

WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs

England & Wales · Charity number 1125037

Details

Other names	TYNEDALE ACTIVITES FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN, TYNEDALE ACTIVITIES FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN, WECAN - WE ENABLE CHILDREN EITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06384156
Registered	2008-07-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE RELIEF OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AGED BETWEEN 6 AND 30 LIVING IN TYNEDALE AND SOUTHWEST NORTHUMBERLAND, IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING RESPITE FACILITY BY THE PROVISION OF BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Activities: To promote the relief of children, young people and adults with learning disabilities aged between 6 and 30 and living in Tynedale and South West Northumberland, in particular by providing short break facility by the provision of, but not exclusively, leisure activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TYNEDALE
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£105,936	£114,650	-	-
2023-10-31	£74,543	£93,025	-	-
2022-10-31	£124,388	£104,710	-	-
2021-10-31	£79,104	£90,840	-	-
2020-10-31	£104,834	£102,240	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carlo Milani		2025-10-01
Dawn Flynn		2022-11-01
Hannah Jaer Steward		2022-11-01
Richard Jeffrey		2026-01-01
Robert Parker		2019-10-31
Stephen Holmes		2024-04-15

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1125037

Company registration number 06384156 (England and Wales)

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr A Nelson	
	Mr R Parker	
	Ms D Flynn	
	Ms H J Steward	
	Mr S Holmes	(Appointed 15 April 2024)
	Mr J M Whitfield	(Appointed 15 April 2024)
Charity number	1125037	
Company number	06384156	
Registered office	Moot Hall Gallery	
	Market Place	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 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

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's Memorandum of Association are:

"to promote the relief of children, youths and adults with learning disabilities aged between 6 and 30 and living in Tynedale and South West Northumberland, in particular by providing short break facility by the provision of but not exclusively, leisure activities."

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This annual report looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous twelve months. The document reports on the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to families and the children, young people and adults we aim to help.

The report also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focussed on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees and management staff consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The Focus of our Work

Our main objective for the year 2022/23 continued to be in line with the objects contained in our Memorandum of Association as quoted above.

The strategies we used to meet our objectives included:

- Providing a range of activity sessions during both term times and school holidays
- Working in partnership with other agencies to ensure provision which best meets the needs of our children and young people

These objectives were delivered throughout the local community and wider areas of Tynedale and Cumbria during our term time Saturday Clubs and school holiday sessions.

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Achievements and performance

WECAN offers three levels of service:

WECAN Explore, Working with Family Hubs, we facilitate focus groups for parents with children under 6 with additional needs and provide advice and guidance to make sure they are not alone. This provides continuity and the opportunity to enter our Children's Service.

WECAN Children and Young Adult Service Age 6yrs to 18yrs. We give valuable respite on Saturdays and school holidays to parents and carers who need time to focus on other aspects of their life. Each service user no matter what their needs, is prepared for the rigours of life as they grow. All activities are done in the community, which develops their confidence and independence. We also focus on late teenagers smoothing out the transition to the Adult service should they wish to progress.

WECAN Adult Service Age 19 and above. We provide care in the community which stimulates further independence, some in this service do live independently with help, we provide a level of service driven by what they want to do.

The children and young people and adults we work with have a range learning and physical disabilities such as autistic spectrum disorders, Downs Syndrome, challenging behaviours, are non-verbal, neurodiverse and have other complex needs. We also support children and young people with health care needs such as specialist feeding requirements, epilepsy, medication needs and personal care.

Summary

WECAN has had another successful year, we continue to provide a valuable service for families, children, young people and adults with additional needs in South West Northumberland. The numbers coming to our events and using our services are increasing and we are linking more closely with other organisations working in the sector. In addition management structure changes have led to a growing confidence in the quality of the services we provide and our internal processes.

Funding remains challenging, our current level of reserves provides us with a stable platform for our current operations, but following 2 years of reductions following the cost of living crisis, we are targeting an increase in reserves in the year ahead through an increased focus on grant applications as well as through fundraising activity. An increase in reserves in the year ahead is a strategic priority for our organisation and the new management structure has been built with this in mind.

Health and Safety

Our staff work with vulnerable children, young people and adults and are acutely aware of the associated responsibilities. This is reflected in our policies, procedures, recruitment practices and staff training. A named trustee is appointed to focus on Safeguarding and there are a number of staff qualified as Safeguarding Leads, everyone involved with WECAN must undergo safeguarding training. In addition there is a comprehensive training programme that all Support Workers must complete and this year a Team Leader has been give a specific role to coach our Support Workers. All associated with WECAN are DBS certified.

In the twelve months to November 2024 there have been no issues that required reporting.

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Staffing

Our Service Manager Hayley Armstrong left in December 2023 after 12 years of valued service and as well as a replacement, we decided to recruit a Business Manager to both improve our office practices and increase the rate of fundraising and grant applications.

Kirsty Jackson has stepped up to the role of Service Manager and Jennifer Pacitti has been employed as Business Manager. In addition we have promoted three staff to Team Leaders both giving them specific responsibilities during our sessions and personal objectives with regard to the Day Service, teenager progression to the Adult Service and staff development.

The majority of our care providers are young adults during their final year at school or college. This is either preparation for a career in the care industry or their life experience. Many continue to return during university or college holidays and are a great asset to WECAN.

Activities

Uniquely all of our activities take place in the community. Our aim is to stimulate everyone who attends our sessions whilst providing a valuable respite for their families particularly during holiday periods.

Typical activities on a Saturday include swimming, ten pin bowling alongside cinema visits, art and games.

During the holidays the longer sessions allow us to travel further afield, some of the highlights of this year's holiday activities were visits to Raby Castle, Holmside Park, Chester le Street, Beamish Open Air Museum and Diggerland all situated in adjacent Co. Durham, swimming at both Haltwhistle outdoor pool and Prudhoe Waterworld. We visited Whitehouse Farm, Morpeth and South Tyne Railway, Alston, also the yearly pantomime and many more. Photographs can be found on our website www.wecanenable.co.uk.

This year we have teamed up with other local charities such as Stage Fright, Hexham Cinema and the Torch Centre This is not only enjoyable but has supplemented our fundraising activities.

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Feedback

This is just a sample of the comments made by parents at the end of Summer Scheme which ran from July to the end of August 2024

- WECAN is an outstanding facility for children over the summer holidays. It means our daughter still has a routine and regular activities and the choice is varied and interesting. She loves going to WECAN and the staff are amazing!!
- I feel that WECAN always do an amazing job! Jack loves his days out with WECAN he also loves going on the big bus. Management and staff are amazing and always listen to what your child needs. I would like to thank you all for this summer scheme you have smashed it once again and it really helps break the holidays up.
- As always, we are indebted to WECAN for offering such a range of activities throughout the summer holidays that gives my child some well-deserved fun, and gives us a well-deserved break!! Thank you as always.
- I am so pleased that we have been introduced to WECAN. It's an amazing charity that provides wonderful opportunities for children of all abilities. They are very welcoming, supportive and understanding. WECAN has made such a positive impact to our lives.
- I do not know how we would cope with the school summer holidays without the WECAN Summer Scheme! There are no other options that would enable me to keep working during this period, which is giving something for my son that not only keeps him occupied, but he also looks forward to and keeps asking what the next activity is for him. The variety of activities means that there is something for attendees with different levels of preferences as well as abilities. The team can be trusted to keep our children safe whilst in their care and this is greatly appreciated.
- I was dreading the summer holidays by myself with two children with additional needs. Then WECAN came to our rescue and saved my sanity. The children enjoyed day trips out with staff trained to cater to their differing medical and emotional needs. They got to experience places I wouldn't have managed taking them to by myself and created lovely bonds with the staff. My neurodiverse child never usually wants to go anywhere without me but now asks daily when they can go back to WECAN.

More feedback can be found on our website www.wecanenable.co.uk.

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Day Service

The move to the Moot Hall located in the centre of Hexham has been a great success, both as a meeting place for Hexham-based activities and as an activity space for small groups. This has allowed us to increase our Adult Day services and typically on a Thursday and Friday small groups can be found doing craft activities interspersed with outside activities depending on the weather. As a Grade 1 listed building, however, it does present some challenges both to further develop our activities and from a maintenance perspective.

Recognition

WECAN has been recognised with the following awards:

North England Prestige Program Youth Support NPO of the Year- Northumberland, 2024/25 **winner**

SME News, Northern Enterprise Awards 2024. Most Inclusive Additional Needs Support Service 2024 – Northumberland & Best Parent & Child Community Support Service 2024 (North East): **WECAN Explore**

2024 UK Enterprise Awards hosted proudly by **SME News. Most Empowering PWD Life Enrichment Organisation 2024 – Northumberland**

Sport Tynedale Club of the Year 2024, Award of Merit

WECAN Services in Numbers

Over the year 63 different people attended our session, 19 of whom were adults at the year end. Of these 5 adults and 11 children benefitted from National Lottery Funding.

In 2023-4 there were 34 Saturday clubs, holiday clubs include 2 days at Easter, 12.5 days during the summer, plus 3 unfunded, by County, half-term activities.

In total this represents over 4,500 hours of service provision of which 65% is for those under the age of 18.

Of the hours provided around 50% were at a staffing ratio of one to one, thirty percent in small groups and the balance where two staff members were required for each person.

At the year-end we had 37 employees of whom three are on staff contracts, the balance being paid hourly of whom 7 work during their vacation.

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Financial review

Summary

Compared to the previous year we were able to halve the deficit from £17.9k to £8.7k. Day-to-day operations saw an increase in revenue and a reduction in activity costs. However continued pressure on wages due to increases in the living wage has largely offset this. Grants, donations and fundraising were similar to the previous year and we are targeting a rise in these areas in 2025.

Grants, Donations and Fundraising

Once again we are grateful to everyone who supported us this year, no matter how much they were able to contribute. A lot of effort went into applying for new grants and approaching new potential donors, some were able to help and hopefully others will be able to in the future. The unrestricted donations were particularly valuable.

Fundraising was a third up on last year. Great North Run revenues were up by 20% and there were many small fundraising activities, many organised by the adult section of WECAN. The monthly draw income was double the previous year. We hope to see even greater fundraising in 2025.

Activity Income

Invoiced income from Northumberland County Council increased by 7.7% over the previous year, this was as a result of increasing numbers using the service and we received a rate increase between 3% and 7% in September 2024. We will be applying for a further rate increase in February to help offset the impact of minimum wage and National Insurance increases.

Activity Costs

Activity costs were reduced by 46% compared to the previous year, a great result from the service team. This was partially due to a reduction in the hire of venues following relocation to the Moot Hall but mainly due to planning activities closer to Hexham and in line with our reduced budget. This did not in any way impact the quality or enjoyment of our offering.

Central Costs

Central costs were up by a third. This was in part due to the more expensive Moot Hall facility but mainly due to the costs of accounting, payroll and year end. This enabled us to be more professional in the way we manage central processes, central costs are under constant review.

Payroll

Our payroll costs increased by 6% over the previous year much of which relates to the increased volumes. Significantly our base cost increased as monthly paid staff increased from two to three. The increases in both numbers of staff and levels of pay were required to ensure we have the team in place to deliver a high-quality service, we consider this to be a strong management team.

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Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Major risks

The Management has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal controls risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 27 September 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which set out the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr A Nelson

Mr R Parker

Ms R A Quigley (Resigned 15 April 2024)

Dr D F Slowie (Resigned 15 April 2024)

Ms D Flynn

Ms H J Steward

Mr S Holmes (Appointed 15 April 2024)

Mr J M Whitfield (Appointed 15 April 2024)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years, after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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Organisational structure

WECAN has a Management Committee of 8 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Committee are from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Service Manager who is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. The Service Manager also has the responsibility for the day to day operational management of the Project, individual supervision of the staff team and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

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

Mr A Nelson
Trustee

Mr R Parker
Trustee

10 January 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WECAN - WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

A K Dunn BA (Hons) ACA

St Matthews House
Haugh Lane
Hexham
Northumberland
NE46 3PU

Dated: 10 January 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	10,562	18,563	29,125	7,429	29,937	37,366
Charitable activities	4	67,794	-	67,794	60,342	-	60,342
Other trading activities	5	8,580	-	8,580	6,529	-	6,529
Investments	6	433	-	433	224	-	224
Other income	7	4	-	4	19	-	19
Total income		87,373	18,563	105,936	74,543	29,937	104,480
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	1,595	-	1,595	1,279	-	1,279
Charitable activities	9	84,024	29,031	113,055	91,746	29,397	121,143
Total expenditure		85,619	29,031	114,650	93,025	29,397	122,422
Net income/(expenditure)		1,754	(10,468)	(8,714)	(18,482)	540	(17,942)
Transfers between funds							
		-	-	-	948	(948)	-
Net movement in funds		1,754	(10,468)	(8,714)	(17,534)	(408)	(17,942)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 November 2023		33,574	15,497	49,071	51,108	15,905	67,013
Fund balances at 31 October 2024		35,328	5,029	40,357	33,574	15,497	49,071

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 OCTOBER 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	13	3,983		2,718	
Cash at bank and in hand		37,347		47,959	
		<u>41,330</u>		<u>50,677</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(973)		(1,606)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			40,357		49,071
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			40,357		49,071
			<u></u>		<u></u>
			<u></u>		<u></u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	15	5,029		15,497	
Unrestricted funds		35,328		33,574	
		<u>40,357</u>		<u>49,071</u>	
		<u></u>		<u></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 October 2024.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 10 January 2025

Mr A Nelson
Trustee

Mr R Parker
Trustee

Company registration number 06384156 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Moot Hall Gallery, Market Place, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 1XF.

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 charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities 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, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. 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.

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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 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.

