

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

England & Wales · Charity number 1125576

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2008-08-20

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH THEIR LEISURE TIME WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THEIR QUALITY AND EXPERIENCE OF LIFE AND THAT OF THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS.TO FURTHER KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CHILDHOOD DISABILITY AND ITS IMPACT ON CHILDREN, SIBLINGS, PARENTS AND OTHER CARERS IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.

Activities: SPDC provides a range of play, leisure and sporting opportunities for disabled children and their families. We also provide a range of support and information for parent carers.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, WEST BROMWICH.
- Sandwell

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£255,142	£250,042	-	-
2024-03-31	£244,996	£250,646	-	-
2023-03-31	£245,453	£259,665	-	-
2022-03-31	£247,461	£234,278	-	-
2021-03-31	£221,342	£190,037	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jo-Ann Rogers	Chair	2019-11-27
Gemma Williams		2024-03-19
Katy Donaldson		2021-11-30
Lindsey Danks		2023-11-28
Louise Billington		2025-11-25
Marie Osborne		2025-11-25
PARPINDER DHATT		
Polly Somervell		2023-11-28
SUZANNE LOUISE HILL		
Samanatha Love		2023-11-28
Sarah Mann		2021-11-30
VAL HEATON		
Vicky Mclean		2024-11-26

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Accounts

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COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT AND TRUSTEES
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
For the year ended 31st March 2025

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2025

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Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children

Charity Registration number: 1125576

Current Registered office address is:

SPDC
Galton Valley Children's Centre
Great Arthur Street
Smethwick
West Midlands
B66 1DH

Chairperson: Jo-Ann Rogers

Vice Chairperson: Sarah Mann (appointed January 2025)

Treasurer: Parpinder Dhatt

Trustees: Suzanne Hill
Stella Bassford (left November 2024)
Val Heaton
Katy Donaldson
Sarah Mann
Polly Somervell
Sam Love
Lindsey Danks
Gemma Williams
Vicky Mclean (appointed November 2024)

Chief Officer: Linda Lloyd

Accountants/Independent
Examiners Messrs. Hallbrookes (Accountancy) Limited
14 Elstow Road
Bedford
MK42 9LA

Bankers: National Westminster Bank PLC
34 High Street
Smethwick
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Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2025
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Structure, Governance and Management

Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children (SPDC) is an unincorporated association. It is governed by the regulations set out in the constitution and is run by a Voluntary Management Committee.

New committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for an indefinite period subject to one third retiring by rotation each year. Members so retiring are eligible for re-election. Existing Committee Members may co-opt new members between AGMs but co-opted members must stand for re-appointment at the next AGM. If so re-appointed, they then fall within the retirement by rotation provisions referred to above.

Committee Members are inducted to familiarise them with SPDC as well as their wider responsibilities as charity trustees.

The Management Committee met 6 times during the year to review the activities, consider the financial position and decide policy and procedure.

The day-to-day work of the charity is overseen by the Chief Officer who is responsible to report to the Management Committee. There are further five staff positions within the organisation (three full time and two part time) and sessional staff are employed on an ad hoc basis as required by the level of the activities.

The Management Committee is aware of the potential risks to the charity, both financial and otherwise, and implements strategies to control or minimise these risks. Assessments have been undertaken of the major risks which face the charity, including funding, health, and safety. The Management Committee is planning further assessments on other areas such as operational risks, governance and compliance with law and regulations.

Objectives and Activities

The charity was established to promote the welfare of children and young people with disabilities through the provision of leisure time activities. As such, the focus of these activities is to improve the quality and experience of life for children and young people with disabilities and that of their families and carers. This is achieved by providing a range of social, play, leisure and sporting opportunities for disabled children and their families as well as working closely with other service providers to ensure that disabled children and their families are included. In addition, the Charity seeks to further knowledge about childhood disability and its impact on children, siblings, parents, and other carers within the Borough of Sandwell and to support those parent carers in carrying out their role via the provision of a range of services specifically designed by parent carers for parent carers.

