

# WYTHENSHAW COMMUNITY INITIATIVE LIMITED

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## Details

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**Other names** ST MARK'S COMMUNITY INITIATIVE LIMITED

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [05564192](#)

**Registered** 2006-02-14

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE: TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR THE INHABITANTS OF WOODHOUSE PARK IN PARTICULAR AND THE DISTRICT OF WYTHENSHAW IN GENERAL ("THE AREA OF BENEFIT") WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND THE LOCAL INHABITANTS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:1. ALLEVIATING THE HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS OF CHILDREN RESIDENT IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT, CAUSED BY THE BREAK UP OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY AND TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THEIR GOOD MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH BY PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING A CENTRE AND FACILITIES. 2. ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND PROVIDING FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THOSE PERSONS. 3. RELIEVING POVERTY, IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF ADVICE, INFORMATION AND SUPPORT.

**Activities:** To provide activities for children, young people and families in Wythenshawe and Woodhouse Park in particular including - Playgroup, Playschemes, Family Support, Child Contact sessions, Mobile

Creche Services and student placements.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WOODHOUSE PARK IN PARTICULAR AND THE DISTRICT OF WYTHENSHAW
- Manchester City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£201,003	£191,865	-	-
2024-03-31	£214,001	£226,039	-	-
2023-03-31	£204,017	£218,414	-	-
2022-03-31	£175,429	£185,910	-	-
2021-03-31	£194,494	£176,211	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>CHRISTINE ANGELA GREENHALGH</b>	Chair	
Jonathan Rudd		2024-01-10
Michael Clare		2024-01-10
Sarah Lynch		2016-07-11
Sruthi Vepa		2024-09-16

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# Accounts

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# Wythenshawe Community Initiative Ltd

REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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## Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the period to 31 March 2025

### Registered Charity Number

1112990

### Company number

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### Principal Office:

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### Trustees at the date this report was approved

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## Trustees' Report

The Trustees, two of whom are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements of a Directors' Report and Accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

### Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the year and at the date of this report are listed on page 2.

### Structure Governance and Management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the directors named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company. The Charity's governance arrangements and structure are set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Trustees are the Management Committee, which comprises the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the other trustees as listed on page 1. New Trustees are recruited from a range of groups including user groups and other interested members of the local community including professional people who come into contact with us, employees, ex-employees and representatives of the United Reformed Church, from which organisation we lease our premises.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems, procedures and initiatives to manage those risks have been established, or are presently being considered, by the Trustees.

### Objectives and Activities

The principal objectives of the Charity are:

- 1) Alleviating the hardship and distress of children resident in the area of benefit, caused by the break-up of marriage and family and to preserve and protect their good mental and physical health by providing and maintaining a centre and facilities.

2) Advancing the education of the public and providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons.

3) Relieving poverty, in particular by the provision of advice, information and support.

The Charity operates in Woodhouse Park in particular and the district of Wythenshawe in general.

We have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in compliance with its duties under section 4 of the Charities Act 2006. The guidance sets out two key principles:

The organisation must have an identifiable benefit.

The benefit must be to the public or section of the public.

We confirm that we meet these requirements.

## Why We Exist

At Wythenshawe Community Initiative Ltd (WCI), we believe every child deserves to feel safe, every parent deserves to feel supported, and every family deserves the chance to grow stronger—together.

For over 30 years, we've been rooted in the heart of Wythenshawe. We've seen families face poverty, isolation, mental health struggles and the rising pressure of the cost-of-living crisis. We've stood beside them—offering play, early years education, hot meals, mental health support, and a warm welcome.

This year, from April 2024 to March 2025, we supported over 1,200 children and families. And not just with services—but with trust, consistency, and belief in what's possible.

## Our Charitable Purpose

Our mission is to strengthen families, support children's development, and build resilience in our community.

We do this by:

- Running inclusive early years programmes for children, especially those with SEND.
- Supporting families through advice and guidance, focused workshops and peer support.
- Providing after-school play, free meals, and creative activities.
- Tackling food insecurity and hardship with practical help and emotional care.

We work with the most vulnerable - families struggling to cope, children navigating trauma, and parents under pressure. And we tailor our services to meet their changing needs.

## What We Do

### EARLY YEARS

Our Early Years offer remains a key part of our support to local families, providing high-quality, inclusive early years education for children aged 0-4yrs. The early years of a child's life are vital to their development into happy, independent adults. Our work with children under 5 aims to narrow the gap and remove barriers for those children who may not otherwise be able to access early years provision.

*“Early moments matter for every child” (UNICEF)*

### Early Years: Stepping Stones Pre-School

Through our preschool provision, we have continued to prioritise early communication, social development, and preparation for school, within a nurturing and structured environment.

This year, we supported **17** children across our preschool sessions, including those accessing funded 15 hour places. Our experienced early years staff planned daily activities designed to promote language development, confidence, and relationship-building. Children are supported to explore, play, and learn through hands-on experiences that build both emotional resilience and practical skills.



A particular focus has been placed on **communication and social interaction**. Daily routines encourage turn-taking, expressive language, and positive peer interaction. Children take part in small group activities, structured free play, and storytelling, all of which promote listening and speaking skills. Staff use visual tools, prompts, and consistent routines to support understanding and reduce anxiety, particularly for children with

emerging speech or developmental needs.

We also continued to build strong links with the wider community, giving children access to new environments that spark curiosity and encourage language use. Two key highlights this year were our trips to **Wythenshawe Community Farm** and **Manchester Airport**. These visits provided children with valuable sensory experiences and opportunities to learn outside the setting. They also encouraged conversation and supported knowledge of the wider world—particularly for children with limited access to these types of activities at home.





**Inclusion and SEND support** remain central to our Early Years work. This year we supported children with a range of additional needs, including autism, speech and language delay, and sensory processing differences. Our team uses tailored strategies such as visual schedules, now-and-next boards, sensory play, and calm zones to ensure children can access learning at their own pace.

We work in partnership with parents and external agencies to monitor progress, provide early identification of need, and support referrals to Speech and Language Therapy, health visitors or Early Help where required. Transitions are carefully managed, with individual support plans in place to help children move confidently into school settings.

Feedback from parents this year has highlighted the value of our supportive, child-centred approach:

*“What a fantastic preschool. Honestly, Brooke had the best time here. David will definitely be coming. Thank you for everything.”*

*“Thank you for welcoming Conan! He can’t wait to come back in September.”*

Parents are kept closely involved through regular communication, progress updates, and opportunities to engage with the setting. The preschool continues to be a trusted space for both children and families.

Looking ahead to 2025–2026, our priorities will be to strengthen communication-focused learning, continue to expand access to community experiences, and build on our strengths in inclusive practice, ensuring all children are supported to thrive.

### **Early Years: Crèche Provision at Willowbank**

Our partnership with Willowbank Homeless Refuge continues to provide vital early years support for families facing crisis. The on-site crèche offers a safe, nurturing space for children while their parents attend support sessions, appointments, or take time to focus on their wellbeing.

The crèche is delivered by experienced early years staff who understand the complex needs of children experiencing housing instability and trauma. Sessions are calm, structured, and

tailored to support emotional security, routine, and early communication. We create a predictable environment where children can explore, play and build positive relationships with staff and peers.

This year, we supported **24** children through the crèche provision. Many arrive at the refuge with disrupted routines, limited access to toys or play spaces, and high levels of anxiety. Our team works to rebuild trust through consistent, gentle care and activities that promote confidence and resilience.

Play is used as a therapeutic tool, with a focus on sensory activities, role play, story time, and emotional literacy. Children are encouraged to express their feelings through play and to feel safe, valued, and heard.

Parents regularly tell us that the crèche offers them much-needed breathing space, helping reduce stress and giving them the opportunity to attend appointments or simply rest. For many, it is their first positive experience of childcare, which can help build trust and confidence in accessing wider early years services in future.

The crèche at Willowbank plays a small but significant role in supporting family stability during a time of major upheaval, offering children consistency and care at a point when they need it most.

### **Early Years: Planet Child's Play – Mobile Crèche Service**

Our **Planet Child's Play mobile crèche** continues to provide flexible, high-quality childcare across Wythenshawe and the surrounding area. The service enables parents and carers to access vital support, training, and wellbeing activities by providing safe, on-site childcare in community venues.

The service is designed to be responsive, adapting to a wide range of venues including community centres, refuges, and training spaces. Each session is carefully planned to suit the needs of the children attending, including those with additional needs.

This year, Planet Child's Play supported organisation such as Family Action, the CAMHS team and local grass roots community groups across multiple community-based crèches. Sessions ran alongside parenting programmes, mental health workshops, and community training. For many parents, the availability of on-site childcare was the deciding factor in their ability to attend and engage with these services.

Activities in the crèche are designed to be both calming and stimulating, with a focus on communication, sensory play, and social development. Staff build consistent relationships with children, offering comfort and reassurance in new or unfamiliar settings. The team also provide feedback to parents after each session, helping build trust and promoting continued engagement.

The mobile nature of Planet Child's Play ensures we reach families who may not access mainstream early years provision. It plays a key role in reducing barriers to support and ensuring that vulnerable families receive joined-up care that meets both adult and child needs.

Looking ahead, we aim to grow the service further, responding to rising demand from partners seeking inclusive, high-quality crèche support in their community programmes.

## Family Support

We work with an Open Door ethos – we strive to support our local community in any way we can, without the need to fit criteria for a particular service. We can help filling in forms, signpost to specialist or more appropriate services or simply lend a listening ear.

### Family Support: Bright Futures

This year marked the final year of delivery for the Bright Futures project. The programme provided weekly emotional wellbeing and play-based interventions for primary-aged children and associated support for their parents or carers. The service was delivered in-house at Woodhouse Park Family Centre, with adaptations made in response to staffing changes and the evolving needs of the families supported.

#### Delivery Summary

- **Children supported:** 16 new families, with an additional 10 families accessing low-level ongoing support.
- **Session delivery:** Weekly play support groups, divided into age groups (5–7 and 8–11 years).
- **Parent engagement:** Bi-weekly peer support sessions, 1:1 support sessions available year-round.
- **Trips and events:** Smaller scale events delivered including pantomime trips, a visit to Mix Manchester, and targeted wellbeing activities.
- **Family engagement:** New family play sessions introduced to support joint parent-child interaction.
- **Practical support:** Provision of emergency food packages, clothing, baby essentials, and assistance with form completion and agency engagement.



#### Key Areas of Work

- **Children's Play Support**

Play sessions were structured to support emotional literacy, peer connection, and resilience. Sessions used creative and play-based activities to help children build confidence, express emotions, and manage anxiety.

- **Parent Support**

Parents were supported through group sessions and individual meetings. Support included emotional check-ins, completion of DLA and EHCP forms, attendance at multi-agency meetings, and practical signposting. Parents also accessed support via phone and drop-in appointments.

- **Family Sessions and Targeted Events**

Several family sessions were piloted to support joint play and parent-child connection. These included messy play, sensory activities, and shared challenges. Partnership events were held with the National Literacy Trust and other local agencies.

- **Courses and Advice**

Workshops delivered included sensory processing, housing advice (in partnership with Shelter), SEND information, and low-cost cooking sessions. These were designed based on needs emerging during the programme.

### Challenges

- **SEND referrals:** A large proportion of referrals involved children with suspected or diagnosed neurodivergent needs. The programme, focused on emotional resilience, was not designed to deliver specialised neurodevelopmental interventions, limiting impact in some cases.
- **Parent engagement:** Consistent group attendance was lower than in previous years, due to ongoing barriers including shift work, childcare needs, and other commitments. Individual engagement remained high.
- **Staffing:** The unexpected departure of the Project Coordinator mid-year led to internal reallocation of duties rather than recruitment, due to the project's imminent end. Continuity was maintained through staff already familiar with the families.
- Sessions and group content were adapted in real-time based on emerging family needs (e.g. cost-of-living support, SEND queries, housing concerns).

### Monitoring and Impact

Impact was measured using a start/end survey tool assessing parent and child coping strategies. Results showed positive improvements in emotional resilience, including:

- Increased use of positive coping tools (e.g. emotional support, active problem solving).
- Decreased reliance on negative coping tools (e.g. denial, self-blame).

Data suggests positive short-term gains for most families, aligned with the intended aims of the programme.

### Outcomes and Legacy

- **Children's Development:** Schools and families reported improvements in confidence, communication, and emotional regulation in children attending the programme.
- **Parent Empowerment:** A group of parents from a previous cohort formally constituted a group (Bright Futures Friends) and now deliver SEND support locally, including commissioned work via Manchester City Council.
- **Ongoing engagement:** A high proportion of families continue to access wider Family Centre services following the end of their formal involvement with Bright Futures.
- **Service Integration:** Tools and methods from Bright Futures have been incorporated into wider open-access play sessions to benefit all service users.
- **New provision developed:** Learning from the programme informed the creation of a low-level early-intervention play group to offer emotional support without formal referral.

### Key Learning

- There is a local gap in emotional and social support for children with SEND. Existing services primarily focus on education or benefits, not emotional development.
- One-to-one support remains the most effective method for working with parents. Group sessions were more challenging to deliver at scale due to the diversity of family needs.

- Flexibility in delivery and regular team communication contributed to more responsive, needs-led support.

Bright Futures has delivered a consistent and well-regarded offer over its lifespan. The final year saw adaptations to staffing and delivery, but the core model remained effective. Feedback from families and schools indicates positive outcomes, particularly in emotional development and resilience. The project's approaches and tools are now embedded within the wider service offer, and several families remain actively involved with the Centre. The programme has also contributed to ongoing service development, including new community-led initiatives and emotional wellbeing provision. Its wider impact includes enhanced internal practice and stronger external partnerships.

### Family Support: Play Dates

In 2024–25 we piloted **Play Dates**, a monthly family play session designed to strengthen relationships between parents/carers and their children through shared, structured play. Sessions are led by Play Support Workers and focus on emotional bonding, communication, and behaviour support.

Play Dates offered families a welcoming, inclusive space to play together, try new activities, and take home ideas they can use beyond the session. Each session included a themed **Play Pack** with low-cost, home-friendly activities.

The approach drew on established parenting frameworks, including the **Webster Stratton programme**, with a focus on praise, boundaries, and the power of play. A core strength is that parents and children participate together, rather than separately.

#### Session focus includes:

- Strengthening communication and relationships.
- Building parental confidence in managing behaviour through play.
- Encouraging peer support between families.

#### Impact to Date

- **100%** of families said they would recommend the sessions.
- **80%** rated the sessions 5 stars; **20%** gave 4 stars.
- **100%** tried the activities again at home.

Feedback highlighted the value of shared time, accessible activities, and inclusive delivery:

“Nice to spend time together as a family.”

“They like making and play at the same time.”

“Doing activities you wouldn't think of doing.”

Parents also suggested extending session length and adding content for older children.



### **Case Study – Family S**

S, a parent of four, two with additional needs, described Play Dates as a “lifeline,” especially during school holidays. With limited space at home and a low household income, the sessions provided rare opportunities to spend quality time with her younger children. S has also encouraged other parents to engage with services during sessions, acting as a peer support link.

### **Case Study – Family L**

After moving to the area, L’s mother joined a Play Dates session to help her daughter settle and make friends. The supported setting helped reduce L’s anxiety. With encouragement from the playworker present, L

has since joined our afterschool club and now attends weekly.

### **Next Steps**

Following strong early engagement, we are seeking funding to continue and expand Play Dates into the next financial year. Plans include extending session length, increasing reach, and embedding it more widely into our family support offer.

### **FAMILY SUPPORT: Family Centre Social – Advice, Support and Connection**

The **Family Centre Social** continues to be a core part of our weekly offer, providing a consistent, welcoming space for local parents and carers. Held every Friday morning, the session brings together advice, peer support, and social connection in an informal, relaxed setting.

Many families first come to the Centre through this session, which acts as a gateway to wider services. Staff are on hand each week to offer practical advice on issues such as benefits, housing, SEND support, and referrals to specialist services. Where needed, one-to-one follow-up support is arranged, ensuring families can access tailored help.

Equally important is the social aspect of the group. The Family Centre Social reduces isolation, builds confidence, and gives parents a chance to connect with others in similar circumstances. Over tea, toast, and breakfast snacks, families share experiences, exchange advice, and build relationships that continue beyond the session.

The session also hosts visiting professionals from local services such as Shelter, Citizens Advice, and the Local Offer team, giving families direct access to additional support without needing formal appointments. Parents have fed back that this helps reduce anxiety and makes it easier to ask for help.



We also marked **Children's Mental Health Week**, encouraging discussions about emotional literacy and creating space for children to explore how to ask for help and support others.

### **Inclusion and SEND**

Supporting children with SEND continues to be a key area of our work. Approximately one-third of our regular attendees either have a diagnosis or are undergoing assessment.

In response, we:

- Adapted group sizes and activities to reduce overstimulation.
- Lowered attendance caps on certain sessions to meet individual needs.
- Ensured consistent staffing for children needing 1:1 or small group support.
- Accessed specialist training via MCRAActive to increase staff skills.

While these steps have improved access and experience for neurodiverse children, meeting these needs within an open access model remains a challenge. Sustaining inclusive provision while maintaining safe ratios requires ongoing monitoring and resource flexibility.

### **Key Activities and Highlights**

Sessions this year have included a wide range of creative and seasonal activities:

- **Creative play:** Junk modelling (TVs, dens, baby cribs), bookmark making, clay work, and role play.
- **Outdoor exploration:** Ice-based play, scavenger hunts, and sports games.
- **Reading and literacy:** World Book Day activities, new book giveaways, and reading corner enhancements.
- **Special themes:**
  - *International Women's Day:* Inspirational women display, garden hunt activity, and themed discussions.
  - *Birthdays:* Regular celebrations, providing opportunities for community bonding and inclusion.



### **Benchill Community Centre**

The afterschool sessions at Benchill have continued to be successful, with positive engagement from both children and parents. Feedback has been consistently strong, particularly from children attending for the first time. Many have commented on the welcoming environment and variety of activities available.

Children attending Benchill sessions have:

- Made new friendships outside of their school groups.
- Engaged in arts, sports, construction play, and free play.
- Started to take ownership over session planning, contributing ideas for future activities.

We are currently developing mechanisms to increase **children's voice**, including a child-led activity council and structured feedback sessions.

### **Accessibility and Capacity Management**

Due to the additional support needs of some attendees, we have not always been able to operate at full session capacity. While we remain an open access service, balancing this with appropriate support and safety has required us to limit numbers when necessary.

This has:

- Enabled staff to provide higher quality engagement for those with higher needs.
- Ensured the environment remains calm and manageable for children with sensory or behavioural challenges.
- Required careful session planning and regular staffing reviews.

### Staffing and Training

All delivery was managed by a small, consistent team with a strong understanding of individual children's needs. This year, staff completed training in inclusive play, supporting neurodiverse children, and emotional wellbeing in group settings.

### Future Development

Plans for 2025–2026 include:

- Strengthening the afterschool children's council.
- Expanding Benchill delivery based on current demand.
- Seeking additional funding to support enhanced staffing for high-needs children.
- Continuing to embed wellbeing across all sessions, not only within the targeted group.



### Responding to Crisis – Food, Warmth & Community Connection

#### Food Support

As part of our after-school club offer, we provide hot, nutritious meals to every child attending. This year, we delivered **1,721 hot meals** to children aged 5–11. Meals are prepared on-site and served in a calm, welcoming environment. For some children, this is the only hot meal they receive that day.

Staff report improved emotional regulation and engagement following mealtimes. Children leave feeling settled and fed, which has a noticeable effect on behaviour and mood. The shared mealtime also promotes social development and healthy eating habits.

For families, the provision of hot meals eases financial and emotional pressure. With rising living costs, many parents are struggling to cover essentials. Knowing their child has had a proper meal after school offers reassurance and helps maintain family routines at home.

We have also distributed **15 emergency food parcels** to families experiencing acute hardship. These are offered when families cannot access food banks or need support over weekends. For some, these packages have helped prevent immediate hunger.



#### Food Education and Cooking Sessions

In partnership with **Blossom**, we delivered cooking workshops for parents focused on affordable, fuel-efficient meals. Participants reported increased confidence in the kitchen, improved food knowledge, and enjoyment in preparing meals for their families.

**Key outcomes included:**

- Increased skills in meal planning and preparation.
- Awareness of budget-friendly and energy-saving cooking methods.
- Strengthened social connections between parents.

A WhatsApp group set up during the programme remains active, with parents continuing to share ideas, photos, and encouragement.

**Suggestions for future delivery** included more frequent sessions, take-home meal kits, and themed workshops (e.g., “meals with 5 ingredients” or “cooking for fussy eaters”).

**Family Case Study**

**Family H and L** live in Wythenshawe with their two daughters. Both parents have long-term health conditions and live on a fixed income. Rising costs had made providing regular hot meals difficult.

Their children attend our after-school club, receiving up to three hot meals per week. H and L described this support as a “huge relief,” knowing their children had eaten well. They also attended our coffee mornings and accessed wider support, including:

- Help with SEND referrals for their eldest daughter.
- Guidance around winter energy support.
- Peer connections that reduced isolation.

The family has since become regular volunteers at events, helping to welcome new families and offer informal support.

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**Summary Impact**

- **1,721** hot meals delivered through after-school provision.
- **10** emergency food parcels distributed.
- Positive improvements observed in children’s behaviour and regulation post-meals.
- Strong engagement from families in cooking workshops and wider support.

This area of work continues to provide essential practical support while also fostering connection, wellbeing, and resilience within the community.

**Shelter Housing Advice Sessions**

This year we continued our strong partnership with **Shelter**, delivering regular **housing advice drop-in sessions** from the Family Centre. These sessions provide free, confidential support to families facing housing issues, including overcrowding, homelessness risk, disrepair, and problems with landlords.

Held monthly as part of our **Family Centre Social**, the sessions allow parents and carers to speak directly with a Shelter adviser in a familiar and accessible environment. This informal approach helps reduce barriers to engagement, particularly for those who may feel anxious or unsure about seeking formal support.

The partnership with Shelter ensures families can receive expert advice quickly, often avoiding crisis escalation. Where necessary, advisers provide follow-up appointments, referrals to legal teams, and help with applications for housing or financial support.

Feedback has been consistently positive, with parents highlighting how helpful it is to access specialist support without needing to travel or arrange childcare. These sessions have proved especially valuable during the ongoing housing pressures facing many local families. We look forward to continuing and strengthening this partnership as part of our commitment to providing wraparound support that meets both practical and emotional needs.

### Community Corner and Little Library

Our **Community Corner** continues to provide practical support for families through free access to essential items such as clothing, books, toys, and toiletries. Located in the entrance to the Family Centre, it is open daily and widely used by families attending sessions or dropping in for advice.



A key feature is our **Little Library**, which encourages a love of reading by offering free books for children and adults to take home and keep. The library is regularly restocked with donations from families and community partners.

This year, we continued our valued partnership with the **Rotary Club**, who once again supported our work through their **Winter Wrap Up campaign**. Thanks to their donations, we were able to offer good-quality winter coats to families facing hardship.