1.7 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.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	10,562	18,563	29,125	7,429	29,937	37,366
Donations and gifts						
Total Community Foundation	-	14,563	14,563	-	-	-
National Lottery	-	-	-	-	9,937	9,937
Three Guineas Trust	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Other Private Donations	3,062	-	3,062	1,929	-	1,929
Ballinger Trust	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Kate Richards	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000
High Sherriff	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
Plastic Furniture Charitable BBP	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Jive Alive	-	-	-	300	-	300
Ponteland Parochial Church	-	-	-	200	-	200
Hadrian Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
Enterprise RAC UK	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-
Barbour Foundation	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
The Lions Club	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-
Joicey Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
	10,562	18,563	33,125	7,429	29,937	37,366

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Sale of goods	67,794	60,342

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5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	8,580	6,529
	=====	=====

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	433	224
	=====	=====

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other income	4	19
	=====	=====

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8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Other fundraising costs	1,595	1,279
	<u>1,595</u>	<u>1,279</u>
	<u><u>1,595</u></u>	<u><u>1,279</u></u>

9 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	82,963	84,491
Activity costs	13,028	23,816
	<u>95,991</u>	<u>108,307</u>
Share of governance costs	17,064	12,836
	<u>113,055</u>	<u>121,143</u>
	<u><u>113,055</u></u>	<u><u>121,143</u></u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	84,024	91,746
Restricted funds	29,031	29,397
	<u>113,055</u>	<u>121,143</u>
	<u><u>113,055</u></u>	<u><u>121,143</u></u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	36	36
	=====	=====

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	82,963	84,491
	=====	=====

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Taxation

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

13 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	3,983	2,718
	=====	=====

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	973	1,606
	=====	=====

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15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 November 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 October 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Hadrian Trust Fund	-	2,000	(1,000)	-	1,000
Lottery Funding Saturday Fund	10,219	-	(8,448)	-	1,771
TGT Fund	-	14,563	(12,305)	-	2,258
Ballinger Charitable Trust	5,278	-	(5,278)	-	-
High Sheriff	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Joicey Foundation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
	<u>15,497</u>	<u>18,563</u>	<u>(29,031)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,029</u>

Previous year:	At 1 November 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 October 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Community Foundation	3,051	-	(2,103)	(948)	-
Lottery Funding Saturday Fund	5,541	9,937	(5,259)	-	10,219
TGT Fund	7,313	10,000	(17,313)	-	-
Ballinger Charitable Trust	-	10,000	(4,722)	-	5,278
	<u>15,905</u>	<u>29,937</u>	<u>(29,397)</u>	<u>(948)</u>	<u>15,497</u>

National Lottery Saturday club refers to income set aside for the provision of Saturday club attendance for those not in receipt of direct payments yet have significant additional needs.

Ballinger Trust income refers to a grant income for £10,000 split between the establishing of WECAN Explore, a new section providing support for babies and mothers 0-6 years and for children for half term activities.

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16 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 November 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 October 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	33,574	87,373	(85,619)	-	35,328
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 November 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 October 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	51,108	74,543	(93,025)	948	33,574
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 October 2024:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	35,328	5,029	40,357
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	35,328	5,029	40,357
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 October 2023:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	33,574	15,497	49,071
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	33,574	15,497	49,071
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

18 Related party transactions

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

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Charity registration number 1125037

Company registration number 06384156 (England and Wales)

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr A Nelson	
	Mr R Parker	
	Ms D Flynn	
	Ms H J Steward	
	Mr S Holmes	(Appointed 15 April 2024)
	Mr J M Whitfield	(Appointed 15 April 2024)
Charity number	1125037	
Company number	06384156	
Registered office	Moot Hall Gallery	
	Market Place	
	Hexham	
	Northumberland	
	NE46 1XF	
Independent examiner	A K Dunn BA (Hons) ACA	
	St Matthews House	
	Haugh Lane	
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	Northumberland	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 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

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's Memorandum of Association are:

"to promote the relief of children, youths and adults with learning disabilities aged between 6 and 30 and living in Tynedale and South West Northumberland, in particular by providing short break facility by the provision of but not exclusively, leisure activities."

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This annual report looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous twelve months. The document reports on the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to families and the children, young people and adults we aim to help.

The report also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focussed on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees and management staff consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The Focus of our Work

Our main objective for the year 2022/23 continued to be in line with the objects contained in our Memorandum of Association as quoted above.

The strategies we used to meet our objectives included:

- Providing a range of activity sessions during both term times and school holidays
- Working in partnership with other agencies to ensure provision which best meets the needs of our children and young people

These objectives were delivered throughout the local community and wider areas of Tynedale and Cumbria during our term time Saturday Clubs and school holiday sessions.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Achievements and performance

WECAN offers three levels of service:

WECAN Explore, Working with Family Hubs, we facilitate focus groups for parents with children under 6 with additional needs and provide advice and guidance to make sure they are not alone. This provides continuity and the opportunity to enter our Children's Service.

WECAN Children and Young Adult Service Age 6yrs to 18yrs. We give valuable respite on Saturdays and school holidays to parents and carers who need time to focus on other aspects of their life. Each service user no matter what their needs, is prepared for the rigours of life as they grow. All activities are done in the community, which develops their confidence and independence. We also focus on late teenagers smoothing out the transition to the Adult service should they wish to progress.

WECAN Adult Service Age 19 and above. We provide care in the community which stimulates further independence, some in this service do live independently with help, we provide a level of service driven by what they want to do.

The children and young people and adults we work with have a range learning and physical disabilities such as autistic spectrum disorders, Downs Syndrome, challenging behaviours, are non-verbal, neurodiverse and have other complex needs. We also support children and young people with health care needs such as specialist feeding requirements, epilepsy, medication needs and personal care.

Summary

WECAN has had another successful year, we continue to provide a valuable service for families, children, young people and adults with additional needs in South West Northumberland. The numbers coming to our events and using our services are increasing and we are linking more closely with other organisations working in the sector. In addition management structure changes have led to a growing confidence in the quality of the services we provide and our internal processes.

Funding remains challenging, our current level of reserves provides us with a stable platform for our current operations, but following 2 years of reductions following the cost of living crisis, we are targeting an increase in reserves in the year ahead through an increased focus on grant applications as well as through fundraising activity. An increase in reserves in the year ahead is a strategic priority for our organisation and the new management structure has been built with this in mind.

Health and Safety

Our staff work with vulnerable children, young people and adults and are acutely aware of the associated responsibilities. This is reflected in our policies, procedures, recruitment practices and staff training. A named trustee is appointed to focus on Safeguarding and there are a number of staff qualified as Safeguarding Leads, everyone involved with WECAN must undergo safeguarding training. In addition there is a comprehensive training programme that all Support Workers must complete and this year a Team Leader has been give a specific role to coach our Support Workers. All associated with WECAN are DBS certified.

In the twelve months to November 2024 there have been no issues that required reporting.

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Staffing

Our Service Manager Hayley Armstrong left in December 2023 after 12 years of valued service and as well as a replacement, we decided to recruit a Business Manager to both improve our office practices and increase the rate of fundraising and grant applications.

Kirsty Jackson has stepped up to the role of Service Manager and Jennifer Pacitti has been employed as Business Manager. In addition we have promoted three staff to Team Leaders both giving them specific responsibilities during our sessions and personal objectives with regard to the Day Service, teenager progression to the Adult Service and staff development.

The majority of our care providers are young adults during their final year at school or college. This is either preparation for a career in the care industry or their life experience. Many continue to return during university or college holidays and are a great asset to WECAN.

Activities

Uniquely all of our activities take place in the community. Our aim is to stimulate everyone who attends our sessions whilst providing a valuable respite for their families particularly during holiday periods.

Typical activities on a Saturday include swimming, ten pin bowling alongside cinema visits, art and games.

During the holidays the longer sessions allow us to travel further afield, some of the highlights of this year's holiday activities were visits to Raby Castle, Holmside Park, Chester le Street, Beamish Open Air Museum and Diggerland all situated in adjacent Co. Durham, swimming at both Haltwhistle outdoor pool and Prudhoe Waterworld. We visited Whitehouse Farm, Morpeth and South Tyne Railway, Alston, also the yearly pantomime and many more. Photographs can be found on our website www.wecanenable.co.uk.

This year we have teamed up with other local charities such as Stage Fright, Hexham Cinema and the Torch Centre This is not only enjoyable but has supplemented our fundraising activities.

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Feedback

This is just a sample of the comments made by parents at the end of Summer Scheme which ran from July to the end of August 2024

- WECAN is an outstanding facility for children over the summer holidays. It means our daughter still has a routine and regular activities and the choice is varied and interesting. She loves going to WECAN and the staff are amazing!!
- I feel that WECAN always do an amazing job! Jack loves his days out with WECAN he also loves going on the big bus. Management and staff are amazing and always listen to what your child needs. I would like to thank you all for this summer scheme you have smashed it once again and it really helps break the holidays up.
- As always, we are indebted to WECAN for offering such a range of activities throughout the summer holidays that gives my child some well-deserved fun, and gives us a well-deserved break!! Thank you as always.
- I am so pleased that we have been introduced to WECAN. It's an amazing charity that provides wonderful opportunities for children of all abilities. They are very welcoming, supportive and understanding. WECAN has made such a positive impact to our lives.
- I do not know how we would cope with the school summer holidays without the WECAN Summer Scheme! There are no other options that would enable me to keep working during this period, which is giving something for my son that not only keeps him occupied, but he also looks forward to and keeps asking what the next activity is for him. The variety of activities means that there is something for attendees with different levels of preferences as well as abilities. The team can be trusted to keep our children safe whilst in their care and this is greatly appreciated.
- I was dreading the summer holidays by myself with two children with additional needs. Then WECAN came to our rescue and saved my sanity. The children enjoyed day trips out with staff trained to cater to their differing medical and emotional needs. They got to experience places I wouldn't have managed taking them to by myself and created lovely bonds with the staff. My neurodiverse child never usually wants to go anywhere without me but now asks daily when they can go back to WECAN.

More feedback can be found on our website www.wecanenable.co.uk.

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Day Service

The move to the Moot Hall located in the centre of Hexham has been a great success, both as a meeting place for Hexham-based activities and as an activity space for small groups. This has allowed us to increase our Adult Day services and typically on a Thursday and Friday small groups can be found doing craft activities interspersed with outside activities depending on the weather. As a Grade 1 listed building, however, it does present some challenges both to further develop our activities and from a maintenance perspective.

Recognition

WECAN has been recognised with the following awards:

North England Prestige Program Youth Support NPO of the Year- Northumberland, 2024/25 **winner**

SME News, Northern Enterprise Awards 2024. Most Inclusive Additional Needs Support Service 2024 – Northumberland & Best Parent & Child Community Support Service 2024 (North East): **WECAN Explore**

2024 UK Enterprise Awards hosted proudly by **SME News.** **Most Empowering PWD Life Enrichment Organisation 2024 – Northumberland**

Sport Tynedale Club of the Year 2024, Award of Merit

WECAN Services in Numbers

Over the year 63 different people attended our session, 19 of whom were adults at the year end. Of these 5 adults and 11 children benefitted from National Lottery Funding.

In 2023-4 there were 34 Saturday clubs, holiday clubs include 2 days at Easter, 12.5 days during the summer, plus 3 unfunded, by County, half-term activities.

In total this represents over 4,500 hours of service provision of which 65% is for those under the age of 18.

Of the hours provided around 50% were at a staffing ratio of one to one, thirty percent in small groups and the balance where two staff members were required for each person.

At the year-end we had 37 employees of whom three are on staff contracts, the balance being paid hourly of whom 7 work during their vacation.

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Financial review

Summary

Compared to the previous year we were able to halve the deficit from £17.9k to £8.7k. Day-to-day operations saw an increase in revenue and a reduction in activity costs. However continued pressure on wages due to increases in the living wage has largely offset this. Grants, donations and fundraising were similar to the previous year and we are targeting a rise in these areas in 2025.

Grants, Donations and Fundraising

Once again we are grateful to everyone who supported us this year, no matter how much they were able to contribute. A lot of effort went into applying for new grants and approaching new potential donors, some were able to help and hopefully others will be able to in the future. The unrestricted donations were particularly valuable.

Fundraising was a third up on last year. Great North Run revenues were up by 20% and there were many small fundraising activities, many organised by the adult section of WECAN. The monthly draw income was double the previous year. We hope to see even greater fundraising in 2025.

Activity Income

Invoiced income from Northumberland County Council increased by 7.7% over the previous year, this was as a result of increasing numbers using the service and we received a rate increase between 3% and 7% in September 2024. We will be applying for a further rate increase in February to help offset the impact of minimum wage and National Insurance increases.

Activity Costs

Activity costs were reduced by 46% compared to the previous year, a great result from the service team. This was partially due to a reduction in the hire of venues following relocation to the Moot Hall but mainly due to planning activities closer to Hexham and in line with our reduced budget. This did not in any way impact the quality or enjoyment of our offering.

Central Costs

Central costs were up by a third. This was in part due to the more expensive Moot Hall facility but mainly due to the costs of accounting, payroll and year end. This enabled us to be more professional in the way we manage central processes, central costs are under constant review.

Payroll

Our payroll costs increased by 6% over the previous year much of which relates to the increased volumes. Significantly our base cost increased as monthly paid staff increased from two to three. The increases in both numbers of staff and levels of pay were required to ensure we have the team in place to deliver a high-quality service, we consider this to be a strong management team.

