

ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP THE WHAT CABIN



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2024/2025

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St Mathew's Children's Action Group's management committee wish to acknowledge the financial support of Leicester City Council, Ward Councillors, our MP and his team, Samworth Brothers, St Matthews Big Local & Goldhill Learning Foundation for supporting Play work at the What Cabin

We would like to thank Mowmacre & Goldhill Adventure Playgrounds for their continued support

St. Mathew's Children's Action Group is committed to equal opportunities and continues to strive for equality in play, and children's rights, Every Child Matters Agenda & The Playwork Principles

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Delia Dixon	Community
Treasurer	Sharon Dyer	Parent
Director	Supna Thada	Parent
Director	Millicent Tetteh	Parent
Secretary	Kuljit Singh Walia	Manager
Interested Parties	Jean Williams	Tenants Association
	Anil Tailor	Celerica LLP

STAFF PROFILE

Project Manager	Kuljit Singh Walia
Play Leader	Yogeindra Chauhan
Play Leader	Janet Johnson
Play Leader	Hafsa Chibbu
Play Leader	Kamran Hasmani
Play Worker	Sue Massey
Play Worker	Jake Clements
Play Worker	Sheunesa Kanonda
Play Worker	Isaiah Joseph

CHAIRS REPORT

The year 2024 to 2025 has been a challenging year as the chairperson, as we did not get to meet as often as we should, partly due to work schedules.

However, with the help of the Project Manager all concerns were addressed promptly. There was consistent communication with the others and me. The greatest challenge I feel is the need to get more parents on board in the Management Committee.

There have been no concerns regarding staffing or attendances. Although over the past several years we have faced challenges of uncertainty over our funding and this year we feel more supported through partnership work with our partner adventure Playgrounds Mowmacre and Goldhill and the city council's commitment to support vulnerable families through the holiday hunger program to give blanket cover for lunches during the holidays.

We will require committed management committee and staff members to continue the work and partnerships within St Matthews and with the City Council to ensure we are sustainable into the future.

Again, I am calling for members of our community to take on the initiative to participate in volunteering as committee members for the What Cabin.

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to Kuljit and the Playwork team at the What Cabin and the current Management Committee for Their dedication and commitment to the successful running of the cabin and funding efforts especially the new partnership with Goldhill Learning Foundation

Delia Dixon
Chair

FINANCIAL REPORT

It's the end of another year for the St Matthews Children's Action Group management committee and I have enjoyed my time and the support given to me from the staff, project manager and other committee members.

Being treasurer of the project enables me to keep close regular ties with the What Cabin and the manager.

My role involves me ensuring that funding is spent on specified and agreed items and inventories as well as records are kept for scrutiny by the local authority and are independently examined by Celerica LLP.

Our independently examined accounts for this year show a surplus of £14,100 for the financial year. We saw an uptake of over 49 new registrations over the year. We are hiring the facility to Leicester Learning who use the Cabin in the evenings to run tutoring sessions to children.

We have partnered with Goldhill adventure Playground and Mowmacre Playground and Goldhill is now a Goldhill Learning Foundation, and we use of the facilities as an Alternative Provision provider as Goldhill has successfully done this for many years. Eventually The What Cabin will be sustainable through this partnership.

The garage is still rented, and we are looking at other funder streams to boost our reserves and look at the potential land to be incorporated into our lease agreement for future play development.

We would like to thank our auditor Anil Tailor from Celerica LLP for his dedication and assistance.

I would like to wish you all the very best and carry on the good work for the children, parents and carers who use the service provided on a regular basis.

Thanks once again.

Sharon Dyer
Treasurer

PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

The What Cabin and the children with their families have seen the benefit of the project for themselves that allows children to freely play safely with their own ideas and interests in their own way for their own reasons. We deliver a well-balanced structured and free play program of activities with the staff team and work strategically to develop ideas with the children's own ideas for their benefit.

We implement the playwork principles where children are free to choose, and play is natural in a safe environment where children determine and control their own play.

