

PEN GREEN CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1122618

Details

Other names	PEN GREEN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND RESEARCH CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06227100
Registered	2008-02-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1 TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION) BY: 2.1.1 PROVIDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES, STAFF AND OTHERS IN, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE FIELDS OF EARLY YEARS, FAMILY SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; 2.1.2 DEVELOPING THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF MEMBERS OF SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY; 2.1.3 PROVIDING AT ALL LEVELS, COURSES, TRAINING AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY EDUCATION, CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CARE. 2.2 TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH IN EARLY YEARS AND FAMILY POLICY AND PRACTICE AND TO DISSEMINATE SUCH FINDINGS BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. 2.3 TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION) BY: 2.3.1 THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND CARE TO CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES; 2.3.2 THE PROMOTION OF THE BETTER CARE AND SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE; 2.3.3 THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO ADVANCE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES; 2.3.4 THE PROVISION OF ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES INCLUDING PARENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT; 2.3.5 THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; 2.3.6 THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE FAMILIES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE; 2.3.7 THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO RELIEVE POVERTY AMONG CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Activities: The objects of the charity are:-- to assist in the advancement of education and training for children, their families, staff and others working in the fields of early years, family support and community development.- to undertake research of early years and family policy and practice and to disseminate such findings both nationally and internationally.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS
- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,494,129	£1,478,257	£46,539	0
2024-03-31	£2,213,129	£2,200,404	£30,667	0
2023-03-31	£2,171,852	£2,167,982	£17,942	0
2022-03-31	£1,399,890	£1,410,224	£14,072	0
2021-03-31	£743,472	£748,868	£24,406	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KEITH BARTLEY	Chair	2013-10-15
ANGELA PRODGER		2016-12-06
Adam Kenneth Cooper		2018-11-16
BOB SCOTT		2013-10-15
Felicity Dewsbery		2016-12-06
JOANNE ARMSTRONG		2013-10-15
PROFESSOR CHRISTINE PASCAL OBE		
ROBERT ORR		2013-10-15

Accounts



Charity registration number 1122618 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 06227100

PEN GREEN CENTRE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	J L Armstrong K J Bartley Prof. C Pascal R J Orr R Scott A Prodger F Dewsbery A K Cooper
Secretary	M Palazzo
Charity number (England and Wales)	1122618
Company number	06227100
Registered office	Pen Green Research Base Rockingham Road Corby Northamptonshire NN17 1AG
Auditor	Moore Oakley House Headway Business Park 3 Saxon Way West Corby Northamptonshire NN18 9EZ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are:

- To assist in the advancement of education and training for children and their families, staff and others working in the fields of early years, family support and community development.
- To undertake research of early years and family policy and practice, to disseminate such findings both nationally and internationally.

The charity takes advantage of grants available to ensure it reaches its objectives.

The trustees have given careful consideration to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit were as follows:

1. During the year the charity has continued to be part of a Tri-party sub-contract agreement between the charity, the University of Hertfordshire Higher Education Corporation and Pen Green Research, Training and Development Base (PGRB). Courses delivered include: FdA: BA (Hons) Top UP, and MA programmes in Early Childhood and Education (Integrated Working with Families and Children). All courses are provided by Pen Green Research. This agreement is in place until 31 August 2026. The high level of successful completion and qualifications attained by students who have followed these courses have undoubtedly benefited the public good by increasing the supply of qualified practitioners in the early years and childcare sector. The research undertaken by students on advanced studies is published and disseminated.

2. In the year the charity has continued the delivery of the Early Years Educator Level 3 Apprenticeships in association with The Recalvi Enterprise, trading as Apprenticeship Connect. This initiative enables students from a broader range of educational backgrounds to pursue work-place based qualifications to the benefit of the children, families and communities that their work-place serves.

3. In November 2022 Pen Green Centre was offered a grant for Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs activity for the period November 2022 to December 2024. The contract was extended from December 2024 until April 2025 and then extended further until 31 March 2026. The East Midlands Early Years Stronger Practice Hub is part of a national network of Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs established by the Department for Education (DfE) in England to support early years settings. Pen Green works closely with Kingswood Community Nursery (Corby), Leona Smith (childminder in Leicestershire) and Charnwood Nursery and Pre-School (Leicestershire) to form the Early Years Stronger Practice Hub for the East Midlands. As a Hub we aim to share effective practice, provide evidence based on professional development, and help improve outcomes for young children, particularly in areas of disadvantage. The Early Years Hub supports early early years settings across the region by sharing effective, evidence informed practice and delivering high-quality professional development. Based at the renowned Pen Green Centre in Corby the early years hub works in collaboration with practitioners to improve outcomes for young children, with a strong focus on inclusion, community engagement and reflective practice.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Achievements and performance

Criteria used to assess success

The trustees monitor the year-on-year levels of take-up on the courses offered and the percentage of successful completions which, in the reporting year, maintained consistently high levels. In addition to receiving regular performance reports from project leads, the trustees also receive feedback from sponsoring bodies such as the DfE, NCB, and the EEF on the successful delivery of the funded projects in line with the success criteria set out of these projects.

Financial review

The charity operates with a general fund which covers all normal charitable costs and restricted fund which holds grant funded charitable projects. At the year end the charity held £46,539 (2024: £30,667) in general reserves and £nil (2024: £nil) in the restricted fund.

As the charity's work and research is project based all future costs should be covered by grant funding and the general reserve is sufficient to provide support for the foreseeable future.

Risk managements are made at the centre on an ongoing basis and fully reviewed whenever significant changes are made.