During the year, the charity ran the following activities:

Short Breaks Programme

During the year 2024/2025 SPDC continued its work under the short breaks programme. The aim of this programme is two-fold, firstly, to provide opportunities for disabled children and young people to access a range of experiences, whilst affording parent carers a short break from their caring responsibilities and secondly, to offer opportunities for whole families

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Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2025
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to take part in activities together. During the year SPDC offered the following:

Family Project

This project seeks to provide activities aimed at all members of the family including disabled children and young people, siblings, and parent carers. 62 varied opportunities were offered during the year attracting 271 children and young people with disabilities and 436 of their parent carers. Activities consisted of:

Family Club Sessions

There were 34 Family Clubs through which SPDC offered a vast range of sporting, active and creative opportunities. Each week families had the chance to take part in sports such as cricket, basketball, rugby, hockey, badminton, table tennis and football as well as active pursuits such as martial arts, Zumba, and an evening of inflatables. Creative opportunities included weekly sensory activities, crafting, gardening, and baking challenges. In addition to the indoor sessions, Family Club has also taken place at different outdoor venues such as RSPB at Sandwell Valley, Sycamore Adventure Centre, Forge Mill Farm and Dartmouth Park, each of which have enabled families to have different experiences including pond dipping, bird watching and using an outdoor gym.

Holiday and Weekend Family Activities

In addition to the Family Club, SPDC also offered a range of opportunities including a performance by Sleeping Seeds at the Oak House in West Bromwich, an afternoon of golfing, a sporting event at Tipton Sports Academy, a morning of bowling, and after dark visit to Forge Mill Farm, hydrotherapy sessions a fun swim at Crystal Leisure Centre, a visit to the cinema, a visit to the pantomime, and our ever-popular Christmas party.

Family Days Out

Working in conjunction with Variety, SPDC offered free access to a local Safari Park enabling 93 disabled children and young people to enjoy a much-needed day out with their families. In addition to this SPDC also offered 52 disabled children and young people the chance to spend a day at the seaside through a coach trip to Weston

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Achievements and Performance

2024/2025 also saw the continuation of the age specific short breaks programme, the purpose of which was to afford parent carers a short break whilst their children engaged in an interesting, challenging activity.

The programme was offered in two age ranges, 4 – 11 years and 11 – 18 years, and as two separate projects, one of which took place during the school half term holidays and the second throughout the long summer holidays.

During the school half terms disabled children and young people aged between 4 – 11 years were able to choose from four activities which were made up of a balance of physical challenges, unique experiences and creative opportunities. The activities on offer were a “Farmer of the Day” experience, an animal encounter , a cookery workshop and a visit to Boulder Central . 68 disabled children and young people aged between 4 and 11 years chose to access these opportunities.

SPDC also offered the same four half term opportunities to disabled young people aged between 11 – 18 years, albeit with significantly reduced numbers of staff thereby enabling us to promote a great level of independence amongst this age group. 60 disabled young people aged between 11 and 18 years chose to take part in these opportunities.

SPDC’s age specific summer holiday programmes offered disabled children and young people aged 4 to 11 years and those aged 11-18 years the opportunity to take part in a take part in a craft morning, canoeing sessions, horse-riding and horse care sessions and sailing sessions. 73 disabled children aged between 4 and 11 years and 49 disabled young people aged between 11 and 18 years old took part in our summer programme.

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Parent Carer Activities

During the year SPDC has supported 436 parent carers of children and young people with a disability. We have done so in a huge variety of ways including providing one to one support, information sessions, peer support and volunteering opportunities, training and by ensuring that there were opportunities for parent carers to talk to members of staff privately at family activities. In addition to this parent carers were able to take part in a range of physical activities including yoga, sound baths, a bike ride . Zumba and hydrotherapy sessions, many varied crafting opportunities and social opportunities such as coffee mornings at a huge variety of venues. Parent carers are beginning to take the lead for organising such activities so as to ensure their sustainability.

Financial Review

During the year the charity received £255,142 by way of donations, grants and fees from general public and council bodies (2024: £244,996). The net movements of funds show a surplus of £5,100 that has been added to the reserves brought forward from previous years.

The Trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves. The trustees have decided to set a level of reserves, which equate in value to between 3 and 6 months expenditure. Trustees have estimated that 6 months cost will be approximately £148,593. This will be reviewed again at the end of the next financial year. This expenditure will be used for ongoing current activities such as staffing costs of the organisation, day trip and leisure activities cost as well as the general running on a day-to-day basis of the charity.