The Holiday Activities & Food program over the year with referrals sent to the City Council through our Ward councillors and a food program since April 2020 to the summer of 2024 where food was collected. This helped cover the holiday hunger crisis affecting many of the city children who would normally receive a free school meal

We have learned this year that the council shall no longer be funding the playgrounds, and we have therefore been working on our business plan and strategy to find a way forward with several meetings with the council and councillors. We forged a strong partnership with Goldhill and Mowmacre over the years and have started an alternative provision based at our playgrounds for 4 days a week currently that Dee & Josh had started many years ago and has now expanded and we are looking forward to benefiting from this strategy.

We have welcomed new and old communities from different backgrounds, and our staff have accordingly made them feel welcome as our children develop through art workshops from local agencies and celebrate diversity during festivals and learn through a different play.

Our partnership work will enhance our delivery to the wider community through networking especially with Taylor School where most of our children attend.

Our new partnership towards our sustainability plan with Goldhill Learning Foundation to help us set up alternative provision will help us to become sustainable.

I would also like to thank the Staff Team, Management Board, and members of the Area Forum for their continued support and dedication in aiding the What Cabin.

Kuljit Singh Walia
Company Secretary

PLAY REPORT

St Matthews Children Action Group at the What Cabin provides safe play activities from the ages of 5 years to 12 years. Our provision also extends to play training, encouraging volunteer and parents/carers to participate in our project.

The Community benefits from this commitment by the management committee offering training, volunteering and parental participation.

Children must feel safe, comfortable, equal, confident and valued when attending sessions. The Group continues to strive for quality services to its users.

From April 2024 to March 2025 the following events have taken place.

April

The Easter playscheme for 8 days, closing on Good Friday and Easter Monday 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

May to June

The mid-term play scheme ran for 4 days and operated Monday to Friday 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

July/ August

The summer playscheme ran for 4 weeks, Monday to Thursday 1.00pm to 4.00pm. and 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Fridays

October

A 5-day playscheme operated from Monday to Friday 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

February

The half-term 5-day playscheme operated from Monday to Friday 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

Staff Training online

Safeguarding Level – 4 staff

Safeguarding awareness – 1 staff

Food & Hygiene level 3- 5 staff

Emergency First Aid – 2 staff

Networking Partners

Samworth Brothers

St Matthews Big Local

St Matthews TA

Taylor Primary

St Matthews CYPC

Mowmacre Playground

Goldhill Adventure Playground

St Matthews Neighbourhood Centre

Registered Charity No:1104170
Registered Company No: 4868987
(England and Wales)

ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
(Limited by Guarantee)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

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31 MARCH 2025**

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**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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**Charity Reference and Administrative Details
for the year ended
31 MARCH 2025**

Charity Registration Number:	1104170
Company Registration Number:	04868987
Trustees:	Ms D L Dixon Chair Ms B S Dyer Ms M Tetteh
Secretary:	Mr Kuljit Singh Walia
Management Team	Mr Kuljit Singh Walia Project Manager
Registered Office:	The What Cabin Willow Street Leicester LE1 2HP
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Bankers:	HSBC Bank plc 31 Granby Street Leicester LE1 6EP

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' & STRATEGIC REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS102) in preparing the annual financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 Published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

Trustees of the Charity

The directors of the charitable company are also its trustees for the purpose of charitable law. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are as follows:

Ms B S Dyer
Ms M Tetteh

Ms D L Dixon

Objectives and Activities

The company's objectives and principal activities are to:

1. Provide out of school play activities for children aged five to eleven years.
2. To provide quality free holiday playschemes.
3. To promote good play practice through support and liaison.
4. To enable children to be healthy, to stay safe, to enjoy and achieve, to make a positive contribution and to be economically sound under the Children's Act 2004.