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Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Major risks

The Management has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal controls risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 27 September 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which set out the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr A Nelson

Mr R Parker

Ms R A Quigley (Resigned 15 April 2024)

Dr D F Slowie (Resigned 15 April 2024)

Ms D Flynn

Ms H J Steward

Mr S Holmes (Appointed 15 April 2024)

Mr J M Whitfield (Appointed 15 April 2024)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years, after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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Organisational structure

WECAN has a Management Committee of 8 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Committee are from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Service Manager who is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. The Service Manager also has the responsibility for the day to day operational management of the Project, individual supervision of the staff team and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

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

Mr A Nelson
Trustee

Mr R Parker
Trustee

10 January 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WECAN - WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

A K Dunn BA (Hons) ACA

St Matthews House
Haugh Lane
Hexham
Northumberland
NE46 3PU

Dated: 10 January 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	10,562	18,563	29,125	7,429	29,937	37,366
Charitable activities	4	67,794	-	67,794	60,342	-	60,342
Other trading activities	5	8,580	-	8,580	6,529	-	6,529
Investments	6	433	-	433	224	-	224
Other income	7	4	-	4	19	-	19
Total income		87,373	18,563	105,936	74,543	29,937	104,480
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	1,595	-	1,595	1,279	-	1,279
Charitable activities	9	84,024	29,031	113,055	91,746	29,397	121,143
Total expenditure		85,619	29,031	114,650	93,025	29,397	122,422
Net income/(expenditure)		1,754	(10,468)	(8,714)	(18,482)	540	(17,942)
Transfers between funds							
		-	-	-	948	(948)	-
Net movement in funds		1,754	(10,468)	(8,714)	(17,534)	(408)	(17,942)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 November 2023		33,574	15,497	49,071	51,108	15,905	67,013
Fund balances at 31 October 2024		35,328	5,029	40,357	33,574	15,497	49,071

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 OCTOBER 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	13	3,983		2,718	
Cash at bank and in hand		37,347		47,959	
		<u>41,330</u>		<u>50,677</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(973)		(1,606)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			40,357		49,071
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			40,357		49,071
			<u></u>		<u></u>
			<u></u>		<u></u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	15	5,029		15,497	
Unrestricted funds		35,328		33,574	
		<u>40,357</u>		<u>49,071</u>	
		<u></u>		<u></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 October 2024.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 10 January 2025

Mr A Nelson
Trustee

Mr R Parker
Trustee

Company registration number 06384156 (England and Wales)

WECAN - WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Moot Hall Gallery, Market Place, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 1XF.

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 charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities 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, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. 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.

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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 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.

1.7 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.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	10,562	18,563	29,125	7,429	29,937	37,366
Donations and gifts						
Total Community Foundation	-	14,563	14,563	-	-	-
National Lottery	-	-	-	-	9,937	9,937
Three Guineas Trust	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Other Private Donations	3,062	-	3,062	1,929	-	1,929
Ballinger Trust	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Kate Richards	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000
High Sherriff	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
Plastic Furniture Charitable BBP	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Jive Alive	-	-	-	300	-	300
Ponteland Parochial Church	-	-	-	200	-	200
Hadrian Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
Enterprise RAC UK	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-
Barbour Foundation	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
The Lions Club	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-
Joicey Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
	10,562	18,563	33,125	7,429	29,937	37,366

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Sale of goods	67,794	60,342

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	8,580	6,529
	=====	=====

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	433	224
	=====	=====

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other income	4	19
	=====	=====

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Other fundraising costs	1,595	1,279
	<u>1,595</u>	<u>1,279</u>
	<u><u>1,595</u></u>	<u><u>1,279</u></u>

9 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	82,963	84,491
Activity costs	13,028	23,816
	<u>95,991</u>	<u>108,307</u>
Share of governance costs	17,064	12,836
	<u>113,055</u>	<u>121,143</u>
	<u><u>113,055</u></u>	<u><u>121,143</u></u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	84,024	91,746
Restricted funds	29,031	29,397
	<u>113,055</u>	<u>121,143</u>
	<u><u>113,055</u></u>	<u><u>121,143</u></u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	36	36
	=====	=====

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	82,963	84,491
	=====	=====

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Taxation

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

13 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	3,983	2,718
	=====	=====

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	973	1,606
	=====	=====

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15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 November 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 October 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Hadrian Trust Fund	-	2,000	(1,000)	-	1,000
Lottery Funding Saturday Fund	10,219	-	(8,448)	-	1,771
TGT Fund	-	14,563	(12,305)	-	2,258
Ballinger Charitable Trust	5,278	-	(5,278)	-	-
High Sheriff	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Joicey Foundation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
	<u>15,497</u>	<u>18,563</u>	<u>(29,031)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,029</u>

Previous year:	At 1 November 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 October 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Community Foundation	3,051	-	(2,103)	(948)	-
Lottery Funding Saturday Fund	5,541	9,937	(5,259)	-	10,219
TGT Fund	7,313	10,000	(17,313)	-	-
Ballinger Charitable Trust	-	10,000	(4,722)	-	5,278
	<u>15,905</u>	<u>29,937</u>	<u>(29,397)</u>	<u>(948)</u>	<u>15,497</u>

National Lottery Saturday club refers to income set aside for the provision of Saturday club attendance for those not in receipt of direct payments yet have significant additional needs.

Ballinger Trust income refers to a grant income for £10,000 split between the establishing of WECAN Explore, a new section providing support for babies and mothers 0-6 years and for children for half term activities.

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16 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 November 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 October 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	33,574	87,373	(85,619)	-	35,328
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 November 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 October 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	51,108	74,543	(93,025)	948	33,574
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 October 2024:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	35,328	5,029	40,357
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	35,328	5,029	40,357
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 October 2023:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	33,574	15,497	49,071
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	33,574	15,497	49,071
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

18 Related party transactions

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

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WECAN - WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

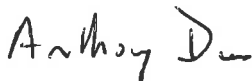
Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



A K Dunn BA (Hons) ACA

St Matthews House
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NE46 3PU

Dated: 10 January 2025

WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs

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Accounts



WE CAN

WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

WE CAN (A company limited by guarantee)

Charity number 1125037

Company number: 06384156

A reflection of the year

1st November 2022 till 31 October 2023

WE CAN Registered Office and operational address are: Moot Hall Gallery, Market Place, Hexham, NE46 1XF

THE WECAN TEAM

We would like to extend our thanks to our enthusiastic and loyal team of staff and volunteers, who have shown outstanding commitment to supporting the children and young people of Wecan, our thanks goes out to:

Volunteers- Alice Di Lullo, Daniel Connolly, Hannah Clark, Henry Sharpe, Katherine Hinchcliffe

Progression from Volunteers to Support Workers- Megan Elstob

Support Workers –Annemarie Brown, Becky Hives, Bella Stienlet, Bethany Eltringham, Carly Atkinson, Charli Heslop, Dara Pringle, Emily Monelly, Ellie Willoughby, Eleanor Brunton, Freddie Carruthers, Gabriel Morley, Gillian Bell, Georgia Findlay, Georgina Reed, Grace Courtney, Grace Peatfield Muter, Hannah Bartlett, Hannah Watson, Jack Abson, James Bell, Kate Riddick, Kate Salthouse, Katherine Birkenshaw, Katie Carruthers, Lindsay Davidson, Lucy Shorey, Martyn Barnes, Nicole Harasymiuk, Sarah Shorey, Sarah Watson, Tegan Carr, Terri Anderson, Zuzanna Pasak.

Senior Management Team-

Mrs Hayley Armstrong, Service Manager

Miss Kirsty Jackson, Deputy Manager

We would like to extend our thanks to our enthusiastic and loyal board of Trustees, who volunteer their time to support our charity providing governance to the service we provide.

Mr Alan Nelson – Chair

Mr Bob Parker – Treasurer

Mrs Rhonda Quigley

Mr Dominic Slowie

Mrs Dawn Flynn

Miss Hannah Steward

WECAN EXPLORE

At the start of this year we received £5,000 from The Ballinger Trust, to start our new group supporting children under the age of 6 years with their families. We were able to purchase lots of equipment to support the needs of the group, including role play, sensory based items, messy play, musical instruments and signing DVDs, warm blankets and cushions to name a few items.

This group was named Wecan Explore. Kirsty decided upon the name Wecan Explore, as babies and toddlers are explorers but also it allows the parents to explore Wecan and find out more about our services.

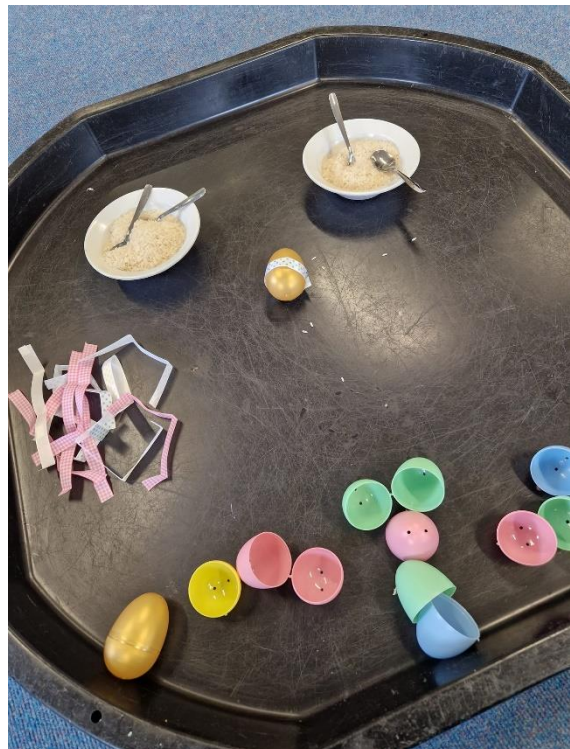
The sessions were held on the following days/times at the Family Hubs:

Monday at Hexham 1.30pm-2.30pm

Wednesday at Haltwhistle 10.30am-11.30am

Thursday at Prudhoe 1.30pm-2.30pm

During the Holidays we held sessions in Prudhoe with an Easter, Summer, Halloween and Christmas theme. It was lovely to meet lots of families and have fun!



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

Saturday Club

Now in its 27th year, the Saturday Club provision continued as in previous years for three hours on a Saturday during term time.

We continued to use The Chrysalis Centre in Hexham, home to support and activities for people with dementia. These premises provided a lovely light and airy atmosphere with wheelchair access and facilities which was ideal for our needs. In June 2023 we were lucky to find our own office space in The Moot Hall, which allowed ourselves the opportunity to create a space for our children, young people and adults to use for sensory time, and arts and crafts.

Our sessions included;

Bowling and swimming at Wentworth Leisure Centre
Indoor sports with Smile Through Sports
Gaming sessions using Ipad, Nintendo Switch and our own Wii system
Cookery
Claire's Cool Creatures
Arts & Crafts including visits to Ipots
Visits to Hexham Abbey
Hexham Forum Cinema
A visit from the Sunshine Panners

We also hosted a visit from the Mayor of Hexham (Derek Kennedy) and the High Sheriff of Northumberland (James Royds) as well as a lovely visit from Tyne Valley Ices on one of our hot summer days!

The staff, volunteers, children, young people and adults all appreciated the support offered by the Chrysalis Centre staff in delivery of the Saturday Club activities during this time and are very appreciative of the welcoming and accommodating atmosphere afforded. We are now looking forward to continuing our fantastic at The Moot Hall.



February Half Term

For February half term we enjoyed two choices of activities based in Hexham and Haltwhistle. Some of the group joined in with a cricket session led by Sam Biggs, Disability Cricket leader followed by a treat at McDonald's Hexham. We learnt lots of new skills at cricket, those who already play cricket supported their friends! Another group ventured out on an exciting train journey with Tyne Valley Community Partnership, beginning at Hexham travelling to Haltwhistle. Whilst in Haltwhistle we explored the train station ticket booth and learned all about Arlo's adventures: which supports us to learn about what to do when near to a Train Station.



Easter Half Term

For our Easter Half Term Sessions, we enjoyed two trips. Our first trip took us to Whitehouse Farm, where we saw lots of animals, and had the opportunity to feed the goats and hold the guinea pigs. We also enjoyed the park areas with lots of bouncing and sliding. Our second trip found us at Whitley Bay Playhouse to see a performance of Cinderella, followed by a tasty tea at The Beefeater.





May Half Term

It was great this year that our May Half Term activity session took us on our very first long trip away! We had a great time at Flamingo Land, enjoying both the rides and the zoo animals.



Annual Summer Scheme

We delivered two and a half days of activities for five weeks of the school summer holidays and we spent these days doing lots of new and exciting activities as well as some old favourites. Up to 30 children and young people participated in our Summer Scheme provision and everyone enjoyed a range of different activities every day.

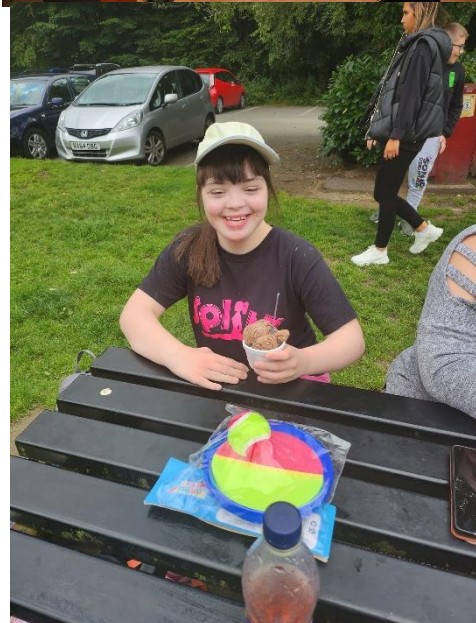
WEEK ONE; We jumped straight into our fun with a visit to Inflatospace, and the Funshack on our first day. While visiting Alnwick Gardens, a favourite place to visit, we added to the excitement with their new Lilidorei magical play park. Some of our children and young people also enjoyed a quieter day of pottery at Canny Crafty at Wheelbirks, followed by a tasty ice cream!



WEEK TWO; Our adventures took us to another new experience at the Surfing School in South Shields, we learned various surfing poses. We also ventured into the open water to swim at Sweethope Lough with Fenwick Ridley. Whilst visiting St. James Park the home of our beloved Newcastle United was a requested return visit, we added the excitement of treating ourselves at Kaspas's Ice Cream Parlour afterwards! Another pantomime was also enjoyed at Whitley Bay Playhouse, we were lucky to also meet some of the cast members.



