

OJ's Sensory Interaction Trust

Charity Registration Number 1119863

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2023

Just want to say thank you so much for a lovely afternoon on Saturday! We came with xxxx and he loved it. We'll be back, we are going to try and book for once a month!!! Thanks again. X



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Administrative Information

Trustees:	Lynden Robinson John Tegidi Roberts Caroline Donnelly
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Bankers:	Lloyds Bank 94 Fishergate Preston PR1 2JB
Accountant:	Beyond Profit Ltd G104 Bolton Arena Arena Approach Horwich Bolton BL6 6LB
Independent Examiners:	It Doesn't Have to Cost the Earth Ltd 47 St Dunstons Close Worcester WR5 2AJ

Trustees Annual Report

Structure, governance and management

The governing document of OJ's Sensory Interaction Trust is a Trust Deed dated 12 May 2006.

Trustees are appointed for a 12-month term. Trustees meet at least twice per year. New Trustees are appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting.

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

To advance the education of and provide facilities in the interests of recreation and leisure time occupation for children and adults with special learning needs primarily, but not exclusively through the provision of sensory interaction centres throughout England and Wales with the object of improving their conditions of life by whatever charitable means the trustees think fit.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the period.

Review of Activities and Achievements

Summary of OJ's

For the past 17 years, OJ's charity has been committed to delivering specialised sessions tailored to meet the unique needs of children with autism, learning difficulties and additional needs, alongside their families. We have exclusive hire of a setting in Longridge, Lancashire, meticulously tailored to meet the unique needs of our children and families. Our specialist sessions are strategically scheduled on Saturdays and midweek during school holidays. This deliberate timing allows us to create a serene and supportive environment, free from the challenges posed by busy public places, which can be overwhelming for our children and their families due to the extent of their disabilities. Our commitment to providing a calm and accommodating space reflects our dedication to ensuring every child and family feels comfortable and supported during our sessions.

With our own lived experience, we deeply empathise with the challenges our families face. Beyond our specialist sessions, we extend both emotional and practical support, recognising the diverse needs of our families. When required, we guide families to additional resources through signposting and foster connections through facilitated family-to-family support. This personal touch ensures that our families not only receive specialised sessions but also benefit from a comprehensive network of understanding and assistance tailored to their unique circumstances.

Objects and activities



Caring for a child with autism, learning difficulties or additional needs, indeed places substantial strain on all family members. The demanding nature of seeking necessary help and support often requires parents and caregivers to engage in what can be described as a constant 'fight'. This ongoing battle not only leaves them feeling stressed and exhausted but also consumes much of their time, leaving very little room for siblings and overall family experiences. Consequently, family relationships inevitably suffer, highlighting the urgent need for comprehensive support structures and understanding. At OJ's, we recognise these challenges and strive to provide not only specialised assistance for the child but also a supportive environment that addresses the well-being of the entire family unit.

OJ's is dedicated to fostering an understanding environment that caters to the emotional needs of our families. Recognising the value of shared experiences, we actively encourage and facilitate peer-to-peer support. In creating a safe and supportive community, OJ's provides a space where families feel comfortable discussing their struggles and worries. We believe in the power of shared understanding and empathy, building connections that contribute to the well-being of each member in our community.

Achievements and performance

At OJ's, our mission is to alleviate family isolation by actively encouraging increased attendance. We have seen several positive outcomes resulting from our support, including the reduction of family isolation, enhanced peer-to-peer connections, improved mental health for family members and strengthened parental resilience in navigating challenges associated with severe autism, learning difficulties and additional needs. Additionally, our efforts aim to boost the confidence of isolated families to socialise beyond their homes, create more positive experiences for families outside their homes, and provide increased training and support for children and families utilising Makaton.

We have created a central hub for our families, fostering positive experiences for both parents and children. Our objective is to offer understanding and support, as we share our knowledge and experience, creating a supportive community for families.



We regularly receive communication from new families and caregivers who are desperately seeking a place where they can feel accepted. Our commitment is to provide that welcoming space where everyone can find acceptance and support.

Recognising the breadth of characteristics associated with severe autism and learning difficulties is essential for providing personalised and effective support. OJ's remains committed to understanding and addressing the unique needs of each child and family, fostering an environment of inclusivity, empathy, and support.

We partner with Ribble Valley Health and Wellbeing Partnership and The Department for Education to deliver the Ribble Valley Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF), for children with Special Educational Needs. The programme provides free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities, for primary and secondary age children in receipt of benefits-related free-school meals (FSM) and/or who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Since 2018, the HAF programme has provided support throughout the Easter, Summer, and Christmas school holidays. Local authorities have discretion to use up to 15% of their funding to provide free or subsidised holiday club places for children who are not in receipt of benefits-related FSM



but who the local authority believe could benefit from HAF. OJ's provides specialist, inclusive sessions for the Ribble Valley HAF Programme for children who would find it challenging to access mainstream sessions.

Our team brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our work at OJ's. With 17 years of dedicated service, we have honed our skills in supporting children and young adults with autism, learning difficulties, and additional needs, as well as their families. Our founder, Lisa, a mother of four children, including one with profound autism and severe learning difficulties, intimately understands the challenges faced by families in accessing appropriate support and services.

Throughout our year we have seen attendance levels surpass pre-pandemic levels with a higher number of new families visiting OJ's. Our family sessions are without a doubt an extremely popular service.