The main objectives and activities for the year continued to focus upon the promotion of staying healthy & staying safe. The strategies employed to assist the charity to meet these objectives included the following:

- Ø Providing a range of activities around road safety, hygiene, stranger danger, and to improve children's health. This work was carried out over the year.
- Ø To provide collection services from the school to allow parents back to work and fulltime education, empowering the service user to take advantage of this economic opportunity to provide a better living standard for their children.
- Ø Working in partnership with other agencies to secure the widest range of funding available to match the needs of the service users.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' & STRATEGIC REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 (CONTINUED)**

Objectives and Activities (Continued)

The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of supported play, economic prosperity for the community, life skills, staying healthy, being safe and educating children under the statutory school age.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have considered the general guidance on public benefit issued by the Charities Commission and has taken due regard of that guidance. The trustees consider they are satisfied that the charity's activities do provide a wide public benefit.

Strategic Report

Achievements and Performance

Funding for the project is through Leicester City Council, and is sufficient to employ 5 members of staff. During the year we have achieved 8366 service users that come through our doors, with 333 children registered from the local area and a lot less due to the pandemic.

Financial Review (including reserves policy)

With limited resources and difficulties obtaining additional funding, it has continued to be difficult to plan or develop additional services. The charity with sound financial management and the support of the staff team and Management Committee members have no deficit.

The principle funding sources for the charity are currently by way of grant funding through Leicester City Council to enable the charity to provide play support.

As a result of constraints, the charity will need to look for additional sources of funding to provide increased services in future years.

During the year, the charity made a surplus of £14,100.

The total reserves at the end of the financial year were £90,866 All of these were of an unrestricted nature.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to the continuance of satisfactory funding arrangements. Plans are also being developed to provide a alternative school provision with Goldhill Learning Foundation, and then open as a school for upto 6 children a year as a SEN school with GLF. This will also allow for more stability in the community and ensure job security for employees.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' & STRATEGIC REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 (CONTINUED)**

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18th August 2003 and registered as a charity on 7th June 2004. The company was established under a Memorandum of Articles which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks which the charity is exposed to. Appropriate systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks that the charity faces.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of a financial policy and procedure for authorisation of all transactions within the project.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, Trustees, service users, contractors and visitors to the project.

We are now routinely monitored by the City Councils play development officer for all quality delivery and operational aspects of the charity. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

The project currently has 4 trustees who meet every 3 months and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The trustees come from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

The manager is also responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified, that key performance indicators are met and the day to day operational management of the project. The manager has responsibility for the individual supervision of the staff team and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Related Parties

In so far as it is complimentary to the charity's objectives, the charity is guided by both local and national policy. At a national level the project is steered by the Children's Act 2004, its regulator Ofsted and the Playwork Principles.

At a local level the project will work within Leicester City's Play Policy.

The project is represented at forums specifically aimed at young people, for example: St Matthews Big Local. The representation within these forums has proved invaluable to the charity in establishing improved links with the community and identifying policy development and prospective funding opportunities to improve the services to all service users.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' & STRATEGIC REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 (CONTINUED)**

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charitable company for the year.

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

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015(FRS 102);
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2015(FRS 102) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Management Committee on 28/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Delia Dixon

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST MATTHEWS CHILDRENS ACTION GROUP
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

We report on the accounts of St Matthews Children's Action Group for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (i) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - * to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- (ii) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated : 30/10/25

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(including Income & Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	5,070	-	5,070	526
Charitable activities	3	8,865	114,492	123,357	96,095
Investments	4	1,347	-	1,347	1,388
Total income and endowments		15,282	114,492	129,774	98,009
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	5	1,182	114,492	115,674	104,691
Other		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		1,182	114,492	115,674	104,691
Net income		14,100	-	14,100	(6,682)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		14,100	-	14,100	(6,682)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		76,766	-	76,766	83,448
Total funds carried forward		90,866	-	90,866	76,766

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities include all gains and losses recognised during the year.

