

The Activity Den

(Registered Charity Number: 1122076)

**Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st July 2024**

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Chairs Review of the Year

Year ended 31 July 2024

This year has been a busy year for The Activity Den full of highs and new experiences. Over the year we have had 1330 youth group attendances and over 770 people participate in our events. The Activity Den has been awarded the Durham Community Action Volunteering Kitemark Award in recognition of our commitment to supporting our Volunteers and the High Sheriff of Durham award in recognition of our work in the community.

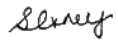
We started the year with our Young Volunteers planning and executing a fantastic 'summer extravaganza' event which was funded and supported by NE youth's Inspire fund. Our Young Volunteers Task Force continues to be a driving force within the Activity Den and the wider community with nine young people registered and actively participating in internal and external events, attending a sailing residential, building personal development portfolios and partaking in numerous training sessions such as Young Responder First Aid, Young leaders and an Introduction to youth Work. The young volunteers are amazing and we could not provide the offering we do without them.

The NE Youth Projects with Pride regional awards recognised our Young Volunteer Task Force as they were shortlisted for the Social Action Project of the year award alongside one of our Young Volunteers also being awarded Young Volunteer of the year. The same volunteer was also awarded the Betty Woodward award at Durham Association of Boys and Girls Club awards ceremony. These are huge achievements and a testament to our Young Volunteers hard work and dedication over the past year.

We continue to drive our organisation in line with what members want and this year we have also started another new offering with our Den Dance project offering professional dance tuition to children ages six plus. The Den Dance group have also taken part in two showcase performances for parents and loved ones this year. We held our first Community Junior Jam Buskers event allowing young people aged 10+ the opportunity to perform on stage with their family and the local community supporting them. We had 96 people attend with 22 performances by young people.

A big thank you to our staff team who work tirelessly to provide groups and activities for children and young people as well as fundraising, strategy work and managing our community building. Along with most youth organisations in the region recruiting youth work staff has proved very difficult however we continue to work alongside youth organisations, voluntary and community sector specialists to address this. This year we are proud to announce that we have become a Co-Anchor organisation for North Durham YouthPrint. YouthPrint Durham is a collective of youth organisations working hard to create a network of support, learning and opportunity for the young people of County Durham. YouthPrint Durham covers Durham City, East Durham, North Durham, Mid Durham, and The Dales. This new partnership runs in line with our commitment to continue our strategic work with youth work partners in the county and region. We also work closely with organisations such as Karbon Homes to help ensure holiday programmes and activities are accessible for children and young people in the community. It is really exciting to see The Activity Den working with so many great organisations in the sector.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our new and existing funders who continue to support us and see the value in the work we do – it would not be possible without you. A big thank you to all of the children, young people and families who attend The Activity Den – this is your project and safe place and we will continue to adapt and expand our offering so we can maintain our aim of improving the lives of children and young people.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sarah Grey'.

Sarah Grey
Chair

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of The Activity Den

Year ended 31 July 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Activity Den ('the charity') for the year ended 31st July 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 Charity'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true & fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent 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.



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Income and Expenditure Account

Year ended 31 July 2024

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Grants and donations	0	100,492	100,492	57,848
Other trading activities				
Room Hire	2,881	450	3,331	1,213
Other income from other trading activities	6,305	1,200	7,505	4,406
Total Income	<u>9,186</u>	<u>102,142</u>	<u>111,328</u>	<u>63,467</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Expenditure:				
Purchases	-	9,755	9,755	2,724
Wages	7,122	48,716	55,838	49,358
Contractor costs	575	5,106	5,681	7,499
Establishment costs	1,507	2,817	4,324	2,183
Accountancy	240	-	240	240
Communications and IT (including IT stationery	-	1,720	1,720	753
Other event expenses	135	154	289	426
Travelling	-	812	812	111
Heat and light	146	4,181	4,327	2,860
Printing, postage and stationery	-	937	937	639
Legal fees	14	4,137	4,151	13
Insurance	-	813	813	808
Sundry expenses	343	814	1,157	246
Membership fees	-	247	247	251
Compliance	150	3,425	3,574	571
Training costs	-	2,131	2,131	103
	<u>10,231</u>	<u>85,764</u>	<u>95,995</u>	<u>68,785</u>
Net income	(1,045)	16,378	15,333	(5,318)
Total funds brought forward	8,890	27,379	36,269	41,587
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>7,845</u></u>	<u><u>43,757</u></u>	<u><u>51,602</u></u>	<u><u>36,269</u></u>

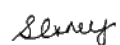
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Statement of Financial Position

Year ended 31 July 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible fixed assets	1	1
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	52,243	36,508
Total current assets	<u>52,243</u>	<u>36,508</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	(642)	(240)
Net current assets	51,601	36,268
Net Assets	<u><u>51,602</u></u>	<u><u>36,269</u></u>
Capital Funds		
Restricted Funds	43,757	27,379
Unrestricted Funds	7,845	8,890
Total Funds	<u><u>51,602</u></u>	<u><u>36,269</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board and authorised for issued on 06/05/2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Sarah Jane Grey
Chair











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Final Audit Report

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