The risk management strategy comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face.
- Its systems and procedures.
- The impact of future funding and the financial implications on the centre.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, governance and management

Pen Green Centre is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 February 2007, as amended on 15 October 2013. It is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Anyone over the age of 18 can become a member of the company, and each member agrees to contribute £10 in the event of the charity winding up.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J L Armstrong
K J Bartley
Prof. C Pascal
R J Orr
R Scott
A Prodger
F Dewsbery
A K Cooper

All trustees have current or prior personal and/or professional experience of relevance to Pen Green Centre and its work. The Charity does not currently employ any staff although it has the capacity to do so. It contracts with the Pen Green Centre for Children and their Families for the provision of staffing, leadership, and premises to support the aims of the Charity under a Collaboration Agreement. A limited number of trustees are also senior staff employed by the Pen Green Integrated Centre or are Governors of the Integrated Centre. Several Trustees attend the Integrated Centre's Research Training and Development Steering Group/Governance Sub-committee meetings in an advisory capacity.

The charity had eight trustees at the year-end, all of whom have been appointed directors. Collectively they will make the final decisions with regard to staffing, recruitment, policy making and finance. They meet at least twice a year.

Auditor

The auditor, Moore, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Trustee
Dated: 25/11/25

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Pen Green Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the company, and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, UK taxation legislation, the Charities Act 2011 and FRS102 SORP.
- We obtained an understanding of how the company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Amanda Etty (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of



Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	-	517,150	517,150	-	914,483	914,483
Other trading activities	4	30,105	946,580	976,685	24,903	1,273,474	1,298,377
Investments	5	294	-	294	269	-	269
Total income		30,399	1,463,730	1,494,129	25,172	2,187,957	2,213,129
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	14,527	517,150	531,677	12,447	914,483	926,930
Other expenditure	10	-	946,580	946,580	-	1,273,474	1,273,474
Total expenditure		14,527	1,463,730	1,478,257	12,447	2,187,957	2,200,404
Net income and movement in funds		15,872	-	15,872	12,725	-	12,725
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		30,667	-	30,667	17,942	-	17,942
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		46,539	-	46,539	30,667	-	30,667

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

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	13	265,764		489,178	
Cash at bank and in hand		562,833		352,538	
		<u>828,597</u>		<u>841,716</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(782,058)		(811,049)	
Net current assets			46,539		30,667
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			46,539		30,667
			<u>46,539</u>		<u>30,667</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5/11/25



Trustee

Company Registration No. 06227100

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	17		210,001		134,480
Investing activities					
Investment income received		294		269	
Net cash generated from investing activities			294		269
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			210,295		134,749
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			352,538		217,789
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			562,833		352,538

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Pen Green Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Pen Green Research Base, Rockingham Road, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 1AG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance basis
Computers	33% reducing balance basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Taxation

As a charity, Pen Green Centre, is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 478 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010, or Section 256 of Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992. No charges have arisen.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2024 £
Grants	517,150	914,483
Grants		
Department for Education	517,150	914,483
	517,150	914,483

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds general 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds general 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Tuition fees	30,105	946,580	976,685	24,903	1,273,474	1,298,377
	30,105	946,580	976,685	24,903	1,273,474	1,298,377

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	294	269

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charity expenditure 2025 £	Charity expenditure 2024 £
Direct costs		
Recharged costs	516,150	911,483
Audit fees	1,000	3,000
	517,150	914,483
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Governance	14,527	12,447
	531,677	926,930
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	14,527	12,447
Restricted funds	517,150	914,483
	531,677	926,930

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025 Support costs	Governance costs	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Clerking fees	-	1,555	1,555	-	2,001
Audit fees	-	6,213	6,213	-	3,923
Bank charges	-	69	69	-	80
Annual ICO registration	-	47	47	-	35
Insurance	-	1,753	1,753	-	1,663
Membership fees	-	4,890	4,890	-	4,745
	-	14,527	14,527	-	12,447
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	-	14,527	14,527	-	12,447

Audit fees for the year amount to £7,213 (2024: £6,923), £1,000 of which has been received as funding from the government, therefore only £6,213 is included within support costs.

8 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	6,213	3,923

9 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

10 Other

	Restricted funds general 2025	Restricted funds general 2024
Tuition fees	946,580	1,273,474
	946,580	1,273,474

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	4,317	3,256	7,573
At 31 March 2025	4,317	3,256	7,573
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	4,317	3,256	7,573
At 31 March 2025	4,317	3,256	7,573
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	-	-	-

13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	178,388	318,645
Other debtors	87,376	170,533
	265,764	489,178

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	730,239	782,675
Accruals and deferred income	51,819	28,374
	782,058	811,049

15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	30,667	30,399	(14,527)	46,539

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

15 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	17,942	25,172	(12,447)	30,667

16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

17 Cash generated from operations	2025 £	2024 £
Surplus for the year	15,872	12,725
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(294)	(269)
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	223,414	(145,515)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(28,991)	267,539
Cash generated from operations	210,001	134,480

Accounts



Charity registration number 1122618

Company registration number 06227100 (England and Wales)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	J L Armstrong K J Bartley Prof. C Pascal R J Orr R Scott A Prodger F Dewsbery A K Cooper
Secretary	M Palazzo
Charity number	1122618
Company number	06227100
Registered office	Pen Green Research Base Rockingham Road Corby Northamptonshire NN17 1AG
Auditor	Moore Oakley House Headway Business Park 3 Saxon Way West Corby Northamptonshire NN18 9EZ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are:

- To assist in the advancement of education and training for children and their families, staff and others working in the fields of early years, family support and community development.
- To undertake research of early years and family policy and practice, to disseminate such findings both nationally and internationally.

The charity takes advantage of grants available to ensure it reaches its objectives.