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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Registered company number 4868987

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS		-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	249	249
Cash at bank		135,147	77,807
Cash in hand		70	70
		<u>135,466</u>	<u>78,126</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year			
Other creditors	13	<u>44,600</u>	<u>1,360</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		90,866	76,766
NET ASSETS		<u><u>90,866</u></u>	<u><u>76,766</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	14	90,866	76,766
Restricted	14	-	-
	15	<u><u>90,866</u></u>	<u><u>76,766</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2016.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been approved in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 / 10 / 25


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Mrs Delia Dixon

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these accounts

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

a General information and basis of preparation

St Matthews Children's Action Group is a registered charity in England and Wales and also a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the Charity. The address of the charity's head office is given on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities detailed on page 2-3 of these financial statements.

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) 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016, the Financial issued on 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 charity has applied Updated Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A

The financial statements have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair" view. This departure has involved following the 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 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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

b Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (Continued)

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

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 of conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount of time is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with SORP FRS (102). Further detail is given in the Trustees Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected cost of the sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and "Income from other trading activities". Upon sale, the value of stock is charged against "Income from trading activities" and the proceeds are recognised as "Income from other trading activities". Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until sold. This income is recognised within "Income from other trading activities".

Fixed assets gifts in kind are recognised when receivable are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

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 interest. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method. Any dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (Continued)

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

d 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:

- Cost of raising funds
- Expenditure on charitable activities
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the above categories.

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

e 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 and administrative costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

The analysis of these costs is included in note 6.

f Tangible fixed assets

As requested by the funders, no depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets. Assets are written off at the time of purchase. This is not in accordance with requirements of Financial Reporting Standard Number 105 which requires assets to be written off over their estimated useful lives. The trustees consider that these assets will have a small residual value at the end of each financial year.

g Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

h Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, It is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

i Leases

Rentals payable or receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (Continued)

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

j Taxation

No provision has been made for taxation as the charity's charitable status renders it exempt from UK direct taxation.

k Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	5,070	526
Gift Aid	-	-
	5,070	526

All income from donations and legacies £5,070 was attributable to unrestricted funds.
(2024: £526 all attributable to unrestricted funds)

3 Income from charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Procurement arrangements:		
Leicester City Council	84,186	84,186
Other grants re activities & summer play scheme	30,306	11,204
Other charitable activities:		
Trips, activities, tuck shop & parental fees	5,423	45
Minibus & cabin hire	3,442	660
	123,357	96,095

Income from charitable activities was £123,357 (2024: £96,095).
£114,492 was attributable to restricted funds for 2025 (2024: £95,390).

4 Investment Income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank interest received	1,347	1,388

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (Continued)

5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>Direct Wages</u>	<u>Other Direct</u>	<u>Support Costs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Provide out of school play activities for 5 - 12 year olds	41,518	13,049	61,107	115,674

£115,674 (2024: £104,691) of the above costs were related to restricted funds.

£1,182 (2024: £0) of these costs were related to unrestricted funds.

6 Allocation of support costs

<u>Out of school play 5 -12</u>	2025	2024
	£	£
Governance	1,472	1,380
Wages and salaries	34,158	34,158
Repairs & maintenance	20,891	9,397
Heat & light	2,939	1,047
Insurance	1,647	797
	<u>61,107</u>	<u>46,779</u>

7 Governance costs

<u>Out of school play 5 -12</u>	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination fees	<u>1,472</u>	<u>1,380</u>

8 Net Income / (expenditure) for the year

	2025	2024
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	-	-
Loss on disposal of assets	-	-
Independent Examiners Fees	<u>1,472</u>	<u>1,380</u>

9 Independent Examiners remuneration

The independent examiner's fees amounts to £1,472 (2024: £1,380). There were no other services.

