

# MARBLE HILL PLAYCENTRES

England & Wales · Charity number 1110615

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [04191336](#)

**Registered** 2005-07-27

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) (I) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BELOW AND OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE MAINLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY RESIDENT IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES BY THE PROVISION OF A PLAY CENTRE FOR SUCH CHILDREN.(II) TO ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE, LEASE OR OTHERWISE ANY PREMISES AND TO CONVERT OR MAINTAIN THE SAME AS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY.(III) TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT AND ENGAGE STAFF.(IV) TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION AT OTHER TIMES FOR EDUCATIONAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNITY GENERALLY IN THE SAID AREAS AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR.(V) TO ENCOURAGE OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHICH PARENTS MAY HELP THE CHILDREN.

**Activities:** Marble Hill Playcentres operates a fully supervised open access adventure playground for children aged 5-15 years and a family drop-in centre for children aged 0-5 years.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES.
- Richmond Upon Thames

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£57,643	£62,010	-	-
2024-03-31	£105,260	£97,712	-	-
2023-03-31	£78,493	£110,317	-	-
2022-03-31	£148,847	£133,169	-	-
2021-03-31	£67,049	£38,686	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Danielle Van de Putte		2026-02-10
Kelly Taylor		2025-04-08
Reine Wong		2022-03-03
Slobhain Alexandra Schofield		2021-08-31
Stephanie Rachel Miller		2025-04-08
Stephen Ronald Cooper		2020-02-11

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# Accounts

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Company number: 4191336

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# Marble Hill Playcentres

Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

## Marble Hill Playcentres Reference and administration information

**Company number** 4191336

**Charity number** 1110615

**Registered office and operational address** Marble Hill Park, Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 2NL

### Trustees

Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Katharine Heywood		(resigned 31/12/2024)
Stephen Cooper	Treasurer	
Fiona Cullen		
Barkat Hasan		(resigned 21/05/2024)
Robert Ivens		(resigned 14/08/2025)
Siobhain Schofield		
Reine Wong		
Charlotte Jeffries		(appointed 08/04/2025)
Victoria Cooper		(appointed 08/04/2025)
Stephanie Miller		(appointed 08/04/2025)
James Brisco		(appointed 08/04/2025)
Kelly Taylor		(appointed 08/04/2025)
Abdus Salam Md Tanvir Hossain Siddiqui		(appointed 08/04/2025)

There were no trustees who held title to property belonging to the charity during the reporting period or at the date of approval.

### Key management personnel

The trustees constitute the key management personnel.

### Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC, 210 High St, Hounslow TW3 1DL

### Independent examiner

Patrick Morrello ACA  
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# Marble Hill Playcentres

## Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

The reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

### **1. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE**

#### **Nature of entity and governing document**

Marble Hill Playcentres ("MHPC") is a charitable company which seeks to operate for the Public Benefit. It is limited by guarantee, incorporated 30 March 2001 and registered as a charity on 27 July 2005. The company was established under a Memorandum which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being unable to meet its liabilities, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.00.

Each year MHPC holds an Annual General Meeting where members elect the Council of Management. Members of the Council of Management (generally known as the Management Committee) are also referred to as directors for the purposes of company law and as trustees for the purposes of charity law. There must be at least three members of the Management Committee.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The Management Committee may elect a chairperson of its meetings and determine the period for which he or she is to hold office. The Management Committee may delegate any of its powers to Committees consisting of such a majority of members of its body as they think fit. The Management Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Management Committee may be fixed by the Committee itself, and unless so fixed, shall be three or one-third of the number of the members for the time being whichever shall be the greater number.

The trustees form the management committee and are responsible for the charity's strategic planning and decision making, setting budgets and monitoring and controlling its financial performance.

The trustees are involved as necessary in the management of the charity's activities, but operational day-to-day management of the playground activities is delegated to Brilliant Play CIC under a services contract, under the direction of a qualified Playcentre Manager, who is responsible for contracting, employment and supervision of playworkers at the site. The chair meets on a weekly basis with the Playcentre Manager, to review and plan operations.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

MHPC recruits trustees through the local community, and via voluntary sector networks. The Management Committee conducts an open, inclusive and efficient recruitment and selection process and ensures that all new and potential trustees are aware of the purpose of the charity, the role of trustees and their responsibilities under charity law. Amongst our current trustees, we have expertise in finance, fundraising, safeguarding, marketing, nursery provision, and landscaping.

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### **Risk management**

Actions to address both short and longer-term organisational risks, such as reduction or withdrawal of funding, and loss of key personnel, are reviewed as part of our monthly Board meetings, as well as risks and issues arising from any current projects. Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at Board meetings, preceded by a monthly meeting between the operational manager and the safeguarding trustee.

All playworkers are trained to assess and manage health and safety risks as part of their daily duties and follow established policies and procedures for matters such as lone working, allergies, and uncollected children. A safety inspection of the premises is carried out and recorded daily before children arrive, and actions taken to remove any potential hazards such as broken toys. Specific weekly structural checks and tests are also undertaken on the wooden play structures, and remediations arranged as needed. Risk assessment forms are updated whenever there is a change to equipment or resources, or to services or visitor types.

### **Membership of and relationships with other organisations**

MHPC is an associate member of London Play. Our Adventure Playground services are Ofsted registered via Brilliant Play, our partner in the playground operation.

### **Related parties and transactions**

Information concerning related party transactions can be found in note 9 to the accounts.

## **2. OBJECTS, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Since 1974, our Adventure Playground (for 5–15-year-olds) and One O'clock Club (for 0–5-year-olds and their adults) has been providing adventurous outdoor play to the children of Twickenham and surrounding areas. The right to play, regardless of background, ability or circumstances is at the heart of what we do.

The objects of the charitable company are:

- To advance the education of children below and of compulsory school age mainly but not exclusively resident in the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames.
- To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise any premises and to convert or maintain the same as necessary to achieve the objects of the company.
- To provide equipment and engage staff.
- To provide accommodation at other times for educational and leisure activities of the community generally in the said areas and for young people in particular.
- To encourage other charitable activities through which parents may help the children.

Hence our main aims are:

- To bring together children of different backgrounds, abilities, and circumstances in an inclusive space in which children can behave authentically without fear of exclusion, to respond to diverse children and families' needs, and to reflect the breadth of our community in staff and trustees.
- To provide a stimulating and safe outside environment for children and young people to play in our Adventure Playground, including towering rope swings, zip wires, tyres, planks and

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nets, offering supervised freedom to test their limits, problem-solve, and find out what they really enjoy.

- To enable local families with young children to reduce isolation and promote physical learning in our One O'Clock Club gardens with mud kitchen, willow domes, sand pit, large wooden pirate boat and playhouse, motivating them to explore, experiment and socialise.
- To enable children and young people to develop both physically and emotionally as they play, facilitated by trained and dedicated playworkers.

### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The charity provides exciting, adventurous and creative play opportunities to children under supervision of trained playworkers, in a unique and stimulating outdoor environment that improves physical and mental health, promotes the development of physical and social skills in children, and fosters the growth of friendships and support between families in the local community.

### **The charity's main activities**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Marble Hill Playcentres operates a fully supervised adventure playground for children aged 5-15 years and a family drop-in centre ("One O'Clock Club") for children aged 0-5 and their adults.

We maintain a range of unique wooden swings and play structures on the site, together with "loose parts" that enable children to shape their environment. MHP is the only Adventure Playground and One O'Clock Club within the borough of Richmond upon Thames.

We offer free access to low-income families, and provide FUEL sessions to children entitled to free school meals during the holidays.

Our SENSational Saturdays club provides children with additional needs extra support to explore the Adventure Playground, while their families enjoy some much-needed respite.

## **3. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

Over this year, MHPC and Brilliant Play's staff and playworkers hosted 4,364 visits from children to the adventure playground, and 4,382 visits from families to the One O'Clock Club. This is an increase of 7% in the adventure playground compared to the previous year, and 19% in the One O'Clock Club. We see this as strong growth, showing the popularity of the site, as the One O'Clock is now open in the morning.

Around 29% of our visitors are non-paying. This is made up of concession passes we have been able to pay for, those with additional needs and the SENSat visitors for children with special needs.

Another 611 children visited the adventure playground as part of school groups or clubs. In the year to March 2026, our partner Brilliant Play, will start to offer after school play on site. This should encourage more use of the site as these children revisit.

Our annual Halloween party in October was a resounding success, bringing together children, families, and volunteers for a day of fun and celebration.

The drop in charitable income £35,614 (2024: £62,690) is because in 2024, MHPC collected the fees paid by paying visitors and passed on 100% to our play provider, Brilliant Play CIC. In 2025, the new

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booking system gives these payments direct to our play provider as required by our contract with Brilliant Play.

In terms of site developments, our focus has been on working with Little Ducklings, an independent nursery situated on the playground site, and English Heritage to divide the shared space for younger children so that the nursery and One O'Clock Club can simultaneously run outdoors. This has now been completed and is working well.

The main addition to the site this year has been the construction of a large sandpit in the One O'Clock Club. This has been a great addition and is very popular. We have improved the fencing between MHPC and Little Ducklings. Site maintenance of the adventure playground has been a major expense, repairing the rides and maintaining the bark.

We continue to receive very positive feedback about how we offer a service that offers a break from screens, builds confidence, and improves physical and hence mental wellbeing. In our 50<sup>th</sup> year, we are keen to offer these benefits to the community for another 50 years.

The trustees are thankful for the Playcentre Manager and the playworker team for helping to maintain the vibrant, outdoor, child-led and adventurous environment that the Playcentres has always been, and would also like to recognise the support and partnership of English Heritage in maintaining the site with MHPC, as part of Marble Hill Park.

In January 2025, we held a strategy meeting to review our vision and mission, laying the groundwork for MHPC's future development. In February 2025 - we strengthened our governance by recruiting new trustees to support our ongoing work.

This year has been marked by growth, collaboration, and adaptation, ensuring that we continue to serve our local community.

## **4. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure was within budget, including some significant restricted funds carried over from 2024 for improvement works.

### **Funding**

The principal core funding sources are rental income and grant funding from the local authority, supplemented by public donations. Grants from other sources are used for specific projects including concessionary passes to families on low incomes or for children with additional needs. These are set out in detail in Notes 3, 4, 14 and 15 to the accounts.

### **Financial position**

With a new nursery licence generating rental income to 2031 expected imminently, reserves built up to offset uncertainty over local authority funding, and a fundraising strategy for the coming years, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that MHPC has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Charity has adopted a going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements for the period under review.

The total income for the year was £57,643 (2024: £105,260) and total expenditure was £62,010 (2024: £97,712) leaving a deficit of £4,367 (2024: a surplus of £12,548). Restricted income was £3,033 (2024: £23,732) and restricted expenditure was £10,830 (2024: £13,417) leaving a deficit of

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£7,797 (2024: a surplus of £10,315) for the year. Unrestricted income was £54,610 (2024: £81,528) and unrestricted expenditure was £51,180 (2024: £79,295) generating a surplus of £3,430 (2024: a surplus of £2,233) for the year.

At the end of the year the charity's total funds were £47,056 (2024: £51,423) consisting of restricted funds of £5,018 (2024: £10,315) and unrestricted funds of 42,038 (2024: £41,108).

### **Reserves policy**

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. The organisation holds unrestricted reserves to meet running costs for a minimum of three months, and restricted reserves, which are funds committed to specific projects.

The organisation seeks to maintain sufficient reserves to meet the running costs of the charity for three to six months, and to build up funds for improvement works. Unrestricted reserves as at 31 March 2025 were £42,038 which equates to over 16 months' core expenditure for the next financial year and beyond. Restricted reserves as at 31 March 2025 were £5,018.

## **5. FUTURE PLANS**

The Playcentres plays an important role for families locally, and is needed more than ever to reduce social isolation for new parents, to improve children's social skills and to help address increasing domination of screens and physical inactivity. Our plans are to continue to extend our relationships with schools as well as other community groups to identify the needs for groups, including children with special needs, new families, and families who are financially disadvantaged. Ofsted registration of the adventure playground provision holds the potential prospect of offering after-school childcare as an outdoor off-site alternative to in-school wraparound clubs and we will trial this in 25/26.

Our new booking system offers an opportunity for better analysis of attendance patterns and usage, including demographic data. We will continue to work on reporting and analysis to use for both fundraising and marketing.

Site improvements we are seeking include new flexible covered areas to provide protection from the elements, both in the adventure playground and in the One O'Clock Club. These require detailed plans to be worked up in collaboration with English Heritage, and with relevant council permissions.

We also want to replace the aged and expensive heating and lighting in the adventure playground building, with a view to creating a more comfortable and sustainable year-round sociable space for children, to complement the outdoor environment.