Community Corner remains a low-barrier, high-impact part of our offer—meeting immediate needs while promoting dignity, connection, and access to wider support

### Community Engagement: Family Funday

In July 2025, we hosted our annual **Family Funday** at the Family Centre, welcoming over 250 attendees for a free, inclusive day of community celebration. The event was designed to bring families together, promote wellbeing, and strengthen local connections.

Activities included outdoor games, creative play, sports, face painting, and stalls run by staff, volunteers, and local partners. We received generous support from several local businesses and corporate partners, who donated prizes, refreshments, and volunteer time. Parents also played an active role in the planning and delivery of the day.

The event provided a valuable opportunity for local families to access a positive, low-cost day out in a safe and welcoming space. For many, it was one of few opportunities this year to take part in a shared community activity.

Feedback from attendees was extremely positive, with families commenting on the warm atmosphere, the range of activities, and how welcome they felt. Several new families who had not previously accessed our services attended for the first time.

Through donations, fundraising activities and local sponsorships, the event raised **over £1,500**, which will be reinvested into our children's and family programmes.



The success of the Family Funday highlighted the strength of local partnership and community spirit. It also demonstrated the Centre's role as a trusted, inclusive space for families to connect, contribute, and belong.

## Our Impact – The Difference We Made

We measure impact not only in numbers, but in trust, confidence, and belonging.

Data shows:

- 90% of children improved in social/emotional development.
- 84% of parents were “extremely satisfied” with services.
- 67% reported improved mental wellbeing.
- 46% said their child may not have had a reliable hot meal elsewhere



## Our People

Staff training and development remain a priority to ensure high-quality, informed practice across all areas of our work. This year, team members completed a range of accredited and specialist courses, including **Paediatric First Aid**, **NVQ Level 3 in Early Years Education**, and **PARS Level 3 Playwork**. Staff also took part in **WELL COMM** training and became certified as **Communication Champions** to strengthen support for early language development. Additional training in the **SEND Pathway** and **Safeguarding** has further equipped the team to respond confidently to the complex needs of children and families. All staff and volunteers are trained and DBS-checked. Policies are reviewed annually.

## Plans for 2025–2026

We aim to:

- Secure our building long-term.
- Expand SEND support.
- Grow our parent-led support offers.
- Increase unrestricted income through community fundraising.

### Capital Campaign Summary – Building for the Future

We are currently developing a **Capital Campaign** to refurbish and improve our Family Centre building, ensuring it meets the growing needs of local children and families. Over recent years, demand for our services has increased significantly, particularly for early years support, SEND provision, and family wellbeing sessions. However, our current building limits what we can offer. Several spaces are outdated, poorly configured, and not fully accessible—especially for children with additional needs or mobility issues.

Our vision is to create a **modern, welcoming, and inclusive environment** that reflects the quality and breadth of support we deliver. Planned developments include:

- A purpose-designed **early years room** with direct outdoor access and accessible toilets.
- A dedicated **sensory and calm space** for children who need quiet, regulation-friendly environments.
- A larger, fully equipped **community kitchen** to support cooking courses and group meals.
- Improvements to **accessibility**, including step-free entry, automatic doors, and wider corridors.
- Flexible **multi-use rooms** that can adapt for play sessions, parenting courses, and private advice appointments.
- Better **storage and staff workspace** to ensure safe, efficient service delivery.

These changes will allow us to increase capacity, offer more specialist provision, and support children and families in a space that truly meets their needs.

We are currently in the **planning and feasibility** phase, working with architects and consultants to scope the project and develop costings. The next stage will involve identifying funding sources, building partnerships, and launching our formal campaign. This is a vital step forward in securing the future of our work in the heart of the community.

## Supporters

Of course, none of the work outlined above would be possible without the funding and support provided by a wide variety of funders, businesses and individuals and we offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the following organisations and individuals who have helped us make such a difference to children and families this year.

### Corporate supporters

- NG Bailey
- Costain

### Grant Funders

- The National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities
- Wythenshawe Community Housing Group
- Manchester Active
- Manchester City Council
- The Masonic Charitable Trust
- Albert Hunt Charitable Trust
- N Smith Charitable Foundation
- Feeding Britain
- Lee Bakirgian Family Trust
- The Eric Wright Trust

### 'In Kind' Donations of time, products or services

- Manchester Libraries
- Wythenshawe Community Housing Group
- MACE
- Manchester Airport Community Engagement team
- Costain and partners

We would also like to thank John of Summed Up for providing his accountancy services.

In addition, we are indebted to the United Reformed Church (North West) Trust for granting us the continued use of our premises without charge.

## Financial Review

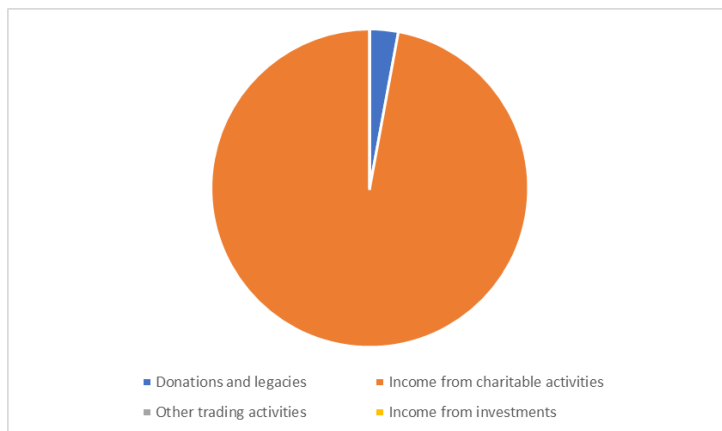
The Trustees review the financial position of the charity as part of the regular Trustee meetings and are satisfied that the income of the fund is sufficient to meet annual operating expenditure.

### Results for the year

Incoming resources were £201,003 and total expenditure was £191,865 There was an increase in funds of £9,139.

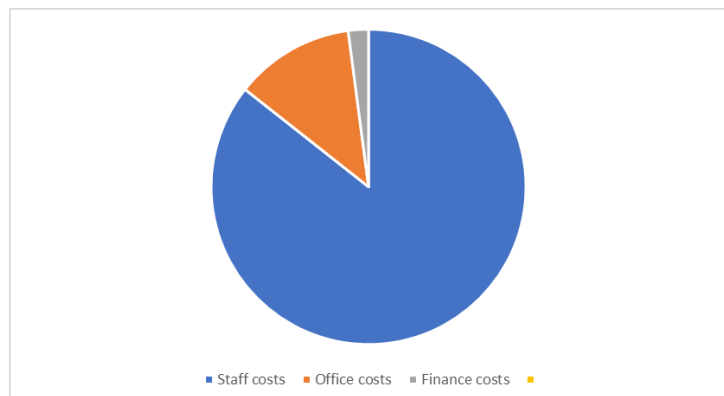
### Where do our funds come from?

Income of £201,003....



### How do we spend our money?

Expenditure of £191,865.....



## Reserves Policy

As required by the Charity Commission the Trustees have adopted the following reserves policy:

1. We will maintain the sum of £12,000, or such amount as is determined from time to time by the Management Committee, as a contingency fund (designated reserve) for the sole purpose of bridging a gap in the receipt of funding income.
2. In addition to the above sum we will recognise as a restricted reserve at the end of our financial year any income, received by us for the purpose of funding a specific post, activity or expense, to the extent that the income has not been used for that purpose during the year.
3. Subject to meeting the ongoing expenditure needs of the organisation we will aim to maintain our unrestricted funds at a level equivalent to six months' worth of current running costs.

Finally, for the avoidance of doubt the Trustees confirm that at the year end:

1. no restricted funds are in deficit
2. no funds were held by the Trustees as Custodian Trustees.

### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

In the attached accounts set out on pages 32 to 39, the Trustees have prepared financial statements for the period up to 31 March 2025. In preparing such statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Foundation will continue in its operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at the time the financial position of the Foundation and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Foundation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report was approved by the trustees on 27/01/2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/members of** Wythenshawe Community Initiative Limited

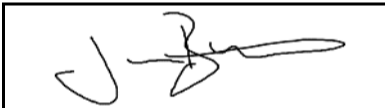
**On accounts for the year ended** 31 March 2025 **Charity No** 1121682

**Set out on pages** 24 to 31

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").  
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement** I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination.  
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 30-Dec-2025

**Name:** John Bate FCCA

**Relevant professional qualification:** Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

**Address:** 74 Ashton Road, Woodhouses, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 9WL

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2025	Prior Period Total funds 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Income from charitable activities	2	132,896	62,278	-	195,175	210,206
Donations and legacies	4	5,823	-	-	5,823	3,795
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments	3	6	-	-	6	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>138,725</b>	<b>62,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>201,003</b>	<b>214,001</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	6	129,587	62,278	-	191,865	226,039
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>129,587</b>	<b>62,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>191,865</b>	<b>226,039</b>
Net income/(expenditure)		9,139	-	-	9,139	(12,038)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>9,139</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,139</b>	<b>(12,038)</b>
Total funds brought forward		(27,896)	6,067	12,000	(9,829)	2,209
Total funds carried forward		<b>(18,757)</b>	<b>6,067</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>(690)</b>	<b>(9,829)</b>

## Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

### Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	8		2	2
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors	9	11,847		7,346
Cash at bank and in hand		8,819		7,039
		<u>20,666</u>		<u>14,385</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors and accruals	10	21,358		24,216
<b>Net current assets</b>			(692)	(9,831)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>(690)</u>	<u>(9,829)</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>				
Designated funds	11		12,000	12,000
Restricted income funds	12		6,067	6,067
Unrestricted funds	13		(18,757)	(27,896)
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u>(690)</u>	<u>(9,829)</u>

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

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 With respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the trustees on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on its behalf by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Greenhalgh  
**Chair**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan Rudd  
**Trustee**

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

### 1) Accounting policies

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the directors named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements 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) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

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

The Charity reported net incoming funds of £9,139 in the year, with total charity funds being (£690). The trustees are of the view that 2025/26 will maintain a positive fund flow, with an improvement in overall charity funds, this is supported through the ongoing work to secure new funding

As a result the Trustees consider the going concern basis to be appropriate.

#### *c) Income Recognition*

Income from grants and donations is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, 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 creche facilities is recognised as earned as the related services are provided.

Interest receivable 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.

#### *d) 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.

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

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements, including the independent examiner's fees and legal costs.

#### *e) Depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged so as to write down the value of the assets over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Computer equipment - 20% per annum straight line

Office equipment - 20% per annum straight line

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

### *f) Debtors*

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

### *g) Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and cash in hand and deposits with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or the date of opening the deposit or similar account.

### *h) 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 amounts after allowing for any trade discounts due.

### *i) Fund Accounting*

Funds held by the Charity can be one of:

i) Unrestricted general funds – which can be used in accordance with the Foundation's objects at the discretion of the Trustees;

ii) Designated funds- which are funds set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects; or

iii) Restricted funds – which are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Foundation. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further details of each fund are shown in notes 11,14 and 16.

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

### 2) Income from charitable activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period
		£	£	£	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Referral fees		-	-	-	-	-
Contact fees		-	-	-	-	-
Toddler Group Voluntary contributions		257	-	-	257	478
Playscheme fees		-	-	-	-	800
PL Playscheme		53,789	-	-	53,789	46,160
EY Stepping Stones		-	-	-	-	-
Play Group fees		213	-	-	213	2,074
Grants		31,378	-	-	31,378	35,624
Mobile creche		47,482	-	-	47,482	47,857
PL ASC		-	-	-	-	-
TNL Bright Sparks		-	25,603	-	25,603	50,337
Early years funding (Local authority)		-	36,676	-	36,676	26,877
<b>Total</b>		<b>133,119</b>	<b>62,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>195,398</b>	<b>210,206</b>

### 3) Investment income

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period
		£	£	£	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
None received		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 4) Donations

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period
		£	£	£	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Donations		5,823	-	-	5,823	3,795
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,823</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,823</b>	<b>3,795</b>

### 5) Other trading activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period
		£	£	£	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Rent received		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

### 6) Expenditure on from charitable activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period
		£	£	£	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs		108,521	55,755		164,276	181,359
Staff training		241	197		439	660
Rates		403	98		501	478
Insurance		2,115	514		2,629	2,638
Repairs and maintenance		1,072	260		1,333	1,552
Light and heat		4,141	1,005		5,146	7,629
Operating lease payments		-	-		-	-
Cleaning and gardening		339	105		444	354
Equipment		781	1,097		1,878	4,313
Postage and stationery		1,006	247		1,253	1,309
Bank charges		284	69		352	408
Audit and accountancy		2,924	710		3,634	1,867
Legal expenses		161	39		200	847
Telephone		3,379	992		4,371	3,939
Subscriptions		187	184		371	554
Publicity and advertising		-	-		-	-
Travel		10	2		12	407
Activities and trips	-	1,857	431	-	2,288	10,040
Sundry		43	10		53	335
Refreshments		2,574	759		3,333	6,135
Training		2,969	721		3,690	14
Hardship vouchers		-	11		11	1,194
Interest paid		294	71		365	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>129,587</b>	<b>62,417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>192,003</b>	<b>226,039</b>

### 7) Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging

		2025	2024
		£	£
Independent examination		540	540
<b>Total</b>		<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>

### 8) Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	691	2,194	2,885
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	690	2,193	2,883
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	1	1	2

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

### 9) Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and trade debtors	11,847	7,346
Total	11,847	7,346

### 10) Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,724	3,037
Pension and Paye/Nic due	16,869	18,583
Trade creditors	2,789	2,597
Total	21,382	24,216

### 11) Statement of funds

	<i>Brought forward</i> £	<i>Incoming resources</i> £	<i>Resources expended</i> £	<i>Transfer between funds</i> £	<i>Carried forward</i> £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated funds	12,000	-	-	-	12,000
Restricted funds	6,067	62,278	(62,278)	-	6,067
Unrestricted funds	(27,896)	138,725	(129,587)	-	(18,757)
Total	(9,829)	201,003	(191,865)	-	(690)

### 12) Restricted funds

	<i>NIF Equipment</i> £	<i>Building Fund</i> £	<i>EY SS - LA Funding</i> £	<i>FS BF TNL RC</i> £	<i>Total</i> £
Brought forward	4,049	2,018	-	-	6,067
Income	-	-	36,676	25,603	62,278
Expenditure	-	-	(36,676)	(25,603)	(62,277)
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	4,049	2,018	-	-	6,068

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

### 13) Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses and cost of key management personnel

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries including social security	159,248	175,885
Pension costs	5,028	5,473
Total	<u>164,276</u>	<u>181,359</u>

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000

The Charity's Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from the Charity or its subsidiary during the year. The trustees were not reimbursed any expenses by the Charity during the year. No trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity.

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the Trustees. The employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were Nil.

### 14) Staff numbers

	2025 £	2024 £
Number of employees	16	15
Total	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>

### 15) Designated reserves

The balance on the designated reserve represents amounts set aside to cover salaries (for one month) in the event of a gap in the receipt of grants

### 16) Related party transactions

The Company has a wholly owned subsidiary, Planet Child's Play Community Interest Company, which incorporated on 15 August 2013

One of the trustees (Ms C Greenhalgh) is a Director of Planet Child's Play

At the end of the year Planet Child's Play was owed £nil (2024:nil) by the charity

### 17) Post balance sheet events

None to note

**WYTHENSHAW COMMUNITY INITIATIVE LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1112990

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# Accounts

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# Wythenshawe Community Initiative Ltd

REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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## Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the period to 31 March 2024

### Registered Charity Number

1112990

### Company number

05564192

### Principal Office:

Woodhouse Park Family Centre  
7 Stoneacre Road  
Wythenshawe  
Manchester  
M22 1BP

### Trustees at the date this report was approved

Christine Greenhalgh (Chair)  
Sarah Lynch  
Jonathan Rudd  
Micheal Clare  
Sruthi Vepa

### Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc  
Barclays Bank plc

### Independent Examiner

J Bate FCCA  
74 Ashton Road  
Woodhouses  
Failsworth  
Manchester  
M35 9WL

## Trustees' Report

The Trustees, two of whom are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements of a Directors' Report and Accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

### Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the year and at the date of this report are listed on page 2.

### Structure Governance and Management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the directors named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company. The Charity's governance arrangements and structure are set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Trustees are the Management Committee, which comprises the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the other trustees as listed on page 1. New Trustees are recruited from a range of groups including user groups and other interested members of the local community including professional people who come into contact with us, employees, ex-employees and representatives of the United Reformed Church, from which organisation we lease our premises.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems, procedures and initiatives to manage those risks have been established, or are presently being considered, by the Trustees.

### Objectives and Activities

The principal objectives of the Charity are:

- 1) Alleviating the hardship and distress of children resident in the area of benefit, caused by the break-up of marriage and family and to preserve and protect their good mental and physical health by providing and maintaining a centre and facilities.

2) Advancing the education of the public and providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons.

3) Relieving poverty, in particular by the provision of advice, information and support.

The Charity operates in Woodhouse Park in particular and the district of Wythenshawe in general.

We have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in compliance with its duties under section 4 of the Charities Act 2006. The guidance sets out two key principles:

The organisation must have an identifiable benefit.

The benefit must be to the public or section of the public.

We confirm that we meet these requirements.

**Some highlights of the year....**



**Promoting the Centre at regular GRUB festivals in Wythenshawe Town Centre**



**Centre Manager Clare invited to lunch with the Lord Mayor to recognize the work the Family Centre does in the Community.**



**Centre Manager Clare and Chair Christine celebrating the work of students from Manchester Business School, who carried out an impact report on the work of the Centre for one of their MBA modules.**



**Our Family Easter Extravaganza, supported by the MSP team at Costain**

## Family Support – Bright Futures

### The Headlines

35 families supported

80% children showed improved emotional

22 agencies worked with

### The story

In 2023 we have worked with a further 15 families, along with our usual offer available for previous families to access support, parent groups, and other services at the family centre. We have successfully delivered 12 months of a weekly play intervention to the children referred into the service. We again delivered the programme to 2 groups which have been running each week for primary school aged children 5-7 and 8-11. These children have been predominantly referred by school and the early help assessment team. We have continued with weekly parent groups such as coffee meet ups, fitness sessions, walks and parent support group.



Bright Futures has taken the families on some amazing trips this year including Southport, Alton towers, a weekend away in the countryside, CAFT farm, Manchester art gallery, Manchester Museum, trampolining, Christmas markets, along with other workshops on offer through other services and charities. We treated the parents to a lovely relaxing day at a local spa which included treatments and lunch, this was to enhance our offer around health and wellbeing and to introduce the idea of weekly fitness sessions as we use the spa at the gym facility which is then on offer weekly for parents. The gym and swim sessions are also available to Bright Future families in the half terms. We have ended on a high celebrating a year of hard work and 'bright futures' to look forward to, with our annual Christmas graduation party.



Bright Futures continues to link in with many of the local services and groups such as:

- social care and early help assessment team
- schools
- mental health services
- charities
- local support groups
- Local Gym

We have linked in with groups such as local SEND groups, the Local Offer, social activities, SafeSpots, foodbanks, yoga sessions, parent carer forum events, parent training opportunities, and workshops on offer for example the women's group, book club, and art group at the Forum library. Bright Futures links in with already existing groups and then facilitates and encourages the parents to participate with things going on locally, as well as, offering support groups specifically for Bright Future families which include our weekly coffee and walk, fitness session, and parent support group. We also offer a WhatsApp support group and Facebook page where we share ideas, discuss topics, and we can share support/resources as well as what is going on at the centre with our other services such as playgroup, afterschool club and play scheme.



We tailor the support around the presenting needs. When there are common themes, Bright Futures aims to then deliver work, provide groups, offer workshops, and trips around that need. A theme which is appearing more is around families struggling with the cost-of-living crises, whereas last year, it was more around SEND. Therefore, we will ensure we connect with the relevant service to then provide high quality support around this need for the families using the centre. This highlights that

we are adaptive, and needs led. The staff that work on after school club who also support the running of the bright futures play intervention sit down weekly with the bright future coordinator so that we can create a bespoke play intervention based on what the group of children need to understand/learn most and so this element of the work can be interchangeable.

### The Difference we made

We collated information using an impact data tool. We asked all parents to complete the questionnaire at the start of working with Bright Futures, and again at the end. This impact survey asks questions relating to coping strategies and resilience. The below data shows an overall improvement after working with Bright



Futures for 12 months. Parents appear to be actively coping with their situation and using support more efficiently.

## Early Years – Stepping Stones Pre-school Playgroup

### The Headlines

18% children  
have English as  
an additional

38%  
Children with  
SEND

### The Story

#### Summer Term

We took part in Beep Beep! Day which focuses on road safety. We have made traffic lights and stop and go signs and the children have seemed to really understand what to do at roads. We went on a trip to see the traffic lights and to practice what to do. We also learned the importance of using seatbelts when we are in the car and even learned a rhyme to sing about putting your seatbelt on. We tried oranges, lemons and limes, we used lots of descriptive words like sour and tangy, this also helped with the children's fine motor skills.



We learned all about Eid the children drew round their hands, they then looked at some traditional henna patterns and then recreated this on their handprints. We tried some snacks that are eaten on Eid and also tried dates which are commonly used to break fast during Ramadan.

One of our learning intentions for the term was diversity so we looked at our appearances. We used mirrors to look at our eye and hair colour and made charts, we then counted how many were in each group. We used a tape measure to see how tall we were and used terminology such as “taller than and smaller than.”

As we got closer to the end of term we went on a trip to a local primary school where some of them will be going, we also got to practice our road safety skills on the way.

We also started to teach the children sign language. The children understood that the sign language is to help the children in our setting who don't have any words yet communicate with us.

In July we were sad to say goodbye to most of the children, who were moving on to 'big' school.

### Autumn Term

September saw the start of a new cohort of children. They all settled really well and had lots of new experiences. They have been involved in lots of messy play, meeting new friends, following a routine. One parent commented, “she’s doing so well I can’t believe how much she enjoys coming”.

We took the children on walks round the local area. They really enjoyed being out and about and looking at all the different things they could see. They got to see lots of animals, including a cat and a fox.

This was able to link with our road safety week as we kept repeating on each walk “stop, look left and right listen” then “no cars we can cross”. Some of the older children understood this and would say “no cars” when they could see it was clear. We also created stop and go signs and traffic lights to use in session.



### Spring Term

We had a lovely World Book day where we came dressed in our cosy PJs and brought our favourite books. We enjoyed playing in our ‘library’ and using the keyboard to check the books out. Story time is a favourite and the book “Dear Zoo” was a big hit, we liked doing the actions to each page. Each child also left with a brand new story to read at home.



We went on a trip to explore the airport, we used two modes of transport, the tram and the bus. The children loved this. They enjoyed using the escalator which some children had never used before.

Getting together a food parcel for a family struggling

Preschool had the best time meeting the Easter bunny today thanks to Summer’s mission They also enjoyed decorating gingerbread men and taking part in a Easter egg hunt! Thank you so much to Summer and Rachel!