WEEK THREE; This week was certainly action packed! Our adventures included a visit to Blackpool, something which the children and young people have requested for many years, whilst the journey was longer than usual, we enjoyed splashing at the Waterpark, Rides at the Pleasure Beach and lots to see and watch at Madame Tusauds and the Circus. An action-packed day was followed by a quieter but still fun day at Consett, swimming, exploring the play park and a show all about Sarah and Duck!



WEEK FOUR: This week we ventured to Alston for a train ride on the South Tynedale Railway, another visit to Whitehouse Farm as we enjoyed our time there in Easter, this time it was quite wet with all the rain, and a favourite activity of sports with our friends at Smile Through Sport at the park.



WEEK FIVE: On this our final week of Summer Scheme 2023, we spent a day at the Metro Centre which was a great opportunity to keep cool, more Open Water Swimming, followed by a jam-packed end of Summer Party! We also had a special visitor to our party: Tynedale Ices, which was a refreshing break after our fun on the bouncy slide!



ADULT SERVICE

Our Adult Service has been running since March 2019 providing sessions for adults aged 19 years plus. We are extremely pleased with how it has progressed so far, having received positive feedback from both the Adults who attend and their families. Staff who work within the Adult Service also work in our Children service, which allows for continuity of care and knowledge of our service users to be of a high standard. It has proved comforting to those parents who have just begun transitioning into Adult Service's as we know this is a very difficult time for a lot of our families. Our vision within adult service continues to promote the independence and choice of everyone attending, by allowing us to utilise everyone's skills – each adult has an important part to play in the process. We look forward to more adventures in the following year and networking with local organisations.

Saturday Club Sessions.

We had lots of fun together and built our confidence. The Adults joined in with new activities but also continued to enjoy weekly favourites which include bowling, craft sessions, walks, local café visits, music and drama and swimming. To expand the organisations, we work with we joined in with session workouts with Jo from The Barn (Barnability), pottery sessions with Ipots, sensory based sessions at The Alan Shearer Centre, a music session with The Sunshine Panners, a very relaxing sound bath with Mary Dawson and a forest craft-based session with Deni Riach.



Holiday Sessions.

During the holiday we venture out on a couple of trips. We enjoyed a visit to Alnwick Gardens & Castle, a favourite trip which is requested most years to Beamish, a sunny day spent in Whitley Bay including swimming and lunch at the chip shop before a walk and rest on the beach. We held a session at The Alan Shearer centre, using their sensory rooms, hydro pool and exploring their outdoor space. Whilst we enjoyed a couple of trips, we also enjoyed staying local in Hexham. We tested our skills in the Escape Rooms Hexham and held a party for the Kings Coronation.



FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS RAISING EVENTS

This year we were lucky to join in with various fundraising activities, some which were new to ourselves. We supported our participants in The Great North Run and Let's Move Event.

Let's Move Event 2023

Children Service and Adult Service both joined in with our Let's Move Event. We began the walk at Tyne Green Hexham and followed the path which led us all the way to the Boatside Inn at Warden. We stopped for a refreshment break at The Boatside Inn before, restarting our journey back to Tyne Green Hexham. Everyone who joined in completed the walk with a smile on their face! We have raised a fantastic total of £1463



Great North Run 2023

In the Fifth year of our participation in the Great North Run, our enthusiastic runners included: - Martyn Barnes (support worker), Colin Simpson (Friend of Wecan), Stephen Holmes (Friend of Wecan), Peter Holmes (Friend of Wecan), Georgia Findlay (Support Worker), Lucy Gentles (Supporter of Wecan), Emily Flood (Supporter Wecan) & Kirsten Ramsay (Supporter of Wecan). This year we also had a runner in the Junior Great North Run, Teddy Shepherd (Children Service).

Their training started pretty quickly, and we were able to follow their progress as they posted achievements on social media. Through social media an increased amount of awareness was raised for our charity, which is vastly important to ourselves, as this enables us to reach everyone who will benefit from our service and also those who may know very little about who we are and what we do.

Our runners were not left empty handed and all enjoyed a goody bag as a thank you. We are delighted to say that all of their effort paid off as they helped us to raise a huge £3637 A massive thank you to them all! We would also like to Thank Dawn Flynn at B2B Injection Moulding, who sponsored our running vests this year.

At Wecan we are always grateful for people who help fundraise as it provides much needed funds which, in turn, helps our service users by providing specialist activities as well as covering the cost of training courses to ensure our staff are equipped with the highest level of skills and knowledge to work with the children and young people.

We are already looking forward to celebrating the Great North Run 2024 with 10 runners!



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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr A Nelson	
	Mr R J Parker	
	Ms R A Quigley	
	Dr D F Slowie	
	Ms D Flynn	(Appointed 16 February 2023)
	Ms H J Steward	(Appointed 9 March 2023)
Charity number	1125037	
Company number	06384156	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 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

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's Memorandum of Association are:

"to promote the relief of children, youths and adults with learning disabilities aged between 6 and 30 and living in Tynedale and South West Northumberland, in particular by providing short break facility by the provision of but not exclusively, leisure activities."

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This annual report looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous twelve months. The document reports on the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to families and the children, young people and adults we aim to help.

The report also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focussed on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees and management staff consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The Focus of our Work

Our main objective for the year 2022/23 continued to be in line with the objects contained in our Memorandum of Association as quoted above.

The strategies we used to meet our objectives included:

- Providing a range of activity sessions during both term times and school holidays
- Working in partnership with other agencies to ensure provision which best meets the needs of our children and young people

These objectives were delivered throughout the local community and wider areas of Tynedale and Cumbria during our term time Saturday Clubs and school holiday sessions.

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

Achievements and performance

WECAN's 27th year was another busy one during which we continued to run our Saturday Clubs for children, young people, and adults as well as holiday sessions during half term, Easter and the Summer. The feedback continues to be very positive from all involved and families and individuals come back time and again to use our valued services. All of our activities take place in the community either in and around Hexham or wider afield during holiday schemes, this differentiates us from many centre-based organisations.

The particular highlights of this year were visits to Sunderland Light show, Raby Castle, St James Park, swimming at both Haltwhistle and Sweethope Lough, Whitley Bay Ice Rink, Beamish, Kirkley Hall Zoo, South Tyne Railway and many more. More feedback and photographs can be found on our website www.wecanenable.co.uk.

WECAN continues to grow, and our Adult Section is becoming increasingly popular. In 2023 we have also started a mother and baby group for 0-6 years called WECAN Explore. WECAN Explore runs regular sessions in Haltwhistle, Prudhoe and Hexham.

To promote growth in all services we are restructuring to provide specific focus on Adults and WECAN Explore, Childrens Services and Business Management.

WECAN also relocated to a Grade 1 listed building in the heart of Hexham, next to the marketplace, this is ideal as both a permanent office location and a meeting point from where our service users can meet before enjoying their activities in the Hexham community. It also has a quiet area and space to relax during inclement weather.

We continue to support children, young people and adults who are in receipt of direct payments but also support families who are unable to get funding. None of this would be possible without the generous grants from our many sponsors and the support of Northumberland County Council. Fund raising is also key as we continue with our monthly draw and our very successful Great North Run. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution as well as our loyal staff who sacrifice their weekends and holidays to work for us.

During the year we provided 46 Saturday Club days a total of 2,000 hours of which 700 hours were for adults. This service was attended by 43 different children and 14 adults.

Easter represented 285 hours and Summer scheme almost 1,500 hours of respite provided.

Over the year approximately 50% of our hours were based on one-to-one supervision, 40% on one to two and 10% on two to one.

In addition, half term sessions were run in both February, May and October none of which was funded by direct payments.

Through the generosity of the National Lottery, we were also able to provide 240 hours to unfunded children who would otherwise not have access to our services.

We look to the future with confidence, and we expect to continue to grow and support even more families and those with additional needs from birth right through to adulthood.

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

Financial review

The latest set of accounts demonstrate that the charity is built on a sound financial basis with:

- **£49,071** of funds, almost all of which is cash in the bank, representing 5 months of cover for the charity.
- **£33,574** of unrestricted funds, representing 4 months' worth of cover towards running costs.

As a board of trustees and management team we are all particularly focussed on ensuring we optimise the level of unrestricted funds that we can call upon, striking the right balance between fulfilling our mission of supporting children and young people in our community, and maintaining our robust financial position to demonstrate financial responsibility and stability to our stakeholders, providing us with a base to improve our service levels and ensure that there are no ongoing concern risks.

Our expenditures exceeded our income in 2023, as we utilised the one-off grants that were raised in 2022 and spent in 2023. As a result, our funds declined by -£18,000 year-on-year, but this was mirrored by a similar increase from the year before.

We therefore remain confident our reserves demonstrate a charity that is underpinned by financial strength whilst being committed to delivering for the children, young people, parents and carers who depend on our services. We are, however, focussed on working with the new management team on improving our position as we move into 2024 and we aim to improve the level of cover we have on unrestricted funds to continue to demonstrate strength and financial stability.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Major risks

The Management has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal controls risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 27 September 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which set out the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

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

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr A Nelson

Mr R J Parker

Ms R A Quigley

Dr D F Slowie

Ms D Flynn

(Appointed 16 February 2023)

Ms H J Steward

(Appointed 9 March 2023)

G A Brown

(Resigned 16 February 2023)

A Frankish

(Resigned 16 February 2023)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years, after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Organisational structure

WECAN has a Management Committee of 8 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Committee are from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Service Manager who is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. The Service Manager also has the responsibility for the day to day operational management of the Project, individual supervision of the staff team and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

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

Mr A Nelson

Trustee

Mr R J Parker

Trustee

26 March 2024

WECAN - WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WECAN - WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
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- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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St Matthews House
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Dated: 26 March 2024

WECAN - WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	7,429	29,937	37,366	6,498	36,305	42,803
Charitable activities	4	60,342	-	60,342	75,136	-	75,136
Other trading activities	5	6,529	-	6,529	6,450	-	6,450
Investments	6	224	-	224	9	-	9
Other income	7	19	-	19	-	-	-
Total income		74,543	29,937	104,480	88,093	36,305	124,398
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	1,279	-	1,279	983	-	983
Charitable activities	9	91,746	29,397	121,143	79,169	24,559	103,728
Other expenditure	12	-	-	-	38	-	38
Total expenditure		93,025	29,397	122,422	80,190	24,559	104,749
Net income/(expenditure)		(18,482)	540	(17,942)	7,903	11,746	19,649
Transfers between funds		948	(948)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(17,534)	(408)	(17,942)	7,903	11,746	19,649
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 November 2022		51,108	15,905	67,013	43,205	4,159	47,364
Fund balances at 31 October 2023		33,574	15,497	49,071	51,108	15,905	67,013

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 OCTOBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	14	2,718		3,267	
Cash at bank and in hand		47,959		64,177	
		<u>50,677</u>		<u>67,444</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	1,606		431	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			49,071		67,013
			<u></u>		<u></u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	16		15,497		15,905
Unrestricted funds			33,574		51,108
			<u>49,071</u>		<u>67,013</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 October 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 26 March 2024

Mr A Nelson
Trustee

Mr R J Parker
Trustee

Company registration number 06384156 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Moot Hall Gallery, Market Place, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 1XF.

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 charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities 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, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. 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.

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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 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.

1.7 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

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	7,429	29,937	37,366	6,498	36,305	42,803

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

3 Income from donations and legacies

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts						
Total Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	9,149	9,149
James Knott	-	-	-	-	500	500
National Lottery	-	9,937	9,937	-	10,000	10,000
Northumberland County Council	-	-	-	-	500	500
Sport England	-	-	-	-	638	638
Three Guineas Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-	15,518	15,518
Dare Technology	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
Arnold Clark	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
The Lions Club	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Inj M Limited	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Other Private Donations	1,929	-	1,929	1,498	-	1,498
Ballinger Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-
Kate Richards	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-
High Sherriff	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
Plastic Furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable BBP	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
Jive Alive	300	-	300	-	-	-
Ponteland Parochial Church	200	-	200	-	-	-
	<u>7,429</u>	<u>29,937</u>	<u>37,366</u>	<u>6,498</u>	<u>36,305</u>	<u>42,803</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Sale of goods	<u>60,342</u>	<u>75,136</u>

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

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	6,529	6,450

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	224	9

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Other income	19	-

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

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Other fundraising costs	1,279	983
	<u>1,279</u>	<u>983</u>

9 Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	84,491	83,009
Activity costs	23,816	12,386
	<u>108,307</u>	<u>95,395</u>
Share of governance costs	12,836	8,333
	<u>121,143</u>	<u>103,728</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	91,746	79,169
Restricted funds	29,397	24,559
	<u>121,143</u>	<u>103,728</u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023	2022
Number	Number
<u>36</u>	<u>40</u>

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

11 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	84,491	83,009

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Other

	Total Unrestricted funds	
	2023 £	2022 £
Sundry expenditure	-	38
	-	38

13 Taxation

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

14 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	2,718	3,267

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	1,606	431

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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16 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 November 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 October 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Community Foundation	3,051	-	(2,103)	(948)	-
Lottery Funding Saturday Fund	5,541	9,937	(5,259)	-	10,219
TGT Fund	7,313	10,000	(17,313)	-	-
Ballinger Charitable Trust	-	10,000	(4,722)	-	5,278
	<u>15,905</u>	<u>29,937</u>	<u>(29,397)</u>	<u>(948)</u>	<u>15,497</u>

Previous year:	At 1 November 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 October 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Community Foundation	-	9,149	(6,098)	-	3,051
Hadrian Trust Fund	71	-	(71)	-	-
James Knott	-	500	(500)	-	-
Lottery Funding Saturday Fund	1,949	10,000	(6,408)	-	5,541
NCC	-	500	(500)	-	-
Sport England	-	638	(638)	-	-
TGT Fund	2,139	15,518	(10,344)	-	7,313
	<u>4,159</u>	<u>36,305</u>	<u>(24,559)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,905</u>

National Lottery Saturday club refers to income set aside for the provision of Saturday club attendance for those not in receipt of direct payments yet have significant additional needs.

