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**GARSTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST 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 31st 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.

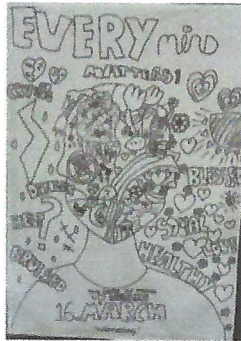
Activities

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.

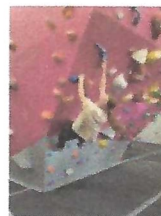


Mental Health awareness week, we had a young person aged 12 design a poster setting a date for a discussion about how mental health affects us all. The young person created a power point presentation for the group and delivered the session getting young people to talk about what makes them happy and 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. 6th 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 2nd 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
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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

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Income					
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		 390	 149,925	 150,315	 170,702
Net Income		<u>(386)</u>	<u>23,685</u>	<u>23,299</u>	<u>42,014</u>
 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 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	11,099	11,099
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		173,146	149,900
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(5,669)	(5,725)
Net current assets		167,477	144,175
Net assets		<u>178,576</u>	<u>155,274</u>
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted funds		26,766	27,151
Restricted funds		151,810	128,123
Total charity funds		<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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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2022

2 Income from donations and grants			2022	2021
	<i>restricted</i>	<i>unrestricted</i>	£	£
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.

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

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

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5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities	Provision of play activities £	Support costs £
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 allocation	Provision of 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>	2022 £	2021 £
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>	2022 £	2021 £
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

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

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

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

11 Restricted funds

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

12 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 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>

Prior year:

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>