## **6. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees (who are also directors of Marble Hill Playcentres for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the 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 the incoming resources and

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**Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice 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 assume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

30 / 10 / 2025



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Stephen Cooper  
Director and Trustee

**Marble Hill Playcentres**  
**Independent examiner's report to the trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 9 to 22.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees 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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Patrick Morrello*

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Date: ..... 01 / 11 / 2025 .....

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Statement of Financial Activities  
(including Income and Expenditure account)  
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<i>Total funds</i> 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and grants	3	18,360	3,033	21,393	18,704	23,732	42,436
Charitable activities	4	35,614	-	35,614	62,690	-	62,690
Investments	5	636	-	636	134	-	134
<b>Total income</b>		<b>54,610</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>57,643</b>	<b>81,528</b>	<b>23,732</b>	<b>105,260</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	6	51,180	10,830	62,010	79,295	13,417	92,712
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>51,180</b>	<b>10,830</b>	<b>62,010</b>	<b>79,295</b>	<b>13,417</b>	<b>92,712</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	7	<b>3,430</b>	<b>(7,797)</b>	<b>(4,367)</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>10,315</b>	<b>12,548</b>
Transfer between funds		(2,500)	2,500	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>930</b>	<b>(5,297)</b>	<b>(4,367)</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>10,315</b>	<b>12,548</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Total funds brought forward		41,108	10,315	51,423	38,875	-	38,875
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>42,038</b>	<b>5,018</b>	<b>47,056</b>	<b>41,108</b>	<b>10,315</b>	<b>51,423</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Company number 04191336

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	91		49	
Cash at bank and in hand	-	59,258		75,583	
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>59,349</b>		<b>75,632</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	13	(12,293)		(24,209)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>47,056</b>		<b>51,423</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>47,056</b>		<b>51,423</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>47,056</b>		<b>51,423</b>
 <b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Restricted income funds	14		5,018		10,315
Unrestricted income funds	15		42,038		41,108
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<b>47,056</b>		<b>51,423</b>

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 30 / 10 / 2025

and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
Siobhain Schofield (Trustee)



.....  
Stephen Cooper (Treasurer)

## 1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

### a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 - (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Marble Hill Playcentres meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £ sterling.

### b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

### c Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

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

**d Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**e Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**f Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of commercial trading including fundraising events.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of providing supervised play facilities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**g Tangible fixed assets**

The charity has no fixed assets.

**h Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**i Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and funds held in the charity's bank accounts.

**j Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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

**k Pensions**

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 8. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

**2 Legal status of the charity**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

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

**3 Income from donations and grants**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2024</i> £
Donations	312	533	845	656	1,321	1,977
Grants	18,048	2,500	20,548	18,048	22,411	40,459
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,360</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>21,393</b>	<b>18,704</b>	<b>23,732</b>	<b>42,436</b>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2024</i> £
Adventure Playground memberships	-	-	-	33,610	-	33,610
Nursery rent receivable	35,309	-	35,309	28,893	-	28,893
Sundry income	305	-	305	187	-	187
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,614</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,614</b>	<b>62,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,690</b>

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

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2024</i> £
Income from bank deposits	636	-	636	134	-	134
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	636	-	636	134	-	134
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**6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages costs	9,063	9,858
Staff training and other staff costs	96	98
Sub-contractors	-	36,357
Rent	5,500	5,500
Utilities	900	1,128
Repairs and maintenance	9,111	16,144
Renovations	-	-
Insurance	2,070	2,335
Telephone	-	180
Bank charges	80	53
Concession passes	12,507	7,211
Marketing	754	721
Play facility improvements and equipment	17,420	8,189
Other expenses	2,860	2,835
Accountancy fees	1,649	2,103
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	62,010	92,712
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Restricted expenditure	10,830	13,417
Unrestricted expenditure	51,180	79,295
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	62,010	92,712
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**7 Net income/(expenditure) for the year**

	2025 £	2024 £
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	5,500	5,500
Accountancy fees	1,524	1,524
Independent examiner's fee	312	312
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## Marble Hill Playcentres

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

#### 8 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	9,019	9,731
Social security costs	44	107
Pension costs	-	20
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	9,063	9,858
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No employee has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2024: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 1 (2024:1.17).

The average full time equivalent number of staff employed during the period was 1 (2024:1.16).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £Nil (2024: £Nil).

#### 9 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the management committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2024: Nil).

No member of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year(2024:£21).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £Nil (2024: £Nil).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2024: nil).

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

### 10 Government grants

The government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames	18,048	18,048
National Lottery Community Fund	-	9,800
	18,048	27,848
	18,048	27,848

There were no unfulfilled conditions and contingencies attaching to the grants.

### 11 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

### 12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	91	49
	91	49
	91	49

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

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors and accruals	3,234	15,417
Deferred non-grant income	9,059	8,750
Taxation and social security costs	-	42
	<u>12,293</u>	<u>24,209</u>

The deferred non-grant income consists of rental income received in advance.

**14 Analysis of movements in restricted funds**

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	2,500	-	2,500	5,000
CAF donations		533	(515)	-	18
Heathrow Community	515	-	(515)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund (Awards for All)	9,800	-	(9,800)	-	-
	<u>10,315</u>	<u>3,033</u>	<u>(10,830)</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,018</u>

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

**Note 14 continued**

**Comparative period**

	<i>Balance at 1</i>				<i>Balance at</i>
	<i>April 2023</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>31 March</i>
	£	£	£	£	2024
					£
<i>Achieving for Children</i>	-	5,211	(5,211)	-	-
<i>CAF donations</i>	-	1,321	(1,321)	-	-
<i>Heathrow Community</i>	-	4,900	(4,385)	-	515
<i>Masonic Charitable Foundation</i>	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
<i>National Lottery Community Fund (Awards for All)</i>	-	9,800	-	-	9,800
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<i>Total</i>	-	23,732	(13,417)	-	10,315
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**Name of restricted fund**

**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**

Achieving for Children	grant for repairs to large adventure playground swing and addition of a dragon swing
Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)	individual donations for the adventure playground
Heathrow Community Fund	grant for costs of children from low-income families and children with additional needs to attend sessions in the adventure playground, One O'Clock Club and SENSational Saturday Club
Masonic Charitable Foundation	grant for construction and materials for an awning to the adventure playground building
National Lottery Community Fund (Awards for All)	grants for costs of children from low-income families and children with additional needs to attend sessions in the adventure playground

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

15 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2025 £
General fund	41,108	54,610	(51,180)	(2,500)	42,038
	<u>41,108</u>	<u>54,610</u>	<u>(51,180)</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>42,038</u>
<b>Comparative period</b>					
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2024 £
General fund	38,875	81,528	(79,295)	-	41,108
	<u>38,875</u>	<u>81,528</u>	<u>(79,295)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,108</u>

Name of unrestricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Net current assets/(liabilities)	42,038	-	5,018	47,056
Total	<u>42,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,018</u>	<u>47,056</u>
<b>Comparative period</b>				
	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Net current assets/(liabilities)	41,108	-	10,315	51,423
Total	<u>41,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,315</u>	<u>51,423</u>

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

**17 Operating lease commitments**

The charity's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases is as follows for each of the following periods:

	Property	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Less than one year	2,750	5,500
One to five years	-	-
Over five years	-	-
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	2,750	5,500
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# Accounts

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Company number: 4191336

Charity Number: 1110615



# Marble Hill Playcentres

Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

## Marble Hill Playcentres Reference and administration information

**Company number** 4191336

**Charity number** 1110615

**Registered office and operational address** Marble Hill Park, Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 2NL

### Trustees

Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Katharine Heywood	Chair	
Stephen Cooper	Treasurer	
Fiona Cullen		(appointed 19/10/2023)
Barkat Hasan		(appointed 19/10/2023, resigned 21/05/2024)
Robert Ivens		
Caroline Powell		(resigned 31/12/2023)
Siobhain Schofield		
Reine Wong		

There were no trustees who held title to property belonging to the charity during the reporting period or at the date of approval.

### Key management personnel

The trustees constitute the key management personnel.

### Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC, 210 High St, Hounslow TW3 1DL

### Independent examiner

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# Marble Hill Playcentres

## Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

The reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

### **1. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE**

#### **Nature of entity and governing document**

Marble Hill Playcentres ("MHPC") is a charitable company which seeks to operate for the Public Benefit. It is limited by guarantee, incorporated 30 March 2001 and registered as a charity on 27 July 2005. The company was established under a Memorandum which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being unable to meet its liabilities, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.00.

Each year MHPC holds an Annual General Meeting where members elect the Council of Management. Members of the Council of Management (generally known as the Management Committee) are also referred to as directors for the purposes of company law and as trustees for the purposes of charity law. There must be at least three members of the Management Committee.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The Management Committee may elect a chairperson of its meetings and determine the period for which he or she is to hold office. The Management Committee may delegate any of its powers to Committees consisting of such a majority of members of its body as they think fit. The Management Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Management Committee may be fixed by the Committee itself, and unless so fixed, shall be three or one-third of the number of the members for the time being whichever shall be the greater number.

The trustees form the management committee and are responsible for the charity's strategic planning and decision making, setting budgets and monitoring and controlling its financial performance.

The trustees are involved as necessary in the management of the charity's activities, but operational day-to-day management is delegated to Brilliant Play CIC under a services contract, under the direction of a qualified Playcentre Manager, who is responsible for contracting and supervision of playworkers at the site. The chair meets on a weekly basis with the Playcentre Manager, to review and plan operations.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

MHPC recruits trustees through the local community, and via voluntary sector networks. The Management Committee conducts an open, inclusive and efficient recruitment and selection process and ensures that all new and potential trustees are aware of the purpose of the charity, the role of trustees and their responsibilities under charity law. Amongst our current trustees, we have expertise in finance, law, fundraising, safeguarding, marketing and architecture. We have recently recruited additional trustees with specialisms in young people and play, and in property management, to reflect our plans for development of new services, and to improve the buildings on site.

# Marble Hill Playcentres

## Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2024

### **Risk management**

Actions to address both short and longer-term organisational risks, such as reduction or withdrawal of funding, and loss of key personnel, are reviewed as part of our monthly Board meetings, as well as risks and issues arising from any current projects. Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at Board meetings, preceded by a monthly meeting between the operational manager and the safeguarding trustee.

All playworkers are trained to assess and manage health and safety risks as part of their daily duties and follow established policies and procedures for matters such as lone working, allergies, and uncollected children. A safety inspection of the premises is carried out and recorded daily before children arrive, and actions taken to remove any potential hazards such as broken toys. Specific weekly structural checks and tests are also undertaken on the wooden play structures, and remediations arranged as needed. Risk assessment forms are updated whenever there is a change to equipment or resources, or to services or visitor types.

### **Membership of other organisations**

MHPC is an associate member of London Play. Our Adventure Playground services are Ofsted registered via Brilliant Play.

### **Related parties and transactions**

Information concerning related party transactions can be found in note 9 to the accounts.

## **2. OBJECTS, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Since 1974, our Adventure Playground (for 5-15 year olds) and One O'clock Club (for 0-5 year olds and their adults) has been providing adventurous outdoor play to the children of Twickenham and surrounding areas. The right to play, regardless of background, ability or circumstances is at the heart of what we do.

Our main aims are:

- To bring together children of different backgrounds, abilities and circumstances in an inclusive space in which children can behave authentically without fear of exclusion, to respond to diverse children and families' needs, and to reflect the breadth of our community in staff and trustees.
- To provide a stimulating and safe outside environment for children and young people to play in our Adventure Playground, including towering rope swings, zip wires, tyres, planks and nets, offering supervised freedom to test their limits, problem-solve, and find out what they really enjoy.
- To enable local families with young children to reduce isolation and promote physical learning in our One O'Clock Club gardens with mud kitchen, willow domes, sand pit, large wooden pirate boat and playhouse, motivating them to explore, experiment and socialise.
- To enable children and young people to develop both physically and emotionally as they play, facilitated by trained and dedicated playworkers.

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### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The charity provides exciting, adventurous and creative play opportunities to children under supervision of trained playworkers, in a unique and stimulating outdoor environment that improves physical and mental health, promotes the development of physical and social skills in children, and fosters the growth of friendships and support between families in the local community.

### **The charity's main activities**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Marble Hill Playcentres operates a fully supervised adventure playground for children aged 5-15 years and a family drop-in centre ("One O'Clock Club") for children aged 0-5 and their adults.

We maintain a range of unique wooden swings and play structures on the site, together with "loose parts" that enable children to shape their environment. MHP is the only Adventure Playground and One O'Clock Club within the borough of Richmond upon Thames.

We offer free access to low-income families, and provide FUEL sessions to children entitled to free school meals during the holidays.