### The Difference we make

We have received the end of year evaluations from parents/carers and the comments have all been extremely positive. When asked to rate the overall quality of the experience 100% of parents rated us Excellent.

Here are some of the comments we received.....

“P has progressed in so many ways but the most progression has been with her confidence and independence”

“The staff at Stepping Stones are kind and caring, not just because it’s their job, but because they genuinely care”

“I have always felt my child is safe, they are in the care of wonderful, caring, loving staff that go above and beyond for all the children and families”

“It has given her the independence she will need at school and helped her to learn to make new friends.”

“Stepping Stones provides a routine and structure to my child’s day. This routine helps them to feel more confident and secure”

“We have seen great improvement in E even though he only started in the last month. He is showing great enthusiasm in getting ready to nursery”

## Early Years - Willowbank Homeless Refuge Creche

### The Headlines



### The story

#### April

This month, our stay-and-play session was a huge success, with parents actively engaging in painting and creating hand and footprints with their children. It was heartwarming to see everyone having fun together. Our babies have grown more comfortable with us, greeting us with smiles each morning. Their development is progressing well, with some babies starting to sit up, explore the jumperoo, and use baby walkers, enhancing their gross motor skills. As they are getting older and teething, we introduced toothbrushing, which the toddlers enjoy after snack time.

We also started a stay-and-play session at the Holiday Inn for refugee families. These sessions have been well-received, with children enthusiastically playing and interacting while parents appreciate the space. Seeing the positive impact has been incredibly rewarding.

#### May

The mums are gaining confidence in leaving their babies in the crèche, which is wonderful given the trust issues some initially faced. With warmer weather, we've been enjoying outdoor play—riding bikes and scooters, playing in the sandpit, and taking trips to the park. The children loved the swings, slides, and open space for running, and we had a delightful picnic in the park's picnic area.

#### June

To prepare for the summer holidays, we adjusted the schedule to accommodate school-age children with age-appropriate activities. Outdoor messy play has been a highlight, and we took the toddlers on a trip to Wythenshawe Park Farm. The children were thrilled to see the animals and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

#### July

We began weaning the babies this month, introducing them to various foods, which they've enjoyed. The babies are also starting to recognize and interact with one another. With the toddlers, we planted fruit, vegetables, and sunflowers in the

greenhouse. Outdoor messy play continued, with painting, gloop activities, and picnic lunches in the sunshine.

### **August**

The school holidays kept us busy with the older children. Activities included movie days with nachos and popcorn, making sensory bottles, decorating cakes, crafting playdough, and creating personalized waffles. The children also enjoyed board games, painting, and outdoor play, especially riding scooters. We gifted a bike to a child whose family couldn't afford one, and her excitement to learn to ride was heartwarming.

### **September**

We prepared for autumn with crèche displays. The children made handprint leaves for our autumn tree and enjoyed messy painting sessions. Older children made pancakes, choosing their toppings, and painted magnets to take home. One mum expressed deep gratitude for our support during a difficult time, while another shared that she didn't know what she'd do without us.

### **October**

The crèche was transformed for Halloween with decorations and activities like pumpkin carving and Halloween crafts. These were displayed in the reception area, brightening the space. We squeezed in a few park trips before winter and celebrated older children starting school, which brought excitement and joy. A parent who communicates via Google Translate gave positive feedback, expressing her happiness with our efforts.

### **November**

We introduced new snack options this month to explore the children's preferences and trialed session handover books to keep parents informed about their children's activities. For Remembrance Day, the children created handprint poppies and crafts, which we displayed outside the crèche to make the space more colorful and welcoming.

### **December**

We celebrated Christmas with craft days for toddlers and older children, creating cards, cupcakes, and personalized decorations. A trip to the Sealife Centre, made possible by donated tickets, allowed the children to see sea creatures up close, with highlights including touching starfish. Generous toy donations from Manchester Airport brightened Christmas for the children.

### **February**

Valentine's Day inspired arts and crafts, adding to our hallway display. Some little ones are now understanding painting and coloring, producing many creative pieces. During the school holidays, older children enjoyed making pizzas and pancakes and requested a picnic dinner, which they loved. Although we said goodbye to one family moving to a new home, a new parent remarked how happy the children always look in the crèche.

## March

With Easter approaching, we began themed activities and displayed the children's creations in the hallway. The warmer weather allowed for more outdoor play with bikes and the sandpit. The younger children are embracing edible messy play and painting activities, showing growing enthusiasm. This month's stay-and-play had only one attendee, but the parent shared how much she and her child enjoyed the session.

## The Impact

One of our parents gave us good feedback by telling us "she will miss our service when she leaves the building and her child is always happy to come to creche and has made big improvements with development since being with us" this feedback makes us proud and happy with our workplace

We stayed later to look after 2 children as their dad was being arrested and we wanted to shelter the children from this as it could have been really upsetting for them to witness this. As always the children's safety wellbeing is our main priority.

This past 2 weeks some of our families 3 of them which is 4 of our children will be moving on to there forever homes this is always amazing news for the family but sad as we have say goodbye to the children we wish them the best of luck 😊

One of our new parents approached us just to say how well her children have settled in well she appreciates us so much the children don't stop speaking about creche an how much they love doing things with us.

## Play – After-School Club & Playscheme

### The headlines



### April/May

The Easter Playscheme was a major highlight. Children had a fantastic time making clay sculptures, playdough, hammer beads, and bracelets. Activities like bug hunts, football tournaments, and crafts kept everyone engaged. Many parents reached out asking for more places as their children loved it so much. Some children from Bright Futures joined and have since started attending the afterschool club too.

Each day, we provided home-cooked meals, with pitta pizzas being a clear favourite as the children enjoyed making their own. At the afterschool club, we celebrated Eid by sampling traditional snacks and creating henna designs. In May, we made the most of the warm weather and celebrated the King's Coronation.



### June

Highlights included water play with sprinklers, spray bottles, and water bombs during parachute games. The sunny days were filled with outdoor fun. The mud kitchen was a hit as children pretended to run cafes and created their own recipes. We got creative with junk modeling, making cat houses and boba tea cups. Bug hunting has also been popular, with our overgrown garden offering the perfect hiding spots for insects.

### **Afterschool Club Council:**

- *What they enjoyed this month: Basketball, mother's meetings, and Hama beads.*
- *What they'd like next month: A trip to McDonald's, a room for mother's meetings, stop-and-go signs, and helping cook dinners.*
- *Good news story: Sophia got the yellow jumper at school!*

### August

The summer playscheme was another highlight. The new loose parts corner allowed the children to build rollercoasters and a full fairground. An England Women's football team scavenger hunt was a favourite, sparking discussions about the players. Warm weather activities included making ice creams, and a pizza party wrapped up the holidays.

We had a special visit from “Bussy McBusface,” a sensory minibus donated by Westfield Minibuses, which the children loved exploring.

### **September**

The new term kicked off with Roald Dahl Week. The children collected golden tickets, made masks inspired by his books, and played bingo with characters from his stories. Ice cream was the prize for the winning groups. We welcomed many new starters, alongside returning children, and celebrated Manchester’s bid to become a UNICEF Child-Friendly City by participating in consultations. One child’s mum has started volunteering weekly, helping with cooking, which has been a great support.



### **October**

Our Halloween party included bingo, a Halloween hunt, and touchy prize boxes. We also ran an art club where the children carved pumpkins and made Halloween decorations, which were displayed at the party. Given its success, we’re planning similar events for Christmas.

Funding for afterschool club dinners runs out in March, so we asked for food donations via Facebook. The response was fantastic, with plenty of contributions to stretch our resources further.

### **November/December**

World Diabetes Day was an opportunity to educate the children about the condition. Many were surprised to learn that Type 1 diabetes is unrelated to lifestyle choices. We also celebrated Diwali by creating a Rangoli wall and crafting clay tea light holders.

For Remembrance Day, the children made playdough poppies. A work experience student helped build relationships with children needing additional support, which was a big success. We also celebrated Bonfire Night by making chocolate sparklers from breadsticks, chocolate, and sprinkles.

### **January–March**

Our Monday play support sessions have been going well. Children love sharing how they feel, and Time to Talk Day gave us a chance to emphasize the importance of open communication. We created postcards with alternative responses to “I’m fine” and played a game describing emotions and related experiences.

For International Women’s Day, the children learned about inspirational women and created a display. They participated in a scavenger hunt, matching photos of these women to the display.

We also launched the Benchill Afterschool Club, which has seen high attendance and enthusiastic participation. This term ended with an Easter egg hunt and Easter treats, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

## **The difference we made**

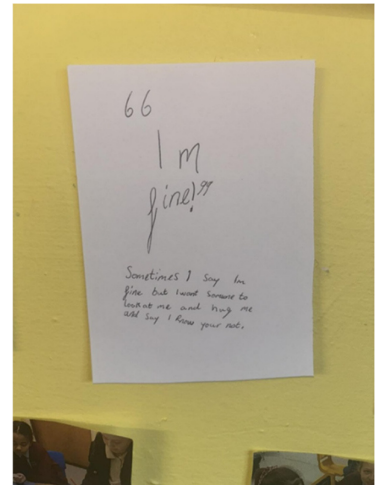
Teaching children skills for life is something we feel really passionate about. We instil this daily into our sessions. The children put their own leftover food into the food bins, wash their own pots, learn about recycling, we have even taught some of them

how to put the washing machine on and they help us hang the washing around the centre.

We make sure to always provide a secure and safe space for the children. This is shown in how comfortable they feel at our centre and many children call it their second home. We make sure the children always have time to chat with any of the staff if they need to. We know them so well we can recognize when a child needs some extra support that day.

As always, the afterschool club council have monthly meetings and will go around and ask the children what they have enjoyed this month and what could be better next month. We then incorporate this into the planning. They also get a say in what dinners they have each session which they love.

The progress we are making on the play support sessions is great, the children have formed good bonds with each other. We have done sessions relating to emotions, anxiety, friendships, worries and transitions to different



classes/schools. The children really enjoy being able to learn about these subjects in a safe environment. One child said “this is better than school because I trust everybody”

We have a real mix of children from different schools attending sessions and so children are making lots of new friends with people they might not otherwise meet. We love to see how welcoming and understanding children are to newcomers and those with SEND.

Around a third of our regular attendees have either diagnosed or are in the process of diagnosis with things like autism, ADHD or sensory processing disorder. This means they need additional support during the session to access activities and to help regulate themselves.

Many of these children don't access any other provision as they cannot meet their needs.

## Our Response to the Cost of Living Crisis



**We have continued to provide a free hot meal** for every child attending our After School Club thanks again to funding from Wythenshawe Community Housing Group and donations from SVP and Wythenshawe 409<sup>th</sup> Scouts Group and Summer's Mission.



### The impact

We recently asked the parents of the children attending for some feedback on what difference the provision of hot meals makes to them - 84% reported they were 'Extremely' happy with the hot meal provided.

We also asked if parents would be able to afford to pay for this provision if we didn't have funding - 53% said they would not, with a further 20% saying only sometimes 46% parents said there was a high risk their child would not have a hot meal if they did not get one at the afterschool club. Comments from parents included:

*"As I am struggling it is hard to get by including the food bill. This service helps me so much."*

*"Club is fantastic, this club helps so much with childcare so I can work and earn more"*

*"Couldn't afford to feed my kids (without it)"*

*"Children will only get fed when mum home, dad unable to cook."*

*"The afterschool club is a life saver. It helps me out massively"*

*"Child has autism and thrives off routine and structure and having hot food makes her happy and content"*

*"The team at the Family Centre go above and beyond for all the children who attend, Thank you"*

The children love getting their hot meal at afterschool club and are excited to come in, always asking 'what's' for tea?". The benefits are not just financial. Mealtimes are a real highlight and a great chance for the children tell us about their day. This helps them to build social skills and allows them space to talk about the things that are important to them. They love writing out the week's menu on our chalkboard and getting involved in the preparation (and cleaning up!) of meals.

**Our Family Centre Social** runs every Friday morning and is open to all the local community to drop in for a free warm drink, hot breakfast and a warm welcome, as well as advice and support. We invite other agencies to come in and share

information with our families and also offer emergency food packages and food bank referrals.



**Community Corner** – In November we received a large donation of winter coats for children and adults through the Rotary Club Wrap Up campaign to distribute to families in need. This went down so well that we started to develop a Community Corner – a free community ‘shop’ where pre-loved clothes and toys can be taken by families in need.

### **Independent research**

In addition to the above we have recently had some independent research carried out by MBA students at Alliance Manchester Business School for their non-profit consultancy project. The report is looking at the impact of the work of the whole centre and how it meets community need. They have identified the provision of hot meals as a major asset that is viewed by beneficiaries and external stakeholders as key to our impact on “mitigating the challenges from the increasing cost of living through its programmes.”

## 2023/24 supporters

Of course none of the work outlined above would be possible without the funding and support provided by a wide variety of funders, businesses and individuals and we offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the following organisations and individuals who have helped us make such a difference to children and families this year.

### Corporate supporters

NG Bailey

Radisson Blu Manchester Airport

Award Marketing

SSP UK - The Food Travel Experts

### Grant Funders

The National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities

Wythenshawe Community Housing Group

Manchester Active

Manchester City Council

### 'In Kind' Donations of time, products or services

The Clayton Hotel Manchester Airport

Manchester Libraries

Wythenshawe Community Housing Group

The Growth Company

Inspire/Gunner Cooke

MACE



Manchester Airport Community Engagement team

409<sup>th</sup> Scouts Wythenshawe

SVP Wythenshawe

Costain and partners

Holiday Inn Manchester Airport



**We would also like to thank Sue Weighell of Delta Solutions for providing her accountancy services.**

**In addition, we are indebted to the United Reformed Church (North West) Trust for granting us the continued use of our premises without charge.**

## Financial Review

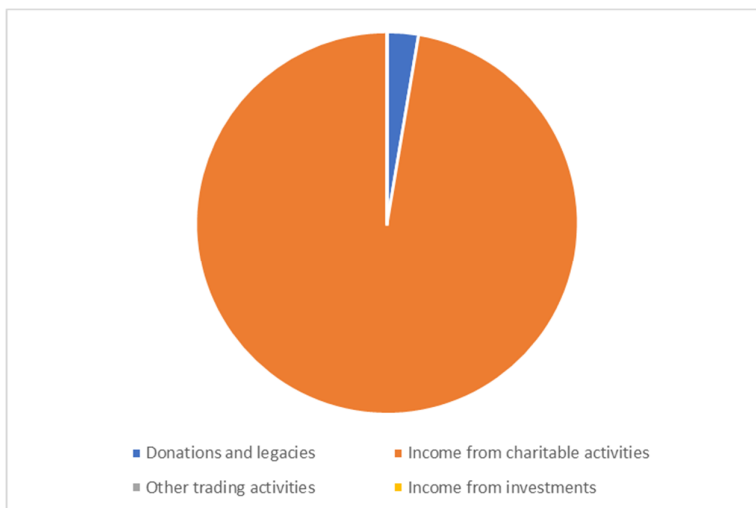
The Trustees review the financial position of the charity as part of the regular Trustee meetings and are satisfied that the income of the fund is sufficient to meet annual operating expenditure.

### Results for the year

Incoming resources were £214,001 and total expenditure was £226,039 There was a reduction in funds of £12,038.

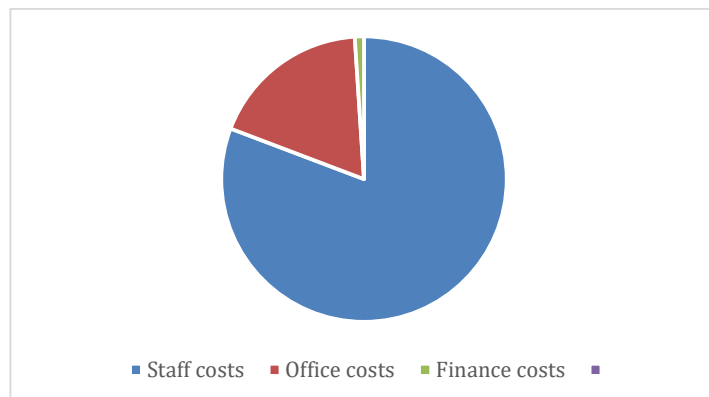
### Where do our funds come from?

Income of £214,001.....



### How do we spend our money?

Expenditure of £226,039.....



### Reserves Policy

As required by the Charity Commission the Trustees have adopted the following reserves policy:

1. We will maintain the sum of £12,000, or such amount as is determined from time to time by the Management Committee, as a contingency fund (designated reserve) for the sole purpose of bridging a gap in the receipt of funding income.
2. In addition to the above sum we will recognise as a restricted reserve at the end of our financial year any income, received by us for the purpose of funding a specific post, activity or expense, to the extent that the income has not been used for that purpose during the year.
3. Subject to meeting the ongoing expenditure needs of the organisation we will aim to maintain our unrestricted funds at a level equivalent to six months' worth of current running costs.

Finally, for the avoidance of doubt the Trustees confirm that at the year end:

1. no restricted funds are in deficit
2. no funds were held by the Trustees as Custodian Trustees.

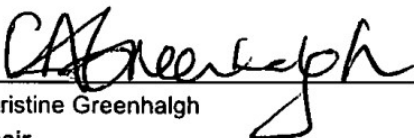
### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

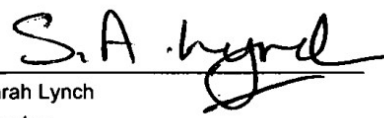
In the attached accounts set out on pages 26 to 33, the Trustees have prepared financial statements for the period up to 31 March 2024. In preparing such statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Foundation will continue in its operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at the time the financial position of the Foundation and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Foundation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report was approved by the trustees on 18/12/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Christine Greenhalgh  
Chair

  
Sarah Lynch  
Trustee

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Wythenshawe Community Initiative Limited

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2024

Charity No

1121682

Set out on pages

26 to 33

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

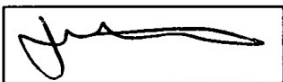
Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").  
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination.  
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

22/12/2024

Name:

John Bate FCCA

Relevant professional qualification:

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

74 Ashton Road, Woodhouses, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 9WL

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2024	Prior Period Total funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Income from charitable activities	2	141,639	68,568	-	210,206	195,795
Donations and legacies	4	1,915	1,880	-	3,795	8,102
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	-	120
Income from investments	3	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>143,553</b>	<b>70,448</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>214,001</b>	<b>204,017</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	6	166,233	59,806	-	226,039	218,414
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>166,233</b>	<b>59,806</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>226,039</b>	<b>218,414</b>
Net income/(expenditure)		(22,679)	10,642	-	(12,038)	(14,397)
Transfers between funds		9,699	(9,699)	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(12,980)</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(12,038)</b>	<b>(14,397)</b>
Total funds brought forward		(14,916)	5,125	12,000	2,209	16,606
Total funds carried forward		<b>(27,896)</b>	<b>6,067</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>(9,829)</b>	<b>2,209</b>

## Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

### Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	8		2	2
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors	9	7,346		10,764
Cash at bank and in hand		7,039		13,341
		<u>14,385</u>		<u>24,105</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors and accruals	10	24,216		21,898
<b>Net current assets</b>			(9,831)	2,207
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>(9,829)</u>	<u>2,209</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>				
Designated funds	11		12,000	12,000
Restricted income funds	12		6,067	5,125
Unrestricted funds	13		(27,896)	(14,916)
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u>(9,829)</u>	<u>2,209</u>

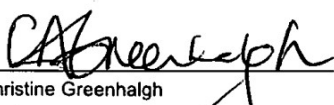
The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

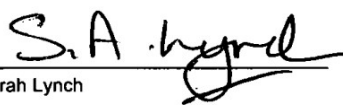
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 With respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the trustees on 18/12/2024 and signed on its behalf by

  
Christine Greenhalgh  
Chair

  
Sarah Lynch  
Trustee

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

### 1) Accounting policies

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the directors named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements 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) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

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

The Charity reported net outgoing funds of £12,038 in the year, with total charity funds being (£9,829). The trustees are of the view that 2023/24 will see a return to a positive fund flow, with an improvement in overall charity funds, this is supported by year to date Management accounts, and the ongoing work to secure new funding

As a result of all the above the Trustees consider the going concern basis to be appropriate.

#### c) *Income Recognition*

Income from grants and donations is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, 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 creche facilities is recognised as earned as the related services are provided.

Interest receivable 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.

#### d) *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.

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

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements, including the independent examiner's fees and legal costs.

#### e) *Depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged so as to write down the value of the assets over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Computer equipment - 20% per annum straight line

Office equipment - 20% per annum straight line

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

### *f) Debtors*

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

### *g) Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and cash in hand and deposits with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or the date of opening the deposit or similar account.

### *h) 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 amounts after allowing for any trade discounts due.

### *i) Fund Accounting*

Funds held by the Charity can be one of:

- i) Unrestricted general funds – which can be used in accordance with the Foundation's objects at the discretion of the Trustees;
- ii) Designated funds- which are funds set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects;  
or
- iii) Restricted funds – which are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Foundation. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further details of each fund are shown in notes 11,14 and 16.