Ballinger Trust income refers to a grant income for £10,000 split between the establishing of WECAN Explore, a new section providing support for babies and mothers 0-6 years and for children for half term activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

17 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 November 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 October 2023 £
General funds	51,108	74,543	(93,025)	948	33,574
Previous year:	At 1 November 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 October 2022 £
General funds	43,205	88,093	(80,190)	-	51,108

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 October 2023 are represented by:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	33,574	15,497	49,071
	33,574	15,497	49,071
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 October 2022 are represented by:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	51,108	15,905	67,013
	51,108	15,905	67,013

19 Related party transactions

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

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WECAN - WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

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England & Wales - Charity number 1125037

Accounts



WECAN

WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

WECAN (A company limited by guarantee)

Charity number 1125037

Company number: 06384156

Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 October 2022

WECAN Registered Office and operational address are: Unit 7, Hexham Enterprise Hub, Burn Lane, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 3HN

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Report, another year to remember, we have emerged out of the uncertainty of the Covid Virus into a clearer world and we have managed to keep the Charity going on a sound footing.

Being a Trustee is about governance and guidance rather than micro managing and interference. We have a management team of Hayley Armstrong and Kirsty Jackson who continue to deliver the service that makes Wecan a leading light in their field. We still have a team of forty support workers who all need continual monitoring and training for the level of care we are required to deliver for the excellent service we provide.

Being a Chair is not a task for the feint hearted and requires a balance of being approachable and making sure the cogs of the machine are well oiled.

This year we have lost 2 Trustees and luckily we have on board a new Trustee Hannah Stewart who in a past life was a Wecan volunteer, then a Wecan carer, so she is well versed in how Wecan works and didn't need any time to settle in, she hit the ground running. The balance of skills we have within the Trustees at the moment is exceptional and we seem to cover every aspect of our business and between us we always provide an answer. The Trustees met regularly either face to face or via Video link.

Our budgets are continually being squeezed with increasing costs of wages and venue hire but through the skills of Hayley our manager we have tapped into many funding sources over the year which has enabled us to keep a healthy bank balance.

Our thanks go out to The Community Foundation who always come up trumps with grants and this year they did it again with awards from The Apple Tree Fund, Reeds Grass Routes and Village Homes, The Prime Fund, the Bill and May Hodgson Fund and The High Sheriffs Fund.

We have a new benefactor B2B Injection moulding who generously support the Adult Section and develop projects with them.

Sports England and The Three Guineas Trust continue to support us and an extra grant from them gave us funding through the summer into the October/ February half terms. Also to The National Lottery who continually support our cause of providing free of charge care and activities for unfunded children. Tynedale Lions are always there for us with small grant support for us when they can and this year was no exception. Local Church Groups at Allendale & Ponteland have helped the fund as well.

Revenue streams are important no matter how small they are, we have a monthly lottery which generates an income, Amazon Smile also gives money little but often. Great North Runners are increasing year on year which again increases revenue.

A special thanks to Queen Elizabeth High School pupils, who give their time freely and volunteer for Wecan.

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We are expanding the business by capturing children under 6 who need our help, the new service is called Wecan Explore and we are working with three family Hubs under the guidance of Kirsty Jackson our Deputy Manager.

The future is very bright.

Alan Nelson

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THE FOCUS OF OUR WORK

Our main objectives for the year 2021/22 continued to be in line with the objects contained in our Memorandum of Association as quoted above.

The strategies we used to meet our objectives included:

- Providing a range of activity sessions during both term times and school holidays
- Working in partnership with other agencies to ensure provision which best meets the needs of our children and young people

These objectives were delivered throughout the local community and wider areas of Newcastle, Tyneside and Cumbria during our term time Saturday Clubs and school holiday sessions.

THE WECAN TEAM

We would like to extend our thanks to our enthusiastic and loyal team of staff and volunteers, who have shown outstanding commitment to supporting the children and young people of Wecan, our thanks goes out to:

Volunteers- Daniel Connolly, Mia Watson

Progression from Volunteers to Support Workers- Georgia Findlay.

Support Workers –Annemarie Brown, Becky Hives, Bella Stienlet, Bethany Eltringham, Carly Atkinson, Charli Heslop, Caitlin McCleary, Cody Pattison, Emily Monelly, Ellie Willoughby, Eleanor Brunton, Ellie Duncan, Emma Boyes, Freya Murphy, Freddie Carruthers, Gillian Bell, Georgina Reed, Grace Courtney, Grace Peatfield Muter, Hannah Bartlett, Holly Waugh, Hannah Iley-Homan, Harry Watson, Imogen Killen, Imogen Charlton, Ishbel Speirs, Jack Abson, James Bell, James Watson, Jessica De-Vallans Toor, Jo Regan, Kate Edwards, Kate Riddick, Kate Salthouse, Katherine Birkenshaw, Kristina Hollier, Katie Carruthers, Lois Libretto, Lindsay Davidson, Lucy Shorey, Mandy Ferrol, Martyn Barnes, Molly McCleary, Maddie Robson, Sarah Watson, Tegan Carr, Terri Anderson, Troy Wilkinson, Zuzanna Pasak.

THE MAIN AREAS OF OUR WORK

During this report period we began to move forward from the previous years of the covid-pandemic, welcoming a return of more activities both old and new and being able to ensure that planned sessions were able to go ahead without the previous years uncertainties.

Saturday Club – Children & Young People's Service

Now in its 26th year, the Saturday Club provision continued as in previous years for three hours on a Saturday during term time.

During the last half of the year, we started using a new venue for our Saturday Club meet-ups – The Chrysalis Centre in Hexham, home to support and activities for people with dementia. These premises provided a lovely light and airy atmosphere with wheelchair access and facilities which was ideal for our needs.

With a very welcome return to normality after the pandemic and improved access to/availability of venues and activities, our sessions included;

- Bowling and swimming at Wentworth Leisure Centre
- Indoor sports with Smile Through Sports
- Gaming sessions using Ipad, Nintendo Switch and our own Wii system
- Cookery
- Cycling
- Arts & Crafts
- Visits to Hexham Abbey

We also hosted a visit from the Mayor of Hexham (Derek Kennedy) and the High Sheriff of Northumberland (Joanna Riddell) as well as a lovely visit from Tyne Valley Ices on one of our hot summer days!

The staff, volunteers, children, young people and adults all appreciate the support offered by the Chrysalis Centre staff in delivery of the Saturday Club activities during this time and are very appreciative of the welcoming and accommodating atmosphere afforded.



October Half Term

For our October half term session we enjoyed a new experience – The Sunderland Festival of Light Show which took place in Roker Park.



February Half Term

For February half term we enjoyed a mix of a morning of bowling followed by visits to some of Hexham's historical buildings including the old Gaol and Hexham Abbey which provided some educational activities to help the children and young people learn all about the history.



May Half Term

It was great this year that our May Half Term activity session co-incided with the National celebrations of Her Majesty the Queens Platinum Jubilee! With funding for the session awarded by Northumberland County Council, we hosted a Jubilee party in the Scout Hut which included themed dressing up, party games and refreshments and all of the children and young people were given a Jubilee themed sweet treat to take home.



Annual Summer Scheme

This year we were delighted to return to a more normal delivery of our Summer Scheme sessions after the changes in previous years due to the covid pandemic. We returned to delivering two and a half days of activities for five weeks of the school summer holidays and we spent these days doing lots of new and exciting activities as well as some old favourites. Up to 30 children and young people participated in our Summer Scheme provision and everyone enjoyed a range of different activities every day –

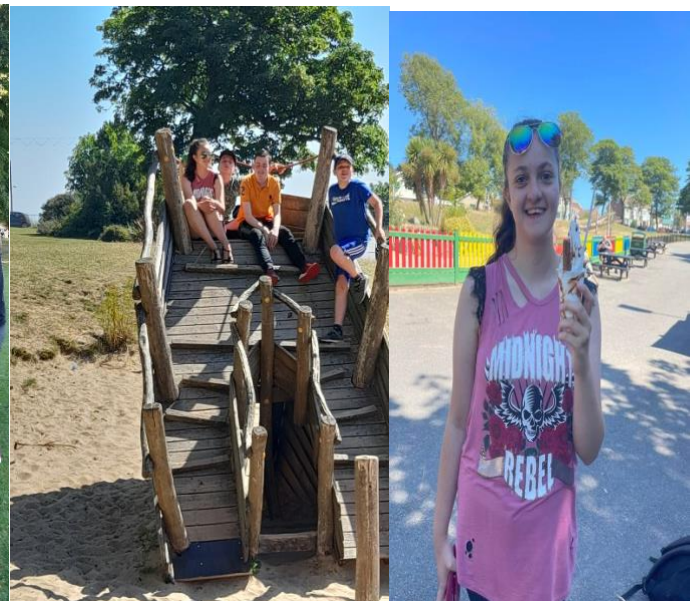
WEEK ONE; Raby Castle was a new place for us to visit and the children and young people enjoyed spending time in the new Plotters Forest. Whilst visiting St. James Park the home of our beloved Newcastle United was a requested return visit, we added the excitement of treating ourselves at Kaspas Ice Cream Parlour afterwards! Some of our children and young people also enjoyed a quieter day of sports and dance at the Lookwide Centre in Hexham.



WEEK TWO; Our adventures took us to a very wet and rainy Featherstone Castle, an even wetter Haltwhistle open-air swimming pool, old favourites – Forest School and Claires Cool Creatures, as well as a lovely day out at South Shields.



WEEK THREE; This week was certainly action packed! Our adventures included a visit to Alnwick Garden and Castle where some of the children and young people got to be Harry Potter for the day, a very exciting new venture of Openwater swimming at Sweethope Loughs (followed by a MacDonalds lunch), a sports session with our friends from Smile Through Sport together with a new sport – Bubble Football and to end the week, a trip to Sunderland Winter Gardens, Roker Park and The Gamin Cabin.



WEEK FOUR: This week we ventured to Newburn Leisure Centre for some adapted sports, Kirkley Hall Zoo and horse riding for some animal themed activities and finished off with a visit to an old favourite – Beamish!



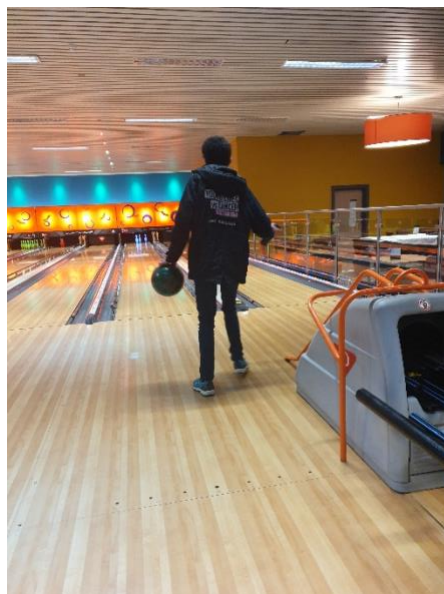
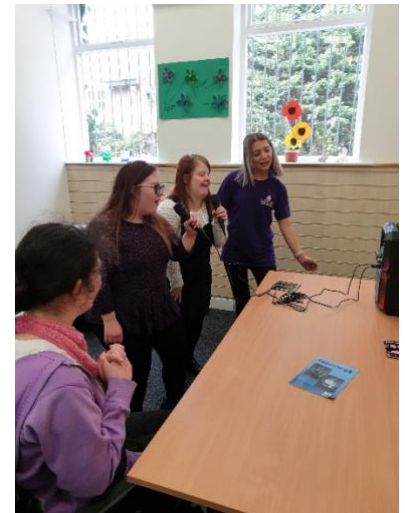
WEEK FIVE: On this our final week of Summer Scheme 2022, we braved a visit to Whitley Bay Ice Rink on a very hot summers day and welcomed the coolness of the surroundings! Whilst we couldn't identify the next Torvill and Dean from our ranks, we all had a had a great time and managed to skate even if for a short while. Our adventures also took us fishing to New Mills Trout Farm where the children all managed to catch their tea and we had an old fashioned train ride on the Alston line.



Adult Service

Our Adult Service has been running since March 2019 providing sessions for adults aged 19 to 30 years old. We are extremely pleased with how it has progressed so far, having received positive feedback from both the Adults who attend and their families. One expansion in Adult Services this year has been to extend the age limit and to allow adults to come up until any age.

Saturday Club Sessions: We had lots of fun together and built our confidence. The Adults were eager to be involved with drama, which followed with session's enhancing their acting skills, through this our adults really started to take ownership of their club. We also went bowling and swimming which are activities we find are firm favourites. To expand the organisations we work with we joined in with session workouts with Jo from The Barn (Barnability), we also had music session with The Sunshine Panners and pottery sessions with Ispots,.



Holiday Sessions: During the holiday we venture out on a couple of trips. We enjoyed a train ride to Newcastle, which included a visit to The Baltic and lunch at a local pub. We held a session at The Alan Shearer centre, using their sensory rooms, hydro pool and exploring their outdoor space. Whilst we enjoyed a couple of trips, we also enjoyed staying local in Hexham. We tested our skills in the Escape Rooms Hexham, enjoyed a tasty afternoon tea at The County Hotel, became artist's down by the river at Tyne Green, and also celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a party.



Staff who work within the Adult Service also work in our Children service, which allows for continuity of care and knowledge of our service users to be of a high standard. It has proved comforting to those parents who have just begun transitioning into Adult Service's as we know this is a very difficult time for a lot of our families. Our vision within adult service continues to promote the independence and choice of everyone attending, by allowing us to utilise everyone's skills – each adult has an important part to play in the process. We look forward to more adventures in the following year and networking with local organisations. We also established an Adult Forum this year, which is held each term and invites everyone to raise their opinions, also inviting in guests to find out more about Wecan.



FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS RAISING EVENTS

This year we were lucky to join in with various fundraising activities, some which were new to ourselves. We supported our participants in The Great North Run, (Dis)Ability Triathlon and support some of our Adults who led fundraising achievements themselves.

Sponsored Swim

Katelyn Mckie has completed a sponsored swim on the 28th March 2022 at Slaley Hall. She swam 30 lengths which was 750 metres! After her swim Katelyn was met by Hayley Armstrong, Gill Brown and Katelyn Brown to present her with a card and flowers to congratulate Katelyn. Her swim raised a fantastic £405, for Adult Services, which was used at Easter 2022 and also for a Jubilee Party.

**(Dis)Ability Triathlon**

On the 10th July 2022, 6 of our Adults alongside many other people participated in the (Dis)Ability Triathlon which was held at David Lloyd in Newcastle. Throughout the day they joined in with swimming, running/walking, cycling and multi skills before crossing the finishing line! Congratulations to Lewis, Katelyn, Ryan, Sophie, Rachel and Mia. They all raised a fantastic £586.



Great North Run 2022

In the fourth year of our participation in the Great North Run, our enthusiastic runners included: - Martyn Barnes (Support Worker), Colin Simpson (Friend of Wecan), Stephen Holmes (Supporter of Wecan), Carly Armstrong (Friend of Wecan), Ian Batey (Friend of Wecan), George Brady (Friend of Wecan), Gary Pigg (Friend of Wecan), and Ellie Willoughby (Support Worker).

Their training started pretty quickly, and we were able to follow their progress as they posted achievements on social media. Through social media an increased amount of awareness was raised for our charity, which is vastly important to ourselves, as this enables us to reach everyone who will benefit from our service and also those who may know very little about who we are and what we do. The course was changed back to the old route starting at Newcastle city centre and finishing at South Shields.

Our runners were not left empty handed and all enjoyed a treat box, made by Adult Service, as a thank you. We are delighted to say that all of their effort paid off as they helped us to raise a huge £4307 A massive thank you to them all! We would also like to Thank Sara Mather of Insync Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic, who sponsored our running vests this year.

At Wecan we are always grateful for people who help fundraise as it provides much needed funds which, in turn, helps our service users by providing specialist activities as well as covering the cost of training courses to ensure our staff are equipped with the highest level of skills and knowledge to work with the children and young people.

We are already looking forward to celebrating the Great North Run 2023 with 10 runners!



Through Williams Eyes.

William Bell Caisley who joins in with Adult Service has raised £50 for Wecan, through a project he completed. William painted canvasses for friends, family and some businesses, using his artistic skills to paint what he saw...through his own eyes. We would like to extend our thanks to William and hope he inspires others with his artwork.



OUR FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS

We would like to thank all organisations and individuals who have supported us during 2021/2022, including:

Sport England, B2B Injection Moulding, Sir James Knott trust, Tynedale Lions, Northumberland County Council, The National Lottery, Hadrian Trust Fund, Three Guineas Trust, The Wellbank Foundation, Arnold Clark Community Fund and Northumberland Community Foundation, Jennifer Collings, Margaret Richards, Allendale Church, Ponteland Church, Mr & Mrs Darling, Mr Bell as well as all of those involved in our fundraising events.

Financial Report

The year 2021 -2022 was our first full year following the pandemic and our finances showed a very healthy balance sheet at £67,014 compared to £47,364 the prior year. We had a surplus of income over expenditure of £19,650 compared to a deficit of £11,768 the prior year.

Some key points are

- Overall donations were pretty much on a par with the prior year £42,802 compared with £40,448. We must once again thank our regular sponsors but also those organisation and individuals for one off payments, more detail is provided elsewhere in the report.
- Fundraising was up on the prior year with the monthly lottery bringing in £860 and the GNR over £5,000 less entry fees.
- Invoiced activities brought in almost double the prior year at £60k.
- There had been some concerns following the prior year deficit and a slow start to donations in the year, so we started to charge a “parent fee” at each session. In discussions with Northumberland County Council we were able to increase our fees by 5% for both Childrens and Adult Services. We also received a one-off grant of £15,000 to support our activities over a two-year period. This allowed the “parent fees” to cease. This is a generous endorsement of the value WECAN delivers as seen through the eyes of those at NCC.
- Costs were kept under control £91,350 compared to £83,292 in the prior year the increase is as a result of the increased activity.

The strong financial situation has continued into the start of this year and at the time of writing we have a healthy bank balance of £56k and are ready to deal with the exciting opportunities ahead.

Robert Parker Trustee

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wecan is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on and registered as a charity. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company’s Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years, after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

Risk Management

The Management has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the Charity.

Organisational Structure

Wecan has a Management Committee of 8 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Committee are from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Service Manager who is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. The Service Manager also has responsibility for the day to day operational management of the Project, individual supervision of the staff team and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Responsibilities of the Management Committee

Company law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The Management Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Management Committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and;
- As the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

Stephen Holmes was re-appointed as the charitable company's auditor during the year and has expressed his willingness to continue in that capacity.

The Accounts report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs

Financial Activities

November 2021 - October 2022

	Total Community Foundation	Hadrian Trust Fund	James Knott	Lottery Funding Saturday Club	NCC	Sport England	TGT Fund	Unrestricted General Funds	TOTAL
Income									
Donations and Grants	9,149	0	500	10,000	500	638	15,518	6,498	42,803
Fundraising Income	0								0
Amazon	0							19	19
GNR	0							5,076	5,076
Monthly Draw	0							1,050	1,050
Other fundraising	0							25	25
Triathlon	0							280	280
Total Fundraising Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,450	6,450
Sales	0							16,277	16,277
Fees- Adults NCC Sponsored	0							6,022	6,022
Fees- Children NCC Sponsored	0							49,206	49,206
Parent Fees	0							3,508	3,508
Total Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75,013	75,013
Sales of Product Income	0							123	123
Uncategorised Income	0							0	0
Total Income	9,149	0	500	10,000	500	638	15,518	88,083	124,388
Cost of Sales									
Activity Costs	0							228	228
Activity, Entry Cost	770		69			638	4,109	2,607	8,194
Miscellaneous Costs	0							112	112
Refreshments	0				42		14	259	315
Transport Costs	736						232	44	1,012
Venue Hire	1,115	71		955			125	259	2,526
Total Activity Costs	2,621	71	69	955	42	638	4,480	3,510	12,386
Cost of Fundraising	0								0
GNR Costs	0							793	793
Monthly Draw Prizes & Costs	0							190	190
Total Cost of Fundraising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	983	983
Total Cost of Sales	2,621	71	69	955	42	638	4,480	4,492	13,368
Central Costs	0								0
Computer Costs	0			180				844	1,025
Equipment Costs	0							1,048	1,048
Insurances	0			65				1,647	1,712
Miscellaneous Costs	0							531	531
Office Rent and Utilities	1,337			287				1,776	3,399
Phone Costs	0			21				445	466
Printing, Postage and Stationery	0			18				134	151
Total Central Costs	1,337	0	0	570	0	0	0	6,426	8,333
Staff Costs	0								0
DBS	0			63				383	445
Expenses	90							834	925
Pension	0							1,595	1,595
Training	0			176				248	424
Wages	2,050		431	4,645	458		5,864	66,173	79,621
Total Staff Costs	2,140	0	431	4,883	458	0	5,864	69,233	83,009
Uncategorised Expense	0							8	8
Other Income									
Interest earned	0							9	9
Total Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	28
Net Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-19	-19
Net Income/(Expenditure)	3,051	-71	0	3,591	0	0	5,174	7,904	19,650

Financial Statements Year ended: 31st October 2022
Registered Charity number: 1125037

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Barclays Community Account	£43,056	£25,567	£34,824	£36,639	£58,323	£43,212
Business Premium	£21,098	£21,089	£20,056	£20,030	£4,000	£4,000
Cash	£23	£58	£530	£533	£75	£0
Debtors	£3,267	£1,354	£3,944	£796	£0	£0
Creditors	£431	£626	£132	£1,461	£0	£0
Nett Assets	£67,014	£47,364	£59,221	£56,537	£62,397	£47,212
<u>Funds</u>						
Unrestricted General Funds	£51,110	£43,205	£50,451	£47,256	£54,347	£47,212
Restricted Funds						
Covid Lottery Fund			£3,709			
Lottery Funding Saturday Club	£5,540	£1,949	£4,991	£9,281	£8,050	
Hadrian Trust Fund		£71	£71			
TGT Fund	£7,313	£2,139				
Community Foundation	£3,051					
Total Restricted Funds	£15,904	£4,159	£8,771	£9,281	£8,050	£0
Total Funds	£67,014	£47,364	£59,221	£56,537	£62,397	£47,212



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

We can - We enable children with additional needs

On accounts for the year
ended

2022

Charity no
(if any)

1125037

Set out on pages

1-4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 10 / 2022**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: SP HOLMES

Date: 16/5/2022

Name: STEPHEN PETER HOLMES ACMA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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	COUNTY DURHAM, DH4 6AH

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs

England & Wales - Charity number 1125037

Accounts



WECAN

WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

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Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 October 2021

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CHAIR OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Welcome to the 2021 Annual Report, another year to remember full of disruption, furlough and uncertainty, however, saying that we have managed to keep the Charity going on a sound footing.

Being a Trustee is about governance and guidance rather than micro managing and interference. We have a management team of Hayley Armstrong and Kirsty Jackson who continue to deliver the service that makes Wecan a leading light in their field. We still have a team of forty support workers who all need continual monitoring and training for the level of care we are required to deliver for the excellent service we provide.

Being a Chair is not a task for the feint hearted and requires a balance of being approachable and making sure the cogs of the machine are well oiled.

Interestingly this is the first year where we haven't lost or gained Trustees but like any organisation we have to continue to successional plan and are always looking for new trustees that can bring new skills to the Charity. The balance of skills we have within the Trustees at the moment is exceptional and we seem to cover every aspect of our business and between us we always provide an answer. The Trustees met regularly either face to face or via Video link.

In November 2020 the Wecan again closed due to the pandemic and didn't open for a month, we employed Hayley and Kirsty on limited hours to work their way through what was required to be CQC Registered. So as the girls were on hand there was no real need for the Trustees to step and help other than our treasurer Bob Parker to sort the furlough payments.

On the 6th January we entered our 3rd lockdown and eventually at the end of March things were getting back to normal but the difficulty was finding a suitable venue as a meeting place. The Wentworth Leisure Centre wasn't open for business so we used The Scout Hut and The Torch Centre which worked, but we were always looking out for other suitable venues.

Our budgets are continually being squeezed with increasing costs of wages and venue hire but through the skills of Hayley our manager we have tapped into many funding sources over the year which has enabled us to keep a healthy bank balance.

Our thanks go out to The Three Guineas Trust who support us and an extra grant from them gave us funding through the summer into the October half term. Also to The National Lottery who continually support our cause of providing free of charge care and activities for unfunded children. A special thanks to Queen Elizabeth High School pupils, some who give their time freely and volunteer for Wecan.

Revenue streams are important no matter how small they are, we have a monthly lottery which generates an income, Amazon Smile also gives money little but often. Great North Runners are increasing year on year which again increases revenue. Local Churches (Churches Together and Ponteland Church) are always generous. As a local charity we do get local support. Then there was the Wecan Golf Day which was the wettest day in June. Everyone who turned out in waterproofs enjoyed themselves. Arnold Clarke and The Wellbank Foundation also contributed generously to our cause.

We continue to accept referrals from Northumberland County Council which is the main source of our revenue and work closely with their Family Support Team. We are still hoping to expand the business by offering more sessions.

Having survived a second year of restrictions we are still in a healthy financial state and fingers crossed we are through the worst and looking forward to a brighter future. I think I said that last year as well.

Alan Nelson

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Volunteers- see progression below.

Progression from Volunteers to Support Workers- *Bella Stienlet, Kate Salthouse, Martyn Barnes*

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Of the activity sessions that did take place (outside of the pandemic restriction periods) the service accommodated up to 30 children and young people during each activity session from in excess of 40 children and young people registered for the service.

Saturday Club – Children & Young People's Service

Now in its 25th year, the Saturday Club provision was, of course, impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic again and so we couldn't resume our new year sessions until 17th April.

As previously, these sessions were for three hours on a Saturday during term time.

Whilst the number of our Saturday Clubs was diminished, those that were delivered still provided the children and young people with support to access a range of local leisure activities and events.

Because of the continued restrictions of the covid-pandemic and limited access to our previous venue (the Leisure Centre) we established a new temporary venue for our Saturday Clubs at the Torch Centre in Hexham. This proved to be a venue which was very much conducive to the practices and procedures we were required to put in place as part of the ongoing covid safety recommendations including social distancing and cleaning/sanitising areas.

Without full access to the Leisure Centre activities, we had to be very creative with the activities offered to our service users both within the Torch Centre and in the local community, some of the activities we developed were outdoor and indoor sports sessions, treasure hunts, gaming and dance sessions.

The staff, volunteers, children, young people and adults all appreciate the support offered by the Torch Centre staff in delivery of the Saturday Club activities during this time and are very appreciative of the welcoming and accommodating atmosphere afforded.



February Half Term & Easter Scheme

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold our February half term and Easter Scheme sessions again this year but instead we kept the service users entertained through our regular zoom sessions with Kirsty and suggested tasks and activities, one of which was a competition for the best decorated egg and the best Spring photograph for both the children and adults.

