

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

ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021



"Play together - Stay together"

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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



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 Lavery

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.

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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,

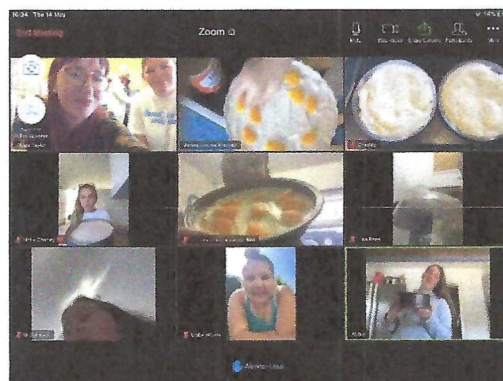
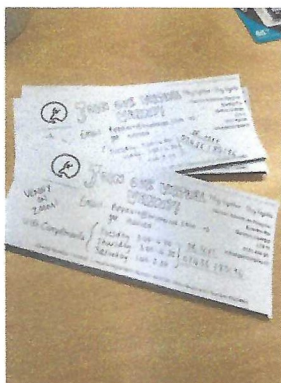
"It's been great just having some human contact". "I feel happier now I can see my friends"

"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.

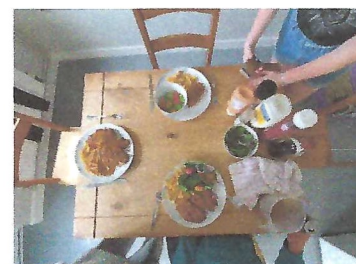


This meant that not only was the young person attending the 'Virtual Venny' sessions but the whole household was also getting involved. Another activity that encouraged family to be involved was our cooking sessions.



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

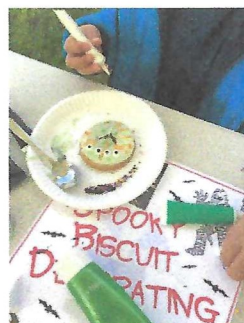
With the pandemic far from over, but some restrictions lifted we decided to split the days during the summer into 2 sessions. The morning session would be a family one, keeping in bubbles and families booking in to use the playground. These went really well, the whole summer was based outside thanks 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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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.

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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
111 Mount Pleasant
Liverpool
L3 5TF

10th December 2021

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Income					
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		 376	 170,326	 170,702	 101,087
Net Income		<u>(365)</u>	<u>42,379</u>	<u>42,014</u>	<u>23,279</u>
 Total funds brought forward		 27,518	 85,746	 113,264	 89,985
 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 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	11,099	11,099
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		149,904	107,417
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(5,725)	(5,252)
Net current assets		144,179	102,165
Net assets		<u>155,278</u>	<u>113,264</u>
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted funds		27,151	27,518
Restricted funds		128,127	85,746
Total charity funds		<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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2 Income from donations and grants			2021	2020
	<i>restricted</i>	<i>unrestricted</i>	£	£
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.

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

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

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5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities	Provision of play activities £	Support costs £
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 allocation	Provision of 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>	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examiner's fee	377	376	753	753
	<u>377</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>753</u>

8 Staff costs

	<i>restricted</i>	<i>unrestricted</i>	2021 £	2020 £
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

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

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

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

11 Restricted funds

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

12 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 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>
Prior year:			
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>