The trustees have given careful consideration to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit were as follows:

1. During the year the charity has continued to make a supply of education under a Tri-party sub-contract agreement between the charity, the University of Hertfordshire Higher Education Corporation and Pen Green Research, Training and Development Base (PGRB). Courses delivered include: FdA; BA (Hons) Top Up, and MA programmes in Early Childhood and Education (Integrated Working with Families and Children). This agreement is in place until 31 August 2026. The high level of successful completion and qualifications attained by students who have followed these courses has undoubtedly benefited the public good by increasing the supply of qualified practitioners in the early years and childcare sector. The research undertaken by students on advanced studies is published and disseminated.
2. In the year the charity has continued the delivery of the Early Years Educator Level 3 Apprenticeships in association with The Recalvi Enterprise, trading as Apprenticeship Connect. This initiative enables students from a broader range of educational backgrounds to pursue work-place based qualifications to the benefit of the children, families and communities that their work-place serves.
3. The charity worked on the continuation of the Young Parents project funded by the Horner Foundation. This project focused on the health, education and social supports for young parents in Corby and had a direct impact upon the well-being of children and their families in the local area.
4. The charity has continued to contribute to the advancement of education and training through the delivery of national projects, commissioned by the Department for Education (DfE) and building upon the research work undertaken by staff. During the year the charity worked on behalf of the DfE to develop content on the existing DfE online service by writing research articles corresponding to each of the seven areas of learning.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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5. On 1 April 2022 the charity was appointed by the DfE as an Early Years Covid Recovery - Practitioner and Whole Setting Leadership Support Delivery Partner. The aim of this appointment was to assist the DfE to collect, collate and analyse management information from local authorities and early years settings to select, appoint and match successful applicants to the DfE Early Years Covid Recovery Experts and Mentors Programme. This programme is focused on supporting early years practitioners and leaders, to address the impact of the pandemic on the youngest children. The programme is available nationally, across England and settings selected for the Experts and Mentor programme will receive the support of an Expert and provide a mixture of face-to-face and virtual support. The Delivery Partner contract was due to expire on 31 March 2023, but the DfE has extended the contract until June 2024.

6. In November 2022 Pen Green Centre was offered a grant for Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs activity for the period November 2022 to December 2024. The charity is working in partnership with The Pen Green Centre for Children and Their Families, Leona Smith, a childminder in Leicestershire, and Charnwood Nursery, a Pre-School in Leicestershire, to deliver support from the Stronger Practice Hub for the East Midlands. Stronger Practice Hubs are funded by the DfE and delivered by National Children's Bureau and the Education Endowment Foundation. Stronger Practice Hubs aim to support early years settings and childminders to address the impact of the pandemic on young children, by sharing effective practice and building lasting local networks. Stronger Practice Hubs will support early years settings and childminders to improve outcomes for children in their local area across the Early Years Foundation Stage, but specifically focusing on areas of development that research informs us have been most impacted by COVID-19: personal social and emotional development (PSED); communication and language, and early literacy and maths.

Achievements and performance

Criteria used to assess success

The trustees monitor the year-on-year levels of take-up on the courses offered and the percentage of successful completions which, in the reporting year, maintained consistently high levels. In addition to receiving regular performance reports from project leads, the trustees also receive feedback from sponsoring bodies such as the DfE, NCB, The EEF and The Horner Foundation on the successful delivery of the funded projects in line with the success criteria set out for these projects.

Financial review

The charity operates with a general fund which covers all normal charitable costs and restricted fund which holds grant funded charitable projects. At the year end the charity held £30,667 (2023: £17,942) in general reserves and £nil (2023: £nil) in the restricted fund.

As the charity's work and research is project based all future costs should be covered by grant funding and the general reserve is sufficient to provide support for the foreseeable future.

Risk managements are made at the centre on an ongoing basis and fully reviewed whenever significant changes are made.

The risk management strategy comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face.
- Its systems and procedures.
- The impact of future funding and the financial implications on the centre.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Structure, governance and management

Pen Green Centre is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 February 2007, as amended on 15 October 2013. It is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Anyone over the age of 18 can become a member of the company, and each member agrees to contribute £10 in the event of the charity winding up.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J L Armstrong

K J Bartley

Prof. C Pascal

R J Orr

R Scott

T Smith

(Resigned 16 November 2023)

A Prodger

F Dewsbery

A K Cooper

All trustees have current or prior personal and/or professional experience of relevance to Pen Green Centre and its work. The Charity does not currently employ any staff although it has the capacity to do so. It contracts with the Pen Green Centre for Children and their Families for the provision of staffing, leadership, and premises to support the aims of the Charity under a Collaboration Agreement. A limited number of trustees are also senior staff employed by the Pen Green Integrated Centre or are Governors of the Integrated Centre. Several Trustees attend the Integrated Centre's Research Training and Development Steering Group/Governance Sub-committee meetings in an advisory capacity.

The charity had eight trustees at the year-end, all of whom have been appointed directors. Collectively they will make the final decisions with regard to staffing, recruitment, policy making and finance. They meet at least twice a year. Sub-groups dealing with finance and day to day management meet on a monthly basis.

Auditor

The auditor, Moore, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

K J Bartley

Trustee

Dated: 7 November 2024

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Pen Green Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the company, and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, UK taxation legislation, the Charities Act 2011 and FRS102 SORP.
- We obtained an understanding of how the company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Amanda Etty (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of

20 November 2024



Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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PEN GREEN CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
<u>Income from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	3	-	914,483	914,483	-	757,231	757,231
Other trading activities	4	24,903	1,273,474	1,298,377	12,521	1,402,032	1,414,553
Investments	5	269	-	269	68	-	68
Total income		25,172	2,187,957	2,213,129	12,589	2,159,263	2,171,852
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Charitable activities	6	12,447	914,483	926,930	8,719	757,231	765,950
Other	9	-	1,273,474	1,273,474	-	1,402,032	1,402,032
Total expenditure		12,447	2,187,957	2,200,404	8,719	2,159,263	2,167,982
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		12,725	-	12,725	3,870	-	3,870
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		17,942	-	17,942	14,072	-	14,072
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		30,667	-	30,667	17,942	-	17,942

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	12	489,178		343,663	
Cash at bank and in hand		352,538		217,789	
		<u>841,716</u>		<u>561,452</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(811,049)		(543,510)	
Net current assets			30,667		17,942
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			30,667		17,942
			<u>30,667</u>		<u>17,942</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7 November 2024