Our SENSational Saturdays club provides children with additional needs extra support to explore the Adventure Playground, while their families enjoy some much-needed respite.

## **3. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

Over this year, MHPC playworkers hosted 4,093 visits from children to the adventure playground, and 3,682 visits from families to the One O'Clock Club. This is an increase of 12% in the adventure playground compared to the previous year, and nearly 70% in the One O'Clock Club, which we see as a mark of the success of more flexible One O'Clock Club session times, and take-up of our new Play Pass, which reduces the cost of sessions for siblings and regular visitors, alongside better communication and marketing to local families.

12-13% of families take up free places that are offered to those on low incomes including via referrals from Surestart, We Are Family and via FUEL. This year, we have funded these with grants from Heathrow Community Fund and National Lottery Community Fund (Awards for All). We have also been able to support children with additional needs, which comprise nearly 18% of children using the adventure playground, and around 4% in the One O'Clock Club.

Another 699 children visited the adventure playground as part of school groups or clubs (the first time we have monitored these numbers). We have a particularly close relationship with the Auriga Trust special schools, Strathmore and Capella House, hosting both play visits and work experience sessions. This year we conducted a pilot "walking bus" from St Stephens School, to offer direct after-school provision including a hot meal, and saw from our survey in October that many parents are keen to explore the option of outdoor, adventurous play for their regular after-school care.

MHPC continues to be a core provider of DfE-funded Holiday and Activity Fund (known locally as FUEL 'Feed Ur Everyday Lives'), enabling children in receipt of benefit related school meals to attend full-day sessions at the Adventure Playground, including a hot meal. Achieving for Children has recognised the very high standard of provision at the Playcentres for local children, particularly in relation to inclusion, and funded 214 places across the three main school holidays.

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In terms of site developments, our focus has been on working with Mandarin Ducklings and English Heritage on plans to divide the shared space for younger children so that the nursery and One O'Clock Club can simultaneously run outdoors. For MHPC, the advantage will be to offer the much-demanded morning sessions. The year concluded with our plans being approved by English Heritage and the licence with Mandarin Ducklings renewed, offering security on both sides to 2031.

In the summer, we were delighted to bring the much-loved pink basket swing back into action in the adventure playground in time for the busy holiday period, with a brand new dragon swing alongside. Both of these swings offer greater accessibility to children with more limited core strength, mobility or confidence.

Meanwhile Brilliant Play revamped the One O'Club, with an improved mud kitchen, new wooden teepees and a climbing frame.

We had 215 responses to our survey in the autumn, with excellent representation of regular and occasional users of each of our services, spread of ages of children, and diversity of social and economic circumstances. This has given us very rich information about needs and interests of current families attending MHPC, and evidence for a theory of change that we have started to develop. A common theme across all services was that whilst fun and being in nature/fresh air are key reasons to visit (85%), it is the uniqueness of the site that maintains interest (80%). And whilst more than half of parents see MHPC as a chance to get children away from screens and physically active, they also still value the opportunity for children to learn to take risks and improve their resilience. We are assured that MHPC continues to be relevant and needed as much as ever, after 50 years.

Our email newsletter, started in December 2022, continues to be received by nearly 4,000 local families, with excellent engagement. We have made incremental improvements to our website, including a new history page ahead of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year (2024-2025). We have started community fundraising for the first time, and are delighted to have raised over £1,000 this year purely via the newsletter and Gift Aid. We have also tried selling goods for the first time, with tea towels, prints and original artwork generously donated by a local artist, zelidesigns.com, for sale at St Margarets Fair and via our on-site kiosk.

We were lucky enough to recruit a talented and diligent volunteer book-keeper, Shaun Fenwick, in August 2023, and benefited from expert pro-bono advice from CRM expert Rachel Adshead in spring 2024. Whilst working on redevelopment of Manor Circus roundabout locally, Eurovia generously offered site advice including a drone survey, which will enable us to present more accurate plans and calculations for future works. We were also grateful to a team from Gumtree Motors who spent a day digging out and replenishing all the woodchip trenches around the rope swings in March 2024, ready for the Easter holidays.

The trustees are thankful for the Playcentre Manager and the playworker team for helping to maintain the vibrant, outdoor, child-led and adventurous environment that the Playcentres has always been, and would also like to recognise the support and partnership of English Heritage in maintaining the site with MHPC, as part of Marble Hill Park.

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2024

## 4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Expenditure

Expenditure was within budget, including some significant restricted funds carried over from 2023 for improvement works.

### Funding

The principal core funding sources are rental income and grant funding from the local authority, supplemented by public donations. Grants from other sources are used for specific projects including concessionary passes to families on low incomes or for children with additional needs. These are set out in detail in Notes 3, 4, 14 and 15 to the accounts.

### Financial position

With a new nursery licence generating rental income to 2031 expected imminently, reserves built up to offset uncertainty over local authority funding, and a fundraising strategy for the coming years, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that MHPC has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Charity has adopted a going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements for the period under review.

The total income for the year was £105,260 (2023: £78,493) and total expenditure was £92,712 (2023: £110,317) leaving a surplus of £12,548 (2023: a deficit of £31,824). Restricted income was £23,732 (2023: £3,500) and restricted expenditure was £13,417 (2022: £30,822) generating a surplus of £10,315 (2023: a deficit of £27,322) for the year. Unrestricted income was £81,528 (2023: £74,993) and unrestricted expenditure was £79,295 (2023: £79,495) generating a surplus of £2,232 (2022: a deficit of £4,502) for the year.

At the end of the year the charity's total funds were £51,423 (2023: £38,875) consisting of restricted funds of £10,315 (2023: £0) and unrestricted funds of £41,108 (2023: £38,875).

### Reserves policy

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. The organisation holds unrestricted reserves to meet running costs for a minimum of three months, and restricted reserves, which are funds committed to specific projects.

The organisation seeks to maintain sufficient reserves to meet the running costs of the charity for three to six months, and to build up funds for improvement works. Unrestricted reserves as at 31 March 2024 were £41,108 which equates to over 16 months' core expenditure for the next financial year and beyond. Restricted reserves as at 31 March 2024 were £10,315.

## 5. FUTURE PLANS

The Playcentres plays an important role for families locally, and is needed more than ever to reduce social isolation for new parents, to improve children's social skills lost to the pandemic, and to help address increasing domination of screens and physical inactivity. Our plans are to continue to extend our relationships with schools as well as other community groups to identify the needs for particular groups, including children with special needs, new families, and families who are financially disadvantaged. Ofsted registration of adventure playground provision holds the potential prospect of offering after-school childcare as an outdoor off-site alternative to in-school wraparound clubs, which we will explore over the coming year.

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Our new booking system offers an opportunity for better analysis of attendance patterns and usage, including demographic data. We will continue to work on reporting and analysis to use for both fundraising and marketing.

Site improvements we are seeking include new flexible covered areas to provide protection from the elements, both in the adventure playground and in the One O'Clock Club. These require detailed plans to be worked up in collaboration with English Heritage, and with relevant council permissions.

We also want to replace the aged and expensive heating and lighting in the adventure playground building, with a view to creating a more comfortable and sustainable year-round sociable space for children, to complement the outdoor environment.

### 6. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES


The Trustees (who are also directors of Marble Hill Playcentres for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice 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 assume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on <sup>27 / 09 / 2024</sup> ..... and signed on their behalf by:



Katharine Heywood

Director and Chair of Trustees

**Marble Hill Playcentres**  
**Independent examiner's report to the trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 9 to 22.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees 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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*P Morrello*

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30 / 09 / 2024

Date: .....

Marble Hill Playcentres  
Statement of Financial Activities  
(including Income and Expenditure account)  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	18,704	23,732	42,436	23,750	3,500	27,250
Charitable activities	4	62,690	-	62,690	51,242	-	51,242
Investments	5	134	-	134	1	-	1
<b>Total income</b>		<b>81,528</b>	<b>23,732</b>	<b>105,260</b>	<b>74,993</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>78,493</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	6	79,295	13,417	92,712	79,495	30,822	110,317
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>79,295</b>	<b>13,417</b>	<b>92,712</b>	<b>79,495</b>	<b>30,822</b>	<b>110,317</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	7	<b>2,233</b>	<b>10,315</b>	<b>12,548</b>	<b>(4,502)</b>	<b>(27,322)</b>	<b>(31,824)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>2,233</b>	<b>10,315</b>	<b>12,548</b>	<b>(4,502)</b>	<b>(27,322)</b>	<b>(31,824)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Total funds brought forward		38,875	-	38,875	43,377	27,322	70,699
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>41,108</b>	<b>10,315</b>	<b>51,423</b>	<b>38,875</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,875</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Company number 04191336

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	49		515	
Cash at bank and in hand	-	75,583		54,172	
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>75,632</b>		<b>54,687</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	13	(24,209)		(15,812)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>51,423</b>		<b>38,875</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>51,423</b>		<b>38,875</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>51,423</b>		<b>38,875</b>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Restricted income funds	14		10,315		-
Unrestricted income funds	15		41,108		38,875
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<b>51,423</b>		<b>38,875</b>

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 27 / 09 / 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

*K Heywood*

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Katharine Heywood (Chair)

*S Cooper*

.....  
Stephen Cooper (Treasurer)

## 1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

### a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 - (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Marble Hill Playcentres meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £ sterling.

### b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

### c Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

**d Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**e Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**f Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of commercial trading including fundraising events.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of providing supervised play facilities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**g Tangible fixed assets**

The charity has no fixed assets.

**h Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**i Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and funds held in the charity's bank accounts.

**j Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**k Pensions**

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 8. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

**2 Legal status of the charity**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2023</i> £
Donations	656	1,321	1,977	5,702	3,500	9,202
Grants	18,048	22,411	40,459	18,048	-	18,048
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,704</b>	<b>23,732</b>	<b>42,436</b>	<b>23,750</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>27,250</b>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2023</i> £
Adventure Playground memberships	33,610	-	33,610	26,714	-	26,714
Nursery rent receivable	28,893	-	28,893	24,528	-	24,528
Sundry income	187	-	187	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,690</b>	<b>51,242</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,242</b>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2023</i> £
Income from bank deposits	134	-	134	1	-	1
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	134	-	134	1	-	1
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

**6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages costs	9,858	9,655
Staff training and other staff costs	98	-
Sub-contractors	36,357	31,844
Rent	5,500	5,500
Utilities	1,128	143
Repairs and maintenance	16,144	11,177
Renovations	-	16,260
Insurance	2,335	2,808
Telephone	180	758
Bank charges	53	104
Concession passes	7,211	8,734
Card processing fees	-	108
Marketing	721	433
Play facility improvements and equipment	8,189	18,102
Other expenses	2,835	2,156
Accountancy fees	2,103	2,535
	<u>92,712</u>	<u>110,317</u>
	<u><u>92,712</u></u>	<u><u>110,317</u></u>
Restricted expenditure	13,417	30,822
Unrestricted expenditure	79,295	79,495
	<u>92,712</u>	<u>110,317</u>
	<u><u>92,712</u></u>	<u><u>110,317</u></u>

**7 Net income/(expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2024	2023
	£	£
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	5,500	5,500
Accountancy fees	1,524	1,080
Independent examiner's fee	312	240
	<u>7,336</u>	<u>6,820</u>
	<u><u>7,336</u></u>	<u><u>6,820</u></u>

## Marble Hill Playcentres

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 8 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	9,731	9,645
Social security costs	107	10
Pension costs	20	-
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	9,858	9,655
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No employees has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 1.17 (2023: 2).

The average full time equivalent number of staff employed during the period was 1.16 (2023: 0.4).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £Nil (2023: £Nil).

### 9 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the management committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: Nil).

No member of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year except Barkat Hasan to the value of £21 (2023:£Nil).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £Nil (2023: £Nil).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2023: nil).

## Marble Hill Playcentres

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 10 Government grants

The government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames	18,048	18,048
National Lottery Community Fund	9,800	-
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	27,848	18,048
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There were no unfulfilled conditions and contingencies attaching to the grants.

### 11 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

### 12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	49	515
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	49	515
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## Marble Hill Playcentres

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	7,631
Other creditors and accruals	15,417	1,500
Deferred non-grant income	8,750	6,681
Taxation and social security costs	42	-
	24,209	15,812
	24,209	15,812

The deferred non-grant income consists of rental income received in advance.