Plans for the future periods and public benefit

SPDC will continue with its current activities and aim to offer further opportunities through funding secured from Sandwell Children's Trust Short Breaks contracts which are in place until March 2028. In planning activities SPDC has borne in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of our work remains the provision of regular clubs and holiday and weekend experiences which benefit disabled children and their families by reducing isolation and providing them with opportunities to have quality experiences together and meet new people and make friends. We have also continued to develop our work with parent carers this year. We welcome all families regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances and believe that this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of experiences, aspirations, aptitudes and skills.

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Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2025
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Accounting and Reporting Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on5/11/25..... and signed on their behalf.



Jo-Ann Rogers
Chairperson

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2025

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>31st</u> <u>March</u> <u>2025</u> £	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>31st March</u> <u>2025</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>31st</u> <u>March</u> <u>2025</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>31st</u> <u>March</u> <u>2024</u> £
<u>Income Resources</u>					
Donations and legacies					
Income from donations and legacy	2	47655	97170	144825	135701
Income from other trading activities	3	0	2521	2521	2357
Investment Income	4	0	720	720	678
Income from charitable activities	5	107076	0	107076	106260
Total Incoming resources		154731	100411	255142	244996
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on raising funds		1098	0	1098	753
Charitable activities: (includes governance costs)		144389	104555	248944	249893
Total Resources Expended	6	145487	104555	250042	250646
Net movements in funds		9244	-4144	5100	-5650
Funds at 31st March 2024		37473	64936	102409	108059
Total Funds at 31st March 2025	13	46717	60792	107509	102409

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

Balance Sheet

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31/03/2025</u>	<u>31/03/2024</u>
		£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Tangible Assets	9	6005	6317
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors and Prepayments	10	16864	22977
Cash in Bank and in Hand		99385	75660
<u>Creditors: amounts due within one year</u>			
Accruals	11	2245	2545
Deferred Income		12500	0
Net Current Assets		101504	96092
Net Assets	12	<u>107509</u>	<u>102409</u>
<u>Financed by</u>			
General Funds		60792	64936
Restricted Funds		46717	37473
<u>Total Funds</u>	13	<u>107509</u>	<u>102409</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the trustees on 31/11/25 and were signed by:



Jo-Ann Rogers
Chairperson

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2025

1) **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical costs convention.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'.

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity and the amounts are certain and, measurable. Any incoming resources received that relate exclusively to future periods are deferred on the Balance Sheet.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised in the statement of financial activities when a liability is incurred or increased without a commensurate increase in recognised assets or a reduction in liabilities.

Allocation of Costs

Direct Activity Costs comprise those costs that contribute directly to an activity and are allocated to the relevant activity.

Support Costs comprise those costs that are necessary to deliver an activity but in themselves do not produce or deliver an activity.

Governance Costs are those costs incurred to meet statutory and constitutional requirements.

Funds

- (a) Unrestricted funds, which are credited to the Income and Expenditure accounts are normally expendable at the discretion of the management.
- (b) Restricted funds, which are for specific purpose declared by the donors and are credited to the Income and Expenditure account when received and debited to the same account when paid.
- (c) Designated funds represent funds set aside by the Management Committee for specific purposes.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing-line basis over their useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Office Equipment	-	20%
Fixtures & Fittings	-	20%