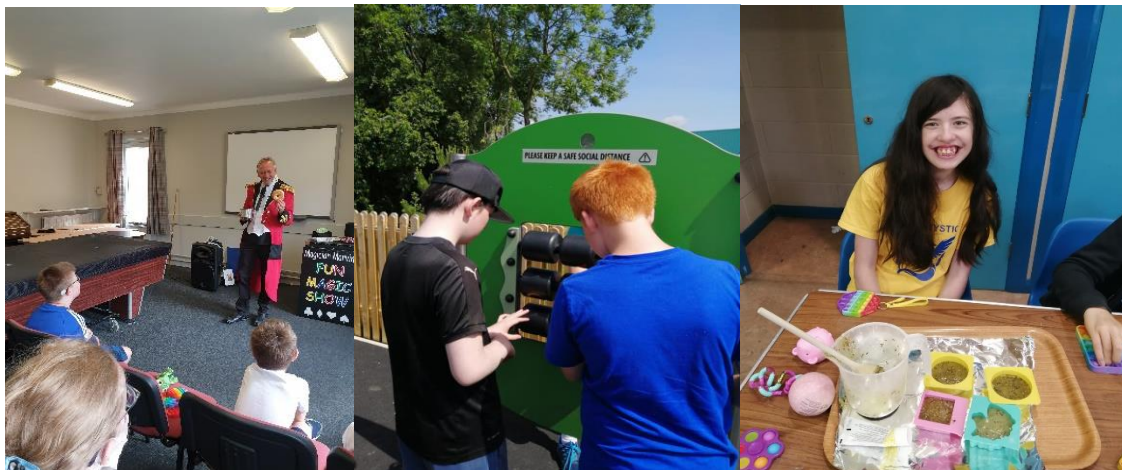
May Half Term

Having missed the February half-term and Easter sessions, it was great to be able to go ahead with the May half term session during which we spent time at venues in Hexham and Dissington Hall. In Hexham we enjoyed a visit from Claire's Cool Creatures, some art therapy and walking as the weather was glorious! The sun also shone at Dissington Hall so we had outdoor sports and dancing.



Annual Summer Scheme

Despite having to continue to adhere to the ongoing restrictions imposed by the continued covid pandemic, we managed to open our doors once again and provide a fantastic summer scheme. Instead of the usual three days per week of sessions during the summer, for the second year running we reduced our provision to two sessions per week for the first five weeks of the school summer holidays and made use of the facilities provided at The Torch Centre and Hexham Scout Hut both of which were ideal for us to continue to follow the government health and safety guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus. Up to 30 children and young people participated in our Summer Scheme provision and everyone enjoyed a range of different activities every day –



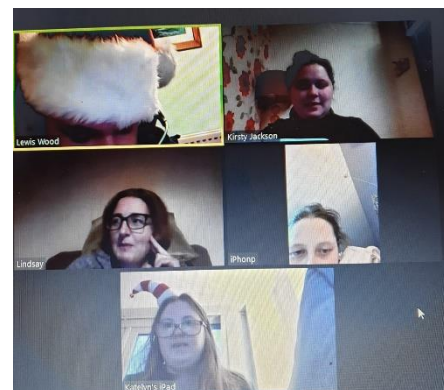
Adult Service

Our Adult Service has been running since March 2019 providing sessions for adults aged 19 to 30 years old. We are extremely pleased with how it has progressed so far, having received positive feedback from both the Adults who attend and their families.

Whilst the number of our Saturday Clubs was diminished, we ran sessions on Zoom November 2020 till May 2021, after May we were able to join in with face to face sessions till October 2021. We tried to make Zoom as interactive as possible to engage our Adults in their usual socialising which would happen on a Saturday including virtual cafes, chats, dancing, quizzes and a Christmas Sing Song celebration! In June 2021 we held a welcome back party to allow everyone to get used to being back at club and following our Covid Guidance. We became creative in the activities we joined in with including, sports sessions, dance sessions, arts and crafts and finally in October we were able to enjoy bowling again, which had been missed by many. As part of easing ourselves back into what we enjoyed, in a safe way, we spent time at Ipots and Local cafes/Restaurants enjoying our time to socialise.

Staff who work within the Adult Service also work in our Children service, which allows for continuity of care and knowledge of our service users to be of a high standard. It has proved comforting to those parents who have just begun transitioning into Adult Service's as we know this is a very difficult time for a lot of our families.

Our vision within adult service continues to promote the independence and choice of everyone attending, by allowing us to utilise everyone's skills – each adult has an important part to play in the process. We look forward to more adventures in the following year and networking with local organisations, as well as expanding what we offer to our Adults.



FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS RAISING EVENTS

Again, due to the covid-pandemic, we were unable to go ahead with some of our planned fundraising events such as our Annual Cycle at Kielder and our Cake stall. We were however able to proceed with Our Annual Golf Day and support our participants in The Great North Run.

Annual Golf Day

Our 9th annual golf day was held at Hexham Golf Club, a day we were all was looking forward to after the social restrictions of the pandemic. Unfortunately, the sun did not make an appearance on the day but none the less it did not stop the golfers completing their round. We had a great day and raised awareness and funds to support our children, young people and adults. The eventual winners with 98 points were Clare Kennedy, Garry Kennedy, Thomas Mitchell and Sonia Kennedy.

Huge thanks to Hexham Golf Club for hosting the event and especially Chris Brown Club Manager for his valuable help.

Events such as our golf day not only bring in much needed funds but help to connect us with our local community, raising awareness of the charity and the positive impact it has on the lives of many families in West Northumberland.

Great North Run 2021

In the third year of our participation in the Great North Run, a year later than planned due to the pandemic, our enthusiastic runners included: - Troy Wilkinson (Support Worker), Colin Simpson (Friend of Wecan), Stephen Holmes (Supporter of Wecan), James Bell (Support Worker), Carly Armstrong (Friend of Wecan) and Ellie Willoughby (Support Worker).

Their training started pretty quickly, and we were able to follow their progress as they posted their achievements on social media. Through social media an increased amount of awareness was raised for our charity, which is vastly important to ourselves. As this enables us to reach everyone who will benefit from our service and also those who may know very little about who we are and what we do. The course was changed this year and no longer finished in South Shields, the runners found themselves running along The Tyne Bridge twice, this route was devised to protect the runners and keep the event as Covid Safe as possible.

Due to the pandemic we were unable to hold our usual celebration event, but our runners were not left empty handed and all enjoyed a treat box, made by Greenhead Tea Rooms and a goody bag. We are delighted to say that all of their effort paid off as they helped us to raise we a huge £ 3543.56 A massive thank you to them all!

At Wecan we are always grateful for people who help fundraise as it provides much needed funds which, in turn, helps our service users by providing specialist activities as well as covering the cost of training courses to ensure our staff are equipped with the highest level of skills and knowledge to work with the children and young people.

We are already looking forward to celebrating the Great North Run 2022 with 10 runners!



OUR FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS

We would like to thank all organisations and individuals who have supported us during 2020/2021, including:

Northumberland County Council, The National Lottery, Hadrian Trust Fund, Three Guineas Trust, The Wellbank Foundation, Arnold Clark Community Fund and Northumberland Community Foundation as well as all of those involved in our fundraising events.

Financial Report

In the year ending October 2021 Wecan is reporting a deficit of £11,654 compared to a surplus of £2,595 in the previous year and our assets stand at £48,385 at the year end.

Taking the last two years together a net loss of over £8k is a good result and shows the resilience of Wecan as a charity to weather some challenging times.

Factors affecting the financial performance of 2020-21 include

- Donations and grants were £40k compared to £57k the previous year. This included making maximum use of the Government's Furlough Scheme but was affected by the reduced number of suitable grants during the second year of the pandemic.
- Income from activities was down by £13k over the previous year. This was simply a consequence of the various lockdowns and it was quite a relief to be able to run a successful Summer Scheme, which ran over fewer days than normal but was nonetheless well attended.
- Fundraising was significantly up in 2021 at £5k compared to only £1k the previous year. The Great North Run (£3k), the golf day (£1.3k) and the Monthly Draw (1.3k) were the main contributors.
- Central and staffing costs were both down as would be expected from the reduced activity.
- Restricted funds at £4k are at a relatively low level but this means that Wecan has the flexibility to use its funds on its priorities

The beginning of the year 2021-22 has continued to be challenging financially but I am pleased to say that hard work from the staff means that at the time of writing Wecan has been successful with a number of grant applications and most of the year's activities are now fully funded. The resumption of parent fees will ensure that the quality of the activities offered will continue to improve and grow. The year will also see the introduction of the National Living Wage for our support staff.

After a challenging period, I feel Wecan is well placed financially to grow and tackle whatever lies ahead.

Robert Parker Trustee

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wecan is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on and registered as a charity. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years, after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

Risk Management

The Management has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the Charity.

Organisational Structure

Wecan has a Management Committee of 8 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Committee are from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Service Manager who is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. The Service Manager also has responsibility for the day to day operational management of the Project, individual supervision of the staff team and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Responsibilities of the Management Committee

Company law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The Management Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Management Committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and;
- As the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

Stephen Holmes was re-appointed as the charitable company's auditor during the year and has expressed his willingness to continue in that capacity.

The Accounts report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs
Financial Activities by Class
November 2020 - October 2021

	Covid Lottery Fund (deleted)	HMRC	Lottery Funding Saturday Club	TGT Fund	Unrestricted General Funds	WellBank Foundation	TOTAL
Income							
Donations and Grants							£0
Donations Restricted		£15,650		£12,995		£1,315	£29,960
Donations Unrestricted					£10,434		£10,434
Parent Donations					£55		£55
Total Donations and Grants	£0	£15,650	£0	£12,995	£10,488	£1,315	£40,449
Fundraising Income							
Amazon					£20		£20
GNR					£2,885		£2,885
Golf					£1,015		£1,015
Monthly Draw					£1,335		£1,335
Total Fundraising Income	£0	£0	£0	£0	£5,254	£0	£5,254
Sales							
Enabling NCC Sponsored					£3,656		£3,656
Fees- Adults NCC Sponsored					£1,011		£1,011
Fees- Children NCC Sponsored					£1,326		£1,326
Parent Fees					£26,106		£26,106
					£1,303		£1,303
Total Sales	£0	£0	£0	£0	£33,402	£0	£33,402
Total Income	£0	£15,650	£0	£12,995	£49,144	£1,315	£79,104
Cost of Sales							
Activity Costs							£0
Event hire, entry				£3,014	£675	£170	£3,859
Miscellaneous Costs					£241		£241
Refreshments				£0	£35		£35
Transport Costs				£2,577	£119		£2,696
Cost of Fundraising							
GNR Costs					£135		£135
Golf expenses					£240		£240
Monthly Draw Prizes & Costs					£345		£345
Total Cost of Sales	£0	£0	£0	£5,591	£1,789	£170	£7,550
Central Costs							
Computer Costs	£0		£95		£1,290		£1,385
Insurances	£0		£34		£1,640		£1,674
Miscellaneous Costs					£244		£244
Office Rent and Utilities	£750		£150		£2,571		£3,472
Phone Costs	£0		£11		£378		£389
Printing, Postage and Stationery	£0		£9		£653		£662
Total Central Costs	£750	£0	£299	£0	£6,776	£0	£7,825
Fundraising Costs							
	£0				£0		£0
Staff Costs							
							£0
DBS	£0		£33		£909		£942
Pension					£1,481		£1,481
Training	£0		£92		£608		£700
Wages	£2,959	£15,650	£2,618	£5,265	£44,707	£1,145	£72,345
Total Staff Costs	£2,959	£15,650	£2,743	£5,265	£47,705	£1,145	£75,467
Interest earned							
					£2		£2
Total Other Income	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2	£0	£2
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-£3,709	£0	-£3,042	£2,139	-£7,124	£0	-£11,736

Wecan - We enable children with additional needs
Financial Statements Year ended: 31st October 2021
Registered Charity number: 1125037

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Barclays Community Account	£25,567	£34,824	£36,639	£58,323	£43,212
Barclays Tracker Account					
Business Premium	£21,089	£20,056	£20,030	£4,000	£4,000
Cash	£90	£530	£533	£75	£0
Debtors	£1,276	£3,944	£796	£0	£0
Creditors	£626	£132	£1,461	£0	£0

Nett Assets	£47,395	£59,221	£56,537	£62,397	£47,212
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Funds

Unrestricted General Funds	£43,237	£50,451	£47,256	£54,347	£47,212
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Restricted Funds

Covid Lottery Fund		£3,709			
Lottery Funding Saturday Club	£1,949	£4,991	£9,281	£8,050	
Hadrian Trust Fund	£71	£71			
TGT Fund	£2,139				

Total Restricted Funds	£4,159	£8,771	£9,281	£8,050	£0
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Wecan - We enable children with additional needs

On accounts for the year
ended

2021

Charity no
(if any)

1125037

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 10 / 2021.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of CIMA

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: SP HOLMES

Date: 26/5/2022

Name: Stephen Peter Holmes ACMA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants CIMA

Address:	11 South Crescent, Fencehouses
	Houghton le Spring
	County Durham, DH46AG

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs

England & Wales - Charity number 1125037

Accounts



WECAN

WE ENABLE CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

WECAN (A company limited by guarantee)

Charity number 1125037

Company number: 06384156

Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 October 2020

WECAN Registered Office and operational address are: Unit 7, Hexham Enterprise Hub, Burn Lane, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 3HN

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Welcome to the 2020 Annual Report, a year to remember and I've no doubt it will be read about in the history books.

Being a Chair of Trustees is about governance and guidance and making sure the management team of Hayley Armstrong (Manager) and Kirsty Jackson (Dept. Manager) continue to deliver the best service we can to accommodate the ever changing climate we live in. Their leadership is backed up with a small army of Support Workers including some volunteers, which now total over forty. Logistically we have to train each and every support worker to a level that meets the need of our ever-increasing user list.

Being Chair is finding a balance, being approachable and making sure the Trustees do their job in the best interests of the Charity.

During the year we have had a change of officials where Bob Parker has taken on the mantle of Treasurer from Gill Brown, Liam Watters has stepped down after many years with Wecan initially as a Support Worker and latterly a Trustee. He will be sadly missed as his contribution to the Charity was always well founded and sincere.