### 14 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Achieving for Children	-	5,211	(5,211)	-	-
CAF donations		1,321	(1,321)	-	-
Heathrow Community	-	4,900	(4,385)	-	515
Masonic Charitable Foundation		2,500	(2,500)		-
National Lottery Community Fund (Awards for All)	-	9,800	-	-	9,800
	-	23,732	(13,417)	-	10,315
	-	23,732	(13,417)	-	10,315

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

**Note 14 continued**  
**Comparative period**

	<i>Balance at 1</i>				<i>Balance at</i>
	<i>April 2022</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>31 March</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>2023</i>
					<i>£</i>
<i>The C G Gibson Charity</i>	3,010	-	(3,010)	-	-
<i>Richmond upon Thames Voluntary Fund</i>	2,775	-	(2,775)	-	-
<i>London Borough of Richmond upon Thames</i>	6,537	-	(6,537)	-	-
<i>Richmond Parish Lands Charity</i>	15,000	-	(15,000)	-	-
<i>B&amp;Q Foundation</i>	-	3,500	(3,500)	-	-
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<i>Total</i>	27,322	3,500	(30,822)	-	-
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**Name of**

**restricted fund**

**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**

Achieving for Children	grant for repairs to large adventure playground swing and addition of a dragon swing
Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)	individual donations for the adventure playground
The C G Gibson	grant for renovation work for the adventure playground
Heathrow Community Fund	grant for costs of children from low-income families and children with additional needs to attend sessions in the adventure playground, One O'Clock Club and SENSational Saturday Club
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	grant towards renovation work for toilet upgrade and refreshment kiosk
Masonic Charitable Foundation	grant for construction and materials for an awning to the adventure playground building
National Lottery Community Fund (Awards for All)	grants for costs of children from low-income families and children with additional needs to attend sessions in the adventure playground
Richmond upon Thames Voluntary Fund	grant towards complimentary season passes and salary costs of SEN playworker for 12 months
Richmond Parish Lands Charity	grant towards play equipment
B&Q Foundation	funds for new kitchen

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

15 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2024 £
General fund	38,875	81,528	(79,295)	-	41,108
	<u>38,875</u>	<u>81,528</u>	<u>(79,295)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,108</u>
<b>Comparative period</b>					
	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2023 £
General fund	43,377	78,493	(82,995)	-	38,875
	<u>43,377</u>	<u>78,493</u>	<u>(82,995)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,875</u>

Name of unrestricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Net current assets/(liabilities)	41,108	-	10,315	51,423
Total	<u>41,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,315</u>	<u>51,423</u>
<b>Comparative period</b>				
	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Net current assets/(liabilities)	38,875	-	-	38,875
Total	<u>38,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,875</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 17 Operating lease commitments

The charity's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases is as follows for each of the following periods:

	Property	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Less than one year	5,500	5,500
One to five years	-	2,750
Over five years	-	-
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	5,500	8,250
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**MARBLE HILL PLAYCENTRES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1110615

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# Accounts

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Company number: 4191336

Charity Number: 1110615



# Marble Hill Playcentres

Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2023

## Marble Hill Playcentres Reference and administration information

**Company number** 4191336

**Charity number** 1110615

**Registered office and operational address** Marble Hill Park, Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 2NL

### Trustees

Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Katharine Heywood	Chair	
Stephen Cooper	Treasurer	
Fiona Cullen		(appointed 19/10/2023)
Charles Hamilton		(resigned 30/06/2022)
Barkan Hasan		(appointed 19/10/2023)
Robert Ivens		
Caroline Powell		
Siobhain Schofield		
Phiona Torregiani		(resigned 21/03/2023)
Gozde Gozeten Turney		(resigned 21/03/2023)
Reine Wong		

There were no trustees who held title to property belonging to the charity during the reporting period or at the date of approval.

### Key management personnel

The trustees constitute the key management personnel.

### Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC, 210 High St, Hounslow TW3 1DL

### Independent examiner

Patrick Morrello ACA  
Third Sector Accountancy Limited  
Holyoake House  
Hanover Street  
Manchester  
M60 0AS

# Marble Hill Playcentres

## Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

The reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

### **1. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE**

#### **Nature of entity and governing document**

Marble Hill Playcentres ("MHP") is a charitable company which seeks to operate for the Public Benefit. It is limited by guarantee, incorporated 30 March 2001 and registered as a charity on 27 July 2005. The company was established under a Memorandum which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being unable to meet its liabilities, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.00.

Each year MHP holds an Annual General Meeting where members elect the Council of Management. Members of the Council of Management (generally known as the Management Committee) are also referred to as directors for the purposes of company law and as trustees for the purposes of charity law. There must be at least three members of the Management Committee.

The time and place of the Annual General Meeting are decided by the Management Committee.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The Management Committee may elect a chairperson of its meetings and determine the period for which he or she is to hold office. The Management Committee may delegate any of its powers to Committees consisting of such majority of members of its body as they think fit. The Management Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Management Committee may be fixed by the Committee itself, and unless so fixed, shall be three or one-third of the number of the members for the time being whichever shall be the greater number.

The trustees form the management committee and are responsible for the charity's strategic planning and decision making, setting budgets and monitoring and controlling its financial performance.

The trustees are involved as necessary in the management of the charity's activities, but operational day-to-day management is delegated to Brilliant Play CIC under a services contract, under the direction of a qualified Playcentre Manager, who is responsible for contracting and supervision of playworkers at the site. The chair meets on a weekly basis with the Playcentre Manager, to review and plan operations.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

MHP recruits trustees through the local community, and via voluntary sector networks. The Management Committee conducts an open, inclusive and efficient recruitment and selection process and ensures that all new and potential trustees are aware of the purpose of the charity, the role of trustees and their responsibilities under charity law. Amongst our current trustees, we have expertise in finance, law, fundraising, safeguarding, marketing and architecture. We have recently recruited additional trustees with specialisms in young people and play, and in property management, to reflect our plans for development of new services, and to improve the buildings on site.

# Marble Hill Playcentres

## Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023

### **Risk management**

Actions to address both short and longer-term organisational risks, such as reduction or withdrawal of funding, and loss of key personnel, are reviewed as part of our monthly Board meetings, as well as risks and issues arising from any current projects. Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at Board meetings, preceded by a monthly meeting between the operational manager and the safeguarding trustee.

All playworkers are trained to assess and manage health and safety risks as part of their daily duties and follow established policies and procedures for matters such as lone working, allergies, and uncollected children. A safety inspection of the premises is carried out and recorded daily before children arrive, and actions taken to remove any potential hazards such as broken toys. Specific weekly structural checks and tests are also undertaken on the wooden play structures, and remediations arranged as needed. Risk assessment forms are updated whenever there is a change to equipment or resources, or to services or visitor types.

### **Membership of other organisations**

MHP is an associate member of London Play.

### **Related parties and transactions**

Information concerning related party transactions can be found in note 9 to the accounts.

## **2. OBJECTS, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Since 1974, our Adventure Playground (for 5-15 year olds) and One O'clock Club (for 0-5 year olds and their adults) has been providing adventurous outdoor play to the children of Twickenham and surrounding areas. The right to play, regardless of background, ability or circumstances is at the heart of what we do.

Our main aims are:

- To bring together children of different backgrounds, abilities and circumstances in an inclusive space in which children can behave authentically without fear of exclusion, to respond to diverse children and families' needs, and to reflect the breadth of our community in staff and trustees.
- To provide a stimulating and safe outside environment for children and young people to play in our Adventure Playground, including towering rope swings, zip wires, tyres, planks and nets, offering supervised freedom to test their limits, problem-solve, and find out what they really enjoy.
- To enable local families with young children to reduce isolation and promote physical learning in our One O'Clock Club gardens with mud kitchen, willow domes, sand pit, large wooden pirate boat and playhouse, motivating them to explore, experiment and socialise.
- To enable children and young people to develop both physically and emotionally as they play, facilitated by trained and dedicated playworkers.

### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The charity provides exciting, adventurous and creative play opportunities to children under supervision of trained playworkers, in a unique and stimulating outdoor environment that improves physical and mental health, promotes the development of physical and social skills in children, and fosters the growth of friendships and support between families in the local community.

# Marble Hill Playcentres

## Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023

### The charity's main activities

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Marble Hill Playcentres operates a fully supervised adventure playground for children aged 5-15 years and a family drop-in centre ("One O'Clock Club") for children aged 0-5 and their adults.

We maintain a range of unique wooden swings and play structures on the site, together with "loose parts" that enable children to shape their environment. MHP is the only Adventure Playground and One O'Clock Club within the borough of Richmond upon Thames.

We offer free access to low-income families, and provide FUEL sessions to children entitled to free school meals during the holidays.

Our SENSational Saturdays club provides children with additional needs extra support to explore the Adventure Playground, while their families enjoy some much-needed respite.

### 3. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Spring of 2022 saw the fruition of two major site projects to enhance the value of the Playcentres to children and families who visit.

Chief amongst these was conversion of a storage building into a beautiful kitchen and kiosk for the benefit of our youngest visitors and their families in the One O'Clock Club, and two much-needed toilets, including one that is fully accessible. This was completed in April, just in time for the busiest part of the year, and has made a tremendous impact both on our operations and on the experience of our families visiting the One O'Clock Club. We are hugely grateful to the Richmond Community Fund for supporting this project.

Meanwhile in the adventure playground for our older children, a lengthy process of consultation and procurement finally resulted in the opening of a brand new American-style circular dual swing. The swing encourages children to play together and interact, and blends beautifully with the adjacent trees along the path. We are very grateful to Richmond Parish Lands (RPLC) for enabling this novel and exciting addition to our play offer.

With these enhancements, we undertook a programme of awareness-raising to re-establish links with local families following the previous years of Covid closure and restrictions. A social media campaign, an old-fashioned poster blitz along local bus routes, and a stall at the local St Margaret's Fair brought many new families to the Playcentres who were unaware of its existence. A free summer celebration on a hot day in July brought over 400 visitors, including local councillors and our MP, who enjoyed a ride on our new swing!

Our Halloween Party in October was another opportunity to showcase our unique play environment, albeit transformed into a spooky play trail culminating in a meeting with our coven of witches! This sell-out event was enhanced by news of our win in the London Adventure Playground of the Year awards.

In December we launched a new monthly newsletter to keep our users informed of seasonal session times, pricing offers, links to other activities and services, and our fundraising aims. This is sent out to nearly 4,000 local families, and sees high engagement of up to 58%.

During 2022 we registered for Gift Aid and started public fundraising for the first time, which will stand us in a good position to capitalise on the Playcentres' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the coming year.

# Marble Hill Playcentres

## Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023

2022 was a year of consolidation for our services, re-establishing the focus on outdoor play and building relationships with schools, nurseries and local groups such as Mencap and ADHD Embrace, for whom the adventure playground is a fantastic amenity to let off steam and build connections within their groups.

We continued to build on our inclusion strategy with respect to children with SEN. Our inclusive play specialist added incredible value to our monthly SEN play sessions, offering much-needed advice and support to families while their children played, and building relationships with a local specialist school to facilitate weekly visits. The progress made by the children during the project in terms of physical development and confidence was remarkable.

Applications were once again made under the Department for Education's Holiday and Activity fund (known locally as FUEL 'Feed Ur Everyday Lives') for Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays 2022, enabling children in receipt of benefit related school meals to attend full-day sessions at the Adventure Playground, including a hot meal. Achieving for Children has recognised the very high standard of provision at the Playcentres for local children.

The trustees are grateful to the Playcentre Manager and the playworker team for helping to maintain the vibrant, outdoor, child-led and adventurous environment that the Playcentres has always been.

We want to express heartfelt thanks to Charles Harrison, who stepped down as Chair in June having successfully steered the charity since 2019 including through the difficulties of the Covid-19 pandemic, and who protected and championed the site tirelessly. We also thank other departing trustees who remain great friends and cheerleaders for the Playcentres in the local community.

We would also like to recognise the support and partnership of English Heritage in maintaining the site with MHP, as part of Marble Hill Park.

## **4. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure was within budget, including some significant restricted funds carried over from 2021 for improvement works.

### **Funding**

The principal core funding sources are rental income and grant funding from the local authority, supplemented by public donations. Grants from other sources are used for specific projects including concessionary passes to families on low incomes or for children with additional needs. These are set out in detail in Notes 3, 4, 14 and 15 to the accounts.

### **Financial position**

With a new nursery licence generating rental income to 2031 expected imminently, reserves built up to offset uncertainty over local authority funding, and a fundraising strategy for the coming years, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that MHP has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Charity has adopted a going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements for the period under review.

## Marble Hill Playcentres Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The total income for the year was £78,493 (2022: £148,847) and total expenditure was £110,317 (2022: £133,169) leaving a deficit of £31,824 (2022: a surplus of £15,678). Restricted income was £3,500 (2022: £58,688) and restricted expenditure was £27,322 (2022: £34,376) generating a deficit of £23,822 (2022: a surplus of £24,312) for the year. Unrestricted income was £74,933 (2022: £90,159) and unrestricted expenditure was £82,995 (2022: £98,893) generating a deficit of £8,002 (2022: £8,634) for the year.