Taxation

The charitable organisation is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2025**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
2) <u>Donations and legacies</u>		
<u>Grants from Local and National Governments</u>		
Sandwell MBC Carer Support Programme	20000	20000
Sandwell MBC Parents & Carer Support Programme	24000	24000
Big Lottery Parent Carers Together Project	22500	22500
BBC Children in Need	15000	15000
Postcode Lottery	15000	0
<u>Grants from Trusts, Foundations and Similar</u>		
SCVO Vision 2030 Community Grant	0	5000
Barnardos	0	10000
Esmee Fairburn Foundation Trust Grant	10155	20000
Wates Family Enterprise Trust Grant	0	5000
Masonic Charitable	0	5000
Central C-op Grant	0	1500
The Cole Trust	0	1000
The Roger & Douglas Turner	0	2000
True Colours Trust	7500	0
Eveson Trust	10000	0
Heart of England	15000	0
Brandhall Golf Club	2440	0
Donations	3230	4701
	<u>144825</u>	<u>135701</u>
3) <u>Other Trading activities</u>		
Fundraising Event Income	835	1584
Café Income	1686	773
	<u>2521</u>	<u>2357</u>
4) <u>Income from investments</u>		
Bank Interest Received	720	678
	<u>720</u>	<u>678</u>
5) <u>Income from charitable activities</u>		
Short Breaks Family Activities	77816	77000
Short Breaks Holiday & Weekend Activities	29260	29260
	<u>107076</u>	<u>106260</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>255142</u></u>	<u><u>244996</u></u>

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2025****6) TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	<u>Basis of allocation</u>	<u>Incoming Resources</u>					<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
		<u>Holiday & Weekend Activities</u>	<u>Short Breaks Family Activities</u>	<u>Parents Carer Support Programme</u>	<u>Charitable Activities</u>	<u>Governance</u>		
<u>Costs directly allocated to activities</u>		£	£	£	£	£	£	
Staff Costs	Direct	32656	32656	19517			84829	81773
Consultancy and Sessional staff	Direct	4837	13546	165			18548	13866
Travel	Direct	248	818	185			1251	1189
Repair	Direct	0	0	0			0	80
Day Trips/Activities	Direct	8684	20840	4829			34353	31266
Rent and Room Hire	Direct	0	5667	0			5667	6535
Advertising/Marketing	Direct	0	0	0			0	0
Telephone	Direct	90	150	120			360	418
Training/Subscription	Direct	0	0	0			0	432
Printing, Postage & Stationary	Direct	0	0	0			0	0
Voluntary Expenses	Direct	0	0	0			0	0
Equipment Hire	Direct	0	0	0			0	0
Professional fees	Direct	0	0	0			0	0
Computer Maintenance	Direct	0	0	0			0	0
Catering/Refreshment	Direct	0	116	222			338	1085
Sundries	Direct	0	106	35			141	98
Depreciation	Direct	0	0	0			0	278
<u>Support Costs allocated to activities</u>								
Premises		0	0	0	7008	1096	8104	10242
Management		0	0	0	83865	3054	86919	94231
Administration/Events		0	0	0	4306	0	4306	3412
Legal and Professional Fees		0	0	0	877	2455	3332	3886
Equipment		0	0	0	1894	0	1894	1855
<u>Total Resources Expended</u>		46515	73899	25073	97950	6605	250042	250646

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For the year ended 31st March 2025

7) <u>STAFF COSTS</u>	Year ended 31/03/2025	Year ended 31/03/2024
<u>Staff Costs</u>	£	£
Wages and Salaries	149807	144141

8) **STAFF NUMBER**

The average number of employees during the period was as follows:

	Year ended 31/03/2025	Year ended 31/03/2024
Average number of employees	6	6

9) **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

COST	<u>Fixtures & Fittings Office Equipment</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
1st April 2024	13207	13207
Additions	1581	1581
Cost Disposal	(1196)	(1196)
As at 31/03/2025	<u>13592</u>	<u>13592</u>
DEPRECIATION		
1st April 2024	6890	6890
Charge for the year	1356	1356
Depreciation on disposal	(659)	(659)
As at 31st March 2025	<u>7587</u>	<u>7587</u>
Net Book Value		
31st March 2025	<u>6005</u>	<u>6005</u>
31st March 2024	<u>6317</u>	<u>6317</u>

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10) **DEBTORS/PREPAYMENTS**

	Year ended 31/03/2025 £	Year ended 31/03/2024 £
Debtors & Prepayments	16864	22977
	<u>16864</u>	<u>22977</u>

11) **CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	Year ended 31/03/2025 £	Year ended 31/03/2024 £
Creditors & Accruals	1616	2023
Pensions	629	522
Deferred Income	12500	0
	<u>14745</u>	<u>2545</u>

12) **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £
Tangible Fixed Assets		6005	6005
Debtors/Prepayments		16864	16864
Cash at Bank in Hand	60792	38593	99385
Current Liabilities		14745	14745
Net assets at 31st March 2025	<u>60792</u>	<u>46717</u>	<u>107509</u>

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2025****13) CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

Authorised but not contracted.