10 Trustees and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees received no remuneration during the year. (2024: Nil)

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year. (2024: Nil)

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11 Staff costs and employee benefits

	2025 £ Number	2025 £ Full Time	2024 £ Number	2024 £ Full Time
Charitable activities	5	1	5	1
	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>

The total staff costs and employee benefits were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages, salaries and pensions	75,676	80,117
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>75,676</u>	<u>80,117</u>

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	249	249
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>249</u>	<u>249</u>

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	160	160
Other creditors	1,200	1,200
Deferred income - LCC advance payment	43,240	-
	<u>44,600</u>	<u>1,360</u>

14 Funds

	<u>Balance</u> <u>01.04.24</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>31.03.25</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
General	76,766	15,282	(1,182)	-	90,866
Restricted Funds					
Main account	-	114,492	(114,492)	-	-
	<u>76,766</u>	<u>129,774</u>	<u>(115,674)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,866</u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2025 £	2024 £
Unrestricted Funds		
General	90,866	83,448
Restricted		
Main account	-	-
	<u>90,866</u>	<u>83,448</u>

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (Continued)

16 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year. (2024: None)

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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**CONSOLIDATED
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income:		
Leicester City Council, Other Grants & Play Schemes	114,492	95,390
Trips, activities, tuck shop & other income	5,423	45
Donations	5,070	526
Minibus & cabin hire	3,442	660
Bank interest received	1,347	1,388
	<u>129,774</u>	<u>98,009</u>
Expenditure:		
Salaries, pension & employers national insurance	75,676	80,117
Training	2,157	49
Staff travelling	-	6
Trips, activities, events & materials	4,851	7,748
Repairs & maintenance	20,891	9,397
Telephone, printing, stationery & advertising	1,819	2,250
Heat & light	2,939	1,047
Insurance	1,647	797
Water charges	-	519
Bank charges	-	62
Independent Examiners Report	1,472	1,380
Equipment	-	545
Miscellaneous	4,212	774
Minibus expenses	10	-
	<u>115,674</u>	<u>104,691</u>
Net Income for the Year	14,100	(6,682)
Fund Balance Brought Forward	76,766	83,448
Fund Balance Carried Forward	<u>90,866</u>	<u>76,766</u>

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**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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**MAIN ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income:		
Leicester City Council	84,186	84,186
Other Grants re Activities & Play Schemes	30,306	11,204
	<u>114,492</u>	<u>95,390</u>
Expenditure:		
Salaries, pension & employers national insurance	75,676	80,117
Training	2,157	49
Staff travelling	-	6
Trips, activities, events & materials	4,851	7,748
Repairs & maintenance	20,891	9,397
Telephone, printing, stationery & advertising	1,819	2,250
Heat & light	2,939	1,047
Insurance	1,647	797
Water charges	-	519
Bank charges	-	62
Audit & bookkeeping	1,472	1,380
Equipment	-	545
Miscellaneous	3,030	774
Minibus expenses	10	-
	<u>114,492</u>	<u>104,690</u>
Net (Deficit) for the Year	-	(9,300)
Balance Brought Forward	-	-
Transfer from General Reserves	-	9,300
Fund Balance Carried Forward	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**GENERAL FUND
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income:		
Trips, activities, tuck shop & parental fees	5,423	45
Donations & gift aid	5,070	526
Minibus & cabin hire	3,442	660
Bank interest received	1,347	1,388
	<u>15,282</u>	<u>2,619</u>
Expenditure:		
Miscellaneous	<u>1,182</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,182	-
Net Income for the Year	14,100	2,619
Fund Balance Brought Forward	76,766	83,448
Transfer to Main Account	-	(9,300)
Fund Balance Carried Forward	<u>90,866</u>	<u>76,766</u>

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Registered Charity No:1104170
Registered Company No: 4868987
(England and Wales)

ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
(Limited by Guarantee)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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**Charity Reference and Administrative Details
for the year ended
31 MARCH 2025**

Charity Registration Number:	1104170
Company Registration Number:	04868987
Trustees:	Ms D L Dixon Chair Ms B S Dyer Ms M Tetteh
Secretary:	Mr Kuljit Singh Walia
Management Team	Mr Kuljit Singh Walia Project Manager
Registered Office:	The What Cabin Willow Street Leicester LE1 2HP
Independent Examiners:	Celerica Ltd Certified Accountants First Floor, The Old Chapel 9 Kempson Road Leicester LE2 8AN
Bankers:	HSBC Bank plc 31 Granby Street Leicester LE1 6EP

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' & STRATEGIC REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS102) in preparing the annual financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 Published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

Trustees of the Charity

The directors of the charitable company are also its trustees for the purpose of charitable law. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are as follows:

Ms B S Dyer
Ms M Tetteh

Ms D L Dixon

Objectives and Activities

The company's objectives and principal activities are to:

1. Provide out of school play activities for children aged five to eleven years.
2. To provide quality free holiday playschemes.
3. To promote good play practice through support and liaison.
4. To enable children to be healthy, to stay safe, to enjoy and achieve, to make a positive contribution and to be economically sound under the Children's Act 2004.