In the summer of 2020, we welcomed Rhonda Quigley as a new Trustee, Rhonda has vast experience and is a huge asset to Wecan. We are lucky to add her skills to the mixture we already have.

In times where budgets are continued to be squeezed, Wecan had many new ideas on how to raise their profile, we have started a monthly lottery which is steadily growing in members, new ideas are always on the agenda on how to raise our profile and exist financially in an ever-changing world.

Wecan have not had any of our normal fund raising events because of the Covid 19 virus that struck in January 2020. Our business closed in March 2020 and we had no choice but furlough the staff. With that closure our cash flow disappeared and we had to rely on back up funds.

The Trustees quickly stepped in to keep the wheels turning, Gill Brown set herself the task to look for funding that would help us through the financial crisis we were in.

We found that because Wecan was unique in the market, the normal lines of funding were not open to us, but after perseverance we did secure several grants that helped us to keep financially sound.

Thanks go out to The National Lottery, Hadrian Trust, Northumberland Mark Benevolent Fund, St.. Marys Parish Church Ponteland and Three Guineas Trust. Without their support Wecan would have been in a totally different financial position.

Treasurer Bob Parker set himself the task to sort how to furlough the staff, it was a logistical nightmare but with perseverance and dedication Bob did a magnificent job.

No sooner had we closed things down we had to plan to open things up again. The Management team did a staggered return and by July things were back in full swing organising a scheme to see us through the summer holidays.

New working practices had to be introduced involving Bubbles of 6, Social Distancing, PPE all of which were taken on board by all the staff.

Saturday Club started again at the beginning of September, everything in the world was uncertain and we expected to go back to a lockdown at any time, but with a great spirit and team work Wecan continued until the inevitable closure happened again.

Throughout the lockdowns we have kept in touch with all our service users by delivering activity packs to their doors and having weekly video sessions to keep in touch. Something we intend to continue with in the future.

Moving forward we have successfully been accepted on to the Northumberland County Council Framework for new referrals and we are currently working towards seeking CQC registration.

We continue to grow our relationship with The Family Support Team at Northumberland County Council, as they provide funding for many of our users.

Having survived this year the future is very bright and I am looking forward to another successful year.

Alan Nelson Chair Wecan Trustees

BOARD OF TRUSTEES	SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM
Mr Alan Nelson - Chair	Mrs Hayley Armstrong, Service Manager
Mrs Gill Brown - Treasurer	Miss Kirsty Jackson, Deputy Manager
Mrs Rhonda Quigley	
Mr Dominic Slowie	
Mr Bob Parker	
Mrs Amanda Frankish	
Mr Liam Watters	

CHARITY PURPOSE & AIMS

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's Memorandum of Association are:

"to promote the relief of children, youths and adults with learning disabilities aged between 6 and 30 and living in Tynedale and South West Northumberland, in particular by providing short break facility by the provision of but not exclusively, leisure activities".

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This annual report looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous twelve months. The document reports on the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to families and the children, young people and adults we aim to help.

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THE MAIN AREAS OF OUR WORK

During this report period we were faced with the Covid-19 pandemic which resulted in closure of our activity sessions during the period of March to July 2020, however, during this time we were able to provide enabling services to some of our more vulnerable children and young people and of the activity sessions that did take place (outside of the pandemic restriction periods) the service accommodated up to 30 children and young people during each activity session from in excess of 40 children and young people registered for the service.

February Half-term session

Our first half term session of 2020 but little did we know that this was to be our last activity session before the first lockdown of 2020! During this session some of our children and young people visited Seb and Olivia's Den in Cramlington which is part of a small leisure centre aimed directly at people with disabilities. The children and young people enjoyed time in the sensory room, soft play areas and main hall where they engaged in some low-key fitness activities.

Another group chose to visit Concordia Leisure Centre where they participated in various sports activities before going swimming, shopping or to the Cinema.



Saturday Club – Children & Young People's Service

Now in its 25th year, the Saturday Club provision was, of course, impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and so was only able to deliver leisure activity sessions between October 2019 and March 2020 and then again from September to November 2020. These sessions were for three hours on a Saturday during term time.

Whilst the number of our Saturday Clubs was diminished, they still provided the children and young people with support to access a range of local leisure activities and events both in Hexham and Prudhoe.

From 1st November 2019 to mid-March 2020, we continued working in partnership with the Wentworth Leisure Centre, making use of their facilities every Saturday and accessing a wide range of leisure activities within the Centre including sports activities such as; bowling, dance, music, trampolining, boccia, swimming, soft play and football. We also continued our use of the Studio Room at the Leisure Centre where the children and young people participated in art therapy, candle making, cookery and yoga. The staff, volunteers, children and young people continue to appreciate the support offered by the Leisure Centre staff in delivery of the Saturday Club activities and are very appreciative of the welcoming and accommodating atmosphere afforded.

Unfortunately, during the period of September through to 31st October, the Covid pandemic closed the Leisure Centre facilities and we had to seek an alternative venue from which to host our activity sessions, this came with the added challenge of securing a venue which would support us in providing covid-safe facilities with rooms to accommodate group 'bubbles', space for social distancing and opportunities to host alternative indoor activities.

This venue came in the form of the Torch Centre Hexham, who opened their arms to welcome us to use their premises for our Saturday Club sessions and were also very helpful and supportive in assuring our practices met covid safety requirements.

One of the new features of our Saturday Club during this time was the weekly Greggs food donations which were very much welcomed by the children, young people and staff at Saturday Club! Everyone was able to choose from a variety of goodies during the sessions including, sandwiches, sausage rolls, pasties, cakes and biscuits!



Yoga at the Torch Centre



Trampolining



Crafts at the Torch Centre



Lego Modelling



Smile Through Sport Fun



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Saturday Club Christmas Celebrations

This year we celebrated Christmas with a visit to the Pantomime at the People's Theatre in Jesmond. Everyone travelled by coach together and on the journey home the children and young people were given chocolate bars with their names on as a gift from Santa. It was the first time we had decided to take the children and young people to see a Pantomime at Christmas instead of hosting a Christmas party and everyone said they thoroughly enjoyed it and would like to do it again next year!



Easter Scheme

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold our Easter Scheme sessions this year but instead we kept the children and young people entertained through our Facebook page with suggested tasks and activities, one of which was a competition for the best decorated egg for both the children and adults.

Childrens Category:

1st Place- NHS inspired eggs by Daniel D

2nd Place- Harry Potter egg by Jamie

3rd Place- A family of eggs by Max B

Adult Category:

1st Place- NHS rainbow egg by Hayley Armstrong



Enabling & Sensory bags

During our time we were not able to run our Saturday Clubs, we joined our families in the community providing enabling. We spent time walking in our local communities, exploring woodland areas, feeding the ducks, having picnics at the beach, painting fairy doors to hide in our communities, and when we were able to playing in the park.



We were extremely lucky to receive funding from Knight Frank Newcastle, which we used to send each of our families a sensory bag.



Annual Summer Scheme

Despite having to adhere to the ongoing restrictions imposed by the continued covid pandemic, we managed to open our doors once again and provide a fantastic (if somewhat different) summer scheme. Instead of the usual three days per week of sessions during the summer, we reduced our provision to two sessions per week for the first five weeks of the school summer holidays and made use of the facilities provided at Hexham Scout Hut and Prudhoe both of which were ideal for us to follow the government health and safety guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus.

Up to 30 children and young people participated in our Summer Scheme provision and everyone enjoyed a range of different activities every day –



Punch & Judy Show



Table Football at Dissington Hall



Angry Birds at MetroCentre



Horseriding at Tilery Equestrian



Smile Through Sport



Candle Making with Yvonne



Gladiator Duelling



Dance with Molly



Art Therapy



Magic with Marvin



Sensory Painting



South Shields



Forest School



At the Park



Bath Bomb Workshop with Yvonne



Pilates with Sara



Claire's Cool Creatures



Sand Art

Adult Service

Our Adult Service has been running since March 2019 providing sessions for adults aged 19 to 30 years old. We are extremely pleased with how it is progressing so far and have received positive feedback from both the Adults who attend and their families.

Whilst the number of our Saturday Clubs was diminished, we ran sessions between November 2019 and March 2020, we were still able to provide sessions with new and old experiences. We continued with some links we have already in Children's service such as the Wentworth Leisure Centre, allowing us to go bowling and for a drink. We also enjoyed a delicious three course meal at The County Hotel in Hexham for our Christmas Party, made a variety of ceramics at Ipots, socialising at Weatherspoons, enjoying the theatre at The Queens Hall Hexham and bowling. New and exciting ventures we have embarked on have been trips on the public bus to Prudhoe to use Prudhoe Waterworld's Gym Facilities and also to Corbridge to join in with the churches Christmas Tree Festival. This embraces our vision within adult service to promote the independence and choice of everyone attending, by allowing us to utilise everyone's skills – each adult has an important part to play in the process, ranging from checking bus times to looking out for the next stop.

Staff who work within the Adult Service also work in our Children service, which allows for continuity of care and knowledge of our service users to be of a high standard. It has proved comforting to those parents who have just begun transitioning into Adult Service's as we know this is a very difficult time for a lot of our families.

We look forward to seeing all of our Adults once our sessions resume after Covid-19.



Christmas Party at The County Hotel Hexham



Corbridge Tree Festival



The Gym at Prudhoe Waterworld



Trips out the public bus



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Alice In Wonderland at the Queens Hall Hexham



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FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS RAISING EVENTS

Again, due to the covid-pandemic from March this year, we were unable to go ahead with any of our planned fundraising events such as our Annual Cycle at Kielder, Annual Golf Day and our Cake stall. Even this year's Great North Run was cancelled due to the pandemic so our nominated runners were unable to support our fundraising initiatives.

OUR FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS

We would like to thank all organizations and individuals who have supported us during 2019/2020:

National Lottery Awards For All	The Three Guineas Trust
Hadrian Trust Fund	Northumberland County Council
Northumberland Community Foundation	Tesco Bags for Help
Northumberland Mark Benevolent Fund	Christopher Rowbotham Trust
Ponteland Parochial Church	

Financial Report

Whilst the pandemic had a devastating effect on our charitable operations and our ability to fundraise, I am pleased to report that we were able to show a net income for the year of £2,685. This was achieved by applying for all available funding, use of the Government's Furlough Scheme and control of expenditure.

The main sources being from the National Lottery Covid 19 Response, Three Guineas Trust, Community Foundation, Hadrian Trust, Northumberland Council and Tesco. National Lottery Funding for Saturday Club was also extended and continues into 2021. These funds and other charitable donations amounted to £42,589 with a further £14,588 secured through the Furlough Scheme. At the year end there remains £8,771 of restricted income of which £4,991 is for children without funding to attend Saturday Club.

All income for services delivered during 2019-20 have been accrued at the year end and at the time of writing there has been minimal operating income during the year 2020-21.

During 2020 the charities accounts were transferred to the accounting QuickBooks and this has given the charity greater financial visibility of its operations as well as providing greater visibility of its restricted income and expenditure. Work will continue during 2021 to further enhance and streamline our administration processes.

Robert Parker, Trustee

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

WECAN is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on and registered as a charity. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years, after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. All

members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

Risk Management

The Management has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the Charity.

Organisational Structure

Wecan has a Management Committee of 8 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Committee are from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Service Manager who is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. The Service Manager also has responsibility for the day to day operational management of the Project, individual supervision of the staff team and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Responsibilities of the Management Committee

Company law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The Management Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Management Committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and;
- As the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

Stephen Holmes was re-appointed as the charitable company's auditor during the year and has expressed his willingness to continue in that capacity.

The Accounts report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Wecan - We enable children with additional needs

On accounts for the year ended

2020

Charity no
(if any)

1125037

Set out on pages

1-3

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/10/2018**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of CIMA

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

WECAN - We Enable Children with Additional Needs
Financial Activities by Class
November 2019 - October 2020

	TOTAL	Unrestricted General Funds	Community Foundation Covid Fund	Covid Lottery Fund	Hadrian Trust Fund	HMRC	Lottery Funding Saturday Club	TGT Fund
Donations & Grants	£57,177	£14,002	£8,857	£9,231	£500	£14,586	£0	£10,000
Fundraising	£1,063	£1,063	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sales	£46,595	£46,595	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Income	£104,834	£61,660	£8,857	£9,231	£500	£14,586	£0	£10,000
Cost of Sales	£9,982	£3,550	£210	£430	£0	£0	£0	£5,791
Central Overhead Costs	£9,463	£7,191	£825	£871	£29	£0	£291	£278
Fundraising Costs	£696	£620	£4	£19	£4		£37	£12
Staffing Costs	£82,100	£47,216	£7,818	£4,203	£396	£14,586	£3,961	£3,919
Total Costs	£102,240	£58,578	£8,857	£5,522	£429	£14,586	£4,290	£10,000
Net Income/(Expenditure)	£2,595	£3,082	£0	£3,709	£71	£0	-£4,290	£0

Wecan - We enable children with additional needs
Financial Statements Year ended: 31st October 2020
Registered Charity number: 1125037

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Cash in Bank	£54,880	£56,669	£62,323	£47,212
Petty Cash	£530	£533	£75	£0
Debtors	£3,944	£196	£0	£0
Creditors	£132	£261	£0	£0
Nett Assets	£59,221	£57,137	£62,397	£47,212

Funds

Unrestricted General Funds	£50,451	£47,856	£54,347	£47,212
Restricted Funds				
Covid Lottery Fund	£3,709			
Lottery Funding Saturday Club	£4,991	£9,281	£8,050	
Hadrian Trust Fund	£71			
Total Restricted Funds	£8,771	£9,281	£8,050	£0
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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members of**

Charity Name
Wecan - We enable children with additional needs

**On accounts for the year
ended**

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Signed: SP Holmes

Date: 21/2/2021

Name: Stephen Holmes ACMA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.