K J Bartley
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06227100

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	15		134,480		(105,141)
Investing activities					
Investment income received		269		68	
Net cash generated from investing activities			269		68
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			134,749		(105,073)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			217,789		322,862
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			352,538		217,789

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Pen Green Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Pen Green Research Base, Rockingham Road, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 1AG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance basis
Computers	33% reducing balance basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

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1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Taxation

As a charity, Pen Green Centre, is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 478 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010, or Section 256 of Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992. No charges have arisen.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Restricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds general 2023 £
Grant income	914,483	757,231
Grants receivable for core activities		
Department for Education	914,483	751,231
Horner Foundation	-	6,000
	914,483	757,231

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds general 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds general 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Tuition fees	24,903	1,273,474	1,298,377	12,521	1,402,032	1,414,553
	24,903	1,273,474	1,298,377	12,521	1,402,032	1,414,553

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	269	68

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6 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Recharged staff costs	911,483	752,231
Audit fees	3,000	5,000
	<u>914,483</u>	<u>757,231</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	12,447	8,719
	<u>926,930</u>	<u>765,950</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	12,447	8,719
Restricted funds - general	914,483	757,231
	<u>926,930</u>	<u>765,950</u>

7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £
Clerking fees	-	2,001	2,001	-	591
Audit fees	-	3,923	3,923	-	1,824
Bank charges	-	80	80	-	75
Annual ICO registration	-	35	35	-	35
Insurance	-	1,663	1,663	-	1,673
Membership fees	-	4,745	4,745	-	3,142
	<u>-</u>	<u>12,447</u>	<u>12,447</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,535</u>
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	-	12,447	12,447	-	8,719
	<u>-</u>	<u>12,447</u>	<u>12,447</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,719</u>

Audit fees for the year amount to £6,923 (2023: £6,824), £3,000 of which has been received as funding from the government, therefore only £3,923 is included within support costs.

8 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

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9 Other

	Restricted funds general 2024	Restricted funds general 2023
Tuition fees	1,273,474	1,402,032
	<u>1,273,474</u>	<u>1,402,032</u>

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	4,317	3,256	7,573
At 31 March 2024	<u>4,317</u>	<u>3,256</u>	<u>7,573</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2023	4,317	3,256	7,573
At 31 March 2024	<u>4,317</u>	<u>3,256</u>	<u>7,573</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	318,645	332,570
Other debtors	170,533	11,093
	<u>489,178</u>	<u>343,663</u>

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	782,675	461,461
Accruals and deferred income	28,374	82,049
	<u>811,049</u>	<u>543,510</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

15 Cash generated from operations

	2024 £	2023 £
Surplus for the year	12,725	3,870
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(269)	(68)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(145,515)	(226,857)
Increase in creditors	267,539	117,914
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	<u>134,480</u>	<u>(105,141)</u>

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	J L Armstrong K J Bartley Prof. C Pascal R J Orr R Scott A Prodger F Dewsbery A K Cooper
Secretary	M Palazzo
Charity number	1122618
Company number	06227100
Registered office	Pen Green Research Base Rockingham Road Corby Northamptonshire NN17 1AG
Auditor	Moore Oakley House Headway Business Park 3 Saxon Way West Corby Northamptonshire NN18 9EZ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are:

- To assist in the advancement of education and training for children and their families, staff and others working in the fields of early years, family support and community development.
- To undertake research of early years and family policy and practice, to disseminate such findings both nationally and internationally.

The charity takes advantage of grants available to ensure it reaches its objectives.

The trustees have given careful consideration to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit were as follows:

1. During the year the charity has continued to make a supply of education under a Tri-party sub-contract agreement between the charity, the University of Hertfordshire Higher Education Corporation and Pen Green Research, Training and Development Base (PGRB). Courses delivered include: FdA; BA (Hons) Top Up, and MA programmes in Early Childhood and Education (Integrated Working with Families and Children). This agreement is in place until 31 August 2026. The high level of successful completion and qualifications attained by students who have followed these courses has undoubtedly benefited the public good by increasing the supply of qualified practitioners in the early years and childcare sector. The research undertaken by students on advanced studies is published and disseminated.
2. In the year the charity has also started the delivery of the Early Years Educator Level 3 Apprenticeships in association with The Recalvi Enterprise, trading as Apprenticeship Connect. This initiative enables students from a broader range of educational backgrounds to pursue work-place based qualifications to the benefit of the children, families and communities that their work-place serves.
3. The charity has worked on the continuation of the Young Parents project funded by the Horner Foundation. This project focused on the health, education and social supports for young parents in Corby and had a direct impact upon the well-being of children and their families in the local area.
4. The charity has continued to contribute to the advancement of education and training through the delivery of national projects, commissioned by the Department for Education (DfE) and building upon the research work undertaken by staff. During the year the charity worked on behalf of the DfE to develop content on the existing DfE online service by writing research articles corresponding to each of the seven areas of learning.

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5. On 1 April 2022 the charity was appointed by the DfE as an Early Years Covid Recovery - Practitioner and Whole Setting Leadership Support Delivery Partner. The aim of this appointment was to assist the DfE to collect, collate and analyse management information from local authorities and early years settings to select, appoint and match successful applicants to the DfE Early Years Covid Recovery Experts and Mentors Programme. This programme is focused on supporting early years practitioners and leaders, to address the impact of the pandemic on the youngest children. The programme is available nationally, across England and settings selected for the Experts and Mentor programme will receive the support of an Expert and provide a mixture of face-to-face and virtual support. The Delivery Partner contract was due to expire on 31 March 2023, but the DfE have extended the contract until June 2024.

In November 2022 Pen Green Centre was awarded a grant for Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs activity for the period November 2022 to December 2024. This activity is funded by the DfE and delivered by National Children's Bureau (NCB) and the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). Stronger Practice Hubs aim to support early years settings and childminders to address the impact of the pandemic on young children, by sharing effective practice and building lasting local networks.