The main objectives and activities for the year continued to focus upon the promotion of staying healthy & staying safe. The strategies employed to assist the charity to meet these objectives included the following:

- Ø Providing a range of activities around road safety, hygiene, stranger danger, and to improve children's health. This work was carried out over the year.
- Ø To provide collection services from the school to allow parents back to work and fulltime education, empowering the service user to take advantage of this economic opportunity to provide a better living standard for their children.
- Ø Working in partnership with other agencies to secure the widest range of funding available to match the needs of the service users.

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' & STRATEGIC REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 (CONTINUED)**

Objectives and Activities (Continued)

The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of supported play, economic prosperity for the community, life skills, staying healthy, being safe and educating children under the statutory school age.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have considered the general guidance on public benefit issued by the Charities Commission and has taken due regard of that guidance. The trustees consider they are satisfied that the charity's activities do provide a wide public benefit.

Strategic Report

Achievements and Performance

Funding for the project is through Leicester City Council, and is sufficient to employ 5 members of staff. During the year we have achieved 8366 service users that come through our doors, with 333 children registered from the local area and a lot less due to the pandemic.

Financial Review (including reserves policy)

With limited resources and difficulties obtaining additional funding, it has continued to be difficult to plan or develop additional services. The charity with sound financial management and the support of the staff team and Management Committee members have no deficit.

The principle funding sources for the charity are currently by way of grant funding through Leicester City Council to enable the charity to provide play support.

As a result of constraints, the charity will need to look for additional sources of funding to provide increased services in future years.

During the year, the charity made a surplus of £14,100.

The total reserves at the end of the financial year were £90,866 All of these were of an unrestricted nature.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to the continuance of satisfactory funding arrangements. Plans are also being developed to provide a alternative school provision with Goldhill Learning Foundation, and then open as a school for upto 6 children a year as a SEN school with GLF. This will also allow for more stability in the community and ensure job security for employees.

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' & STRATEGIC REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 (CONTINUED)**

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18th August 2003 and registered as a charity on 7th June 2004. The company was established under a Memorandum of Articles which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks which the charity is exposed to. Appropriate systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks that the charity faces.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of a financial policy and procedure for authorisation of all transactions within the project.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, Trustees, service users, contractors and visitors to the project.

We are now routinely monitored by the City Councils play development officer for all quality delivery and operational aspects of the charity. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

The project currently has 4 trustees who meet every 3 months and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The trustees come from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

The manager is also responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified, that key performance indicators are met and the day to day operational management of the project. The manager has responsibility for the individual supervision of the staff team and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Related Parties

In so far as it is complimentary to the charity's objectives, the charity is guided by both local and national policy. At a national level the project is steered by the Children's Act 2004, its regulator Ofsted and the Playwork Principles.

At a local level the project will work within Leicester City's Play Policy.

The project is represented at forums specifically aimed at young people, for example: St Matthews Big Local. The representation within these forums has proved invaluable to the charity in establishing improved links with the community and identifying policy development and prospective funding opportunities to improve the services to all service users.

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' & STRATEGIC REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 (CONTINUED)**

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charitable company for the year.