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

### 2) Income from charitable activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2024	Prior Period Total funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Referral fees		-	-	-	-	-
Contact fees		-	-	-	-	-
Toddler Group Voluntary contributions		478	-	-	478	712
Playscheme fees		800	-	-	800	1,200
PL Playscheme		46,160	-	-	46,160	30,500
EY Stepping Stones		-	-	-	-	-
Play Group fees		2,074	-	-	2,074	6,551
Grants		35,624	-	-	35,624	35,522
Mobile creche		47,857	-	-	47,857	38,275
PL ASC		-	-	-	-	-
TNL Bright Sparks		-	50,337	-	50,337	56,611
Early years funding (Local authority)		8,646	18,231	-	26,877	26,424
<b>Total</b>		<b>141,639</b>	<b>68,568</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>210,206</b>	<b>195,795</b>

### 3) Investment income

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2024	Prior Period Total funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
None received		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 4) Donations

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2024	Prior Period Total funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Donations		1,915	1,880	-	3,795	8,102
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,915</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,795</b>	<b>8,102</b>

### 5) Other trading activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2024	Prior Period Total funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Rent received		-	-	-	-	120
<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120</b>

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

### 6) Expenditure on from charitable activities

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2024	Prior Period Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	130,650	50,709		181,359	170,100
Staff training	609	51		660	-
Rates	441	37		478	8,158
Insurance	2,433	205		2,638	2,685
Repairs and maintenance	1,431	120		1,552	924
Light and heat	7,036	592		7,629	5,605
Operating lease payments	-	-		-	-
Cleaning and gardening	327	27		354	654
Equipment	3,347	966		4,313	6,828
Postage and stationery	1,189	121		1,309	1,443
Bank charges	363	45		408	418
Audit and accountancy	1,722	145		1,867	3,236
Legal expenses	-	847		847	-
Telephone	3,564	375		3,939	3,575
Subscriptions	511	43		554	432
Publicity and advertising	-	-		-	-
Travel	111	296		407	261
Activities and trips	5,735	4,305		10,040	7,603
Sundry	309	26		335	25
Refreshments	5,425	710		6,135	3,376
Training	-	14		14	189
Hardship vouchers	1,024	170		1,194	2,902
Interest paid	6	1		7	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,233</b>	<b>59,806</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>226,039</b>	<b>218,414</b>

### 7) Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination	540	540
<b>Total</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>

### 8) Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	691	2,194	2,885
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	690	2,193	2,883
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	1	1	2

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

### 9) Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and trade debtors	7,346	10,764
Total	7,346	10,764

### 10) Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,037	2,568
Pension and Paye/Nic due	18,559	18,529
Trade creditors	2,597	715
Total	24,192	21,812

### 11) Statement of funds

	<i>Brought forward</i> £	<i>Incoming resources</i> £	<i>Resources expended</i> £	<i>Transfer between funds</i> £	<i>Carried forward</i> £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated funds	12,000	-	-	-	12,000
Restricted funds	5,125	70,448	(59,806)	(9,699)	6,067
Unrestricted funds	(14,916)	143,554	(166,233)	9,699	(27,896)
Total	2,209	214,001	(226,039)	-	(9,829)

### 12) Restricted funds

	<i>NIF Equipment</i> £	<i>Building Fund</i> £	<i>EY SS - LA Funding</i> £	<i>FS BF TNL RC</i> £	<i>Total</i> £
Brought forward	4,125	1,000	-	-	5,125
Income	-	1,880	18,231	50,337	70,448
Expenditure	(76)	(862)	(8,532)	(50,337)	(59,805)
Transfers from other funds	-	-	(9,699)	-	(9,699)
Carried forward	4,049	2,018	-	-	6,068

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

### 13) Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses and cost of key management personnel

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries including social security	175,885	162,081
Pension costs	5,473	8,019
Total	<u>181,359</u>	<u>170,100</u>

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000

The Charity's Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from the Charity or its subsidiary during the year. The trustees were not reimbursed any expenses by the Charity during the year. No trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity.

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the Trustees. The employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were Nil.

### 14) Staff numbers

	2024 £	2023 £
Number of employees	15	14
Total	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>

### 15) Designated reserves

The balance on the designated reserve represents amounts set aside to cover salaries (for one month) in the event of a gap in the receipt of grants

### 16) Related party transactions

The Company has a wholly owned subsidiary, Planet Child's Play Community Interest Company, which incorporated on 15 August 2013

One of the trustees (Ms C Greenhalgh) is a Director of Planet Child's Play

At the end of the year Planet Child's Play was owed £nil (2023:nil) by the charity

### 17) Post balance sheet events

The companies wholly owned subsidiary, Planet Child's Play Community Interest Company, which incorporated on 15 August 2013 was dissolved on 4 June 2024. This has no financial impact on Wythenshawe Community Initiative Limited.

**WYTHENSHAW COMMUNITY INITIATIVE LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1112990

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# Accounts

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2023

# Wythenshawe Community Initiative Ltd

REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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## Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the period to 31 March 2023

### Registered Charity Number

1112990

### Company number

05564192

### Principal Office:

Woodhouse Park Family Centre  
7 Stoneacre Road  
Wythenshawe  
Manchester  
M22 1BP

### Trustees at the date this report was approved

Christine Greenhalgh (Chair)  
Fiona Hatch (Treasurer)  
Eula Mesquita  
Sarah Lynch

### Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc  
Barclays Bank plc

### Independent Examiner

S Weighell FCA  
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Altrincham  
WA15 8PT

## Trustees' Report

The Trustees, two of whom are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements of a Directors' Report and Accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

### Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the year and at the date of this report are listed on page 2.

### Structure Governance and Management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the directors named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company. The Charity's governance arrangements and structure are set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Trustees are the Management Committee, which comprises the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the other trustees as listed on page 1. New Trustees are recruited from a range of groups including user groups and other interested members of the local community including professional people who come into contact with us, employees, ex-employees and representatives of the United Reformed Church, from which organisation we lease our premises.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems, procedures and initiatives to manage those risks have been established, or are presently being considered, by the Trustees.

### Objectives and Activities

The principal objectives of the Charity are:

- 1) Alleviating the hardship and distress of children resident in the area of benefit, caused by the break-up of marriage and family and to preserve and protect their good mental and physical health by providing and maintaining a centre and facilities.
- 2) Advancing the education of the public and providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons.

3) Relieving poverty, in particular by the provision of advice, information and support.

The Charity operates in Woodhouse Park in particular and the district of Wythenshawe in general.

We have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in compliance with its duties under section 4 of the Charities Act 2006. The guidance sets out two key principles:

The organisation must have an identifiable benefit.

The benefit must be to the public or section of the public.

We confirm that we meet these requirements.

## Principal Activities

### Some highlights of the year....



We were honoured to be part of the inaugural GRUB Carnival at



Here's our after school club receiving a giant donation from John Lewis Cheadle.



Chatting all things Family Centre with our friends at WFM Radio



We loved taking part in the Manchester Day Parade this year

## Family Support – Bright Futures

### The Headlines

28  
families

80%  
children  
showed  
improved

20 agencies  
worked with

### The story



**April** - This month we were delighted to celebrate the first cohort of Bright Futures families and children and had a lovely garden party to recognise the hard work they have done over the past year. We also co-hosted a music session at Safespots in Wythenshawe, we all created a song and had musicians play the melody for us. We have also been running a weekly fitness group at the

Raddison gym which has been going well.

**May** - We celebrated Greater Manchester walking festival and hosted a joint walk with the women's group Fresh Start Smart. Bright Futures then hosted another meet in the afternoon at Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre. Asda donated healthy organic herbal tea and healthy fruit and snacks. We chatted, drank tea, we then did a guided relaxation and light stretch with the yoga mats. The families attended a course with the parent and carer forum to understand sensory processing. We were also invited to go to some sound healing sessions at the Dandelion Church.



**June** - We took a trip to Manchester Art Gallery where they put on an adult workshop with afternoon tea. We also had a lovely treat for the parents, enjoying a spa day and lunch.



**In August** we offered some amazing family trips. We went to Southport, Bewilderwood, Gulliver's World, outdoor family fitness fun, CAFT Adventure Farm, as well as a family forest session with City of Trees. We also did some family swimming sessions at the Raddison gym. We have done walks, and some lovely garden yoga sessions with the children.

**October** - Parents continued to enjoy the walks, coffee meet ups, and swims at the Raddison. The children attended a nature mindfulness session which they loved, with most children commenting that they felt calmer after the session.



**November** - The parents attended some of the work going on with the SENsitive group. We all attended a workshop about sensory needs and how to get disability benefit related support. We also put our own SEND workshop on which was a huge success. Lots of local services, groups and our Bright Future parents attended. We also did a family/sibling fitness session with the fitness team from the Raddison which the children loved.

**December** was a busy month as we began to say goodbye to the children and families, finishing off work, and completing feedback as well as organising the end year parent meal and Christmas celebration party. We also opened the door to all the new families starting in the new year for an open day to let them know about what will be on offer for them as part of the project.

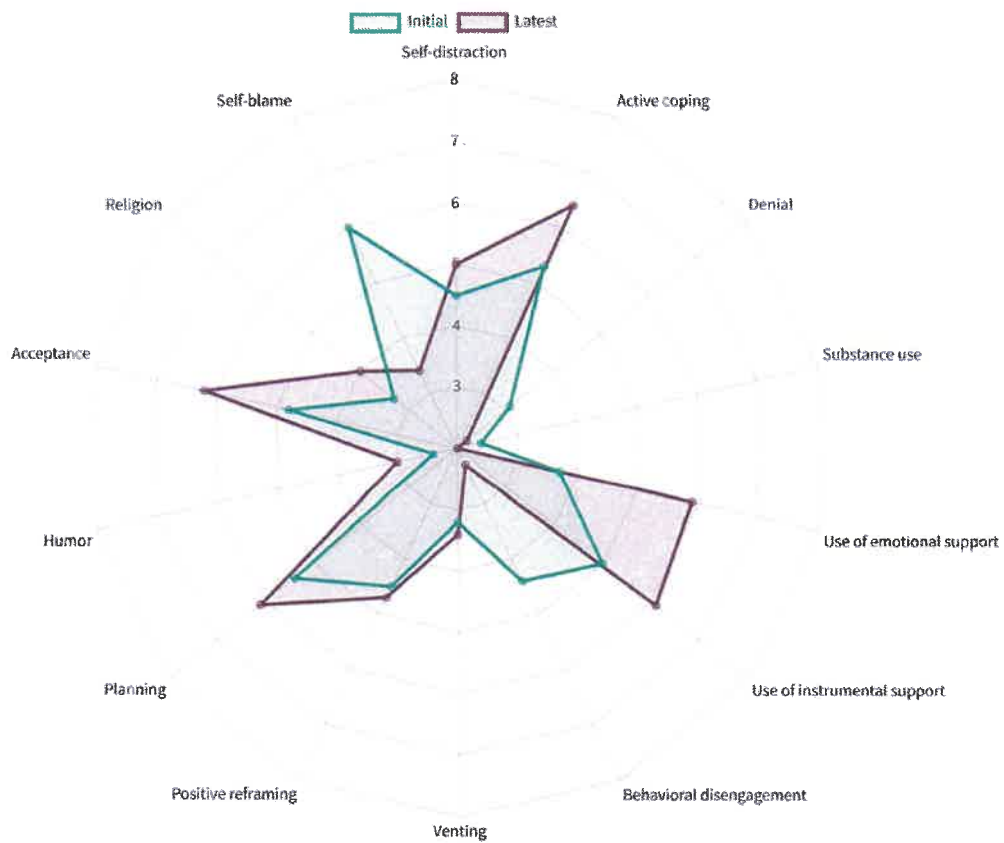


**January** saw us welcome a new cohort of families and we spent time doing introductions, tours of the centre and getting to know children and families. We held our first Bright Futures children's session which was really successful.

**February** - The children had by now all settled in and we spent some time incorporating National Children's Mental Health Day. We got to know the children and their needs as well identifying learning, which will be incorporated into the session planning to ensure the children get the individual support they need. The Bright Futures parent group upstairs was really well attended.

### The Difference we made

We collated information using an impact data tool. We asked all parents to complete the questionnaire at the start of working with Bright Futures, and again at the end. This impact survey asks questions relating to coping strategies and resilience. The below data shows an overall improvement after working with Bright Futures for 12 months. Parents appear to be actively coping with their situation and using support more efficiently.



15 children out of the 18 families attended the Bright Future play support over the 12-month period. 12 children showed significant improvement in their overall wellbeing, emotionally and physically, they were more sociable, confident, and resilient and transition into high school well. Many of these children now are part of the Bright Futures Friends group and connect with each other still. Two children showed signs of no improvement or worsening of their situation. These children have SEND, and parents felt that high school worsened their engagement and wellbeing in general, so this was not necessarily a reflection on Bright Futures as other factors were at play. All but one parent when asked stated that they would work with Bright Futures again or recommend to a friend.

### **Case Study**

The HF family were referred by a local primary school. G, their daughter, was struggling with confidence, self-esteem, low mood, and general concerns around her emotional and physical wellbeing at school and mum reported that all the family had gained weight during lockdown. G has a diagnosis of autism. G also struggles with coeliac disease, which was causing lots of stress and anxiety around eating. Mum reported she felt unsupported as she had her own mental and physical health needs.

We created a care plan around the family, and the key areas to look at were for G to build confidence, for the family to have quality time together, for mum to improve her physical well-being and to socialise and connect with other parents who are struggling with similar issues. A common theme which came up often from G during Bright Futures sessions, but also from mum, was worry over the transition to high school.

G attended all sessions during the 12-month period, and within 3 months we noticed a significant change in her engagement, going from being quiet, reserved, no eye contact, not eating at mealtimes and not using the toilet to a young person who was funny, witty, and sociable. By eating dinner each Friday at Bright Futures and accommodating G's dietary needs, and through discussions about healthy foods and educating the other children about food intolerances G began eating at each session with the group. Her anxiety seemed to have significantly dropped. Mum described 'the change is astonishing; it's been a lifeline'.

Mum took part in all the family trips, courses and workshops on offer, and attended most of the family meet ups and walks. Even when she was having a bad day with her back and couldn't walk, we adapted as there was no pressure to walk and would sometimes just sit and have a cuppa and chat. Mum joined the fitness group, she couldn't attend any classes due to her limited mobility but would often go for a swim. Mum has since become a member and even now she is no longer with Bright Futures, regularly takes the children/herself for a swim. G also asked for a walking machine and seemed to be actively wanting to improve her overall wellbeing.

Bright Futures supported the school to manage things better and acted as the communication bridge between mum and school. Mum described how some simple changes for her and Georgia made a huge difference to their quality of life daily. We then also did some good transitional work with the high school. Mum stated she was blown away with how well she has transitioned into high school.

At the end of the work Mum stated that she's really loved Bright Futures and has met some great parents and G has met some fab friends. Mum feels her daughter is worlds apart from the child who started with Bright Futures. G is now confident, sociable, and attends school with no issues. When asked if she would recommend the service she stated "absolutely, it's been godsend Jade and the centre, I can't thank you all enough. They need more of this support everywhere".



## Early Years – Stepping Stones Pre-school Playgroup

### The Headlines

28% children  
have English as  
an additional

42%  
Children with  
SEND

### The Story

**April** - Our child that was recently diagnosed with type 1 diabetes was finally able to return to us and it was lovely to welcome him back. We have worked hard to support him and each other to adjust to the necessary changes in our daily routine. One of our EAL children has made huge progress with her use of words recently, especially staff names. Mum is really pleased and grateful about this.

**May** Created books with all the children to take home. (Going on a bear hunt) This has been the children's favourite book, and we hope it will become a treasured memory for their future.

We took the children to visit the 3 local schools and talked about their transitions in preparation for their move to big school. They were all excited and able to talk about it the following day. The children have been trying lots of new salad items and vegetables each week. They have also been creating their own snacks every Thursday to boost their independence. During a specialist case meeting, one of our Mums said "I honestly don't know how I'd have got through the last few months without you all".

**June/July** - The children have been on lots of walks to the 3 local primary schools to help prepare them for transitions. We have incorporated using zebra crossings and safety awareness into these outings. And the group have really enjoyed getting to know the local environment.

**September** -The children returning from last term have been so kind and caring towards the new starters.

They have started to show the younger children "how we do things" without being prompted and some have even expressed empathy when one of the others is upset. Parents of the new children have commented on how happy they are at the speed they have settled in with us. This is definitely one of the advantages of being a small group and a strength that makes us stand out from other providers.



**November** - We have been working more closely with other professionals and we feel this has had a positive impact for our children both past and present. We visited a local primary school that one of our children has recently started to attend to meet with his teacher and the school SENCO. We shared the strategies that had helped us to support his emotional development and the school SENCO said "If only all early years providers were so thoughtful around children's transitions"



**January** - The children returned after the Christmas break as if they hadn't been away!! This is a clear indicator of the positive relationships they have already started to form here.

We have been focussing on primary colours and developing independence this term and the children have been trying lots of new sensory and taste experiences (some more successful than others)

3 of our current children and 2 who are in the induction process are all younger siblings of past attenders. As a team this makes us feel really proud that we have left a lasting impression on these parents/carers.

**February** - We used the focussed colour in our art work, hunted for it in the environment and even ate foods that colour at snack time. At the start of every half term we share the planned learning goals with parent/carers. This includes supporting activity/discussion ideas that can be used at home. This is to strengthen our partnership with parents, so that we are better equipped to enrich the children's experiences and improve their school readiness.

**March** - We welcomed a new child to our group at the beginning of the month. She initially really struggled to control her responses towards the other children. She has now settled in extremely well and is starting to build happy and strong relationships. It is lovely to see how far she has come in such a short time and how happy her Mum is with her progress. We have been exploring flowers and insects as part of our spring time theme



### **The Difference we make**

We have received the end of year evaluations from parents/carers and the comments have all been extremely positive. When asked to rate the overall quality of the experience every one of them chose either excellent or good. Here are some of the comments we received.....

“The professional staff who are clearly committed to the caring and teaching of my child”

“How happy my daughter is to attend and how she talks about nursery in such a positive way”

“The staff are amazing and I can tell they take very good care of their pupils”

“It’s a very friendly environment with very good communication”

“It has helped him build his confidence and independence”

“All staff have been fantastic with A and his needs, I couldn’t have asked for any more from you all, thank you.”

“A calm and friendly environment, that is very safe....”

## Early Years - Willowbank Homeless Refuge Creche

### The Headlines

**26**  
Children  
attended

**3**  
Refugees  
supported

**500**  
Hours of  
creche

### The story

**April** – We did lots of Easter crafts including, making some little easter baskets, easter egg hunts in the garden and we made little cornflake cakes, the children loved doing different things related to easter.

We have been prepping the garden for summer, we have put up our new greenhouse and started planting seeds to grow with the children. We have also been able to spend lots more time outside with the children as the weather is getting nicer.



**May** - This month we see families from two other refuges begin to use the creche, Apex house and Oak Lodge, and we have had 2 new families start with us. One of our families has moved from Willowbank to a different refuge but still travels to use us which is lovely.

We have also got some new strawberry plants for our green house and some new bedding plants for our large pots.

**June** - With the weather getting nicer we have enjoyed water play outside, the children have enjoyed splashing about and getting wet in the sunshine. We were also able to pick the strawberries that had grown. We had a walk down to the local library to see if they have anything available in during the six weeks holidays. It's also been nice to see our babies getting about on their feet up and walking. With the children getting older we have been able to offer more days for families as our ratios are evening out now.

**July** - This month we have been taking advantage of the sunny days and spending time in the garden doing water play, we have even managed to get a little paddling pool which the children have loved splashing about and dipping their feet in. The children have also enjoyed playing and making sandcastles in the sandpit.

We have also been trying the children with different foods for snack which has gone down well.

We will be saying goodbye to one of our families this month as they are moving to their new home, they will be missed by all of us.

**August** – We started our stay and play sessions as some of the parents were telling us they have been feeling lonely so we thought it would be the ideal time to start them. The first session went really well, it was a hot day so we did rainbow ice cubes on the messy play table, the little ones loved this and were splashing around after they had melted. It was also one of the children's first birthday so mum brought everyone some cake and we all sang happy birthday, it was lovely to be able to be a part of this as we have watched her grow all year.

We have also been able to have a walk around the shops with the children on some of our quieter days, the children love to go for walks and have a look at all the different things in the shops. We have also made some dens inside crèche with the older children, they loved getting all different blankets and covers on the mats and hiding and getting comfy.

**September** - This month we have settled all our new children into creche. They have all settled in really well and are enjoying sessions. We held our second stay and play session, we had five families attend and we did a messy play activity with limes, lemons and oranges for the children to taste. It was lovely to see the parents and children interacting with each other.

**October** This month we decorated the crèche with the children for Halloween, all the little ones enjoyed playing with all the bits from the box, walking round saying "HALLOWEENNNN"

We have been doing lots of Halloween crafts such as ghost and pumpkin foot and handprints and making our own pumpkins, we also made decorations to put in the reception area of Willowbank to make the building look more child friendly.

We had another stay and play with a Halloween theme, the children came down dressed up, we did pumpkin messy play and decorated cakes, and the support staff and Becki the manager joined us too. The children loved it just as much as the parents did.

**November** - This month we have had all the crèche room decorated, it looks so much nicer and fresh. We were unable to use the room so instead we took the children out to the local park for shorter session time but still enabled the session to run. The parents really appreciated this, and the children had lots of fun.

We also planted some bulbs with the children to come up for spring, the children really enjoyed this. We did have a visit from the local squirrels who came and dug up all our bulbs, but we did manage to save some and re plant them.

One of our children has really settled in well and we've noticed a massive difference in her confidence and progression, it's so lovely to see.

**Dec** - We started off December with doing lots of Christmas crafts including paper wreaths, handprint Christmas trees and footprint reindeers for the parents which they absolutely loved. We were lucky enough to have presents donated to us from a local childminder which meant we were able to give every child a present for Christmas. For our Christmas stay and play we made gloop consisting of cornflour, water and red and green food colouring in keeping with the Christmas theme.

**February** We have tried lots of new messy play ideas including crushed biscuits, spaghetti and dried cereals, the children had fun feeling and tasting the different textures. We celebrated Pancake Day by making pancakes and using different toppings to decorate, this went down really well. We have now started baby day twice a week which is going well with all babies settling in great and enjoying the freedom to play. One parent has said how much the baby enjoys coming down to creche and has asked for extra days.

**March** - This month baby day has been really consistent with all babies attending and really enjoying the session, the parents are even asking for more days to have their children in creche. This is always nice to hear as this means the parents are comfortable leaving their baby in our care. Our monthly stay and plays have really picked up with us having a really busy creche with all parents attending and having fun with their children and also getting to socialise and interact with the other parents which they are really enjoying.

## Play – After-School Club & Playscheme

### The headlines



### The story

**April** - Our Easter playscheme went really well and the children had the best time at Chester Zoo. We had the Flying Seagull circus come to visit us again and they gave us an amazing performance and the children got to take part in some circus skills.

We have had a child getting really emotional recently and has been saying some not very nice things about herself, she is also really struggling to make friends and has been getting really angry at staff members. I have addressed this by speaking to dad and suggesting she be referred to our Bright Future sessions as we have seen a real difference in her lately.



*Afterschool Club Council*

*What you have enjoyed about Afterschool club this month: Playing with my friends, Everything, hammer beads. Playscheme!! The trip I've never been to the zoo before it was so exciting.*

*What you would like to happen next month in Afterschool Club: Pyjama day, ice cream day, more sand, different food.*

*Good news story: Ava surprised the Flying seagulls by jumping through the hoop which was held up really high.*

**May** – Two of our Polish children brought in some “fruit soup” that had been made at home for us all to try, they had also written out the recipe for us – we plan for them to make this when we return from the holidays.

We have had a child join from Ukraine who speaks very little English, we struggled to communicate and the children wanted to be able to talk to her so I have printed off some common phrases in Russian so the children have able to talk to her.



We have enjoyed our weekly Monday cooking sessions. A quote from a parent on Facebook “When she comes home from club with this 😊 They are absolutely amazing there Playing Out in Wythenshawe. This week she has been taught to cook pasta with meatballs & now to tie her shoe laces! Thank you so much guys, your all amazing (sic)”

**June - Afterschool Club Council:**

*What you have enjoyed about Afterschool club this month: Water fights, football, painting, playing with friends, meeting new people, eating, cars, bridge, drawing.*

*What you would like to happen next month in Afterschool Club: Football nets, grass to play, house area, more toys.*

*Good news story: The ice cream after the Manchester day parade , Scored a top corner goal in football.*

*A quote from one of the new children attending “this is the best day ever”*

**July & August** - Our playscheme ran incredibly well. We did lots of activities which included, create your own salad bar, face painting, making our own bug hotels, lots of messy play and lots of food activities.

