Balance at 1<br>April 2020 | Income         | Expenditure      | Balance at 31<br>March 2021 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Purchase of land                | 11,099                     | -              | -                | 11,099                      |
| Activities and Special projects | 74,647                     | 212,705        | (170,326)        | 117,026                     |
|                                 | <u>85,746</u>              | <u>212,705</u> | <u>(170,326)</u> | <u>128,125</u>              |

**12 Unrestricted funds**

|                    | Balance at 1<br>April 2020 | Income    | Expenditure  | Balance at 31<br>March 2021 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | <u>27,517</u>              | <u>11</u> | <u>(377)</u> | <u>27,151</u>               |

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**13 Net assets by funds**

|  | Unrestricted  | Restricted     | Total          |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Tangible fixed assets                        | -             | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 27,151        | 122,753        | 149,904        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (5,725)        | (5,725)        |
|  | <u>27,151</u> | <u>128,127</u> | <u>155,278</u> |
| <b>Prior year:</b>                           |               |                |                |
| Tangible fixed assets                        |               | 11,099         | 11,099         |
| Current assets                               | 24,568        | 79,900         | 104,468        |
| Creditors falling due in less than one year. | -             | (5,725)        | (5,725)        |
|  | <u>24,568</u> | <u>85,274</u>  | <u>109,842</u> |