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

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015(FRS 102);
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2015(FRS 102) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Management Committee on 28/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Delia Dixon

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST MATTHEWS CHILDRENS ACTION GROUP
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

We report on the accounts of St Matthews Children's Action Group for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (i) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - * to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- (ii) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

CELERICA LTD
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
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Dated : 30/10/25

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(including Income & Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	5,070	-	5,070	526
Charitable activities	3	8,865	114,492	123,357	96,095
Investments	4	1,347	-	1,347	1,388
Total income and endowments		15,282	114,492	129,774	98,009
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	5	1,182	114,492	115,674	104,691
Other		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		1,182	114,492	115,674	104,691
Net income		14,100	-	14,100	(6,682)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		14,100	-	14,100	(6,682)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		76,766	-	76,766	83,448
Total funds carried forward		90,866	-	90,866	76,766

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities include all gains and losses recognised during the year.

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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Registered company number 4868987

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS		-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	249	249
Cash at bank		135,147	77,807
Cash in hand		70	70
		<u>135,466</u>	<u>78,126</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year			
Other creditors	13	<u>44,600</u>	<u>1,360</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		90,866	76,766
NET ASSETS		<u><u>90,866</u></u>	<u><u>76,766</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	14	90,866	76,766
Restricted	14	-	-
	15	<u><u>90,866</u></u>	<u><u>76,766</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2016.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been approved in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 / 10 / 25


.....
Mrs Delia Dixon

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these accounts

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

a General information and basis of preparation

St Matthews Children's Action Group is a registered charity in England and Wales and also a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the Charity. The address of the charity's head office is given on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities detailed on page 2-3 of these financial statements.

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) 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016, the Financial issued on 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 charity has applied Updated Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A

The financial statements have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair" view. This departure has involved following the 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 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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

b Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (Continued)

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

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 of conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount of time is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with SORP FRS (102). Further detail is given in the Trustees Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected cost of the sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and "Income from other trading activities". Upon sale, the value of stock is charged against "Income from trading activities" and the proceeds are recognised as "Income from other trading activities". Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until sold. This income is recognised within "Income from other trading activities".

Fixed assets gifts in kind are recognised when receivable are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

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 interest. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method. Any dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (Continued)

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

d 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:

- Cost of raising funds
- Expenditure on charitable activities
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the above categories.

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

e 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 and administrative costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

The analysis of these costs is included in note 6.

f Tangible fixed assets

As requested by the funders, no depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets. Assets are written off at the time of purchase. This is not in accordance with requirements of Financial Reporting Standard Number 105 which requires assets to be written off over their estimated useful lives. The trustees consider that these assets will have a small residual value at the end of each financial year.

g Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

h Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, It is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

i Leases

Rentals payable or receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (Continued)

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

j Taxation

No provision has been made for taxation as the charity's charitable status renders it exempt from UK direct taxation.

k Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	5,070	526
Gift Aid	-	-
	5,070	526

All income from donations and legacies £5,070 was attributable to unrestricted funds.
(2024: £526 all attributable to unrestricted funds)

3 Income from charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Procurement arrangements:		
Leicester City Council	84,186	84,186
Other grants re activities & summer play scheme	30,306	11,204
Other charitable activities:		
Trips, activities, tuck shop & parental fees	5,423	45
Minibus & cabin hire	3,442	660
	123,357	96,095

Income from charitable activities was £123,357 (2024: £96,095).
£114,492 was attributable to restricted funds for 2025 (2024: £95,390).

4 Investment Income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank interest received	1,347	1,388

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5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>Direct Wages</u>	<u>Other Direct</u>	<u>Support Costs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Provide out of school play activities for 5 - 12 year olds	41,518	13,049	61,107	115,674

£115,674 (2024: £104,691) of the above costs were related to restricted funds.

£1,182 (2024: £0) of these costs were related to unrestricted funds.

6 Allocation of support costs

<u>Out of school play 5 -12</u>	2025	2024
	£	£
Governance	1,472	1,380
Wages and salaries	34,158	34,158
Repairs & maintenance	20,891	9,397
Heat & light	2,939	1,047
Insurance	1,647	797
	<u>61,107</u>	<u>46,779</u>

7 Governance costs

<u>Out of school play 5 -12</u>	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination fees	<u>1,472</u>	<u>1,380</u>

8 Net Income / (expenditure) for the year

	2025	2024
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	-	-
Loss on disposal of assets	-	-
Independent Examiners Fees	<u>1,472</u>	<u>1,380</u>

9 Independent Examiners remuneration

The independent examiner's fees amounts to £1,472 (2024: £1,380). There were no other services.