We had one little boy who made sure to water our tomato plants every day to keep them alive and he was finally able to pick the tomatoes over playscheme.

*“Great place, great girls, fantastic atmosphere! We appreciate you guys so much, thank you”*

**September** - We have recently received some funding to provide dinners every night, this is going down really well and the children love coming every session and asking “what’s for dinner today.”

We have added two new Junior volunteers and they have both been fab, they stay at the end of the session to help clean up and also stay for our end of session evaluation where they are able to give their input.

We have had one child who has been leaving school early each week to attend but has recently been told she now needs to attend her science lesson so is not allowed to leave any more which she was very upset about. When I found this out, I spoke to dad and said she would be given a guaranteed place each Wednesday, so she didn’t have to leave school early to make it here on time.



**October** - Our spooktacular Halloween parties went down a treat, some children had even been dressed and ready to go since 9am when the party didn't start till 4pm! We enjoyed apple bobbing, Halloween bingo, scavenger hunt and lots of party food! Our favourite part of each day was watching the children find the treats inside our gruesome boxes which made for some strange facial expressions.

We are loving our big family dinners as usual, we have the best chats during dinner time!

We celebrated Black History Month. We created our own medicines in honour of the amazing and wonderful nurse Mary Seacole, designed our own steering wheels in

honour of Lewis Hamilton and learned all about influential black people over the course of history.

**November** - We have had lots of rainy weather which means PlayStation out for games of Fifa - lots of opportunity for turn taking and team work! Last week we really enjoyed playing some group games. We played a big game of footballs girls v boys which the girls won! Taking some inspiration from the Lionesses' recent Euro win!

We also enjoyed making our Christmas decorations for our Winter Wonderland theme!

*Afterschool Club Council:*

*What you have enjoyed about Afterschool club this month: Painting the windows in the quiet room, different foods, playing outside, Christmas crafts, drawing, football.*

*What you would like to happen next month in Afterschool Club: More toys, more outside equipment, more snowflakes, a day to wear pjs, xmas puppet show, new football net, better surface to play football on.*

*Good news story: Chloe got her certificates in swimming. St Anthony's performed their Christmas carol concert and all the staff came.*

**December - January** – Happy Lunar New Year - We celebrated by making our own red money envelopes and using chopsticks to eat noodles for dinner. Everyone was very excited to be using chopsticks and many surprised themselves by being able to use them easily. We had lots of fun in the snow and ice, using our giant cones and seesaws as sledges! We had a movie night with hot chocolate, picnic food and the best Christmas film ELF.

Our Christmas parties went down really well and the children loved showing off their party clothes.

*Afterschool Club Council:*

*What you have enjoyed about Afterschool club this month: Christmas party, playing with friends, the food, making the rainbow for the wall*

*What you would like to happen next month in Afterschool Club: Valentines party, no arguing in football , more cars and Lego, clay activities, fruit tea, making bracelets*

*Good news story: Summer did a Christmas mission where she donated food to local food banks and people who needed it, she managed to get enough donations that it filled her entire living room. She also picked the family centre as one of her places to donate to which was lovely. She ended up being in the Manchester evening news for her cause.*  
*belt.*



**February** - We celebrated children's mental health week. One of our priorities in Afterschool club is children's mental health, so each week we encourage activities that improve children's well-being and overall happiness. During children's mental health week, we really focused on highlighting the importance of recognising children's mental health. We created our own people and compared them against each other, focussing on the similarities and differences we have.



This year's theme was 'LET'S CONNECT'. During a session we looked at what connects us with the people on the session. We came up with many good connections such as "school, friendly, eye colour, communication, and sports". We made sure to have lots of mindfulness activities available for the children to do, such as sensory playdough, threading pasta, and painting.

**March** - We were proud to celebrate Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Many of our children who attend our Afterschool have a close connection with Neurodiversity week and it was important to us to celebrate it and recognise the misconceptions about neurological differences.

We took the children through a quick overview of the very complex brain and we made this a hands on approach where the children made brains from play dough and learnt all about flight or fight. We had posters dotted around the room with



information on Neurodiversity and some children even made posters themselves. The children especially liked seeing the different celebrities who had dyslexia and were surprised by some, especially the authors.

We also celebrated International Women's Day!

We did a scavenger hunt to find inspirational women that were hidden around the centre.

We talked about groundbreaking women in different careers and the children were really interested in learning about each woman.

### **The difference we made**

We think this quote says it all in terms of what we want to achieve through our play provision.

"My daughter Matilda has been coming for many years now, this year has been especially tough for her, we honestly believe your kindness, welcoming, friendship & most of all your love for all children's smiling faces have got her through this year. Every day is the same conversation \*can I go to club please\*.. she really loves you all. Thank you Charlotte & team for making my daughter smile again."

## Our Response to the Cost of Living Crisis



2142 hot meals provided

Over the last 6 months we have provided a free hot meal for every child attending our After School Club thanks to funding from Wythenshawe Community Housing Group and donations from SVP and Wythenshawe 409<sup>th</sup> Scouts Group and Summer's Mission. Parents have reported this helps reduce pressure on them financially and practically.



We also introduced the **Family Centre Social**, which runs every Friday morning and is open to all the local community to drop in for a free warm drink, hot breakfast and a warm welcome, as well as advice and support. We invite other agencies to come in and share information with our families.

Some of the services we have welcomed include:

- The fabulous Green Doctors from Groundwork who joined us with loads of advice and tips for saving money on those ever increasing energy bills.
- Helen Beesley from National Literacy Trust with lots of info & resources to help improve literacy skills and support our children with reading and writing.
- We also hosted visits from Wood Street Mission, the Healthy Weight team, Legal First Aid family law advice service and Careers in Teaching.



Over the winter months we ran a **Winter Warmer campaign to put together packs** of equipment to give to families over the winter to help with heating bills and the cost of living. In total we gave out 30 packs which included things like energy saving lightbulbs, thick duvets, hot water bottles etc.



We also, again through funding from WCHG, offered an **Emergency Family Fund** to offer vital support to individuals and families struggling to purchase practical things like essential household items, winter clothing or school uniform.

And we continued to use our **Facebook page** to share relevant information from our partners in the area.



## Building Strong Foundations for Stronger Families

This year we will be launching our ambitious campaign, Building Strong Foundations for Stronger Families, to buy, refurbish and eventually remodel our home, Woodhouse Park Family Centre, so that we can meet ever increasing demand and achieve our ultimate aim of being the first port of call for families in Wythenshawe.

We have been supporting our community for almost 30 years, during which time, we have provided help to over 6,000 families. Founded for local people by local people, our ambition has always been to make a positive difference in our community. In these difficult times there is huge demand for all our services and our community tells us that we have never been more needed. It is vital for us, therefore, to be able to have a space that allows us to expand our existing services and develop new ones ensuring we can meet the very real and increasing needs of our local families.

Woodhouse Park Family Centre offers an environment where we can provide access to services and care to any of the families and children of Wythenshawe who need us. We operate within one of the most deprived wards in the country with over 40 % of children living in poverty and an increasing number of families relying on foodbanks to survive. Our vision is to improve the economic and emotional wellbeing of the Wythenshawe community and to increase people's confidence and aspirations to help them make better lives for them and their families.

In order to remain in the area we need to buy our building – until recently we have been able to lease it for a nominal rent. We also want to refurbish it, both to help us deliver more and better services, and to cover some of our costs through room hire.

With austerity impacting more and more families, 41.8 % of children in Manchester are living in poverty, and government funding being cut year on year, coupled with the lingering impact of COVID, the need for our services is greater than ever.

So we have one Big ambition - to raise the money to secure our building and make the changes that will mean we can help thousands more families.

Our building is one of our strengths in terms of its location –right in the heart of the community – and its feel – we receive frequent comments from users and visitors of how welcoming and homely the Centre feels. However, its layout massively restricts our capacity to expand services or deliver new ones. We'd love to transform the building to make it fit for purpose and environmentally sustainable whilst retaining our famed Family Centre welcome. This campaign will be our main focus over the next year as we plan for the future.



## 2022/23 supporters

Of course none of the work outlined above would be possible without the funding and support provided by a wide variety of funders, businesses and individuals and we offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the following organisations and individuals who have helped us make such a difference to children and families this year.

### Corporate supporters

John Lewis

Waitrose

Standard Scaffolding/Balvac/National  
Highways

Equilibrium

Delta Solutions

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Radisson Blu Manchester  
Airport

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### Grant Funders

The National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities

Wythenshawe Community Housing Group

AutoTrader

Smallwood Trust

Manchester City Council

### Individual Fundraisers/Donations

The Shatarsky family

### 'In Kind' Donations of time, products or services

The Clayton Hotel Manchester Airport  
Manchester Libraries  
Wythenshawe Community Housing Group  
Inspire/Gunner Cooke  
City in the Community  
Manchester Airport Community Engagement team  
Costain  
Nationwide Management Services  
Helen's Childcare  
409<sup>th</sup> Scouts Wythenshawe  
SVP Wythenshawe



## Partnerships

**Manchester International Festival** - Our expertise in our local community has been recognised by Manchester International Festival who are working with us as a community partner to ensure the Wythenshawe community is represented in the development of their new arts facility, Factory International.



**Manchester Play Network** – We continue to be an active member of the Manchester Play Partnership, which brings together play providers across the city to share best practice and advocate for play. This year we all worked together to put a great multi-agency PlayDay celebration event in Whitworth Park to help raise awareness if Manchester City Council's Our Year campaign to put children at the heart of decision making across the city! It was so good to see so many families playing & having fun together and all thanks to amazing partnership work led by Manchester Play Network which we're proud to be part of) & supported by Manchester City Council

**Women of Wythenshawe** - We're proud to be a part of the new Women In Wythenshawe network aimed at supporting women across Wythenshawe who are experiencing gender poverty and related issues to help create a voice and bring about structural and decision-making change. We look forward to supporting a group of women from here at the Centre to take part in this network and become an independent group going forwards.



**Filming Well** – We hosted a Filming Well course run by Together One who aim to support emotional well being and good mental health through the use of the arts.



**Manchester Day parade!**

We're very proud of all the children who took part in the Manchester Day Parade and were an absolute credit to the Centre, demonstrating just how amazingly creative, friendly and welcoming the Wythenshawe community is! Massive thanks to Liz Gilleard and her colleagues at the Clayton Hotel who arranged for packed lunches and transport to be provided which made a massive difference on the day!

And also big thanks to Hannah from [Walk the Plank](#) for all her help and guidance creating our wonderful props.

**We would also like to thank Sue Weighell of Delta Solutions for providing her accountancy services.**

**In addition, we are indebted to the United Reformed Church (North West) Trust for granting us the continued use of our premises without charge.**

## Financial Review

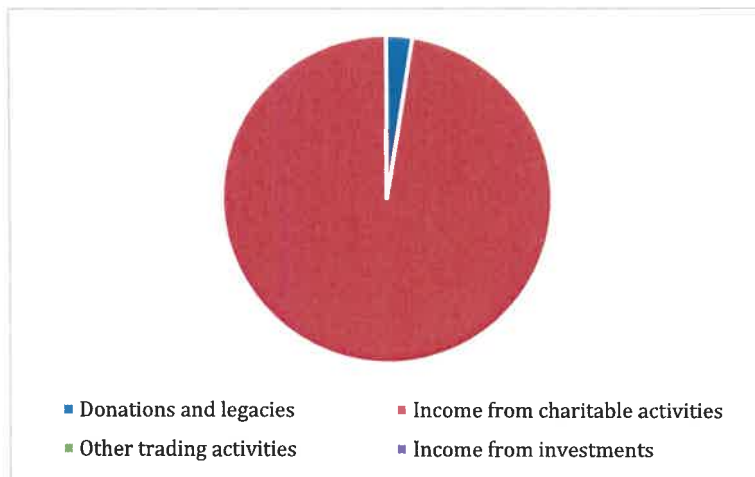
The Trustees review the financial position of the charity as part of the regular Trustee meetings and are satisfied that the income of the fund is sufficient to meet annual operating expenditure.

### Results for the year

Incoming resources were £204,017 and total expenditure was £218,414 There was a reduction in funds of £14,397.

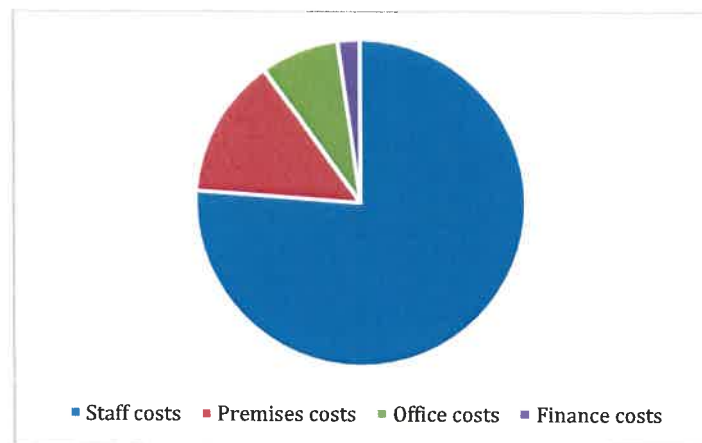
### Where do our funds come from?

Income of £204,017....



### How do we spend our money?

Expenditure of £218,414....



### Reserves Policy

As required by the Charity Commission the Trustees have adopted the following reserves policy:

1. We will maintain the sum of £12,000, or such amount as is determined from time to time by the Management Committee, as a contingency fund (designated reserve) for the sole purpose of bridging a gap in the receipt of funding income.
2. In addition to the above sum we will recognise as a restricted reserve at the end of our financial year any income, received by us for the purpose of funding a specific post, activity or expense, to the extent that the income has not been used for that purpose during the year.
3. Subject to meeting the ongoing expenditure needs of the organisation we will aim to maintain our unrestricted funds at a level equivalent to six months' worth of current running costs.

Finally, for the avoidance of doubt the Trustees confirm that at the year end:

1. no restricted funds are in deficit
2. no funds were held by the Trustees as Custodian Trustees.

### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

In the attached accounts set out on pages 32 to 39, the Trustees have prepared financial statements for the period up to 31 March 2023. In preparing such statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Foundation will continue in its operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at the time the financial position of the Foundation and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Foundation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report was approved by the trustees on 04/12/2023 and signed on its behalf by:



S. A. Lynch  
S. A. Lynch (Dec 13, 2023 22:05 GMT)

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/members of** Wythenshawe Community Initiative Limited

**On accounts for the year ended** 31 March 2023 **Charity No** 1121682


**Set out on pages** 32 to 39

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023

**Responsibilities and basis of report**  
As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").  
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**  
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination.  
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

  
[S Weighell \(Dec 14, 2023 06:36 GMT\)](#)

**Date:**

14/12/2023

**Name:**

Susan Weighell FCA

**Relevant professional qualification:**

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

**Address:**

3 Wellgreen Close, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 8PT

## Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023

### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	funds	funds	funds	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Income from charitable activities	2	8,102	1,000	0	9,102	171,337
Donations and legacies	4	111,760	83,035	0	194,795	4,092
Other trading activities	5	120	0	0	120	0
Income from investments	3	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total income</b>		<b>119,982</b>	<b>84,035</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>204,017</b>	<b>175,429</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	6	123,107	95,308	0	218,414	185,910
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>123,107</b>	<b>95,308</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>218,414</b>	<b>185,910</b>
Net income/(expenditure)		(3,125)	(11,273)	0	(14,397)	(10,481)
Transfers between funds		(11,757)	11,757	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(14,881)</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(14,397)</b>	<b>(10,481)</b>
Total funds brought forward		-35	4,641	12,000	16,606	27,087
Total funds carried forward		<b>(14,916)</b>	<b>5,125</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>2,209</b>	<b>16,606</b>

## Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023

### Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	8		2
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	9	10,764	9,085
Cash at bank and in hand		13,342	37,226
		<u>24,105</u>	<u>46,311</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and accruals	10	21,898	29,707
<b>Net current assets</b>		2,207	16,604
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>2,209</u>	<u>16,606</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Designated funds	11	12,000	12,000
Restricted income funds	12	5,125	4,640
Unrestricted funds	13	(14,916)	(34)
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>2,209</u>	<u>16,606</u>

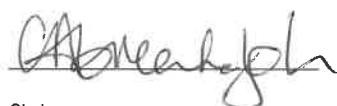
The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 With respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the trustees on 04/12/2023 and signed on its behalf by



Chair

  
S. A. Lynch (Doc: 13, 2023.22:05 GMT)

Trustee

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023

### 1) Accounting policies

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the directors named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements 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) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties in respect of the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, based on latest strategic plans and financial budgets.

#### b) *Income Recognition*

Income from grants and donations is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, 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 creche facilities is recognised as earned as the related services are provided.

Interest receivable 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.

#### c) *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.

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

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements, including the independent examiner's fees and legal costs.

#### d) *Depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged so as to write down the value of the assets over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Computer equipment - 20% per annum straight line

Office equipment - 20% per annum straight line

#### e) *Debtors*

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

#### f) *Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and cash in hand and deposits with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or the date of opening the deposit or similar account.

#### g) *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 amounts after allowing for any trade discounts due.

*h) Fund Accounting*

Funds held by the Charity can be one of:

- i) Unrestricted general funds – which can be used in accordance with the Foundation's objects at the discretion of the Trustees;
  
- ii) Designated funds- which are funds set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects; or
  
- iii) Restricted funds – which are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Foundation. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further details of each fund are shown in notes 11,14 and 16.

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023

### 2) Income from charitable activities

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period
	£	£	£	2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Referral fees	0			0	1,230
Contact fees	0			0	1,749
Toddler Group Voluntary contributions	712			712	454
Playscheme fees	1,200			1,200	2,900
PL Playscheme	30,500			30,500	10,000
EY Stepping Stones				0	28,029
Play Group fees	6,551			6,551	1,543
Grants	35,522	0.00		35,522	5,000
Mobile creche	38,275			38,275	0
PL ASC				0	9,920
TNL Bright Sparks		56,611		56,611	16,213
Early years funding (Local authority)		26,424		26,424	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,760</b>	<b>83,035</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>195,795</b>	<b>77,038</b>
	0	0		0	

### 3) Investment income

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period
	£	£	£	2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
None received	0			0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 4) Donations

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period
	£	£	£	2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	7,102	1,000		8,102	4,092
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,102</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,102</b>	<b>4,092</b>

### 5) Other trading activities

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period
	£	£	£	2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Rent received	120			120	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>

### 6) Expenditure on from charitable activities

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period
	£	£	£	2023	Total funds
				2022	£
Staff costs	87,501	82,600		170,100	82,600
Rates	6,987	1,171		8,158	1,171
Insurance	2,300	385		2,685	385
Repairs and maintenance	792	133		924	133
Light and heat	4,800	804		5,605	804
Operating lease payments	0	0		0	0
Cleaning and gardening	560	94		654	94
Equipment	4,874	1,954		6,828	1,954
Postage and stationery	1,224	220		1,443	220
Bank charges	358	60		418	60
Audit and accountancy	2,772	464		3,236	464
Telephone	2,933	642		3,575	642
Subscriptions	370	62		432	62
Publicity and advertising	0	0		0	0
Travel	59	202		261	202
Activities and trips	2,297	5,306		7,603	5,306
Sundry	21	4		25	4
Refreshments	2,773	603		3,376	603
Training	0	189		189	189
Hardship vouchers	2,486	416		2,902	0
Interest paid	1	0		1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,106.76</b>	<b>95,307.58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>218,414</b>	<b>94,891</b>

#### 7) Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging

				2023	2022
				£	£
Independent examination	540			540	540
<b>Total</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>

#### 8) Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	691	2,194	2,885
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	690	2,193	2,883
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	1	1	2

#### 9) Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and trade debtors	10,764	9,085
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,764</b>	<b>9,085</b>

### 10) Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,568	8,969
Pension and Paye/Nic due	18,529	19,388
Trade creditors	715	1,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,812</b>	<b>29,707</b>

### 11) Statement of funds

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer between funds	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated funds	12,000	0	0	0	12,000
Restricted funds	4,641	84,035	(95,308)	11,757	5,125
Unrestricted funds	(35)	119,982	(123,107)	(11,757)	(14,916)
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,606</b>	<b>204,017</b>	<b>(218,414)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,209</b>

### 12) Restricted funds

	NIF Equipment	Building Fund	EY SS - LA Funding	FS BF TNL RC	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	4,641	0	0	0	4,641
Income	0	1,000	26,424	56,611	84,035
Expenditure	(516)	0	(38,181)	(56,611)	(95,307)
Transfers from other funds	0	0	11,757	0	11,757
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>4,125</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,126</b>

### 13) Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses and cost of key management personnel

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries including social security	162,081	152,509
Pension costs	8,019	3,844
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,100</b>	<b>156,353</b>

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000

The Charity's Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from the Charity or its subsidiary during the year. The trustees were not reimbursed any expenses by the Charity during the year. No trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity.

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the Trustees. The employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were Nil.

#### 14) Staff numbers

	2023	2022
	£	£
Number of employees	14	12
Total	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>

#### 15) Designated reserves

The balance on the designated reserve represents amounts set aside to cover salaries (for one month) in the event of a gap in the receipt of grants

#### 16) Related party transactions

The Company has a wholly owned subsidiary, Planet Child's Play Community Interest Company, which incorporated on 15 August 2013

One of the trustees (Ms C Greenhalgh) is a Director of Planet Child's Play

At the end of the year Planet Child's Play was owed £nil (2021:nil) by the charity



# WCI Final 2023 accounts

Final Audit Report

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**WYTHENSHAW COMMUNITY INITIATIVE LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1112990

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# Accounts

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# Wythenshawe Community Initiative Ltd

REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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# Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the period to 31 March 2022

## Registered Charity Number

1112990

## Company number

05564192

## Principal Office:

Woodhouse Park Family Centre  
7 Stoneacre Road  
Wythenshawe  
Manchester  
M22 1BP

## Trustees at the date this report was approved

Christine Greenhalgh (Chair)  
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Eula Mesquita  
Sarah Lynch

## Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc  
Barclays Bank plc

## Independent Examiner

S Weighell FCA  
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## Trustees' Report

The Trustees, two of whom are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements of a Directors' Report and Accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

### Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the year and at the date of this report are listed on page 2.

### Structure Governance and Management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the directors named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company. The Charity's governance arrangements and structure are set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Trustees are the Management Committee, which comprises the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the other trustees as listed on page 1. New Trustees are recruited from a range of groups including user groups and other interested members of the local community including professional people who come into contact with us, employees, ex-employees and representatives of the United Reformed Church, from which organisation we lease our premises.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems, procedures and initiatives to manage those risks have been established, or are presently being considered, by the Trustees.

### Objectives and Activities

The principal objectives of the Charity are:

- 1) Alleviating the hardship and distress of children resident in the area of benefit, caused by the break-up of marriage and family and to preserve and protect their good mental and physical health by providing and maintaining a centre and facilities.
- 2) Advancing the education of the public and providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons.
- 3) Relieving poverty, in particular by the provision of advice, information and support.