Achievements and performance

Criteria used to assess success

The trustees monitor the year-on-year levels of take-up on the courses offered and the percentage of successful completions which, in the reporting year, maintained consistently high levels. In addition to receiving regular performance reports from project leads, the trustees also receive feedback from sponsoring bodies such as the DfE, NCB, The EEF and The Horner Foundation on the successful delivery of the funded projects in line with the success criteria set out for these projects.

Financial review

The charity operates with a general fund which covers all normal charitable costs and restricted fund which holds grant funded charitable projects. At the year end the charity held £17,942 (2022: £14,072) in general reserves and £nil (2022: £nil) in the restricted fund.

As the charity's work and research is project based all future cost should be covered by grant funding and the general reserve is sufficient to provide support for the foreseeable future.

Risk managements are made at the centre on an ongoing basis and fully reviewed whenever significant changes are made.

The risk management strategy comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face.
- Its systems and procedures.
- The impact of future funding and the financial implications on the centre.

Structure, governance and management

Pen Green Centre is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 February 2007, as amended on 15 October 2013. It is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Anyone over the age of 18 can become a member of the company, and each member agrees to contribute £10 in the event of the charity winding up.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J L Armstrong

K J Bartley

Prof. C Pascal

R J Orr

R Scott

T Smith

(Resigned 16 November 2023)

A Prodger

F Dewsbery

A K Cooper

All trustees have current or prior personal and/or professional experience of relevance to Pen Green Centre and its work. The Charity does not currently employ any staff although it has the capacity to do so. It contracts with the Pen Green Integrated Centre for Children and their Families for the provision of staffing, leadership, and premises to support the aims of the Charity under a Collaboration Agreement. A limited number of trustees are also senior staff employed by the Pen Green Integrated Centre or are Governors of the Integrated Centre. Several Trustees attend the Integrated Centre's Research Training and Development Steering Group/ Governance Sub-committee meetings in an advisory capacity.

The charity had nine trustees at the year-end, all of whom have been appointed directors. Collectively they will make the final decisions with regard to staffing, recruitment, policy making and finance. They meet at least twice a year. Sub-groups dealing with finance and day to day management meet on a monthly basis.

Auditor

Moore were appointed as auditor to the company and a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

K J Bartley

Trustee

Dated: 24 November 2023

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Pen Green Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the company, and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, UK taxation legislation, the Charities Act 2011 and FRS102 SORP.
- We obtained an understanding of how the company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Amanda Etty (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of

29 November 2023



Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	-	757,231	757,231	199	117,286	117,485
Other trading activities	4	12,521	1,402,032	1,414,553	-	1,282,403	1,282,403
Investments	5	68	-	68	2	-	2
Total income		12,589	2,159,263	2,171,852	201	1,399,689	1,399,890
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	8,719	757,231	765,950	10,535	117,286	127,821
Other	9	-	1,402,032	1,402,032	-	1,282,403	1,282,403
Total expenditure		8,719	2,159,263	2,167,982	10,535	1,399,689	1,410,224
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/							
Net movement in funds		3,870	-	3,870	(10,334)	-	(10,334)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		14,072	-	14,072	24,406	-	24,406
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		17,942	-	17,942	14,072	-	14,072

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	12	343,663		116,806	
Cash at bank and in hand		217,789		322,862	
		<u>561,452</u>		<u>439,668</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(543,510)		(425,596)	
Net current assets			17,942		14,072
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			17,942		14,072
			<u>17,942</u>		<u>14,072</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 November 2023

K J Bartley
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06227100

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	15		(105,141)		239,871
Investing activities					
Investment income received		68		2	
Net cash generated from investing activities			68		2
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(105,073)		239,873
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			322,862		82,989
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			217,789		322,862

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Pen Green Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Pen Green Research Base, Rockingham Road, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 1AG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

Whilst the impact of coronavirus has dissipated to some degree, the legacy of its effect continues to be felt throughout most sectors of the economy. Going concern is therefore an important area that the trustees are keeping under close scrutiny. No immediate concerns in relation to the company's long term future have been identified, but this area continues to be monitored. The trustees are satisfied that the steps they have taken in the short term are appropriate and effective.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance basis
Computers	33% reducing balance basis

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Taxation

As a charity, Pen Green Centre, is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 478 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010, or Section 256 of Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992. No charges have arisen.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Restricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds general 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	-	199	-	199
Grant income	757,231	-	117,286	117,286
	<u>757,231</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>117,286</u>	<u>117,485</u>
Grants receivable for core activities				
Department for Education	751,231	-	53,750	53,750
Sobell Trust and The Baily Thomas Charity	-	-	32,750	32,750
Horner Foundation	6,000	-	30,786	30,786
	<u>757,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,286</u>	<u>117,286</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds general 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Restricted funds general 2022 £
Tuition fees	12,521	1,402,032	1,414,553	1,282,403
	<u>12,521</u>	<u>1,402,032</u>	<u>1,414,553</u>	<u>1,282,403</u>

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5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	68	2

6 Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Recharged staff costs	752,231	117,286
Audit fees	5,000	-
	757,231	117,286
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	8,719	10,535
	765,950	127,821
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	8,719	10,535
Restricted funds - general	757,231	117,286
	765,950	127,821

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Clerking fees	-	591	591	-	-	-
Audit fees	-	1,824	1,824	-	6,288	6,288
Bank charges	-	75	75	-	110	110
Annual ICO registration	-	35	35	-	35	35
Insurance	-	1,673	1,673	-	960	960
Membership fees		4,521	4,521	-	3,142	3,142
	-	8,719	8,719	-	10,535	10,535
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	-	8,719	8,719	-	10,535	10,535

Audit fees for the year amount to £6,824 (2022: £6,288), £5,000 of which has been received as funding from the government, therefore only £1,824 is included within support costs.