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	<u>Bal b/fd</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>	<u>Total</u>
Restricted Funds	<u>01/04/2024</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>31/03/2025</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Short Breaks Holiday & Weekend Activities	-24272	44260	46515	-26527
Short Breaks Family Activities	32251	77816	73899	36168
Parents Carer Support Programme	29494	32655	25073	37076
Total Restricted Funds	37473	154731	145487	46717
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	64936	100411	104555	60792
Total Unrestricted Funds	64936	100411	104555	60792
Total Funds	102409	255142	250042	107509

Purposes of Funds**Short Breaks Holiday and Family Activities**

This fund represents monies received from main contracts so as to finance a weekly Family Club and regular events and activities during school holidays towards healthy lifestyles and a reduction in social isolation.

Parents Carer Support Programme

This fund represents monies received from grants to support the work that we do with parent carers of disabled children. This work focuses on providing opportunities for social networking and peer support.

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children for the year ended 31st March 2025..

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act).
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

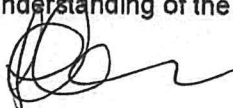
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not provide an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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
- 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) Regulation 2008 other than any requirements 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.



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Date05/11/2025.....

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SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children

Charity Registration number: 1125576

Current Registered office address is:

SPDC
Galton Valley Children's Centre
Great Arthur Street
Smethwick
West Midlands
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Chairperson: Jo-Ann Rogers

Vice Chairperson: Martin Stevens resigned November 2023
Polly Somervell appointed November 2023

Treasurer: Parpinder Dhatt

Trustees: Suzanne Hill
Stella Bassford
Val Heaton
Katy Donaldson
Sarah Mann
Polly Somervell appointed November 2023
Sam Love appointed November 2023
Lindsey Danks appointed November 2023
Gemma Williams appointed March 2024

Chief Officer: Linda Lloyd

Accountants/Independent
Examiners Messrs. Hallbrookes (Accountancy) Limited
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Bankers: National Westminster Bank PLC
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**Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2024
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Structure, Governance and Management

Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children (SPDC) is an unincorporated association. It is governed by the regulations set out in the constitution and is run by a Voluntary Management Committee.

New committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for an indefinite period subject to one third retiring by rotation each year. Members so retiring are eligible for re-election. Existing Committee Members may co-opt new members between AGMs but co-opted members must stand for re-appointment at the next AGM. If so re-appointed, they then fall within the retirement by rotation provisions referred to above.

Committee Members are inducted to familiarise them with SPDC as well as their wider responsibilities as charity trustees.

The Management Committee met 6 times during the year to review the activities, consider the financial position and decide policy and procedure.

The day-to-day work of the charity is overseen by the Chief Officer who is responsible to report to the Management Committee. There are further five staff positions within the organisation (three full time and two part time) and sessional staff are employed on an ad hoc basis as required by the level of the activities.

The Management Committee is aware of the potential risks to the charity, both financial and otherwise, and implements strategies to control or minimise these risks. Assessments have been undertaken of the major risks which face the charity, including funding, health, and safety. The Management Committee is planning further assessments on other areas such as operational risks, governance and compliance with law and regulations.

Objectives and Activities

The charity was established to promote the welfare of children and young people with disabilities through the provision of leisure time activities. As such, the focus of these activities is to improve the quality and experience of life for children and young people with disabilities and that of their families and carers. This is achieved by providing a range of social, play, leisure and sporting opportunities for disabled children and their families as well as working closely with other service providers to ensure that disabled children and their families are included. In addition, the Charity seeks to further knowledge about childhood disability and its impact on children, siblings, parents, and other carers within the Borough of Sandwell and to support those parent carers in carrying out their role via the provision of a range of services specifically designed by parent carers for parent carers.