The Charity operates in Woodhouse Park in particular and the district of Wythenshawe in general.

We have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in compliance with its duties under section 4 of the Charities Act 2006. The guidance sets out two key principles:

The organisation must have an identifiable benefit.

The benefit must be to the public or section of the public.

We confirm that we meet these requirements.

## Principal Activities

2021/22 has been another rollercoaster of a year due to ongoing impact of COVID 19 and the rising spectre of the Cost of Living crisis. Who would have thought we would start the year in lockdown yet again, but this time the novelty of Zoom parties, baking banana bread and long family walks had worn off, and the impact of enforced social isolation was really being felt. At least this time we were prepared and ready to respond quickly as changes to guidance for service delivery came thick and fast. We continued to prioritise face to face delivery wherever safe and possible, recognising the extreme negative effect the lack of social contact was having on children and families. Yet again the vital role of small community-based charities shone through as we were able to respond agilely to the increased demand for services as lockdown restrictions and guidance gradually relaxed and society began to adapt to a new kind of normal.

### Some highlights of the year....



**We were honoured to be visited by the new Leader of Manchester City Council, Bev Craig, who was very keen to hear about the issues facing us and our local community**



**Here's our after school club receiving a giant donation from our local taxi firm Club Cars. The donation meant even more as we were nominated for it by the community**



**Some of our young people heading off to do the sponsored walk they organised to raise money for the Centre**

# Family Support – Bright Futures

## The Headlines

27 families supported

80% children showed improved emotional resilience

20 agencies worked with

## The story

**April** - Bright Futures is now successfully delivering several sessions each week. We deliver weekly play sessions for the children, and this has been successful – we have even been asked by a local primary school to deliver this work in school. We are offering families weekly support groups, workshops, courses, Facebook and WhatsApp support alongside 1-1 support with families. From next week families will be able to access weekly parent walks, family plays at the park and a weekly coffee morning at the centre.

We managed to provide all 24 families with Easter eggs thanks to ASDA Wythenshawe. Wythenshawe Food Bank agreed to offer us weekly leftovers of food/snacks to use in our centre or leave for families using the centre to collect.



**May** - We have now been offering coffee mornings and walks and these have been well attended. Families seem to really enjoy parenting walks and plays at the park. The play sessions are really well attended and some of the reasons children were referred to Bright Futures appears to be reducing.

I have delivered the play programme we offer at the centre at St John Fisher and Thomas More using their nurture room as this was successful with lots of positive feedback from children, parents and teachers.

**June** - We have had more families use the after school plays and walks in the park. We have ordered some sports and game equipment to try and encourage children to socialise and have something other than the park pay area. A lot of the children in the project don't get out to the park or outdoors so this should support that. Asda has put Bright Futures forward for the green tokens in store so this should be exciting and help raise awareness about the project and centre



**July** - We have had a few plays in the park, I have joined and encouraged lots of families to access Wythenshawe Games and even been poached into joining in on some of the activities too! We have also held a book event and invited families to receive brand new free books and we did a comic strip and booking making workshop. 23 families attended this event.

We also held a teddy bear picnic which was very successful with 18 families attending. Unfortunately, the heavens opened, and our picnic didn't quite go ahead but we had fun and games inside and parents chatted and had a cup of tea. Children got to choose a brand-new teddy to take home.

**August** - Over the last month Bright Futures has enjoyed some lovely trips with the families to sunny Southport and Alton Towers. I have also been finishing off some work with the families as they have been working with the project for 12 months now. Charlotte and I have created some final plans for the children doing the bright future play sessions offering sibling work and final work to cover some of the things they have been learning over the last 12 months to support their emotional wellbeing. I have had some positive meetings with local schools and other services with some lovely feedback for the support Bright Futures has given to local families and schools. I have already started receiving referrals for the new year and I feel excited to meet some more families and children

Some of the feedback received

*School – ‘One of the children came up to me and thanked me for making the referral to bright futures as it’s really helped’*

*Children when asked ‘What do you enjoy the most about coming to bright futures on a Friday?’ answered ‘Making friends’, ‘Being able to talk’, ‘Getting away from home’*

*Mum – ‘It’s been life changing over the last year as cheesy as that sounds we are all doing so well as a family’*

**October** - It's been sad to start to say goodbye to some of the families and children but lovely at the same time to see that they have engaged well and benefited from the support of Bright Futures and the centre and that they feel more independent and empowered to continue on their journeys without that weekly support from a support worker as such. It's so nice to see better emotional regulation and resilience within the family units and children themselves.

**December** – has involved providing support to enable families to move forward without weekly support, as well as preparing the children who have been attending sessions to get ready to leave. We are encouraging these children to access after school club. Mission Christmas provided some amazing presents for the families this year.

We also ran an information morning at the centre on the week of Christmas where local business sold their products, we had debt and employment advisors along with a fitness instructor giving out gym passes and doing health checks. We did a raffle to fundraise for the centre.

**January** - We have done our inductions and started our first play session which has gone well. We have also encouraged parents to have a coffee upstairs which has been nice to see parents exchanging numbers and even one group setting up a WhatsApp group.

We had our first fitness session this week which went well and judging by this parent feedback they have enjoyed it too!

*'Its so nice to come and chat and feel like you're not alone'*

*'First gym session in a don't know how long. Can't wait for the next one'*

*'I had such a laugh today pushing myself to do something id never usually do. Really enjoyed'*

**February** - This month we have been watching the new children settle into the centre and taking part in the bright futures play programme. We were nominated for the Asda online green token vote and won. The community champion came out to see the centre and was really impressed with all the work that goes on at the centre. We have also been linking in very closely with the local parent led group SENSitive who provide a support group each week to parents and carers of children with SEND which fits in nicely due to the large numbers of SEND referrals we are receiving. They have been putting on different training and workshops and many of the parents have been attending.

**March** - This month we celebrated International Women's Day and co-hosted an event with FreshStart Smart at the Forum library. Asda donated some lovely lunch, cakes, coffee, and tea. Wythenshawe Foodbank donated some beautiful beauty items for the women. We played music, chatted, laughed and Fresh Start Smart gave free hand massages. We had over 30 people attend. The Forum library gave us the space and the local radio promoted the event. We have also been linking in closely with Safespots, a local charity with a space for women who have experienced any domestic abuse or trauma. They have allocated some spaces on their freedom programme and yoga sessions for our mums.

### **The Difference we made**

The Musungwa family were referred by a local primary school. Middle child Tak was struggling to make friends, be independent, transition into school in the mornings, and do other activities outside of school. Tak often kept worries or thoughts to himself, and mum and school wanted Tak to develop his social and communication skills. Tak has a diagnosis of Autism. Mum was feeling very overwhelmed. As a single mother of 6 children mum was happy to accept any support from Bright Futures.

We looked at home life, and identified routine was a stress factor as the household had lots of people, and Tak would often become overwhelmed with routines, especially if mum had to change things last minute. We reached out to a service who delivered workshops and created vision boards for SEND children and families. Mum loved the workshop and said the routine board and visual pictures has changed everything. Mum reported home life is much smoother and calmer as everyone can just look at the board and know exactly what's going on.

We had several meetings throughout the year with school which looked at Tak being given a key worker, earlier drop off times, and additional support during the school day. I also suggested a diary for Tak to use to tell someone if something has happened. After the suggestions were made by BF, mum and school were fully on board and tried them. Mum and school reported a huge difference with few meltdowns at the gates and during the school day.

Tak completed 12 months of the play programme, and school, family centre staff and mum noticed a difference in confidence and self-esteem. Tak made some good friends during the sessions too.

The family enjoyed some lovely family trips and described it as the first year she had been able to take the children to some lovely places.




Mum engaged with any meetings, groups, workshops and then engaged with the fitness sessions and committed to going to the gym 3 times a week. Mum lost loads of weight and was given an award by the gym for most committed member to their goal they had seen and gave mum 6 free PT sessions. Mum now comes to this year's Bright Future sessions and supports the new mums by being present.

After looking at daughter time we came up with idea of monthly daughter dates, and mum has stuck to this too.

Mums feedback from the support was 'Bright Futures has been a lifeline, I never thought I'd see this much difference. Tak has grown so much now. I would recommend the support to any local families'

# Early Years – Stepping Stones Pre-school Playgroup

## The Headlines



28% children  
have English as  
an additional



42%  
Children with  
SEND

## The Story

**April** - We received great feedback from some of our parents of child/ren with additional needs who were very thankful for all the time we've spent helping them to get a referral to the local SEND support scheme. They said they felt like they were "finally going in the right direction" and that they "couldn't have done it without us". We supported an Arabic family to complete all the social communication pathway paperwork for their son.

We had a new child starting who has never been left anywhere before so mum was very anxious on his first day. However, she did say that the induction process had reassured her that he would be happy here. He took my hand and didn't look back (although he did say "oooo your hand is so cold" which made us all laugh). We were all surprised that he was ready to do a full session as early as day 3 and how much character he is displaying already.

**May** - We did lots of activities around crossing the road safely (including children making their own sets of traffic lights and stop/go signs, which they have loved playing with as a group). We rounded the theme off with a walk to the local crossing, so we could practice what we had learned about what red, amber and green lights mean. The children were very excited to show us what they had remembered, and all received a well-deserved certificate as a reward

After working with a parent for some length of time around issues that affect her and her son, she has finally got to the stage where she is comfortable enough to accept a referral to Bright Futures.

**June** - A child who had never eaten with us started to take food to a separate table and eat a little bit. (This may not seem like a huge achievement, but it had taken 6 months and the team were really pleased.) He also sometimes joined in with a group activity such as painting or cutting out, which had been another progress target. Several of our parents have said how much they have needed and appreciated the food donations outside the building. After a visit from a speech and language therapist to assess one of our children, she praised how all the staff communicate with the group, saying *"I usually have lots of advice and suggestions, but I honestly can't think of anything you guys aren't doing already"*

**July** – As we said goodbye to some of our children leaving for school nursery here is some of the feedback we received from their parents.

*“This fantastic place and staff have massively helped my child to progress in all areas including learning, speech, writing and behaviour.”*

*“It has helped H so much in getting ready to start school. I wouldn’t want her anywhere else. It’s worth the travelling.”*

*“My favourite things about Stepping Stones are the staff and the progress. The way how they treating the kids.”*



**September** -The start of a new term and we have had a full register (and a long waiting list for next term). The new children all settled in surprisingly well. When asked how they heard about us, one of the parents said “I saw a little girl skipping out of here really happy and I asked her mum about the nursery”

Children spent the first few weeks getting used to the routine and anticipating what’s coming next, which helps them feel secure.

Our newest child had previously experienced problems settling into other care settings and her parents were very anxious about her starting with us. However she settled with us quickly and the other children welcomed her into the group in the lovely way they always do.

**November** - We had a busy month with the children, incorporating Remembrance Day, Science Day, road safety week, Children in need and Diwali. The children created some lovely things to take home to their parents, including poppies, sensory bottles, Pudsey bears, traffic lights, (We took the children on a trip using the crossing and traffic lights), and the children also made a candle holder for Diwali.

The children really enjoy creating and making their own snacks and being able to make choices with their food.

**January** - The children returned after the Christmas break as if they hadn’t been away - a clear indicator of the positive relationships they had started to form.

We focused on primary colours and developing independence this term and the children tried lots of new sensory and taste experiences (some more successful than others). Five of the children attending are all younger siblings of past attenders. We hope this shows that we have left a lasting impression on these parents/carers, so that they want to return to us again and again



**March** - At the start of every half term we started to share the planned learning goals with parent/carers. This included supporting activity/discussion ideas that can be used at home. This helped us to strengthen our partnership with parents, so that we were better equipped to enrich the children’s experiences and improve their school readiness.

## **The difference we made**

A was first registered with us in June 2021 by her then foster carers. After induction I spoke with her health visitor, as there had been developmental concerns raised at her 2-year check. Even after gradual admission A was very withdrawn and showed no signs of progress. Unfortunately, the following month we had some serious safeguarding concerns. We followed our procedures and worked closely with the police and her social worker. A had to be removed from this placement and because it was then the summer break, we had no feedback as to where she had been placed.

On our return in September A's grandad telephoned to say she was now living with him and asked if could return to us. On coming back A was a much more confident little girl. Although she became angry very easily, with lots of extra support she began to make slow but steady progress in all areas of development. We met with grandad and the other agencies involved regularly to discuss next steps. She became a really happy child, who was popular with both children and adults.

Sadly, in June 2022 A's grandad passed away and again her world was disrupted. Grandma was keen for A to stay in her care and so we helped with paperwork, and attended some difficult meetings to support her. A's behaviour became very challenging, but the strong relationships already built enabled us to support her through this confusing time.

In July we began working with the local primary school around a supported transition. She started with them in September and at her handover review both grandma and the school SENDCO reported that she is settling in well.

# Early Years - Willowbank Homeless Refuge Creche

## The Headlines

21

Children  
attended

3

Refuges  
supported

500

Hours of  
creche

## The story

**April** - Over the Easter holidays we were able to have more of the older children on sessions and we did activities like cooking, which they could then eat for their snack, and egg hunts. We also had one little boy come back who used to come when he was a baby and left to go to school.

Since the weather has been getting nicer we have been able to do more activities in the garden and we have been on some trips to nearby parks. We have also started doing more gardening and we have made some bird feeders for the birds and squirrels. We have also put an order in for flowers and seeds to do more planting in the planters. The children have loved seeing how the sunflowers are growing in the green house.

**May** - This month we have made our garden brighter, we now have two new big planters with lots of plants in and we have started to grow some fruit for the children to pick and eat. We also did some autism awareness training and it was so helpful, we have put it into practice with one of our little girls and sessions are now running more smoothly for her and us as staff.

One of the mums said to us she can tell her little girl has settled in so well with us and she is glad she has come out of her shell.

**June** - We have done lots of messy play this month and the children have loved it especially the new children we have had down, also due to the good weather we have been on a few trips to the park. We have also carried on with our gardening and our strawberries have started to grow, the children have loved being able to pick their own fruit, wash it and then eat it.

**July/August** - Numbers have been high due to the six weeks holidays starting, it's been lovely to see the older children as we don't get to see them that often anymore as they are in school. We have done lots of water and messy play because of the lovely weather, the children have loved it.

We have also done a Wood Street mission application for some clothes for the creche and we have received some donations of books and arts and craft packs.

**September** - Over the past few weeks, we have tried to get as many trips into the parks as possible with the nice weather that we have had and we have managed to organise a trip to the Wacky Warehouse free of charge for some of our older children, we plan to do this sometime in October.

We also have some local councillors coming into creche to find out more about our service and what we do.

**October** - This month we have found a local library that does a story time session on Wednesdays for free, so we plan to take the children each week. As it's coming up to Halloween the children have been decorating the creche room, we have also done lots of Halloween arts and crafts and pumpkin carving, which the children have enjoyed. We have also used the inside of our pumpkin mess to do messy play and feed the wildlife in our garden.

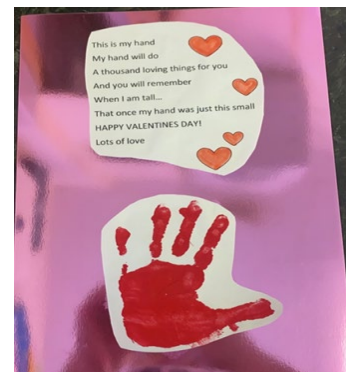
**November** - This month we got to go on our trip to the Wacky Warehouse. The children loved it and it was so good to see their faces light up and have a lovely morning, the parents were also really happy that their children had got to experience something they wouldn't have been able to afford to do themselves.

We have also got more new families to start this month, some were a little hesitant at first to leave their children as they are only a few months old but now they feel comfortable with us and we love having the babies each week.

**Dec/Jan** - We have been doing lots of Christmas activities, it was lovely to see the children getting so excited. We made our own little Christmas trees and baubles to make a Christmas display board. We were able to give out our Wood Street Mission presents to the children before we broke up for Christmas as well it was so nice to see how grateful the families are and put a smile on their faces. We also got given little presents and cards back to us with lots of nice messages in from the parents to say how much they appreciate us.

**January** - It's been lovely coming back to work and seeing all the children again and watching how much they are progressing we have four babies at the moment, and it's been great to see how much they are growing and being more active. Over the past two months three of our families have moved out as they have been successfully rehoused.

**February** - This month we made Valentine's arts and crafts with the children, we made little poems and put them with handprints. Our little babies have started sitting up and becoming more interactive with the toys, its lovely to watch them grow. One of our older children has started speaking a lot more English to us, as this isn't her first language it's amazing to watch her speak two different languages at such a young age. Our older children came down over the half term, it was good to be able to do different activities as well as see some new faces.



**March** - We have started getting the garden ready for summer, we also have a new greenhouse and bird feeder. The little ones have loved putting the seeds out for the birds. While the weather has been nice we have been having picnics in the garden and we have also been able to get the sand out and use the bikes, the children have loved it.

One of our babies is on the move now and has started crawling, he has been coming down to creche since he was a few weeks old so it is nice to see his progress. We have also made Mother's Day cards, the older children were so happy and excited to show their mums what they had made them.



### **The difference we made**

Qashang started using the crèche in November for her son Raha when he was just 11 weeks old. Qashang wanted to Raha to learn new things and grow up around other children. She was also looking for some support and help for herself. Since coming to crèche, Raha has become much more sociable, and Quashang also reports she feels a lot more confident to leave Raha as she knows that he is happy in crèche and he does not cry.

Quashang told us - "It's great, you do amazing things, and you are so nice to me and Raha".

Over the past year it's been so nice to watch Raha grow into a lovely little boy and see how much he has changed and developed and see how much we have supported Qushang and helped her. They have now moved to a different refuge, but they still travel to us to use the creche.

# Play – After-school Club & Playscheme

## The headlines

1739

Attendances at  
our sessions

140

children and  
their families  
helped

24% children  
with SEND

## The story

**April** - Our highlights this month have been Easter playscheme it ran smoothly and all the children had so much fun.

We have also been making a lot of use of the messy room now it's had a fresh coat of paint and all clean, the children have really enjoyed being in this room and we one child said "I love this room it's so calming it's so beautiful I could just fall asleep" which is great feedback as that is the vibe we were going for. We have found giving children who struggle with behaviour more responsibility and making them junior volunteers has improved behaviour overall. We have had some children who attend Bright Futures sessions come to our afterschool club which is amazing as this is exactly what we want



**May** - We have been doing lots of healthy eating activities with the younger children, they made their own vegetable kebabs and 'lunchables', we taught the younger children the importance of using knives safely and they really enjoyed the responsibility of being able to use the knives themselves. One child said, "I love cooking it calms me and I'm never able to do it at home."

The planter that the children worked on at Easter is thriving and the children love the responsibility of watering it and maintaining it.

One of new children who has just started came out and the first thing she said to her mum was "this is the best day ever can I come again tomorrow?"

Our children also really enjoyed celebrating Eid and talked about the importance of celebrating it and acknowledging all cultures.

**June** - Our highlights this month have been how much fun all the new children seem to be having on the sessions, we have incorporated lots of role play for the children to take part in open ended activities which they absolutely love.



We have been celebrating the Euros this month and all the children have painted the flag of each country taking part. We plan to have an England party next week (even in England don't win.)

We created our own after school club play, the children were in charge of everything and even created their own props and costumes.

We took some of the children litter picking outside the building and up the street – the children loved doing this and we plan to take them litter picking in the park during the summer holidays.

**September** - After a VERY busy summer we have finally been able to return to Afterschool club being an open access service. Afterschool club is thriving and we have received lots of new members since being back open. Our highlights have been our Roald Dahl week, the children really enjoyed the themed days, and one little girl was very excited as one of the days were 'Matilda' and her name was Matilda, she was coming up with lots of suggestions on what we could do, some not so realistic -decorate cakes with her face printed on them! We have created a junior volunteer programme, it consists of 6 sessions and so far we have completed: Week 1 induction to junior volunteer, Week 2 First aid and Week 3 learning how to run activities. We have had each young person attend on one of our play sessions to help out and they have all done fantastic. The course has been going really well and were excited for the last three weeks.

Our good news story is one of the children was running for head boy at school and came to our session and read his speech out in front of everyone, he got teary eyed while reading and was very nervous but managed to finish his speech, we later found out he hadn't gotten the position at school which promoted us to create our own 'Afterschool Club council'. We had anybody who wanted to join write a speech to why they think they would be a good asset and then read it out to everyone. We were very proud of all who gave it a go and have picked our Afterschool council. They will be the voice for the children and we plan to do 5 minute discussions at the end of each month where the children can feed back any ideas/issue they have with Afterschool Club to the council who can then feedback to staff.



**October** - We had the Flying Seagull project come to visit with their circus show during our playscheme which the children absolutely loved! We are hoping for another visit from them in the middle of December which will be amazing. Our Halloween parties all ran really well and the children seemed to have a really fun time we had lot's asking if they could come all week.

We have celebrated Black History month, the children enjoyed the activities we had planned and were really interested in the display we had made and many of them added to it, with either pictures or paragraphs on how they were proud of their skin colour.



- We created medicines with herbs to celebrate the work of Mary Seacole.
- We created traffic light snacks in honour of Garrett Morgan
- We made microphones to honour the strong black influence on today's music culture

- We decorated biscuits like footballs in honour of Wythenshawe's very own Marcus Rashford

**November** - We have had another busy month this week. We made some bath bombs which turned into science experiments (this got VERY messy) But was very much enjoyed by the children.

We also celebrated Diwali, we made lanterns to light up our centre and made some art inspired by Rangoli, we also tried some delicious snacks that are eaten on Diwali.

The children really enjoyed creating poppy cups and making healthy snacks in the shape of poppies for Remembrance Day. The children especially enjoyed learning from our display which included real life examples of war paperwork used during the war and photos which had the stories behind them.

We have also been making up activity packs to drop off to children who are having isolate.



**December** - We have been doing lots of cooking this month the children have really enjoyed this. We had one child comment "Are you really going to let me use the pan on my own?" and another "I never get to cook at home this is the best."

We have been lucky enough that a play therapist has wanted to do her work experience with us, we have successfully referred two children to her and she will be coming in every Monday and Tuesday to work with them.

**January** – We held a Christmas/New Year party which the children really enjoyed and they were all very grateful when they were given presents at the end.

We have a few children who are extra emotional this term and we have seen a change in behaviour, we plan to address this by dealing with this by giving them more one on one time and extra support in the sessions to make better choices.

We have had a few children who attend the club lose a family member and one parent reached out for support for her child. Staff have completed an online Grief training that just helped with what to say to the child and how best to support them

Club Cars were also doing a vote on Facebook to win £1000, many of the Afterschool club parents tagged us in the post to win and wrote some lovely things about us which was really nice. Club cars came to visit us during Afterschool club and the children were really excited to hold the big cheque.