8 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

9 Other

	Restricted funds general 2023	Restricted funds general 2022
Tuition fees	1,402,032	1,282,403
	1,402,032	1,282,403

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	4,317	3,256	7,573
At 31 March 2023	4,317	3,256	7,573
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2022	4,317	3,256	7,573
At 31 March 2023	4,317	3,256	7,573
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	-	-	-

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	332,570	106,166
Other debtors	11,093	10,640
	343,663	116,806

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	461,461	412,767
Accruals and deferred income	82,049	12,829
	543,510	425,596

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

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15	Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
	Surplus/(deficit) for the year	3,870	(10,334)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(68)	(2)
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(226,857)	238,334
	Increase in creditors	117,914	11,873
	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(105,141)	239,871

Accounts



Charity registration number 1122618

Company registration number 06227100 (England and Wales)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are:

- To assist in the advancement of education and training for children and their families, staff and others working in the fields of early years, family support and community development.
- To undertake research of early years and family policy and practice, to disseminate such findings both nationally and internationally.

The charity takes advantage of grants available to ensure it reaches its objectives.

The trustees have given careful consideration to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit were as follows:

1. During the year the charity has continued to make a supply of education under a Tri-party sub-contract agreement between the charity, the University of Hertfordshire Higher Education Corporation and Pen Green Research, Training and Development Base (PGRB). Courses delivered include: FdA; BA (Hons) Top Up, and MA programmes in Early Childhood and Education (Integrated Working with Families and Children). This agreement is in place until 31 August 2026. The high level of successful completion and qualifications attained by students who have followed these courses has undoubtedly benefited the public good by increasing the supply of qualified practitioners in the early years and childcare sector. The research undertaken by students on advanced studies is published and disseminated.

2. In the year the charity has also started the delivery of the Early Years Educator Level 3 Apprenticeships in association with The Recalvi Enterprise, trading as Apprenticeship Connect. This initiative enables students from a broader range of educational backgrounds to pursue work-place based qualifications to the benefit of the children, families and communities that their work-place serves.

3. The charity has also been working on the following projects that impact directly upon the well-being of children and their families in the local area:

- Continuation of The Young Parents project funded by the Horner Foundation. This project focuses on the health, education and social supports for young parents in Corby
- Continuation of The Tiny Babies – Big Lives (Prem babies/SEND) project. This project focuses on the continuing support for young children with SEND and their families in Corby and the surrounding area. The project was funded jointly by the Sobell Foundation and The Baily Thomas charity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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4. The charity has continued to contribute to the advancement of education and training through the delivery of two national projects commissioned by the Department for Education and building upon the research work undertaken by staff. In 2021/22 these were:

- Completion of work on behalf of the Department for Education to develop the Help for Early Years Providers' Guidance to support the early years sector with implementation of the reformed EYFS. The charity was awarded 6 lots in 2020/21 which included Communication and Language, Mathematics, Personal Social & Emotional Development, Physical Development, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts & Design. As part of the project, we worked with three early years teaching centres in Corby, Bristol and Kenilworth.
- Working on behalf of the Department for Education to develop the content on their existing online service by writing research articles corresponding to each of the seven areas of learning.

Achievements and performance

Criteria used to assess success

The trustees monitor the year-on-year levels of take-up on the courses offered and the percentage of successful completions which, in the reporting year, maintained consistently high levels. In addition to receiving regular performance reports from project leads, the trustees also receive feedback from sponsoring bodies such as the Sobell Foundation, The Baily Thomas charity and the Department for Education on the successful delivery of the funded projects in line with the success criteria set out for these projects.

Financial review

The charity operates with a general fund which covers all normal charitable costs and restricted fund which holds grant funded charitable projects. At the year end the charity held £14,072 (2021: £24,406) in general reserves and £nil (2021: £nil) in the restricted fund.

As the charity's work and research is project based all future cost should be covered by grant funding and the general reserve is sufficient to provide support for the foreseeable future.

Risk managements are made at the centre on an ongoing basis and fully reviewed whenever significant changes are made.

The risk management strategy comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face.
- Its systems and procedures.
- The impact of future funding and the financial implications on the centre.

Structure, governance and management

Pen Green Centre is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 February 2007, as amended on 15 October 2013. It is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Anyone over the age of 18 can become a member of the company, and each member agrees to contribute £10 in the event of the charity winding up.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Prof. C Trevarthen (Resigned 25 November 2021)

J L Armstrong

K J Bartley

Prof. C Pascal

R J Orr

R Scott

T Smith

A Prodger

F Dewsbery

A K Cooper

All trustees have current or prior personal and/or professional experience of relevance to Pen Green Centre and its work. The Charity does not currently employ any staff although it has the capacity to do so. It contracts with the Pen Green Integrated Centre for Children and their Families for the provision of staffing, leadership, and premises to support the aims of the Charity under a Collaboration Agreement. A limited number of trustees are also senior staff employed by the Pen Green Integrated Centre or are Governors of the Integrated Centre. Several Trustees attend the Integrated Centre's Research Training and Development Steering Group/ Governance Sub-committee meetings in an advisory capacity.

The charity had nine trustees at the year-end, all of whom have been appointed directors. Collectively they will make the final decisions with regard to staffing, recruitment, policy making and finance. They meet at least twice a year. Sub-groups dealing with finance and day to day management meet on a monthly basis.

Auditor

Moore were appointed as auditor to the company and a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

K J Bartley

Trustee

Dated: 8 November 2022

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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

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

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

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Pen Green Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

PEN GREEN CENTRE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the company, and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, UK taxation legislation, the Charities Act 2011 and FRS102 SORP.
- We obtained an understanding of how the company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Andrew Page (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of

9 November 2022



Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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PEN GREEN CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	199	117,286	117,485	1,442	88,873	90,315
Other trading activities	4	-	1,282,403	1,282,403	-	653,150	653,150
Investments	5	2	-	2	7	-	7
Total income		201	1,399,689	1,399,890	1,449	742,023	743,472
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	10,535	117,286	127,821	6,845	88,873	95,718
Other	9	-	1,282,403	1,282,403	-	653,150	653,150
Total expenditure		10,535	1,399,689	1,410,224	6,845	742,023	748,868
Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		(10,334)	-	(10,334)	(5,396)	-	(5,396)
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		24,406	-	24,406	29,802	-	29,802
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		14,072	-	14,072	24,406	-	24,406