This year's deficits were compensated by funding received in the previous year (21/22) but not spent until the next year (22/23).

At the end of the year the charity's total funds were £38,875 (2022: £70,699) consisting of restricted funds of £3,500 (2022: £27,322) and unrestricted funds of £35,375 (2022: £43,377).

### **Reserves policy**

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. The organisation holds unrestricted reserves to meet running costs for a minimum of three months, and restricted reserves, which are funds committed to specific projects.

The organisation seeks to maintain sufficient reserves to meet the running costs of the charity for three to six months, and to build up funds for improvement works. Unrestricted reserves as at 31 March 2023 were £35,375 which equates to over 16 months' core expenditure for the next financial year and beyond. Restricted reserves as at 31 March 2023 were £0.

## **5. FUTURE PLANS**

Following the successful development of the kiosk and toilets, Trustees' focus has turned to the other buildings on the site. Funded by Habitats and Heritage, an energy efficiency audit was carried out in spring 2023, resulting in a range of recommendations to improve comfort and energy savings, including replacement of light fixtures and heaters and high-level window ventilation. A programme of works is being drawn up to include other internal improvements as well as external redecoration with support from English Heritage. MHP intend to fundraise next for an awning in the One O'Clock Club, to provide shelter from both rain and sun.

With a new plan to divide the One O'Clock Club garden, we have the prospect of running much-wanted morning sessions for younger visitors, in addition to afternoon sessions. We anticipate this will increase the number of families that benefit from the Playcentres by around 30-40%, and are planning staff and operational systems accordingly.

At the same time, Brilliant Play is gearing up operationally to increase use of the Adventure Playground during term time by meeting the demand for offsite, active wraparound after-school care in the borough.

Meanwhile MHP is developing a SEN strategy to meet the high level of demand and build on the success of the inclusion project in 2022, and will be seeking funders and partners to support this.

Marble Hill Playcentres  
Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023

## 6. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES


The Trustees (who are also directors of Marble Hill Playcentres for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice 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 assume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 21st December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Katharine Heywood  
Director and Chair of Trustees

Marble Hill Playcentres  
Independent examiner's report to the trustees  
For the year ended 31 March 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 9 to 22.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees 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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*P Morrello*

Patrick Morrello ACA  
Third Sector Accountancy Limited  
Holyoake House  
Hanover Street  
Manchester  
M60 0AS

Date: 23 / 12 / 2023 .....

Marble Hill Playcentres  
Statement of Financial Activities  
(including Income and Expenditure account)  
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<i>Total funds</i> 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	23,750	3,500	27,250	18,360	39,688	58,048
Charitable activities	4	51,242	-	51,242	71,796	19,000	90,796
<b>Total income</b>		<b>74,993</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>78,493</b>	<b>90,159</b>	<b>58,688</b>	<b>148,847</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	6	82,995	27,322	110,317	98,793	34,376	133,169
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>82,995</b>	<b>27,322</b>	<b>110,317</b>	<b>98,793</b>	<b>34,376</b>	<b>133,169</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	7	<b>(8,002)</b>	<b>(23,822)</b>	<b>(31,824)</b>	<b>(8,634)</b>	<b>24,312</b>	<b>15,678</b>
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>(8,002)</b>	<b>(23,822)</b>	<b>(31,824)</b>	<b>(8,634)</b>	<b>24,312</b>	<b>15,678</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Total funds brought forward		43,377	27,322	70,699	52,011	3,010	55,021
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>35,375</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>38,875</b>	<b>43,377</b>	<b>27,322</b>	<b>70,699</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Marble Hill Playcentres  
Company number 04191336

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	515		2,333	
Cash at bank and in hand	-	54,172		90,037	
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>54,687</b>		<b>92,370</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	13	(15,812)		(21,671)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>38,875</b>		<b>70,699</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>38,875</b>		<b>70,699</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>38,875</b>		<b>70,699</b>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Restricted income funds	14		-		27,322
Unrestricted income funds	15		38,875		43,377
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<b>38,875</b>		<b>70,699</b>

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 22 / 12 / 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

*K Heywood*

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Katharine Heywood (Chair)

*S Cooper*

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Stephen Cooper (Treasurer)

## 1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

### a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 - (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Marble Hill Playcentres meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £ sterling.

### b Judgments and estimates

The trustees have made no key judgements which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that the sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

### c Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

### d Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

**e Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**f Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**g Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of commercial trading including fundraising events.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of providing supervised play facilities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**h Tangible fixed assets**

The charity has no fixed assets.

**i Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**j Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and funds held in the charity's bank accounts.

**k Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

## **I Pensions**

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

## **2 Legal status of the charity**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

Marble Hill Playcentres

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2022</i> £
Donations	5,702	3,500	9,202	312	-	312
Grants	18,048	-	18,048	18,048	39,688	57,736
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,750</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>27,250</b>	<b>18,360</b>	<b>39,688</b>	<b>58,048</b>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2022</i> £
Richmond upon Thames Voluntary Fund	-	-	-	-	19,000	19,000
Adventure Playground memberships	26,714	-	26,714	46,758	-	46,758
Nursery rent receivable	24,528	-	24,528	25,038	-	25,038
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,242</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,242</b>	<b>71,796</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>90,796</b>

Marble Hill Playcentres

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2022</i> £
Income from bank deposits	1	-	1	3	-	3
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	1	-	1	3	-	3
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

**6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages costs	9,655	10,743
Staff training and other staff costs	-	70
Sub-contractors	31,844	51,130
Rent	5,500	5,500
Utilities	143	2,635
Repairs and maintenance	11,177	12,156
Renovations	16,260	18,151
Insurance	2,808	4,649
Telephone	758	968
Bank charges	104	171
Concession passes	8,734	11,355
Supplies	-	1,066
Card processing fees	108	1,586
Marketing	433	99
Play facility improvements and equipment	18,102	7,002
Other expenses	2,156	2,268
Accountancy fees	2,535	3,620
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	110,317	133,169
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Restricted expenditure	27,322	34,376
Unrestricted expenditure	82,995	98,793
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	110,317	133,169
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**7 Net income/(expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	5,500	5,500
Accountancy fees	1,080	960
Independent examiner's fee	240	240
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## Marble Hill Playcentres

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 8 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	9,645	10,719
Social security costs	10	24
Pension costs	-	-
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	9,655	10,743
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No employees has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2022: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 2 (2022: 2).

The average full time equivalent number of staff employed during the period was 0.4 (2022: 0.5).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £Nil (2022: £Nil).

#### 9 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the management committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: Nil).

No member of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2022:£Nil).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £Nil (2022: £Nil).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2022: nil).

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

**10 Government grants**

The government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames	18,048	42,736
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	18,048	42,736
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There were no unfulfilled conditions and contingencies attaching to the grants.

**11 Corporation tax**

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

**12 Debtors**

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	515	2,237
Taxation and social security costs	-	96
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	515	2,333
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	7,631	5,386
Other creditors and accruals	1,500	10,336
Deferred non-grant income	6,681	5,949
	<u>15,812</u>	<u>21,671</u>

The deferred non-grant income consists of rental income received in advance.

**14 Analysis of movements in restricted funds**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
The C G Gibson Richmond upon Thames Voluntary Fund	3,010	-	(3,010)	-	-
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	2,775	-	(2,775)	-	-
Richmond Parish Land Charity	6,537	-	(6,537)	-	-
B&Q Foundation	15,000	-	(15,000)	-	-
	-	3,500	(3,500)	-	-
	<u>27,322</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>(30,822)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

**Note 16 continued**  
**Comparative period**

	<i>Balance at 1</i> <i>April 2021</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Transfers</i> £	<i>Balance at</i> <i>31 March</i> <i>2022</i> £
<i>The C G Gibson</i> <i>Charity</i>	3,010	-	-	-	3,010
<i>Richmond upon</i> <i>Thames Voluntary</i> <i>Fund</i>	-	19,000	(16,225)	-	2,775
<i>London Borough of</i> <i>Richmond upon</i> <i>Thames</i>	-	24,688	(18,151)	-	6,537
<i>Richmond Parish</i> <i>Lands Charity</i>	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>58,688</b>	<b>(34,376)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,322</b>

**Name of**  
**restricted fund**

**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**

The C G Gibson Charity	grant for renovation work for the adventure playground
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	grant towards renovation work for toilet upgrade and refreshment kiosk
Richmond upon Thames Voluntary Fund	grant towards complimentary season passes and salary costs of SEN playworker for 12 months
Richmond Parish Lands Charity	grant towards play equipment
B&Q Foundation	funds for new kitchen

**15 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2023 £
General fund	43,377	78,493	(82,995)	-	38,875
	43,377	78,493	(82,995)	-	38,875

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

**Note 17 continued**  
**Comparative period**

	<i>Balance at</i> <i>1 April 2021</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>As at 31</i> <i>March 2022</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>General fund</i>	52,011	90,159	(98,793)	-	43,377
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	52,011	90,159	(98,793)	-	43,377
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<b>Name of unrestricted fund</b>	<b>Description, nature and purposes of the fund</b>
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General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds
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**16 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Net current assets/(liabilities)	38,875	-	-	38,875
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Total	38,875	-	-	38,875
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<b>Comparative period</b>				
	<i>General fund £</i>	<i>Designated funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Net current assets/(liabilities)	43,377	-	27,322	70,699
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Total	43,377	-	27,322	70,699
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

**17 Operating lease commitments**

The charity's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases is as follows for each of the following periods:

	Property	
	2023	2022
	£	£
Less than one year	5,500	5,500
One to five years	2,750	8,250
Over five years	-	-
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	8,250	13,750
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**MARBLE HILL PLAYCENTRES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1110615

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# Accounts

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Company number: 4191336

Charity Number: 1110615



# Marble Hill Playcentres

Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2022

## Marble Hill Playcentres Reference and administration information

**Company number** 4191336

**Charity number** 1110615

**Registered office and operational address** Marble Hill Park, Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 2NL

### Trustees

Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Katharine Heywood	Chair	(appointed 03/03/2022)
Stephen Cooper	Treasurer	
Monica Ntarelli	Secretary	(resigned 28/10/2021)
Charles Hamilton		(resigned 30/06/2022)
Robert Ivens		
Lance Lathino		(resigned 14/07/2021)
Caroline Powell		(appointed 03/03/2022)
Derek Pratley		(resigned 27/10/2021)
Siobhain Schofield		(appointed 31/08/2021)
Julie Smith		(resigned 10/01/2022)
Phiona Torregiani		(appointed 03/03/2022)
Gozde Gozeten Turney		

There were no trustees who held title to property belonging to the charity during the reporting period or at the date of approval.

### Key management personnel

The trustees constitute the key management personnel.

### Bankers

NatWest, 25 King Street, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 3SU  
Barclays Bank PLC, 210 High St, Hounslow TW3 1DL

### Independent examiner

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Third Sector Accountancy Limited  
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# Marble Hill Playcentres

## Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

The reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

### **1. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE**

#### **Nature of entity and governing document**

Marble Hill Playcentres ("MHP") is a charitable company which seeks to operate for the Public Benefit. It is limited by guarantee, incorporated 30 March 2001 and registered as a charity on 27 July 2005. The company was established under a Memorandum which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being unable to meet its liabilities, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.00.

Each year MHP holds an Annual General Meeting where members elect the Council of Management. Members of the Council of Management (generally known as the Management Committee) are also referred to as directors for the purposes of company law and as trustees for the purposes of charity law. There must be at least three members of the Management Committee.

The time and place of the Annual General Meeting are decided by the Management Committee.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The Management Committee may elect a chairperson of its meetings and determine the period for which he or she is to hold office. The Management Committee may delegate any of its powers to Committees consisting of such majority of members of its body as they think fit. The Management Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Management Committee may be fixed by the Committee itself, and unless so fixed, shall be three or one-third of the number of the members for the time being whichever shall be the greater number.

The trustees form the management committee and are responsible for the charity's strategic planning and decision making, setting budgets and monitoring and controlling its financial performance.

The trustees are involved as necessary in the day-to-day management of the charity's activities, but also delegate that management to the operational manager as appropriate. The operational day-to-day management is delegated to a sub-contracted Playcentre Manager.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

MHP recruit new members through word of mouth, networking, local advertising and volunteer fairs where MHP's vision statement and an explanation of the duties and responsibilities of trustees are set out. The Trustees oversee the management of an open, inclusive and efficient recruitment and selection process and ensure that all new and potential Trustees have access to the Charity Commission's publication, *Responsibilities of Charity Trustees (CC3)*, and that they have read and understood the contents. All Trustees are briefed and are aware of the legal rules on eligibility to serve as a trustee, bearing in mind that it is a criminal offence to serve as a trustee if disqualified from doing so.