One of our junior volunteers is doing really well and is a natural with the children, it's really nice to see him making his own games up and the children really look up to him

*Afterschool Club Council:*

*What you have enjoyed about Afterschool club this month:*

*Play leaders Charlotte, Jess and Macauley. Playing outside. Making crafts. All the new drawing books and tracing paper. Toy vehicles. Playing with friends and meeting new people.*

*What you would like to happen next month in Afterschool Club: McDonalds, play on the iPad more. Have a pyjama party.*



*Good news story: We have Two new member who having joined Afterschool Club Council Amy and Ava 😊 Club cars came to give a check and take a picture. Ava moved up a level in Gymnastics.*

**January** - During this month we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health week. The theme was all about growth. We talked about growing as a person ourselves and planted



cross so we were able to see the growth happening in a plant. We also made a Growing Together wall, where we used flowers to showcase the achievements we had made in our lives and hot air balloons with the names of people who had helped us grow as people.

The children take part in weekly litter picks to help keep the gardens looking nice and clean, this is something the children really enjoy and ask to do so we do hope in the summer to be able to them litter

picking round the streets and local parks.

We celebrated Chinese New Year this month by trying some traditional Chinese food and making dragons. The children also enjoyed looking at the Chinese calendar to see what their Chinese zodiac animal was.

*“Why does the time in afterschool go so fast”*

*“You make me happy when I come you treat me good that's why I come”*

*“Thank you for making my life exciting”*

*Afterschool Club Council:*

*What you have enjoyed about Afterschool club this month: We liked making the food this month. We liked playing games when it was raining. I love that Charlotte and Jess are here.*

*What you would like to happen next month in Afterschool Club: More food*

*Good news story: I went to Karate and got two new tabs on my belt.*



**March** - We celebrated International Women's month, we made crowns in honour of Queen Elizabeth and had an inspirational women's treasure hunt.

We had a fab time celebrating pancake day by making and decorating our pancakes. We also took part in science week and did many experiments that the children really enjoyed. Our favourite feedback this month was from one of our junior volunteers who has been attending the Centre for several years now –

*"I can stand anywhere in this room and it will bring back such a good memory"*

### **The difference we made**

Harry joined Afterschool club when he was five years old having previously attended Stepping Stones playgroup, he is now nine. He has been attending Afterschool regularly for the past 3 years. He rarely misses a week and attends every playscheme or event we have on. Harry has sensory processing disorder and has recently been diagnosed with ADHD. Harry struggles in school and his teachers struggle to understand him. Here at afterschool club is a place for Harry to be himself with staff who understand him and his needs really well. Harry even chooses to come here on his birthday and has said "Can I have my party here with you guys?"

Harry has come on so much, especially in this past year, by attending our sessions. He is learning social skills - how to play with other children and even just how to tolerate having other children around him. Harry knows that there will always be a place for him at the family centre and he is able to let his creative side shine here. He has made a special bond with one member of staff and calls her "his best friend". He is now able to express his emotions when he comes to the session, which he struggled with before, and will now let us know if he's had a bad day in school or not, which helps us with how we choose our/words/actions towards him for the session.

*"Harry struggles with socialisation it really got him ready for school, and now with his diagnosis the team really help, they're amazing with him. From after-school club to bright futures the way Harry has changed with the help from the centre. It's Harry's favourite place to go he loves everyone there, especially Jessica. The staff are the nicest, kindest, generous people I have ever met. I'd be lost without them and so would Harry." Angela, Harry's mum.*

## **Partnerships**

We couldn't have achieved what we have this year without the support of some amazing partners

- Wythenshawe Youth and Play Alliance
- Heart & Soul
- Manchester Play Partnership
- Play Therapy

## **Training and Employment**

As always we try to ensure our staff and volunteers have access to a range of training and development opportunities The training undertaken this year has included:

- \* Practical Safeguarding
- \* Designated Safeguarding Lead
- \* LEAD+ Leadership programme
- \* Our Boards Autism Workshop
- \* Understanding Unconscious bias
- \* Diabetes

## **2021/22 supporters**

**Of course none of the work outline above would be possible without the funding and support provided by a wide variety of funders, businesses and individuals and we offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the following organisations and individuals who have helped us make such a difference to children and families this year.**

### **Corporate supporters**

Club Cars

Asda Green Token scheme

Steris Wythenshawe

### **Grant Funders**

The National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities

Young Manchester

Comic Relief/Groundwork

Arnold Clark Foundation

Asda Foundation

Buzz Manchester

Manchester Active

## **Individual Fundraisers/Donations**

Bright Futures children

The Shatarsky family

Sarah Lynch

Hazel Reeves

Ann Walters (Arc Training)

## **'In Kind' Donations of time, products or services**

Manchester Libraries

Wythenshawe Community Housing Group

Inspire/Gunner Cooke

Adam's Garden Maintenance Service

BW3

The Flying Seagull Project

**We would also like to thank Sue Weighell of Delta Solutions for providing her accountancy services.**

**In addition, we are indebted to the United Reformed Church (North West) Trust for granting us the continued use of our premises without charge.**

## Financial Review

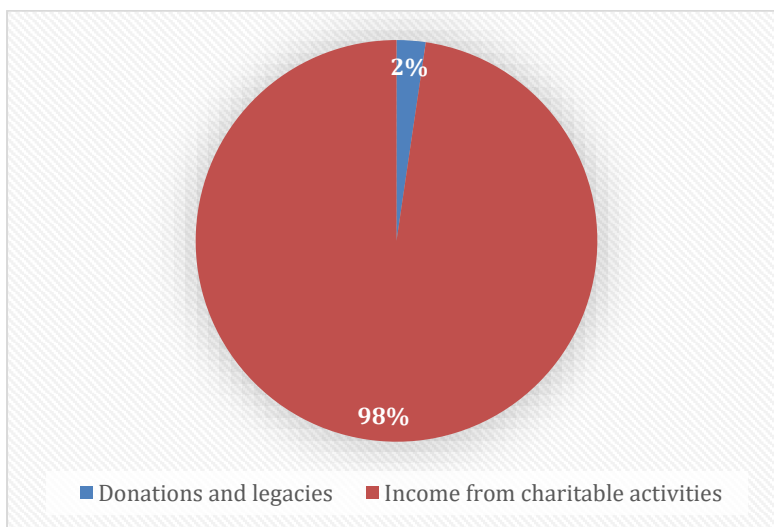
The Trustees review the financial position of the charity as part of the regular Trustee meetings and are satisfied that the income of the fund is sufficient to meet annual operating expenditure.

### Results for the year

Incoming resources were £175,429 and total expenditure was £185,910. There was a reduction in funds of £10,481.

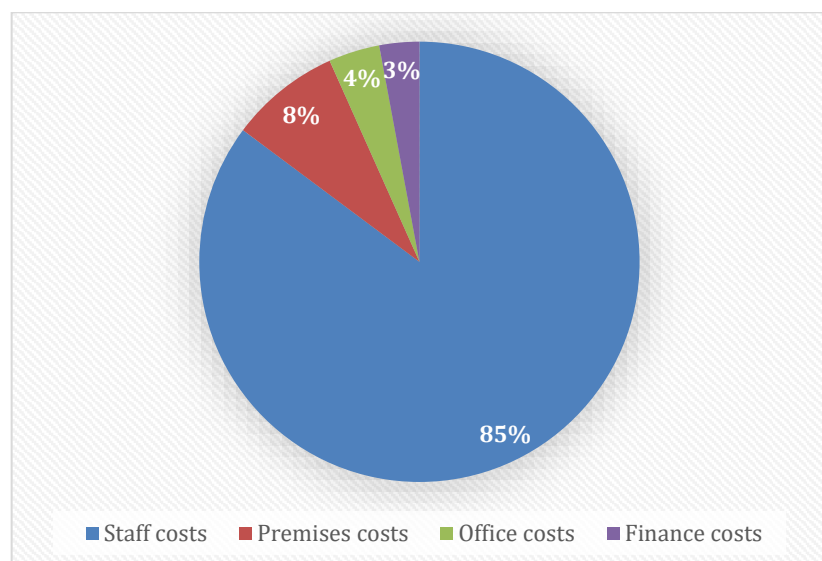
### Where do our funds come from?

Income of £175,429....



### How do we spend our money?

Expenditure of £185,910.....



## Reserves Policy

As required by the Charity Commission the Trustees have adopted the following reserves policy:

1. We will maintain the sum of £15,000, or such amount as is determined from time to time by the Management Committee, as a contingency fund (designated reserve) for the sole purpose of bridging a gap in the receipt of funding income.
2. In addition to the above sum we will recognise as a restricted reserve at the end of our financial year any income, received by us for the purpose of funding a specific post, activity or expense, to the extent that the income has not been used for that purpose during the year.
3. Subject to meeting the ongoing expenditure needs of the organisation we will aim to maintain our unrestricted funds at a level equivalent to six months' worth of current running costs.

Finally, for the avoidance of doubt the Trustees confirm that at the year end:

1. no restricted funds are in deficit
2. no funds were held by the Trustees as Custodian Trustees.

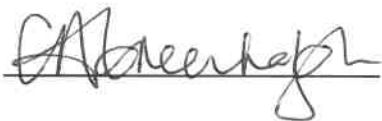
## Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

In the attached accounts set out on pages 27 to 34, the Trustees have prepared financial statements for the period up to 31 March 2022. In preparing such statements the Trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Foundation will continue in its operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at the time the financial position of the Foundation and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Foundation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report was approved by the trustees on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:




CHRISTINE GREENHALGH  
CHAIR



SARAH LYNCH  
TRUSTEE

## Independent Examiner's Report

<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>	Wythenshawe Community Initiative Ltd		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 March 2022	<b>Charity No</b>	1121682
<b>Set out on pages</b>	27 to 34		
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- examine the accounts under section 15 of the Charities Act,</li> <li>- 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 particular</li> <li>- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention</li> </ul>		
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>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.</p>		
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and</li> <li>- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act</li> </ul> <p>have not been met; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</li> </ul>		
<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	14/12/2022
<b>Name:</b>	Susan Weighell FCA		
<b>Relevant professional qualification:</b>	Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales		
<b>Address:</b>	3 Wellgreen Close, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 8PT		

## Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022

2020

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## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2022	Prior Period Total funds 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Income from charitable activities	2	87,964	83,373	0	171,337	77,038
Donations and legacies	4	4,092	0	0	4,092	798
Other trading activities	5	0	0	0	0	4,179
Income from investments	3	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total income</b>		92,056	83,373	0	175,429	82,015
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	6	98,434	87,476	0	185,910	107,750
<b>Total expenditure</b>		98,434	87,476	0	185,910	107,750
Net income/(expenditure)		(6,378)	(4,103)	0	(10,481)	(25,735)
Transfers between funds		(8,743)	8,743	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(15,121)	4,640	0	(10,481)	(25,735)
Total funds brought forward		15,087	0	12,000	27,087	34,540
Total funds carried forward		(34)	4,640	12,000	16,606	8,805

## Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022

## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	8		2	2
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors	9	9,085		7,058
Cash at bank and in hand		37,226		16,945
		<u>46,311</u>		<u>24,003</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors and accruals	10	29,707		15,200
<b>Net current assets</b>			16,604	8,803
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>16,606</u>	<u>8,805</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>				
Designated funds	11		12,000	8,680
Restricted income funds	12		4,640	125
Unrestricted funds	13		(34)	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u>16,606</u>	<u>8,805</u>

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

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 With respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

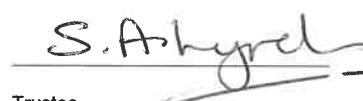
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the trustees on 12<sup>m</sup> DECEMBER 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Chair

CHRISTINE GREENHALGH



Trustee

SARAH LYNCH

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022

### 1) Accounting policies

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the directors named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements 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) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties in respect of the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, based on latest strategic plans and financial budgets.

#### b) *Income Recognition*

Income from grants and donations is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, 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 creche facilities is recognised as earned as the related services are provided.

Interest receivable 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.

#### c) *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.

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

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements, including the independent examiner's fees and legal costs.

#### d) *Depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged so as to write down the value of the assets over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Computer equipment - 20% per annum straight line

Office equipment - 20% per annum straight line

#### e) *Debtors*

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

#### f) *Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and cash in hand and deposits with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or the date of opening the deposit or similar account.

#### g) *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 amounts after allowing for any trade discounts due.

*h) Fund Accounting*

Funds held by the Charity can be one of:

- i) Unrestricted general funds – which can be used in accordance with the Foundation's objects at the discretion of the Trustees;
- ii) Designated funds- which are funds set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects;  
or
- iii) Restricted funds – which are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Foundation.  
Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further details of each fund are shown in notes 11,14 and 16.

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022

## 2) Income from charitable activities

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>Total funds 2022</i>	<i>Prior Period Total funds 2021</i>
		£	£	£	£	£
Referral fees		0			0	1,230
Contact fees		0			0	1,749
Toddler Group Voluntary contributions		849			849	454
Playscheme fees		3,111			3,111	2,900
PL Playscheme		15,000	46,765		61,765	10,000
EY Stepping Stones			31,074		31,074	28,029
Play Group fees		5,201			5,201	1,543
Grants		34,721			34,721	5,000
Mobile creche		29,083			29,083	0
Equipment and activities			500		500	0
PL ASC					0	9,920
TNL Bright Sparks					0	16,213
NIF Equipment			5,034		5,034	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>87,964</b>	<b>83,373</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>171,337</b>	<b>77,038</b>
		0				

## 3) Investment income

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>Total funds 2022</i>	<i>Prior Period Total funds 2021</i>
		£	£	£	£	£
None received		0			0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## 4) Donations

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>Total funds 2022</i>	<i>Prior Period Total funds 2021</i>
		£	£	£	£	£
Donations		4,092	0		4,092	798
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,092</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,092</b>	<b>798</b>

## 5) Other trading activities

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>Total funds 2022</i>	<i>Prior Period Total funds 2021</i>
		£	£	£	£	£
Rent received		0			0	4,179
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,179</b>

**6) Expenditure on from charitable activities**

<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>Total funds 2022</i>	<i>Prior Period Total funds 2021</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	78,325	78,028		156,353	89,557
Rates	3,359	0		3,359	1,413
Insurance	2,102	0		2,102	1,842
Repairs and maintenance	1,638	42		1,680	1,454
Light and heat	1,591	0		1,591	3,809
Operating lease payments	0	0		0	727
Cleaning and gardening	411	0		411	226
Equipment	0	6,617		6,617	1,337
Postage and stationery	1,390	5		1,395	383
Bank charges	370	0		370	436
Audit and accountancy	3,615	0		3,615	1,933
Telephone	3,236	12		3,248	2,973
Subscriptions	517	0		517	671
Publicity and advertising	0	0		0	175
Travel	0	115		115	67
Activities and trips	0	2,404		2,404	0
Sundry	305	0		305	747
Refreshments	167	14		181	0
Training	14	238		252	0
Interest paid	1,395	0		1,395	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,434</b>	<b>87,476</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>185,910</b>	<b>107,750</b>

**7) Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Independent examination	540	540
<b>Total</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>

**8) Fixed Assets**

	<i>Office Equipment</i>	<i>Computer Equipment</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	691	2,194	2,885
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	690	2,193	2,883
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	1	1	2

**9) Debtors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Prepayments and trade debtors	9,085	7,058
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,085</b>	<b>7,058</b>

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

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals and deferred income	8,969	9,157
Pension and Paye/Nic due	19,388	5,658
Trade creditors	1,350	385
Total	<u>29,707</u>	<u>15,200</u>

**11) Statement of funds**

	<b>Brought forward</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>Carried forward</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated funds	12,000	0	0	0	12,000
Restricted funds	0	83,373	(87,475)	8,742	4,640
Unrestricted funds	15,087	92,056	(98,435)	(8,742)	(34)
Total	<u>27,087</u>	<u>175,429</u>	<u>(185,910)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,606</u>

**12) Restricted funds**

	<b>NIF Equipment</b>	<b>Equipment &amp; Activities</b>	<b>EY Stepping Stones</b>	<b>PL Playscheme</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Brought forward	0	0	0	0	0
Income	5,034	500	31,074	46,765	83,373
Expenditure	(394)	(500)	(38,351)	(48,230)	(87,475)
Transfers from other funds	0	0	7,278	1,465	8,743
Carried forward	<u>4,640</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,640</u>

**13) Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses and cost of key management personnel**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries including social security	152,509	85,174
Pension costs	3,844	4,382
Total	<u>156,353</u>	<u>89,556</u>

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000

The Charity's Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from the Charity or its subsidiary during the year. The trustees were not reimbursed any expenses by the Charity during the year. No trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity.

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the Trustees. The employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were Nil.

**14) Staff numbers**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Number of employees	12	9
Total	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>

**15) Designated reserves**

The balance on the designated reserve represents amounts set aside to cover salaries (for one month) in the event of a gap in the receipt of grants

**16) Related party transactions**

The Company has a wholly owned subsidiary, Planet Child's Play Community Interest Company, which incorporated on 15 August 2013

One of the trustees (Ms C Greenhalgh) is a Director of Planet Child's Play

At the end of the year Planet Child's Play was owed £nil (2021:nil) by the charity

**WYTHENSHAW COMMUNITY INITIATIVE LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1112990

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# Accounts

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# Wythenshawe Community Initiative Ltd

REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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# Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the period to 31 March 2021

## Registered Charity Number

1112990

## Company number

05564192

## Principal Office:

Woodhouse Park Family Centre  
7 Stoneacre Road  
Wythenshawe  
Manchester  
M22 1BP

## Trustees at the date this report was approved

Christine Greenhalgh (Chair)  
Fiona Hatch (Treasurer)  
Eula Mesquita  
Sarah Lynch

## Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc  
Barclays Bank plc

## Independent Examiner

S Weighell FCA  
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## Trustees' Report

The Trustees, two of whom are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements of a Directors' Report and Accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

### Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the year and at the date of this report are listed on page 2.

### Structure Governance and Management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the directors named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company. The Charity's governance arrangements and structure are set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Trustees are the Management Committee, which comprises the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the other trustees as listed on page 1. New Trustees are recruited from a range of groups including user groups and other interested members of the local community including professional people who come into contact with us, employees, ex-employees and representatives of the United Reformed Church, from which organisation we lease our premises.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems, procedures and initiatives to manage those risks have been established, or are presently being considered, by the Trustees.

### Objectives and Activities

The principal objectives of the Charity are:

- 1) Alleviating the hardship and distress of children resident in the area of benefit, caused by the break-up of marriage and family and to preserve and protect their good mental and physical health by providing and maintaining a centre and facilities.
- 2) Advancing the education of the public and providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons.
- 3) Relieving poverty, in particular by the provision of advice, information and support.

The Charity operates in Woodhouse Park in particular and the district of Wythenshawe in general.

We have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in compliance with its duties under section 4 of the Charities Act 2006. The guidance sets out two key principles:

The organisation must have an identifiable benefit.

The benefit must be to the public or section of the public.

We confirm that we meet these requirements.

## Principal Activities

Nothing could have prepared us for the year that was 2021. Little could we have imagined when starting the financial year in lockdown that we would finish it in a similar position.

As difficult as the past twelve months have been, it has also been a year that has brought out the best in small charities like us. Our ability to respond quickly, agilely and flexibly to an ever-changing landscape meant we were able to continue to deliver some sort of support and service provision for the majority of the year. Initially though of course everything was put on hold as we all began to adjust to the huge impact this new virus, COVID-19, had on every aspect of our lives. Our attention immediately turned to two things – how to manage the potentially devastating impact the lockdown could have on our charity's future due to lost income and how best to support our staff and service users through a massively difficult period. We put together and delivered weekly packs for children and families, and these regular visits were a lifeline for many parents, isolated from their usual support networks. We also sent out weekly emails containing links to online resources, advice and activities that we thought would be useful, as well as setting up a private Facebook group for parents to share their thoughts, struggles and experiences during lockdown. We spent the summer transforming our upstairs space from a tired looking office and meeting room into a spacious, airy group space, ideal for our intended use as a warm and welcoming room for families attending workshops and group sessions as soon as we were able to get our new family support project up and running.

This year has given us huge challenges...

- Keeping up to date with all the information
- Supporting staff, both those on furlough and those in work
- Adapting the way we work to enable us to continue to deliver services

However, with these have also come great opportunities...

- Exploring new ways of engaging user and making our services even more accessible
- Fantastic partnership working to maximise support
- Chance to really review our work and make sure we are really making a difference to those children and families that need it most

### Response to COVID 19

Our immediate response to the lockdown and pandemic was to see how best we could support families who were suddenly stuck at home, some trying to juggle home schooling children and working from home. This support included:



**Weekly activity packs and “check-in” texts/calls** to our Early Years children and their families

*“A loves getting her packs off you guys. I think it’s a lovely thing you are doing for the children. A feels special when she gets her as her older siblings get stuff to do from school. Her words are “my school” when looking inside”*



*“They’ve been a source of sanity to those of us hunkered down with 1+ kid/s!”*

*“He really enjoyed the spider making activity.”*

*“She loves it and she was so excited she had a pack on door step”*

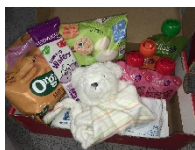


**Setting up a ‘virtual’ After school club** - working with local partner organisations to offer activity ideas, resource packs and online provision



**Care packages for vulnerable families** – thanks to some amazing donations from our friends at Inspire, we have been able to provide essential items to local families and the families who use our crèche provision at Willowbank and Oak Lodge homeless refuges

**General support via phone/email for any families struggling** - Families have talked to us about all sorts of worries and concerns that they are facing, including:



- Loneliness- not seeing close family/friends especially for parents on their own

*“You’re the first adult conversation I’ve had in days”*

*“We just feel so alone”*

- Lack of internet/equipment to access resources which are mostly online

*“I’m struggling to find resources....and I don’t have a computer or printer”*

- Children missing out on nursery/school and settling back in after long time off

*“B is really struggling with isolation even though we try and get her out on her scooter or bike once a day.”*

*“It’s the children I feel for as they are all wanting to be back in school and A is definitely missing you lot (Staff) and her little friends, it’s the routine”*

- Worries about job/money

## Our services

### Bright Futures

Our main priority for this year was to get our new family support project up and running. In June, after seeing first-hand the massive impact isolation was already having on families and with no 'end point' in sight, we decided to start the recruitment process and set up some interviews. We had a strong field of candidates and carried out initial interviews over WhatsApp - a new experience for all involved. We whittled the contenders down to four and after a further face to face interview process, we finally recruited our new Family Support Coordinator

In September of this year, we were finally able to get our new project off the ground. Bright Futures has been offering weekly drop-in support sessions to parents. This provides parents with a safe space for peer support but also to speak to the family support worker should they need any support/advice about something.

Bright Futures offers a private Facebook group specifically for the families involved in the project where they can discuss and share ideas, offer each other support but this also provides the service a platform to advertise what's going on in the local area and within the service.

We have been planning, preparing and doing some 1-1 work with the children and families involved in the project showing them around the family centre and giving them an opportunity to meet staff ready to start weekly play sessions in the New Year. These sessions will be delivered by the family support coordinator and the play coordinator. These sessions will run weekly and focus on supporting children to build self-esteem, confidence, resilience, emotional intelligence and will help improve their mental wellbeing. These sessions are done through play and structured activities.