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	116,806		355,140	
Cash at bank and in hand		322,862		82,989	
		<u>439,668</u>		<u>438,129</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(425,596)		(413,723)	
Net current assets			14,072		24,406
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			14,072		24,406
			<u>14,072</u>		<u>24,406</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8 November 2022

K J Bartley
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06227100

PEN GREEN CENTRE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	14		239,871		(15,945)
Investing activities					
Investment income received		2		7	
Net cash generated from investing activities			2		7
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			239,873		(15,938)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			82,989		98,927
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			322,862		82,989

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Pen Green Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Pen Green Research Base, Rockingham Road, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 1AG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

Whilst the impact of coronavirus has dissipated to some degree, the legacy of its effect continues to be felt throughout most sectors of the economy. Going concern is therefore an important area that the trustees are keeping under close scrutiny. No immediate concerns in relation to the company's long term future have been identified, but this area continues to be monitored. The trustees are satisfied that the steps they have taken in the short term are appropriate and effective.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance basis
Computers	33% reducing balance basis

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Taxation

As a charity, Pen Green Centre, is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 478 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010, or Section 256 of Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992. No charges have arisen.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds general	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds general	Total
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
Donations and gifts	199	-	199	1,442	-	1,442
Grant income	-	117,286	117,286	-	88,873	88,873
	<u>199</u>	<u>117,286</u>	<u>117,485</u>	<u>1,442</u>	<u>88,873</u>	<u>90,315</u>
Grants receivable for core activities						
Department for Education	-	53,750	53,750	-	70,500	70,500
Sobell Trust and The Baily Thomas Charity	-	32,750	32,750	-	-	-
Horner Foundation	-	30,786	30,786	-	18,373	18,373
	<u>-</u>	<u>117,286</u>	<u>117,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,873</u>	<u>88,873</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Restricted funds general 2022 £	Restricted funds general 2021 £
Tuition fees	1,282,403	653,150
	<u>1,282,403</u>	<u>653,150</u>

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5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	2	7

6 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Recharged staff costs	117,286	88,873
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	10,535	6,845
	127,821	95,718
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	10,535	6,845
Restricted funds - general	117,286	88,873
	127,821	95,718

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022 Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	-	-	-	100	100
Audit fees	-	6,288	6,288	5,700	5,700
Advertising	-	-	-	96	96
Bank charges	-	110	110	137	137
Annual ICO registration	-	35	35	35	35
Insurance	-	960	960	537	537
Accountancy	-	-	-	240	240
Membership fees	-	3,142	3,142	-	-
	-	10,535	10,535	6,845	6,845
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	-	10,535	10,535	6,845	6,845

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £6,288 (2021: £5,700) for audit fees.

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8 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

9 Other

	Restricted funds general 2022	Restricted funds general 2021
Tuition fees	1,282,403	653,150
	<u>1,282,403</u>	<u>653,150</u>

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	4,317	3,256	7,573
At 31 March 2022	<u>4,317</u>	<u>3,256</u>	<u>7,573</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2021	4,317	3,256	7,573
At 31 March 2022	<u>4,317</u>	<u>3,256</u>	<u>7,573</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	106,166	-
Other debtors	10,640	355,140
	<u>116,806</u>	<u>355,140</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	412,767	46,700
Accruals and deferred income	12,829	367,023
	<u>425,596</u>	<u>413,723</u>

13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

14 Cash generated from operations

	2022 £	2021 £
Deficit for the year	(10,334)	(5,396)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2)	(7)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	-	100
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	238,334	(355,140)
Increase in creditors	11,873	344,498
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	<u>239,871</u>	<u>(15,945)</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Prof. C Trevarthen J L Armstrong K J Bartley Prof. C Pascal R J Orr R Scott T Smith A Prodger F Dewsbery A K Cooper
Secretary	M Palazzo
Charity number	1122618
Company number	06227100
Registered office	Pen Green Research Base Rockingham Road Corby Northamptonshire NN17 1AG
Auditor	Moore Oakley House Headway Business Park 3 Saxon Way West Corby Northamptonshire NN18 9EZ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are:

- To assist in the advancement of education and training for children and their families, staff and others working in the fields of early years, family support and community development.
- To undertake research of early years and family policy and practice, to disseminate such findings both nationally and internationally.

The charity takes advantage of grants available to ensure it reaches its objectives.

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

The charity has been working on three projects during the year:

- The Young Parents project which runs from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2021, funded by the Horner Foundation. This project will focus on the health, education and social supports for young parents in the town of Corby.
- The Tiny Babies - Big Lives (Prem babies/SEND) project which runs from 18 November 2019 to 30 November 2020. This project will focus on the continuous support for young children with SEND and their families in Corby and the surrounding area. The project is funded jointly by the Sobell Foundation and The Baily Thomas charity. Due to covid restrictions this project has been extended.
- Working on behalf of the Department for Education to develop the Help for Early Years Providers' Guidance to support the early years sector with implementation of the reformed EYFS. The charity was awarded 6 lots which included Communication and Language, Mathematics, Personal Social & Emotional Development, Physical Development, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts and Design. The charity has worked with three early years teaching centres in Corby, Bristol, and Kenilworth on this project.

Pen Green Research, Training and Development Base (PGR) offer FdA, BA (Hons) Top Up and MA programmes in Early Childhood and Education (Integrated Working with Families and Children).

PGR does not have awarding powers so the degrees are accredited through the University of Hertfordshire Higher Education Corporation via a validation agreement which ended on 31 August 2020.

In August 2020 a new sub contractual agreement was signed between the university, PGR and Pen Green Centre (the charity) which will run from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2026.

Under this new agreement PGR will make a supply of education to the university in relation to new students and all continuing students and all financial transactions will be recorded in the charity's accounting records.