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## Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2022

### **Induction of trustees**

MHP provides trustees with an induction document which includes the Memorandum and Articles of Association, an annual report including the accounts and a copy of the minutes from the latest MHP Management Committee meeting.

### **Risk management**

MHP understand the importance of ensuring that systems are in place for checking that MHP is a safe and secure place for children, staff and other visitors. All staff, volunteers and Committee members undertake a DBS check. Our risk assessment procedures are part of a continuous process to prevent any dangerous incident taking place. They are the responsibility of all staff as part of their daily duties.

In accordance with our duties under the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, MHP is required to undertake regular risk assessments and take any necessary action arising from these according to provisions set out in the Health and Safety policy and elsewhere.

The Manager is responsible for making sure that risk assessments are completed, logged and effectively monitored. Reviews are conducted when there is any change to equipment or resources, any change to the MHP's premises, or where necessitated by the particular needs of a child or other visitor.

The Manager is further responsible for conducting any necessary reviews or making changes to the MHP's policies or procedures in the light of any potential risks that they or other members of staff discover.

A visual inspection of both the equipment and the entire premises – both indoor and outdoor – are carried out daily. In addition, weekly structural checks are undertaken on the Adventure Playground. Ordinarily such checks are carried out by a designated member of staff on arrival at the Adventure Playground and One O'clock Club and are completed before any children arrive.

### **Membership of other organisations**

MHP is an associate member of London Play.

### **Related parties and transactions**

Information concerning related party transactions can be found in note 11 to the accounts.

## **2. OBJECTS, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Marble Hill Playcentres was established in 1975 as a place for children and families from the local community and beyond to come together to play. From its time as a council run facility to now an established member of the local voluntary sector, Marble Hill Playcentres has remained a vital part of the lives of thousands of children each year.

At Marble Hill Playcentres our goal is to provide excellent quality play opportunities for children and young people of all ages and abilities in a safe and stimulating environment, enabling them to develop and thrive. Our traditional view of play continues to take pride of place in our core offer. We encourage adventure and exploration, promote opportunities to take risks, and form the essential skills learnt throughout childhood.

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It remains our intention to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, disability or social circumstances, with the object of improving their conditions of life.

### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The charity provides exciting, adventurous and creative play opportunities to children under supervision of trained playworkers, in a unique and stimulating outdoor environment that helps improve physical and mental health, promotes the development of physical and social skills in children, and fosters the growth of friendships and support between families in the local community.

### **The charity's main activities**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Marble Hill Playcentres operates a fully supervised adventure playground for children aged 5-15 years and a family drop-in centre ("1 O'Clock Club") for children aged 0-5 and their carers.

We maintain a range of unique wooden swings and play structures on the site, together with "loose parts" that enable children to shape their environment. MHP is the only Adventure Playground and 1O'Clock Club within the borough of Richmond upon Thames.

We offer free access to low-income families, and provide FUEL sessions to children entitled to free school meals during the holidays.

Our SENSational Saturdays club provides children with additional needs extra support to explore the Adventure Playground, while their families enjoy some much-needed respite.

## **3. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

After the COVID-related restrictions of the previous year it was a delight to get back to some degree of normality and, for the most part, once again provide play and support services to the community. However, while our operations were curtailed in 20/21, we did manage to identify some key changes and initiatives that we have been able to put into practice during 2021/22.

The most significant change for the Playcentres was our transition to our new operating model. 2021/22 was our first full year of our service delivery contract with Brilliant Play CIC (BP). Brilliant Play is a community interest company that offers a range of community based inclusive outdoor play and bring a wealth of experience and depth of understanding that our unique services offer. Under this agreement BP will be responsible for the provision of day-to-day play services at the site including contracting playworkers. MHPC will continue to cover non-staff expenses. We believe that this structure will enable a more efficient working relationship, improve operations and allow MHPC trustees to better focus on site improvements.

COVID restrictions did remain a significant issue with our licensee, Mandarin Ducklings and the Playcentres having to coordinate separate play areas to ensure contact-free bubbles. We are extremely grateful to both Mandarin Ducklings and our own playworker team for the pragmatic and flexible approach they have taken to ensuring that COVID regulations, safeguarding and appropriate health and hygiene standards have been adhered to at the site.

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In March a planning application for redevelopment of the site was submitted to LBRUT. MHPC was not involved in the submission and Trustees continue to focus on MHP's own charitable purpose and objectives, and our core offer to the community, which is outdoor adventurous play.

We were also informed in March that MHPC was one of nine local community projects that have been awarded funding from the £304k available in the fourth round of Richmond Council's Community Fund. Our intention is to progress with our plans to provide improved vending and toilet facilities at the site.

Applications were successfully made under the Department for Education's Holiday and Activity fund (known locally as FUEL 'Feed Ur Everyday Lives') for Easter, Summer and Christmas Holidays 2021 enabling children in receipt of benefit related school meals to attend sessions at the playcentres. New lasting relationships were built with families who would not otherwise have visited the Playcentres.

During 2021 we continued to provide an apprenticeship placement for a Heritage/Childcare Apprentice as part of the Heritage Lottery Funded 'Marble Hill Revived' partnership between Marble Hill Playcentres, Brilliant Play CIC and English Heritage. The apprentice supports both the services we offer at the playcentres as well as supporting families discovering the heritage of the adjacent landscape and Marble Hill House.

Following a number of trustee resignations during 2021 we sent out an email in November to all our subscribed users asking for volunteers to join the MHPC board. We received an excellent response and were pleased to appoint 4 new trustee/directors from January 2022. The expanded trustee board has a depth of experience and skills that will be extremely valuable to the Playcentres as we continue to plan and fundraise for the development and enhancement of the site.

By December our request to English Heritage for a lease extension was with English Heritage Territory Board for approval. We were anticipating confirmation in December but ultimately we received approval in March. This extension means that the MHPC lease is now firm until 2031. We are hugely grateful to the English Heritage team for their continued support and assistance.

In April 2021 we submitted an application to Richmond Parish Lands (RPLC) for funding to replace our blue swing. The renovation of our play equipment was a key part of our planning as many of the existing swings are over 20 years old. By November, following a consultation with children and staff at the Adventure Playground, we commenced a lengthy process to select an appropriate supplier. We contracted PlayEquip to design and build an American-style dual swing which will complement the play offer at the adventure playground enabling new experiences and interactions for the children that use our services.

A key element of our vision is to improve the inclusive nature of the Playcentres and to this end we applied for and received funding from 2021 Richmond Voluntary Fund. This funding will allow us to hire a part time SEN trained playworker and to provide some free play sessions to families in need.

MHPC is able to deliver its services to children, young people and families only through the dedication and commitment of our team of playworkers. Led by Claire Chapman the permanent and seasonal onsite staff make the Playcentres a place that is loved and relied on by the community – both young and old. We also need to thank The London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames, Richmond Parish Lands, The Richmond Volunteer Fund for their continued generous support and all stakeholders and users for helping to ensure the Playcentres remain the vibrant, outdoor, child-led and adventurous environment that it has always been.

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**Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2022**

## **4. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure was within the expected budget. Staffing costs remain the most significant cost to the Playcentres.

### **Funding**

Principal funding sources are the local authority, income from activities, and rental income and donations from charitable trusts and companies. Grants and donations were received from a variety of sources, and these are set out in detail in Notes 4, 5 and 16 to the accounts.

### **Financial position**

The financial climate continues to be challenging for the charity, however we have continued to make positive steps towards our future sustainability through the nursery provider, improvements in our facilities and wider marketing to attract new users.

The total income for the year was £67,049 (2020: £156,476) and total expenditure was £38,686 (2020: £155,491) leaving a surplus of £28,363 (2020: £985). Restricted income was £22,448 (2020: £77,219) and restricted expenditure was £22,448 (2020: £84,715) leaving a surplus of £Nil (2020: a deficit of £7,496). Unrestricted income was £44,601 (2020: £79,257) and unrestricted expenditure was £16,238 (2020: £70,776) leaving a surplus of £28,363 (2020: £8,481).

At the end of the year the charity's total funds were £55,021 (2020: £26,658) consisting of restricted funds of £3,010 (2020: £3,010) and unrestricted funds of £52,011 (2020: £23,648).

### **Reserves policy**

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. As part of the Business and Development planning a Reserves Policy has been drawn up. This is split into four priorities:

- Unrestricted Reserve – to build enough to cover running costs for a three-month period.
- Contractual Reserve – to cover legal & contractual commitments in respect of staff redundancies
- Equipment Reserve – to cover equipment replacement, relocation costs, etc.
- Restricted Reserves - for funds restricted by donor and not available for general purposes of the charity

In the financial statements, the first three items are all included under 'Unrestricted Reserves', as they are not subject to any restriction in law. The current level of such reserves is £23,648.

The organisation seeks to maintain sufficient reserves to meet the running costs of the charity in the short term and to build up reserve funds for both planned works and unforeseen or emergency situations. The trustees are working actively to rebuild the financial position.

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## **5. FUTURE PLANS**

The Trustees are working on a fundraising strategy to increase the financial security of MHP, together with a marketing plan, an EDI strategy recognising the particular value of the Playcentres to families on low incomes and children with additional needs, and a plan for progressive site renovations within the timeframe of our current lease with English Heritage.

## **6. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees (who are also directors of Marble Hill Playcentres for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice 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 assume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Katharine Heywood  
Director and Chair of Trustees

Marble Hill Playcentres  
Independent examiner's report to the trustees  
For the year ended 31 March 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages 9 to 23.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees 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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*P Morrello*

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Date: .....

Marble Hill Playcentres  
Statement of Financial Activities  
(including Income and Expenditure account)  
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<i>Total funds</i> 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	18,360	39,688	58,048	14,901	22,448	37,349
Charitable activities	4	71,796	19,000	90,796	29,690	-	29,690
<b>Total income</b>		<b>90,159</b>	<b>58,688</b>	<b>148,847</b>	<b>44,601</b>	<b>22,448</b>	<b>67,049</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	6	-	-	-	300	-	300
Charitable activities	7	98,793	34,376	133,169	15,246	22,448	37,694
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>98,793</b>	<b>34,376</b>	<b>133,169</b>	<b>15,546</b>	<b>22,448</b>	<b>37,994</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	8	<b>(8,634)</b>	<b>24,312</b>	<b>15,678</b>	<b>29,055</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,055</b>
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>(8,634)</b>	<b>24,312</b>	<b>15,678</b>	<b>29,055</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,055</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Total funds brought forward		52,011	3,010	55,021	23,648	3,010	26,658
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>43,377</b>	<b>27,322</b>	<b>70,699</b>	<b>52,703</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>55,713</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Company number 04191336

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note		2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£	
<b>Current assets</b>						
Debtors	13	2,333		4,250		
Cash at bank and in hand	14	90,037		65,513		
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>92,370</b>		<b>69,763</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	15	(21,671)		(14,742)		
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>70,699</b>			<b>55,021</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>70,699</b>			<b>55,021</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>70,699</b>			<b>55,021</b>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>						
Restricted income funds	16		27,322			3,010
Unrestricted income funds	17		43,377			52,011
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<b>70,699</b>			<b>55,021</b>

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.


Directors' responsibilities:


- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 20 December 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

  
Katharine Heywood (Chair)

  
Stephen Cooper (Treasurer)

## 1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

### a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 - (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Marble Hill Playcentres meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £ sterling.

### b Judgments and estimates

The trustees have made no key judgements which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that the sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

### c Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

### d Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

**e Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**f Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

**The notes on pages 3 to 14 form part of these accounts.**

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**g Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of commercial trading including fundraising events.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of providing supervised play facilities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**h Tangible fixed assets**

The charity has no fixed assets.

**i Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**j Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and funds held in the charity's bank accounts.