Bright Futures partnered up with 'Outboards' in November as we have a cohort of parents who are all presenting with a need of support around managing behaviour of children who struggle with anxiety and varies levels of SEN. Bright Futures recognised this need for support and so partnered up to deliver a workshop where parents would be given coping mechanism and ways of supporting children who struggle with their anxiety and emotions. Parents who participated all received a free visual story board for each of their children. We received some really positive feedback from this course and have a review workshop booked in for January. This was delivered at Benchill community centre, highlighting that 3 services partnered up to jointly deliver this course for parents. All services involved benefited and the parents attending found it really useful.

Bright Futures is currently advertising mindfulness walks and family walks which will start in the New Year. We have had lots of feedback that parents would love to get involved in this type of activity as it will help improve their mental and physical wellbeing but also help families feel less isolated.

We also have a family mental wellbeing course which will be delivered by Manchester adult education specifically for Bright Future families. This will be delivered weekly for 1 hour over 6 weeks and gives parents resources and ideas around understanding and supporting their own mental health but also their child's. This course also covers healthy lifestyles and the importance of play with children. We already have most of the families involved in the project signed up to start the course.

The family coordinator has been networking and building some really good working relationships with partner agencies such as local schools, early help hub, parent partnership service, Wood Street Mission, Ourboards, Manchester Adult Education, Thrive, Buzz, Motiv8, Wythenshawe Real Food, local foodbanks, the library and local community centres. We have been raising awareness of the project but also getting to know other services so that partner work can take place within all local services. We also want to ensure we are not duplicating work and show that we are working with a multi-agency approach to ensure all services are providing the fullest support but also that families are supported in a streamlined way.

The project has been spending time doing some foundational work getting to know families and understanding what their needs are. We have also been allowing families time to get to know us and really build strong relationships to ensure the success of the work, project and outcomes for local families we work with. The family coordinator has been doing work with the families, early help assessments have taken place and liaising with school to ensure all services involved understand the support the family needs which gives services an opportunity to provide a clear understanding of what their role will be within the support/care plan. Each family has a care plan tailored to their individual situation and needs. Care plans are built by the families themselves and the family coordinator pulls all the services together by tasking services/work to be done. Families are then given review meetings with all services so we can begin to build a picture of what's working, what support is required and what has been successfully completed on the action plan. From this process, as a service, we can begin to build information of positive outcomes for local families.

We are now working with 20 families. We offer open access support to any family presenting. There is a criterion a family needs to meet to be allocated a family support worker and this can be accessed by self-referral and referral from other agencies. All local agencies have been made aware of the project and referral process, this has been achieved by the family coordinator requesting involvement in local networking events and team meetings within local services.

We are a service which recognises and embraces difference and diversity. We have been offering families support who do not speak English and therefore using a translation service to ensure support is given to the family. We have a range of children all with different learning needs and we ensure we meet these by understanding them and incorporating provisions in our courses and play session

which best support different needs and learning styles. We have also worked with families where there is a disability and so we will offer alternative ways to support the family and carry out work to ensure any family presenting can access our service.

### Stepping Stones Playgroup

As an Early Years service, our pre-school playgroup was the first project to get back up and running after lockdown. Around half the children on the roll came back into the setting when we reopened our doors in June. Understandably there was reluctance from some families to begin with, however for others it was much needed

“Evie was so excited to come back and is a lot better at home now she’s back at nursery. Thank you, she loves you all so much!”

“You are fantastic, and I know my child is very happy coming here, I think she would stay here if she could”

“I think (You) have been fabulous since being back and Elsie is going miss you so much”

Luckily, we were able to continue to run throughout the different stages of restrictions in line with Government guidance and this has been a lifeline for many parents, particularly during the most recent lockdown when families were struggling with the demands of home learning for their older children, especially those with no support networks.

The team have worked hard to ensure all children attending playgroup are making progress and enjoying lots of different opportunities to learn and develop. For example they slowly encouraged one of the children to participate in creative activities (which he never has done before). On his last week he helped create a junk model pig and took real pride in his achievement of this. They have been especially successful in supporting our children with SEND and also those with English as an additional language.

“My child loves the Playgroup, and cannot wait to come in each day.”

“My child has come on so much with their speech since being at this nursery.”

“Thank you so much. I can’t believe how much progress he has made in such a short time”

### Wythenshawe Child Contact Centre

Unfortunately, the contact centre has been a casualty of the pandemic. With national guidance to keep the centre closed until October 2020 we are currently exploring options and funding to get the Centre back up and running. We recognise the

Contact Centre is a vital service as we continue to receive a high volume of interest in the service.

### Playing Out in Wythenshawe

This year has seen the start of our delivery as part of a Wythenshawe wide play and youth partnership, lead by Wythenshawe Community Housing Group. Obviously, we needed to adapt our original plans very quickly and we started the year offering a 'virtual afterschool club' a regular email containing links to interesting websites and ideas for activities. By the summer restrictions had eased enough to be able to offer a limited playscheme, which was a much-needed respite for parents but also important for the children, as for many of them this was the first bit of normality they had had in months as many of them hadn't been back to school for various reasons, such as their year group hadn't gone back or parents were worried to send them back.

Playscheme had a major impact on our children as they got to see their friends and interact with other children, they got to play outdoors and do lots of fun activities that they wouldn't have been able to do at home due to parents not having time or the resources to do them. One child said their favourite thing about playscheme was "how many people I got to meet and old friends I see". This is something that we knew children would have struggled with at home, as many families have not left the house or socialised with other people, which can have a massive effect on children's mental health.

Here is some of the feedback we received from the children during our four week playscheme.

"I think you should recommend it to anyone as there is something for anyone"

"Every time I come here, I have the best time"

"it's the best time even though its coronavirus"

"It's not as bad as I thought it would be with the social distancing"

"I have had the best time; is there somewhere we can evaluate it or something" (said after their first ever session!)

It was nice to see some of our children who have grown up with us and are now attending as young volunteers step up and take some responsibility. One young volunteer said to one of our children who was showing challenging behaviour "You're one of the older children, the younger ones look up to you so you need to behave, look that little boy has just booted the football because he's copying you"

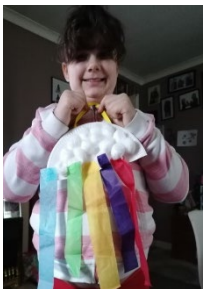
One parent said, "Gave me a welcome 2-hour kid free shopping trip." Many of the parents agreed with this as a lot of them had been with their children since the end of March with no breaks from them. Another parent said "I worked so it was a needed distraction for us all. The kids were sometime stuck in the house all day and got

frustrated with them as I was never away from them” which is completely understandable, parents need a break as much as their children do.

We restarted our afterschool club in September, running in bubbles of 15 children and managed to continue to deliver some sort of service for the remainder of the year. Our play service is the one which has had to make the most changes to continue to run, with adaptations including one-to-one sessions for our most vulnerable children. We also created a short play support programme to help those children who were struggling the most to cope with the lockdown.

Our sensory bottles were a highlight as all the children enjoyed making them. We also had one child say how much he loved the idea and that he takes it to school with him and it helps him stay calm in difficult situations.

Due to the second lock down we had to change our groups to support groups and we had specific things we would focus on that week to help the children deal with the second lockdown. Some of the activities we did went down really well and we have now started to incorporate them into our daily afterschool clubs, like our animal yoga and emotions game.



“Here is a pick of fayth with her rainbow activity thanks for the time you spent with her. X”

“Thanks for the parcel she loves them thanks for her bottle she’s using it as her bike bottle. Were going to colour the pictures in and put them in the windows and walls in our flat complex so everyone can enjoy and help them to feel good when down.”



### Planet Child’s Play Mobile Crèche

The mobile crèche hasn’t been able to run over the last year due to the pandemic. This has obviously had a big impact on our finances as we have lost a significant amount of unrestricted income which thankfully, we have mostly been able to recoup through various emergency COVID relief funding pots. However, there are hopefully signs that bookings will be restarting sooner rather than later. Luckily thanks to the government’s CJRS we have been able to retain our staff over this period and so we’ll be ready to restart as soon as bookings come in again.

### Willowbank Homeless Refuge Crèche

The team at Willowbank have worked hard to maintain a creche service as much as possible during the pandemic. The team continued to provide as a wide a variety of activities as possible under the restrictions in place. These have included; playing games with the Parachute, going on an autumn walk to find some leaves for the new

display board, decorating for Halloween and doing spooky pictures, puzzles, arts and crafts, maths and English games, we got a new play kitchen that the children love to make us food in, we have also used the space well in the crèche room the children love to explore and play with all different things and even using the bikes outside, also we have done lots more messy play this month such as spaghetti, play dough, painting.

This service has been even more invaluable for the children and families using it this year as they are already living in very difficult circumstances without the additional restriction, challenges and worries of the pandemic.

### General Support

Across all our services, we have helped families by:

- making referrals to food banks,
- helping them to access free school meal vouchers,
- being available to support with advice and guidance and sometimes simply a listening ear for the more isolated parents
- distributing books through the Read Manchester scheme
- helping families in the run up to Christmas by giving out care packages and Christmas hampers
- ensuring all our vulnerable families received Christmas presents through the Mission Christmas and Wood Street Mission appeals

### Training and Employment

We were very pleased that we managed to protect all our jobs during the year, being able to take advantage of the Government's CJRS scheme made a huge difference. While some of our staff were furloughed, they took the opportunity to work on their personal development, undertaking a wide variety of training courses including:

- \* Practical Safeguarding
- \* Paediatric First Aid
- \* NVQ Level 3 Early Years Educator
- \* The Role of the SENCO
- \* Level 3 Safeguarding
- \* Prevent Covid19
- \* Supporting Teenagers and Young People
- \* Child Sexual Exploitation
- \* Awareness of Forced Marriages
- \* Recognising and Preventing FGM
- \* Introduction to ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences)

## Donations in kind and volunteers

This year more than ever, with the loss of income from our mobile crèche and rent, financial support from partners has been absolutely crucial to our survival. We are indebted to the following organisations, businesses and individuals who have enabled us to continue to be sustainable this year.

### Corporate supporters



St Modwen <https://twitter.com/stmodwen>



Jordan Fishwick <https://www.facebook.com/JordanFishwickMacclesfield>  
<https://twitter.com/jordanfishwick>



Howdens Wythenshawe <https://www.facebook.com/howdensofficial/>

### Grant Funders

Lee Bakirgian Family Trust

The National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities and COVID Relief Fund

Young Manchester

Manchester City Council – NIF

CAF Resilience Fund

### Individual Fundraisers

The Shatarsky family

Sarah Lynch

Adam McBride

Victoria Fletcher

### 'In Kind' Donations of time, products or services

Manchester Libraries

Wythenshawe Community Housing Group

Inspire/Gunner Cooke

City in the Community

Adam's Garden Maintenance Service

Simon Christopher Electricals

Craftmaisia

Ella Bella Boutique

**Also thanks to the following businesses for offering discount on our purchases**

B&M Bargains Wythenshawe

The Works Wythenshawe

**We would also like to thank Sue Weighell of Delta Solutions for providing her accountancy services.**

**In addition, we are indebted to the United Reformed Church (North West) Trust for granting us the continued use of our premises without charge.**

## Financial Review

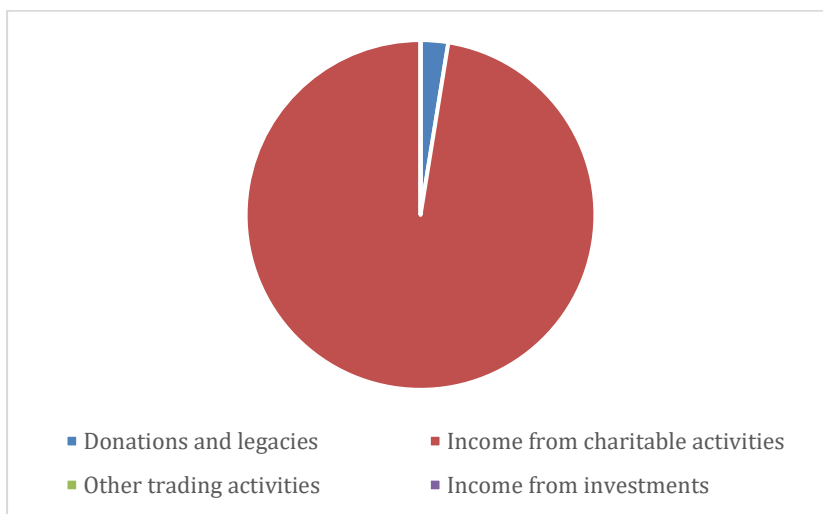
The Trustees review the financial position of the charity as part of the regular Trustee meetings and are satisfied that the income of the fund is sufficient to meet annual operating expenditure.

### Results for the year

Incoming resources were £194,494 and total expenditure was £176,211. There was a increase in funds of £18,283

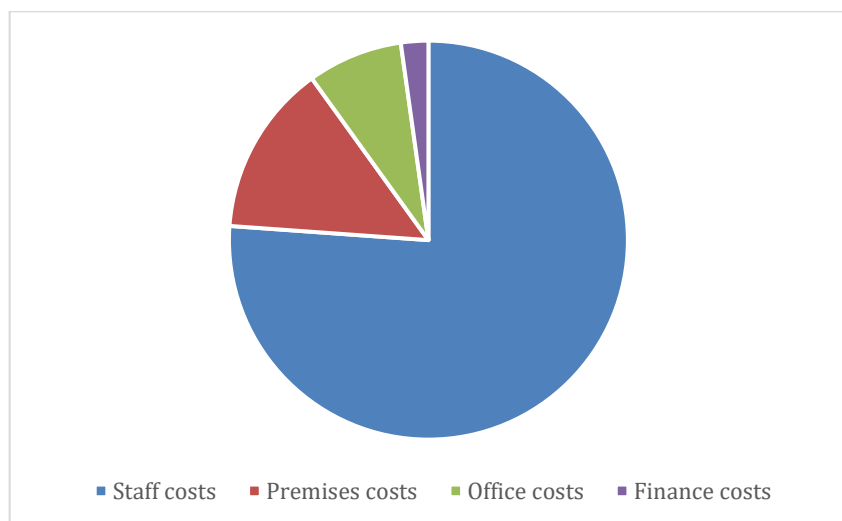
### Where do our funds come from?

Income of £194,494....



### How do we spend our money?

Expenditure of £176,211.....



## Reserves Policy

As required by the Charity Commission the Trustees have adopted the following reserves policy:

1. We will maintain the sum of £15,000, or such amount as is determined from time to time by the Management Committee, as a contingency fund (designated reserve) for the sole purpose of bridging a gap in the receipt of funding income.
2. In addition to the above sum we will recognise as a restricted reserve at the end of our financial year any income, received by us for the purpose of funding a specific post, activity or expense, to the extent that the income has not been used for that purpose during the year.
3. Subject to meeting the ongoing expenditure needs of the organisation we will aim to maintain our unrestricted funds at a level equivalent to six months' worth of current running costs.

Finally, for the avoidance of doubt the Trustees confirm that at the year end:

1. no restricted funds are in deficit
2. no funds were held by the Trustees as Custodian Trustees.


### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities


In the attached accounts set out on pages 19 to 26, the Trustees have prepared financial statements for the period up to 31 March 2021. In preparing such statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Foundation will continue in its operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at the time the financial position of the Foundation and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Foundation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report was approved by the trustees on 14 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

  
C.A. GREENHALGH

  
FIONA HATCH

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Wythenshawe Community Initiative Ltd

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2021

Charity No

1121682

Set out on pages

19 to 26

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 15 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 particular
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

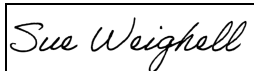
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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 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 Act
- have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

17/12/2021

Name:

Susan Weighell FCA

Relevant professional qualification:

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England &amp; Wales

Address:

3 Wellgreen Close, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 8PT

## Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021

2020

2019

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period Total funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Income from charitable activities	2	77,443	112,092	0	189,535	77,038
Donations and legacies	4	4,959	0	0	4,959	798
Other trading activities	5	0	0	0	0	4,179
Income from investments	3	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total income</b>		<b>82,402</b>	<b>112,092</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>194,494</b>	<b>82,015</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	6	62,356	113,855	0	176,211	107,750
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>62,356</b>	<b>113,855</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>176,211</b>	<b>107,750</b>
Net income/(expenditure)		20,046	(1,763)	0	18,283	(25,735)
Transfers between funds		(4,959)	1,638	3,321	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>15,087</b>	<b>(125)</b>	<b>3,321</b>	<b>18,283</b>	<b>(25,735)</b>
Total funds brought forward		0	125	8,679	8,804	34,540
Total funds carried forward		<u>15,087</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>27,087</u>	<u>8,805</u>

## Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021

## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	8		2	2
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors	9	6,916		7,058
Cash at bank and in hand		44,575		16,945
		<u>51,491</u>		<u>24,003</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors and accruals	10	24,406		15,200
<b>Net current assets</b>			27,085	8,803
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>27,087</u>	<u>8,805</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>				
Designated funds	11		12,000	8,680
Restricted income funds	12		0	125
Unrestricted funds	13		15,087	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u>27,087</u>	<u>8,805</u>

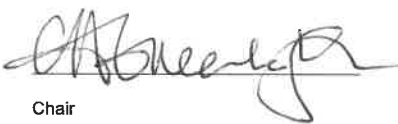
The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.


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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 With respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the trustees on 14 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by

  
Chair  
CAGREENHALGH

  
Trustee FIONA HATCH

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021

### 1) Accounting policies

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the directors named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements 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) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties in respect of the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, based on latest strategic plans and financial budgets.

#### b) *Income Recognition*

Income from grants and donations is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, 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 creche facilities is recognised as earned as the related services are provided.

Interest receivable 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.

#### c) *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.

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

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements, including the independent examiner's fees and legal costs.

#### d) *Depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged so as to write down the value of the assets over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Computer equipment - 20% per annum straight line

Office equipment - 20% per annum straight line

#### e) *Debtors*

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

#### f) *Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and cash in hand and deposits with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or the date of opening the deposit or similar account.

#### g) *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 amounts after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### h) *Fund Accounting*

Funds held by the Charity can be one of:

- i) Unrestricted general funds – which can be used in accordance with the Foundation’s objects at the discretion of the Trustees;
  
- ii) Designated funds- which are funds set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects; or
  
- iii) Restricted funds – which are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Foundation. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further details of each fund are shown in notes 11,14 and 16.

## Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021

## 2) Income from charitable activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period Total funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
CAF Resilience Fund			15,000		15,000	0
Referral fees		0			0	1,230
Contact fees		0			0	1,749
Toddler Group Voluntary contributions		34			34	454
Playscheme fees	7,037				7,037	2,900
PL Playscheme			0		0	10,000
EY Stepping Stones		0	35,752		35,752	28,029
Play Group fees		340			340	1,543
Grants	46,556				46,556	5,000
PL ASC					0	9,920
Mobile Creche	23,477				23,477	0
TNL Bright Sparks			47,840		47,840	16,213
TNL Community fund			8,500		8,500	0
NIF Equipment			5,000		5,000	0
Total		77,443	112,092	0	189,535	77,038

## 3) Investment income

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period Total funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
None received		0			0	0
Total		0	0	0	0	0

## 4) Donations

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period Total funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Donations		4,959	0		4,959	798
Total		4,959	0	0	4,959	798

## 5) Other trading activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior Period Total funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Rent received		0			0	4,179
Total		0	0	0	0	4,179

**6) Expenditure on from charitable activities**

<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>Total funds</i>	<i>Prior Period Total funds 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	56,402	76,097		132,500	89,557
Rates	0	1,169		1,169	1,413
Insurance	0	1,874		1,874	1,842
IT software and consumables	0	7,478		7,478	0
Repairs and maintenance	0	9,938		9,938	1,454
Light and heat	0	2,792		2,792	3,809
Operating lease payments	0	727		727	727
Cleaning and gardening	0	569		569	226
Equipment	2,776	4,686		7,462	1,337
Postage and stationery	315	797		1,113	383
Bank charges	221	114		334	436
Audit and accountancy	2,363	1,214		3,576	1,933
Legal fees	10	5		15	0
Telephone	0	3,184		3,184	2,973
Subscriptions	168	135		303	671
Publicity and advertising	0	0		0	175
Training	0	1,659		1,659	0
Travel	0	9		9	67
Sundry	100	147		247	747
Refreshments	0	1,262		1,262	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,356</b>	<b>113,855</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>176,211</b>	<b>107,750</b>

**7) Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Independent examination	540	540
<b>Total</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>

**8) Fixed Assets**

	<i>Office Equipment</i>	<i>Computer Equipment</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	691	2,194	2,885
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	690	2,193	2,883
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	1	1	2

**9) Debtors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Prepayments and trade debtors	6,916	7,058
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,916</b>	<b>7,058</b>

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	10,257	9,157
Pension and Paye/Nic due	13,371	5,658
Trade creditors	778	385
Total	24,406	15,200

**11) Statement of funds**

	<i>Brought forward</i> £	<i>Incoming resources</i> £	<i>Resources expended</i> £	<i>Transfer between funds</i> £	<i>Carried forward</i> £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated funds	8,680	0	0	3,320	12,000
Restricted funds	125	112,092	(113,855)	1,638	0
Unrestricted funds	0	82,402	(62,357)	(4,958)	15,087
Total	8,805	194,494	(176,212)	0	27,087

**12) Restricted funds**

	<i>NIF Equipment</i> £	<i>&amp; Activities</i> £	<i>EY Stepping Stones</i> £	<i>FS BF - TNL Covid</i> £	<i>CAF Resilience</i> £	<i>FS BF - TNL RC</i> £	<i>PL Playscheme</i> £	<i>Total</i> £
Brought forward	0	125	0	0	0	0	0	125
Income	5,000		35,752	8,500	15,000	47,840	0	112,092
Expenditure	(5,165)	-125	(35,752)	(8,500)	(15,000)	(47,840)	(1,473)	(113,855)
Transfers from other funds	165	0	0	0	0	0	1,473	1,638
Carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**13) Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses and cost of key management personnel**

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries including social security	129,375	85,174
Pension costs	3,124	4,382
Total	132,500	89,556

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000

The Charity's Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from the Charity or its subsidiary during the year. The trustees were not reimbursed any expenses by the Charity during the year. No trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity.

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the Trustees. The employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were Nil.

**14) Staff numbers**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Number of employees	12	9
Total	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>

**15) Designated reserves**

The balance on the designated reserve represents amounts set aside to cover salaries (for one month) in the event of a gap in the receipt of grants

**16) Related party transactions**

The Company has a wholly owned subsidiary, Planet Child's Play Community Interest Company, which incorporated on 15 August 2013

One of the trustees (Ms C Greenhalgh) is a Director of Planet Child's Play

During the year the company received income and paid expenses on behalf of Planet Child's Play but this has now ended

At the end of the year Planet Child's Play was owed £nil (2019:nil) by the charity