The charity is grateful for the support and effort of its volunteers.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Achievements and performance

Financial review

The charity operates with a general fund which covers all normal charitable costs and restricted fund which holds grant funded charitable projects. At the year end the charity held £24,406 (2020: £29,802) in general reserves and £nil (2020: £nil) in the restricted fund.

As the charity's work and research is project based all future cost should be covered by grant funding and the general reserve is sufficient to provide support for the foreseeable future.

Risk managements are made at the centre on an ongoing basis and fully reviewed whenever significant changes are made.

The risk management strategy comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face.
- Its systems and procedures.
- The impact of future funding and the financial implications on the centre.

Structure, governance and management

Pen Green Centre is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 February 2007, as amended on 15 October 2013. It is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Anyone over the age of 18 can become a member of the company, and each member agrees to contribute £10 in the event of the charity winding up.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Prof. C Trevarthen

J L Armstrong

K J Bartley

Prof. C Pascal

R J Orr

R Scott

T Smith

A Prodger

F Dewsbery

A K Cooper

All trustees have current or prior personal and/or professional experience of relevance to Pen Green Centre and its work. The Charity does not currently employ any staff although it has the capacity to do so. It contracts with the Pen Green Integrated Centre for Children and their Families for the provision of staffing, leadership, and premises to support the aims of the Charity under a Collaboration Agreement. A limited number of trustees are also senior staff employed by the Pen Green Integrated Centre or are Governors of the Integrated Centre. Several Trustees attend the Integrated Centre's Research Training and Development Steering Group/ Governance Sub-committee meetings in an advisory capacity.

The charity had ten trustees at the year-end, all of whom have been appointed directors. Collectively they will make the final decisions with regard to staffing, recruitment, policy making and finance. They meet at least twice a year. Sub-groups dealing with finance and day to day management meet on a monthly basis.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021***

Auditor

Moore were appointed as auditor to the company and a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

K J Bartley

Trustee

Dated: 9 November 2021

PEN GREEN CENTRE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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

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

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

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

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

PEN GREEN CENTRE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Pen Green Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the company, and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, UK taxation legislation, the Charities Act 2011 and FRS102 SORP.
- We obtained an understanding of how the company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters which we are required to address

The comparative figures in these financial statements have not been subject to audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEN GREEN CENTRE

Andrew Page (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of

22 November 2021



**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

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PEN GREEN CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	1,442	88,873	90,315	24	26,510	26,534
Other trading activities	4	-	653,150	653,150	-	-	-
Investments	5	7	-	7	30	-	30
Total income		1,449	742,023	743,472	54	26,510	26,564
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	6,845	88,873	95,718	1,895	26,510	28,405
Other	9	-	653,150	653,150	-	-	-
Total resources expended		6,845	742,023	748,868	1,895	26,510	28,405
Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		(5,396)	-	(5,396)	(1,841)	-	(1,841)
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		29,802	-	29,802	31,643	-	31,643
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		24,406	-	24,406	29,802	-	29,802

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		-		100
Current assets					
Debtors	11	355,140		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		82,989		98,927	
		<u>438,129</u>		<u>98,927</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(413,723)</u>		<u>(69,225)</u>	
Net current assets			24,406		29,702
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>24,406</u>		<u>29,802</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			24,406		29,802
			<u>24,406</u>		<u>29,802</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2021, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 9 November 2021

K J Bartley
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06227100

PEN GREEN CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Pen Green Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Pen Green Research Base, Rockingham Road, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 1AG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees have considered the potential impact of the coronavirus, and the various measures taken to contain it, on the operations of the company. No immediate concerns in relation to the company's long term future have been identified but this area continues to be monitored. The trustees are satisfied that the steps they have taken in the short term are appropriate and effective.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance basis
Computers	33% reducing balance basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

PEN GREEN CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Taxation

As a charity, Pen Green Centre, is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 478 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010, or Section 256 of Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992. No charges have arisen.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds general	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds general	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	1,442	-	1,442	24	-	24
Grant income	-	88,873	88,873	-	26,510	26,510
	<u>1,442</u>	<u>88,873</u>	<u>90,315</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>26,510</u>	<u>26,534</u>

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3 Donations and legacies

(Continued)

Grants receivable for core activities

Department for Education	-	70,500	70,500	-	-	-
Sobell Trust and The Baily Thomas Charity	-	-	-	-	14,250	14,250
Horner Foundation	-	18,373	18,373	-	12,260	12,260
	-	88,873	88,873	-	26,510	26,510

4 Other trading activities

	Restricted funds general 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Tuition fees	653,150	-
	653,150	-

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Interest receivable	7	30

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6 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Recharged staff costs	88,873	26,510
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	6,845	1,895
	<u>95,718</u>	<u>28,405</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	6,845	1,895
Restricted funds - general	88,873	26,510
	<u>95,718</u>	<u>28,405</u>

7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Depreciation	-	100	100	-	61	61
Audit fees	-	5,700	5,700	-	-	-
Advertising	-	96	96	-	-	-
Annual return filing fee	-	-	-	-	13	13
Bank charges	-	137	137	-	49	49
Annual ICO registration	-	35	35	-	35	35
Insurance	-	537	537	-	537	537
Accountancy	-	240	240	-	1,200	1,200
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,845</u>	<u>6,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,895</u>	<u>1,895</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	-	6,845	6,845	-	1,895	1,895
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,845</u>	<u>6,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,895</u>	<u>1,895</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £5,700 (2020: £nil) for audit fees.

8 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

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9 Other

	Restricted funds general 2021	Total £ 2020
Tuition fees	653,150	-
	<u>653,150</u>	<u>-</u>

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	4,317	3,256	7,573
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,317</u>	<u>3,256</u>	<u>7,573</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2020	4,217	3,256	7,473
Depreciation charged in the year	100	-	100
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,317</u>	<u>3,256</u>	<u>7,573</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	355,140	-
	<u>355,140</u>	<u>-</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	46,700	26,510
Accruals and deferred income	367,023	42,715
	<u>413,723</u>	<u>69,225</u>

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13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).