10 Trustees and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees received no remuneration during the year. (2024: Nil)

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year. (2024: Nil)

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11 Staff costs and employee benefits

	2025 £ Number	2025 £ Full Time	2024 £ Number	2024 £ Full Time
Charitable activities	5	1	5	1
	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>

The total staff costs and employee benefits were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages, salaries and pensions	75,676	80,117
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>75,676</u>	<u>80,117</u>

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	249	249
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>249</u>	<u>249</u>

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	160	160
Other creditors	1,200	1,200
Deferred income - LCC advance payment	43,240	-
	<u>44,600</u>	<u>1,360</u>

14 Funds

	<u>Balance</u> <u>01.04.24</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>31.03.25</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
General	76,766	15,282	(1,182)	-	90,866
Restricted Funds					
Main account	-	114,492	(114,492)	-	-
	<u>76,766</u>	<u>129,774</u>	<u>(115,674)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,866</u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2025 £	2024 £
Unrestricted Funds		
General	90,866	83,448
Restricted		
Main account	-	-
	<u>90,866</u>	<u>83,448</u>

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16 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year. (2024: None)

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**CONSOLIDATED
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income:		
Leicester City Council, Other Grants & Play Schemes	114,492	95,390
Trips, activities, tuck shop & other income	5,423	45
Donations	5,070	526
Minibus & cabin hire	3,442	660
Bank interest received	1,347	1,388
	<u>129,774</u>	<u>98,009</u>
Expenditure:		
Salaries, pension & employers national insurance	75,676	80,117
Training	2,157	49
Staff travelling	-	6
Trips, activities, events & materials	4,851	7,748
Repairs & maintenance	20,891	9,397
Telephone, printing, stationery & advertising	1,819	2,250
Heat & light	2,939	1,047
Insurance	1,647	797
Water charges	-	519
Bank charges	-	62
Independent Examiners Report	1,472	1,380
Equipment	-	545
Miscellaneous	4,212	774
Minibus expenses	10	-
	<u>115,674</u>	<u>104,691</u>
Net Income for the Year	14,100	(6,682)
Fund Balance Brought Forward	76,766	83,448
Fund Balance Carried Forward	<u>90,866</u>	<u>76,766</u>

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**MAIN ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income:		
Leicester City Council	84,186	84,186
Other Grants re Activities & Play Schemes	30,306	11,204
	<u>114,492</u>	<u>95,390</u>
Expenditure:		
Salaries, pension & employers national insurance	75,676	80,117
Training	2,157	49
Staff travelling	-	6
Trips, activities, events & materials	4,851	7,748
Repairs & maintenance	20,891	9,397
Telephone, printing, stationery & advertising	1,819	2,250
Heat & light	2,939	1,047
Insurance	1,647	797
Water charges	-	519
Bank charges	-	62
Audit & bookkeeping	1,472	1,380
Equipment	-	545
Miscellaneous	3,030	774
Minibus expenses	10	-
	<u>114,492</u>	<u>104,690</u>
Net (Deficit) for the Year	-	(9,300)
Balance Brought Forward	-	-
Transfer from General Reserves	-	9,300
Fund Balance Carried Forward	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**GENERAL FUND
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income:		
Trips, activities, tuck shop & parental fees	5,423	45
Donations & gift aid	5,070	526
Minibus & cabin hire	3,442	660
Bank interest received	1,347	1,388
	<u>15,282</u>	<u>2,619</u>
Expenditure:		
Miscellaneous	<u>1,182</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,182	-
Net Income for the Year	14,100	2,619
Fund Balance Brought Forward	76,766	83,448
Transfer to Main Account	-	(9,300)
Fund Balance Carried Forward	<u>90,866</u>	<u>76,766</u>

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