Monitoring and evaluation comments we have received from parents/carers:

Local to where we live. Friendly staff – safe environment so can come with just one adult so allowing rest of family to do other things. Somewhere to go – reasonably priced and as activities are indoors and out it is ok in all weathers

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As a family we have used OJ's at weekends and school holidays. Our youngest child has adhd & autism loves the space and freedom to run and play, and I'm happy and confident that he's in a safe space where he can't get hurt

Our child has quite bad social anxiety but since visiting OJ's she has come out of her shell. She struggles to go outside but she always wants to go to OJ's. It's also helped build her confidence and self esteem being able to play independently without us following her around

There simply isn't enough services like OJ's. They provide a safe non-judgemental space which encourages children who maybe struggling with complex needs. We need OJ's to be here! There is no other service like it!

Financial review

There was a deficit in the year of £31,882 with the prior year being a surplus of 10,970.

Income has decreased mainly in the area of grants where we received £42,970 less than the previous year.

Expenditure for the year increased slightly to meet the additional needs of our beneficiaries.

Therefore, at the end of the financial year total charitable funds were £45,663 of which £39,820 was restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to build up 3 months of expenditure in unrestricted funds with a view to working towards a policy of holding 6 months of expenditure reserves.

The amounts will be reviewed annually and amended if necessary in line with the growth and changes of the charity.

For the financial year ending 30 June 2023, 3 months of expenditure (including restricted funds) is £25,829 with 6 months of expenditure being £51,657. The current unrestricted, free reserves of the charity are £9,843.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).


The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on INSERT DATE and signed on their behalf by:


Lynden Robinson (May 13, 2024 12:06 GMT+1)

Lynden Robinson
Chair of Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of OJ's Sensory Interaction Trust

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity, trustees of the Trust 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Teresa Fennell, ACMA

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Date: 15/05/2024.

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Receipts & Payment Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023


		30 June 2023		Restated 30 June 2022			
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	11,195	53,164	64,358	6,864	96,233	103,097
Charitable activities		7,124	-	7,124	4,721	-	4,721
Total		18,319	53,164	71,483	11,585	96,233	107,818
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds							
Charitable Activities	3	373	-	373	360	-	360
		19,241	83,701	102,942	10,357	86,130	96,488
Total		19,613	83,701	103,314	10,717	86,130	96,848
Net income/(expenditure)							
		(1,294)	(30,537)	(31,832)	868	10,103	10,970
Transfer between funds							
Net movement in funds							
		(1,294)	(30,537)	(31,832)	868	10,103	10,970
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		7,137	70,358	77,494	6,269	60,255	66,524
Total funds carried forward	4	5,843	39,820	45,663	7,137	70,358	77,494

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	30th June 2023			30th June 2022		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds						
Cash at bank	5,843	39,820	45,663	7,137	70,358	77,495
	<u>5,843</u>	<u>39,820</u>	<u>45,663</u>	<u>7,137</u>	<u>70,358</u>	<u>77,495</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of OJ's Sensory Interaction on INSERT DATE


Lynden Robinson, Chair

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Notes to the Accounts

1) Receipts and Payment accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2) Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
Donations (general)	6,595	-	6,595
National Lottery Community Fund	-	48,124	48,124
Russell Haldane Trust	-	5,040	5,040
Shepherd Street Trust	600	-	600
Ribble Valley	4,000	-	4,000
	<u>11,195</u>	<u>53,164</u>	<u>64,358</u>

Prior Year Comparative

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £
Donations (general)	2,364	-	2,364
National Lottery Community Fund	-	93,283	93,283
Shepherd Street Trust	-	2,950	2,950
Ribble Valley	4,500	-	4,500
	<u>6,864</u>	<u>96,233</u>	<u>103,097</u>

3) Analysis of charitable expenditure

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
Accountancy Fees	573	1,865	2,438	78
Administrative Expenses	1,407	2,955	4,362	4,934
Staff Costs	50	58,381	58,382	61,716
IT & Equipment Costs	9,285	890	10,175	10,777
Rent	513	1,976	2,489	-
Insurance	-	854	854	714
Marketing & Subscriptions	1,103	-	1,103	2,404
Travel & Hospitality	5,969	-	5,969	- 656
Venue Hire	300	11,060	11,360	14,009
Professional Services	48	5,769	5,809	1,199
	19,241	83,701	102,942	96,488

4) Charity funds

	Balance at 1 July 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer between funds	Balance at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
National Lottery Community Foundation	70,358	48,124	(83,561)	-	34,920
Russell Haldane Trust	-	5,040	(140)	-	4,900
	70,358	53,164	(83,701)	-	39,820
Unrestricted Funds					
	7,137	18,319	(19,613)	-	5,843
	7,137	18,319	(19,613)	-	5,843
Total Funds	77,494	71,483	(103,314)	-	45,663

4) Charity funds (continued)

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Prior Year Comparative

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer between funds	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Restricted Funds					
National Lottery Community Foundation	55,629	93,283	(78,554)	-	70,358
Awards 4 All	2,132	-	(2,132)	-	-
National Lottery COVID	2,494	-	(2,494)	-	-
Shepherd Street Trust	-	2,950	(2,950)	-	-
	60,255	96,233	(86,130)	-	70,358
Unrestricted Funds					
	6,269	11,585	(10,717)	-	7,137
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Total Funds	66,524	107,818	(96,848)	-	77,494

5) Related party transactions and Trustees' expenses and remuneration

The trustees considers its key management personnel comprise the Trustees and the Project Manager.

The Trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2022: £nil). During the year there were the following related party transactions:

The daughter of the Project Manager was employed by the charity during the year. The total remuneration was £10,743 (2022: £22,494)

The son of the Project Manager was employed by the charity during the year. The total remuneration was £1,539.

The son of a Trustee was employed by the charity during the year. The total remuneration was £3,133.

During the year a company owned by a Trustee received a payment for £400 for printing services provided to the charity (2022: £1,305). No other Trustees, or person related or connected by business to them has received any payments or other benefits from the charity during the year.

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