**k Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**I Pensions**

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

**2 Legal status of the charity**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2021</i> £
Donations	312	-	312	236	-	236
Grants	18,048	39,688	57,736	14,665	22,448	37,113
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,360</b>	<b>39,688</b>	<b>58,048</b>	<b>14,901</b>	<b>22,448</b>	<b>37,349</b>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2021</i> £
Richmond upon Thames Voluntary Fund	-	19,000	19,000	-	-	-
Adventure Playground memberships	46,758	-	46,758	1,699	-	1,699
Nursery rent receivable	25,038	-	25,038	23,744	-	23,744
Schools rental income	-	-	-	4,247	-	4,247
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,796</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>90,796</b>	<b>29,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,690</b>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

**5 Investment income**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2021</i> £
Income from bank deposits	3	-	3	10	-	10
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	3	-	3	10	-	10
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**6 Cost of raising funds**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>2021</i> £
Fundraiser's fees	-	-	-	300	-	300
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	-	-	-	300	-	300
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

### 7 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages costs	10,743	16,155
Staff training and other staff costs	70	391
Sub-contractors	51,130	5,555
Rent	5,500	-
Utilities	2,635	2,102
Repairs and maintenance	12,156	3,053
Renovations	18,151	-
Insurance	4,649	3,828
Telephone	968	431
Bank charges	171	168
Concession passes	11,355	-
Supplies	1,066	728
Card processing fees	1,586	692
Marketing	99	-
Play facility improvements and equipment	7,002	-
Other expenses	2,268	3,379
Accountancy fees	3,620	1,904
	133,169	38,386
	133,169	38,386
Restricted expenditure	34,376	22,448
Unrestricted expenditure	98,793	15,246
	133,169	37,694
	133,169	37,694

### 8 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

	2022	2021
	£	£
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	5,500	-
Accountancy fees	960	1,080
Independent examiner's fee	240	240
	6,700	1,320

**9 Staff costs**

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	10,719	16,061
Social security costs	24	-
Pension costs	-	94
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	10,743	16,155
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No employees has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2021: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 2 (2021: 3).

The average full time equivalent number of staff employed during the period was 0.5 (2021: 0.5).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £Nil (2021: £Nil).

**10 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions**

Neither the management committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2021: Nil).

No member of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2021:£Nil).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £Nil (2021: £Nil).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2021: nil).

## Marble Hill Playcentres

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

### 11 Government grants

The government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames	42,736	28,048
Covid Job Retention Scheme	-	4,665
	42,736	32,713
	42,736	32,713

There were no unfulfilled conditions and contingencies attaching to the grants.

### 12 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

### 13 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	1,215
Prepayments and accrued income	2,237	2,557
Taxation and social security costs	96	478
	2,333	4,250
	2,333	4,250

### 14 Cash at bank and in hand

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash at bank and on hand	90,037	65,513
	90,037	65,513
	90,037	65,513

## Marble Hill Playcentres

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	5,386	3,082
Other creditors and accruals	10,336	5,984
Deferred non-grant income	5,949	5,676
	21,671	14,742
	21,671	14,742

The deferred non-grant income consists of rental income received in advance.

### 16 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
The C G Gibson Richmond upon Thames Voluntary Fund	3,010	-	-	-	3,010
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	-	19,000	(16,225)	-	2,775
Richmond Parish Land Charity	-	24,688	(18,151)	-	6,537
	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
	3,010	58,688	(34,376)	-	27,322
	3,010	58,688	(34,376)	-	27,322

## Marble Hill Playcentres

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

### Note 16 continued Comparative period

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
The C G Gibson Charity	3,010	-	-	-	3,010
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	-	18,048	(18,048)	-	-
Richmond Parish Lands Charity	-	4,400	(4,400)	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>22,448</b>	<b>(22,448)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,010</b>
	<b>3,010</b>	<b>22,448</b>	<b>(22,448)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,010</b>

### Name of restricted fund

### Description, nature and purposes of the fund

The C G Gibson Charity	grant for renovation work for the adventure playground
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	grant towards renovation work for toilet upgrade and refreshment kiosk
Richmond upon Thames Voluntary Fund	grant towards complimentary season passes and salary costs of SEN playworker for 12 months
Richmond Parish Lands Charity	grant towards play equipment

### 17 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2022 £
General fund	52,011	90,159	(98,793)	-	43,377
	<b>52,011</b>	<b>90,159</b>	<b>(98,793)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,377</b>
	<b>52,011</b>	<b>90,159</b>	<b>(98,793)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,377</b>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

**Note 17 continued**

**Comparative period**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers £</i>	<i>As at 31 March 2021 £</i>
<i>General fund</i>	23,648	44,600	(16,237)	-	52,011
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	23,648	44,600	(16,237)	-	52,011
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**Name of**

**unrestricted fund**

**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**

General fund                      The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds

**18 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<i>General fund £</i>	<i>Designated funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	43,377	-	27,322	70,699
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<i>Total</i>	43,377	-	27,322	70,699
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<b><i>Comparative period</i></b>				
	<i>General fund £</i>	<i>Designated funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	52,011	-	3,010	55,021
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<i>Total</i>	52,011	-	3,010	55,021
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### 19 Operating lease commitments

The charity's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases is as follows for each of the following periods:

	Property	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Less than one year	5,500	2,750
One to five years	22,000	-
Over five years	44,000	-
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	71,500	2,750
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# Accounts

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Company number: 4191336

Charity Number: 1110615



# Marble Hill Playcentres

Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2021

## Marble Hill Playcentres Reference and administration information

**Company number** 4191336

**Charity number** 1110615

**Registered office and operational address** Marble Hill Park, Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 2NL

### Trustees

Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Charles Hamilton	Chair)	
Stephen Cooper	Treasurer	
Monica Natarelli	Secretary	(resigned 28/10/2021)
Timothy Cooke		(resigned 15/05/2020)
Kirsty Craik		(resigned 15/05/2020)
Julia Harness		(resigned 08/09/2020)
Robert Ivens		
Lance Lathino		(appointed 13/11/2020), resigned 14/07/2021
Derek Pratley		(resigned 27/10/2021)
Siobhain Schofield		(appointed 31/08/2021)
Julie Smith		
Gozde Gozeten Turney		

There were no trustees who held title to property belonging to the charity during the reporting period or at the date of approval.

### Key management personnel

The trustees constitute the key management personnel.

### Bankers

NatWest, 25 King Street, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 3SU  
Barclays Bank PLC, 210 High St, Hounslow TW3 1DL

### Independent examiner

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2021

## **1. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE**

### **Nature of entity and governing document**

Marble Hill Playcentres ("MHP") is a charitable company which seeks to operate for the Public Benefit. It is limited by guarantee, incorporated 30 March 2001 and registered as a charity on 27 July 2005. The company was established under a Memorandum which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being unable to meet its liabilities, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.00.

Each year MHP holds an Annual General Meeting where members elect the Council of Management. Members of the Council of Management (generally known as the Management Committee) are also referred to as directors for the purposes of company law and as trustees for the purposes of charity law. There must be at least three members of the Management Committee.

The time and place of the Annual General Meeting are decided by the Management Committee.

### **Organisational Structure**

The Management Committee may elect a chairperson of its meetings and determine the period for which he or she is to hold office. The Management Committee may delegate any of its powers to Committees consisting of such majority of members of its body as they think fit. The Management Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Management Committee may be fixed by the Committee itself, and unless so fixed, shall be three or one-third of the number of the members for the time being whichever shall be the greater number.

The trustees form the management committee and are responsible for the charity's strategic planning and decision making, setting budgets and monitoring and controlling its financial performance.

The trustees are involved as necessary in the day-to-day management of the charity's activities, but also delegate that management to the operational manager as appropriate. The operational day-to-day management is delegated to a sub-contracted Playcentre Manager.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

MHP recruit new members through word of mouth, networking, local advertising and volunteer fairs where MHP's vision statement and an explanation of the duties and responsibilities of trustees are set out. The Trustees oversee the management of an open, inclusive and efficient recruitment and selection process and ensure that all new and potential Trustees have access to the Charity Commission's publication, *Responsibilities of Charity Trustees (CC3)*, and that they have read and understood the contents. All Trustees are briefed and are aware of the legal rules on eligibility to serve as a trustee, bearing in mind that it is a criminal offence to serve as a trustee if disqualified from doing so.

### **Induction of Trustees**

MHP provides trustees with an induction document which includes the Memorandum and Articles of Association, an annual report including the accounts and a copy of the minutes from the latest MHP Management Committee meeting.

# Marble Hill Playcentres

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### **Risk Management**

MHP understand the importance of ensuring that systems are in place for checking that MHP is a safe and secure place for children, staff and other visitors. All staff, volunteers and Committee members undertake a DBS check. Our risk assessment procedures are part of a continuous process to prevent any dangerous incident taking place. They are the responsibility of all staff as part of their daily duties.

In accordance with our duties under the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, MHP is required to undertake regular risk assessments and take any necessary action arising from these according to provisions set out in the Health and Safety policy and elsewhere.

The Manager is responsible for making sure that risk assessments are completed, logged and effectively monitored. Reviews are conducted when there is any change to equipment or resources, any change to the MHP's premises, or where necessitated by the particular needs of a child or other visitor.

The Manager is further responsible for conducting any necessary reviews or making changes to the MHP's policies or procedures in the light of any potential risks that they or other members of staff discover.

A visual inspection of both the equipment and the entire premises – both indoor and outdoor – are carried out daily. In addition, weekly structural checks are undertaken on the Adventure Playground. Ordinarily such checks are carried out by a designated member of staff on arrival at the Adventure Playground and One O'clock Club and are completed before any children arrive.

### **Membership of other organisations**

MHP is an associate member of London Play.

### **Related parties and transactions**

Information concerning related party transactions can be found in note 11 to the accounts.

## **2. OBJECTS, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Marble Hill Playcentres was established in 1975 as a place for children and families from the local community and beyond to come together to play. From its time as a council run facility to now an established member of the local voluntary sector, Marble Hill Playcentres has remained a vital part of the lives of thousands of children each year.

At Marble Hill Playcentres our goal is to provide excellent quality play opportunities for children and young people of all ages and abilities in a safe and stimulating environment, enabling them to develop and thrive. Our traditional view of play continues to take pride of place in our core offer. We encourage adventure and exploration, promote opportunities to take risks, and form the essential skills learnt throughout childhood.

It remains our intention to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, disability or social circumstances, with the object of improving their conditions of life.

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### **How our activities deliver Public Benefit**

The charity provides recreational facilities at either low cost or free of charge to children and young people from Twickenham and the surrounding areas. This allows for children and young people to meet and interact with other children and to play in a free and safe environment under the sympathetic supervision of experienced and well-trained staff.

### **The charity's main activities**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Marble Hill Playcentres operates a fully supervised open access adventure playground for children aged 5-15 years and a family drop-in centre for children aged 0-5 from April- September, as well as other play activities in school holidays.

We offer positive diversionary activities for children and teenagers and provide a safe, fun and motivating play environment for young children and their carers.

As an organisation, we are actively pursuing ways to become more inclusive and to grant free access to children with special needs and those from low-income families, and young carers.

There are no other Adventure Playgrounds within the Borough of Richmond upon Thames and no other drop-in play centres for the under-fives open during the school holidays.

### **3. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

For MHP, as with so many organisations and businesses the last twelve months were extremely challenging. COVID1-19 restrictions meant that for most of this period MHP was closed to visitors and we were forced to make some difficult decisions in terms of contract renewals for playworkers and had to furlough some members of staff. Fortunately, the Mandarin Duckling nursery school continued to operate during the lockdowns. In addition to providing educational services and childcare to local families, the nursery license fee helped us to meet our ongoing expenses.

In a major change, 2020-21 saw MHP implement a new operating model whereby the delivery of day to day services was contracted to Brilliant Play who will be responsible for staffing the facilities. We successfully trialled this model during late 2020 and agreed to extend the contract into 2021. We also employed a professional, part-time 3<sup>rd</sup> party bookkeeper which will provide us more continuity and reliability in our accounting processes and internal reporting.

Regrettably, Skylarks and the Otakar Kraus Music Trust (OKMT) had informed us that they would withdraw from the Marble Hill Community Project. This was as a result of a request by MHP to amend the structure of a future formal partnership to avoid having to surrender our lease to a third party. In June, and following much deliberation by the MHP trustees, we took the difficult decision to also withdraw from the project and return any outstanding funds to donors. We continue, in principle, to support the redevelopment of the site but require assurances that MHP will continue to be able to operate an adventure playground, one o'clock club and related services according to our charitable objectives and our articles of incorporation.

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In September we launched our new website and branding. Our new logo captures the outdoor and play-orientated focus of the facilities while also reflecting the three core services which we provide: Adventure Playground, One O'Clock Club and SEN-related provision. The improved website is easy to navigate, more intuitive and will better support the booking and enquiry process. MHP thank FXCM for their generous donation which helped us fund the website and logo development.

In late 2020 we began planning a number of improvements to the site. These included upgrades to toilets, a new vending kiosk capable of serving hot and cold refreshments and snacks and other renovations. In December we started a tendering process to identify potential contractors and were informed in January 2021 that our application to the Richmond Community Fund for funding was successful. This grant of over £24,000 will cover upgraded toilet, storage and vending facilities. As a result, we were able to move forward with the preparation of detailed plans and appoint a project manager. On completion it is expected that these works will deliver a substantially improved experience for MHP users.

Our annual safety inspection was conducted in February by ROSPA. While there were no major safety issues flagged in the report, the age of the equipment is of concern and ROSPA suggested initiating a replacement programme. To this end we decided to start planning and fund-raising to replace equipment on an ongoing basis.

No review of the year would be complete without reference to the team that deliver the services at the Marble Hill Playcentres. While COVID curtailed activities the MHP and Brilliant Play team, led by our manager Claire Chapman, did an outstanding job of providing play for children and supporting local families. From supplying play parcels on behalf of London Play to collaborating with English Heritage on a national lottery-funded apprentice programme, the team managed to maintain community engagement and momentum throughout a tough year.

With new funding, a more practical operating model, clear development plans, motivated and skilled trustees and a highly competent and committed staff, MHP are in a strong position to meet the demands that 2021-22 will certainly bring.

## **4. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure was within the expected budget. Staffing costs remain the most significant cost to the Playcentres.

### **Funding**

Principal funding sources are the local authority, income from activities, and rental income and donations from charitable trusts and companies. Grants and donations were received from a variety of sources, and these are set out in detail in Notes 4, 5 and 16 to the accounts.

### **Financial position**

The financial climate continues to be challenging for the charity, however we have continued to make positive steps towards our future sustainability through the nursery provider, improvements in our facilities and wider marketing to attract new users.

## Marble Hill Playcentres Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2021

The total income for the year was £67,049 (2020: £156,476) and total expenditure was £38,686 (2020: £155,491) leaving a surplus of £28,363 (2020: £985). Restricted income was £22,448 (2020: £77,219) and restricted expenditure was £22,448 (2020: £84,715) leaving a surplus of £Nil (2020: a deficit of £7,496). Unrestricted income was £44,601 (2020: £79,257) and unrestricted expenditure was £16,238 (2020: £70,776) leaving a surplus of £28,363 (2020: £8,481).

At the end of the year the charity's total funds were £55,021 (2020: £26,658) consisting of restricted funds of £3,010 (2020: £3,010) and unrestricted funds of £52,011 (2020: £23,648).

### **Covid-19 and going concern**

While the spring 2021 service delivery remained affected by continued COVID-19 restrictions the Playcentres were able to open during the summer and early autumn and host nearly 8,000 visits and over 50 children's parties. While this is down on pre-COVID visitor numbers we are encouraged by the continued community demand for our supervised play provision and anticipate a return to pre 2019 numbers in 2022. We believe that a new operating model introduced in 2020, funding for investment in equipment and facilities, and year-round opening will ensure that attendance and income increase during 2022.

### **Reserves Policy**

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. As part of the Business and Development planning a Reserves Policy has been drawn up. This is split into four priorities:

- Unrestricted Reserve – to build enough to cover running costs for a three-month period.
- Contractual Reserve – to cover legal & contractual commitments in respect of staff redundancies
- Equipment Reserve – to cover equipment replacement, relocation costs, etc.
- Restricted Reserves - for funds restricted by donor and not available for general purposes of the charity

In the financial statements, the first three items are all included under 'Unrestricted Reserves', as they are not subject to any restriction in law. The current level of such reserves is £23,648.

The organisation seeks to maintain sufficient reserves to meet the running costs of the charity in the short term and to build up reserve funds for both planned works and unforeseen or emergency situations. The trustees are working actively to rebuild the financial position.

## **5. FUTURE PLANS**

The Trustees short term aim is to improve the viability of MHP through investing in the site, increasing the level of grants and donations and increased marketing. The post balance sheet date impact of the COVID 19 pandemic could delay this.

We are working on a long-term proposal to seek funding and planning to revitalise the centre, build a new multipurpose inside space and install new outdoor equipment. Our plan is that this new centre will enable us to open all year round, hire permanent staff, provide a much better service to our users and make us financially sustainable.

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2021

## 6. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors of Marble Hill Playcentres for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice 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 assume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Charles Hamilton  
Director and Chair of Trustees

Date signed: 18 / 11 / 2021

Marble Hill Playcentres  
Independent examiner's report to the trustees  
For the year ended 31 March 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 8 to 21.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees 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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 23 / 11 / 2021

Marble Hill Playcentres  
Statement of Financial Activities  
(including Income and Expenditure account)  
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	14,901	22,448	37,349	2,870	72,821	75,691
Charitable activities	4	29,690	-	29,690	57,486	-	57,486
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	18,901	4,398	23,299
Investments	6	10	-	10	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>44,601</b>	<b>22,448</b>	<b>67,049</b>	<b>79,257</b>	<b>77,219</b>	<b>156,476</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	7	992	-	992	-	1,326	1,326
Charitable activities	8	15,246	22,448	37,694	70,776	83,389	154,165
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>16,238</b>	<b>22,448</b>	<b>38,686</b>	<b>70,776</b>	<b>84,715</b>	<b>155,491</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	9	<b>28,363</b>	-	<b>28,363</b>	<b>8,481</b>	<b>(7,496)</b>	<b>985</b>
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>28,363</b>	-	<b>28,363</b>	<b>8,481</b>	<b>(7,496)</b>	<b>985</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Total funds brought forward		23,648	3,010	26,658	15,167	10,506	25,673
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>52,011</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>55,021</b>	<b>23,648</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>26,658</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Marble Hill Playcentres  
Company number 4191336

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	14	4,250	4,124
Cash at bank and in hand		65,513	55,276
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>69,763</b>	<b>59,400</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	15	(14,742)	(32,742)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>55,021</b>	<b>26,658</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>55,021</b>	<b>26,658</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>55,021</b>	<b>26,658</b>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Restricted income funds	16	3,010	3,010
Unrestricted income funds	17	52,011	23,648
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<b>55,021</b>	<b>26,658</b>

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

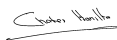
Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 10 to 21 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 16th November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Charles Hamilton (Chair, Trustee)



Stephen Cooper (Treasurer, Trustee)

Date signed: 18 / 11 / 2021

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

**1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

**a Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 - (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Marble Hill Playcentres meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £ sterling.

**b Judgments and estimates**

The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

**c Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees have reviewed the charity's forecasts and projections and in particular have considered the potential implications of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It has reviewed its expenditure and activities and, based its reserves and grant commitments, the trustees are confident that the charity will be able to remain operational throughout the pandemic although at a reduced level of activities or temporarily halted activities to comply with regulations.

In addition, with the benefit of relevant government support packages to help organisations through the pandemic, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future

The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 (continued)

**d Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

**e Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**f Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**g Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of commercial trading including fundraising events.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of providing supervised play facilities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**h Tangible fixed assets**

The charity has no fixed assets.

**i Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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**j Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and funds held in the charity's bank accounts.

**k Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**l Pensions**

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 10. Outstanding contributions at the year end were £15.

**2 Legal status of the charity**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

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**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2020</i> £
Donations	236	-	236	2,870	6,150	9,020
Grants	14,665	22,448	37,113	-	66,671	66,671
<b>Total</b>	14,901	22,448	37,349	2,870	72,821	75,691

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2020</i> £
Adventure Playground fees	1,699	-	1,699	19,400	-	19,400
One o'Clock Club fees	-	-	-	13,330	-	13,330
Use by community user groups	-	-	-	2,175	-	2,175
Nursery rent receivable	23,744	-	23,744	22,581	-	22,581
Schools rental income	4,247	-	4,247	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	29,690	-	29,690	57,486	-	57,486

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**5 Income from other trading activities**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	£	Restricted £	Total 2020 £
Café operation	-	-	-	4,746	-	4,746
Parties	-	-	-	10,610	-	10,610
Rent receivable	-	-	-	3,545	-	3,545
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	4,398	4,398
	-	-	-	18,901	4,398	23,299

**6 Investment income**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £
Income from bank deposits	10	-	10	-	-	-
	10	-	10	-	-	-

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**7 Cost of raising funds**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	2020 £
Staff costs	-	-	-	-	251	251
Event costs	-	-	-	-	1,075	1,075
Fundraiser's fees	300	-	300	-	-	-
Card processing fees	692	-	692	-	-	-
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	992	-	992	-	1,326	1,326
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### 8 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Salaries and wages costs	16,155	64,905
Staff training and other staff costs	391	319
Sub-contractors	5,555	13,558
Rent	-	5,500
Utilities	2,102	1,635
Repairs and maintenance	3,053	4,118
Insurance	3,828	4,711
Telephone	431	348
Bank charges	168	965
Supplies	728	2,565
Uniforms	-	473
Play facility improvements and equipment	-	5,679
Other expenses	3,379	4,809
Payroll processing costs	-	2,038
Accountancy fees	1,904	1,200
<b>Building project costs</b>		
Consultancy fees	-	12,465
Surveys	-	5,034
Planning application fees	-	578
Architects fees	-	20,000
Project management	-	3,230
Other expenses	-	35
	37,694	154,165
	37,694	154,165
Restricted expenditure	22,448	83,389
Unrestricted expenditure	15,246	70,776
	37,694	154,165
	37,694	154,165

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**9 Net income/(expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy fees	1,080	960
Independent examiner's fee	240	240
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**10 Staff costs**

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	16,061	64,619
Pension costs	94	537
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	16,155	65,156
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No employee has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2020: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 3 (2020: 13).

The average full time equivalent number of staff employed during the period was 0.5 (2020: 3).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £Nil (2020: £Nil).

**11 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions**

Neither the management committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2020: Nil).

No member of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2020:£Nil).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2020: nil).

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#### 12 Government grants

The government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames	28,048	18,048
Covid Job Retention Scheme	4,665	-
	32,713	18,048
	32,713	18,048

There were no unfulfilled conditions and contingencies attaching to the grants.

#### 13 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

#### 14 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,215	-
Other debtors	-	184
Prepayments and accrued income	2,557	2,945
Taxation and social security costs	478	995
	4,250	4,124
	4,250	4,124

#### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,082	-
Restricted funds creditors (see note 16)	-	13,777
Other creditors and accruals	5,984	12,460
Deferred non-grant income	5,676	6,505
	14,742	32,742
	14,742	32,742

The deferred non-grant income consists of rental income received in advance.

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16 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
The C G Gibson Charity	3,010	-	-	-	3,010
LBRUT Grant	-	18,048	(18,048)	-	-
Richmond Parish Lands	-	4,400	(4,400)	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>22,448</b>	<b>(22,448)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,010</b>

**Comparative period**

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
<b>Grants</b>					
The C G Gibson Charity	3,010	-	-	-	3,010
National Lottery Fund	7,496	-	(7,496)	-	-
Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity	-	28,264	(28,264)	-	-
LBRUT Grant	-	18,048	(18,048)	-	-
Richmond Parish Lands	-	9,400	(9,400)	-	-
The Dolan Charitable Trust	-	10,959	(10,959)	-	-
<b>Donations</b>					
Otakar Kraus Music Trust	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Skylarks	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-
Donation	-	150	(150)	-	-
Fundraising event	-	4,398	(4,398)	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,506</b>	<b>77,219</b>	<b>(84,715)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,010</b>

The income figures above for some of the funds received are shown net of unspent grants and donations repaid to funders after the year end. This was due to the new build project no longer going ahead. Originally the funds were intended specifically towards costs of developing plans for a new build for covered facilities and playground. In addition the charity raised funds through other donations and fundraising events for this purpose. The funds repaid were as follows and the total due to the funders were shown as a creditor in note 15:

	£
Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity	6,736
The Dolan Charitable Trust	4,041
Otakar Kraus Music Trust	1,500
Skylarks	1,500
<b>Total refundable</b>	<b>13,777</b>

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<b>Name of restricted fund</b>	<b>Description, nature and purposes of the fund</b>
The C G Gibson Charity	grant for renovation work for the adventure playground
National Lottery Fund	grant towards operating adventure days
Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity	grant towards core costs and furthering inclusive play, and towards costs of developing plans for a new build of covered facilities and playground
LBRUT Grant	grant towards core costs
Richmond Parish Lands	grant towards core costs, IT costs and maintaining the Zip Line equipment

**17 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds**

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2021 £
General fund	23,648	44,600	(16,237)	-	52,011
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	23,648	44,600	(16,237)	-	52,011
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<b>Comparative period</b>					
	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2020 £
General fund	15,167	79,257	(70,776)	-	23,648
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	15,167	79,257	(70,776)	-	23,648
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<b>Name of unrestricted fund</b>	<b>Description, nature and purposes of the fund</b>
General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds

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**18 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Net current assets/(liabilities)	52,011	-	3,010	55,021
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,011</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>55,021</b>
<b>Comparative period</b>				
	<i>General fund £</i>	<i>Designated funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>Total 2020 £</i>
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	<i>23,648</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3,010</i>	<i>26,658</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>26,658</b>

**19 Operating lease commitments**

The charity's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases is as follows

	Property	
	2021 £	2020 £
Less than one year	2,750	2,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>