During the year, the charity ran the following activities:

Short Breaks Programme

During the year 2023/2024 SPDC continued its work under the short breaks programme. The aim of this programme is two-fold, firstly, to provide opportunities for disabled children and young people to access a range of experiences, whilst affording parent carers a short break from their caring responsibilities and secondly, to offer opportunities for whole families

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to take part in activities together. Following the disruption of previous years which resulted in a review of the way services were delivered, this year saw SPDC return to a direct face-to-face style of delivery, apart from one home delivery as feedback from some families had indicated that they enjoyed this type of provision. During the year SPDC offered the following:

Family Project

This project seeks to provide activities aimed at all members of the family including disabled children and young people, siblings, and parent carers. 59 varied opportunities attracted 252 families comprising of 299 children and young people with disabilities, 187 siblings and 359 parent carers. Activities consisted of:

Family Club Sessions

Family Club offered a vast range of sporting, active and creative opportunities. Each week families had the chance to take part in sports such as cricket, basketball, rugby, hockey, badminton, table tennis and football as well as active pursuits such as martial arts, Zumba, and an evening of inflatables. Creative opportunities included weekly sensory activities, crafting, gardening, and baking challenges. In addition to the indoor sessions, Family Club has also taken place at different outdoor venues such as Sycamore Adventure Centre, Forge Mill Farm and Sandwell Valley, each of which have enabled families to have different experiences including a mini camping expedition and outdoor cooking.

Holiday and Weekend Family Activities

In addition to the Family Club, SPDC also offered a range of opportunities including our 20th Birthday Celebration at the amazing Sunflower Maze created by Forge Mill Farm, a fancy dress fun swim at Crystal Leisure Centre, hydrotherapy sessions, a visit to the cinema, family bowling, a "Come Dine With Me" home delivery experience and an afternoon in the company of The Flying Bazazi Brothers at the beautiful setting that is the Oak House in West Bromwich. Families also participated in a watersports experience at Syned Lake, a visit to the pantomime, and enjoyed our ever-popular Christmas party, which attracted 54 disabled children and young people.

Family Days Out

Working in conjunction with Variety, SPDC offered free access to a local Safari Park enabling 92 disabled children and young people to enjoy a much-needed day out with their families. In addition to this SPDC also offered 53 disabled children and young people the chance to spend a day at the seaside through a coach trip to Weston

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Achievements and Performance

2023/2024 also saw the continuation of the age specific short breaks programme, the purpose of which was to afford parent carers a short break whilst their children engaged in an interesting, challenging activity.

The programme was offered in two age ranges, 4 – 11 years and 11 – 18 years, and as two separate projects, one of which took place during the school half term holidays and the second throughout the long summer holidays.

During the half terms disabled children and young people aged between 4 – 11 years were able to choose from four activities which were made up of a balance of physical challenges, unique experiences and creative opportunities. The activities on offer were a visit to Laserworld in Great Bridge, a pottery painting session, rock climbing at Rock Up in Birmingham and visit from a mobile games wagon followed by more traditional board games. 48 disabled children and young people aged between 4 and 11 years chose to access these opportunities.

SPDC also offered the same four half term opportunities to disabled young people aged between 11 – 18 years, albeit with significantly reduced numbers of staff thereby enabling us to promote a great level of independence amongst this age group. 52 disabled young people aged between 11 and 18 years chose to take part in these opportunities.

SPDC's age specific summer holiday programmes offered disabled children and young people aged 4 to 11 years the opportunity to take part in a take part in a craft morning, canoeing sessions, horse-riding and horse care sessions and sailing sessions. 54 disabled children aged between 4 and 11 years took part in these activities. SPDC offered disabled young people aged 11 to 18 years the chance to take part in cookery sessions, canoeing sessions, horse-riding and horse care activities and sailing sessions. 52 disabled young people aged between 11 and 18 years old took part in the summer programme.

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Parent Carer Activities

This year SPDC has supported 359 parent carers of children and young people with a disability. We have done so in a huge variety of ways including providing one to one support, information sessions, peer support and volunteering opportunities, training and by ensuring that there were opportunities for parent carers to talk to members of staff privately at family activities. In addition to this parent carers were able to take part in a range of physical activities including Zumba and hydrotherapy sessions, many varied crafting opportunities and social opportunities such as coffee mornings at a huge variety of venues. Furthermore, parent carers are beginning to take the lead for organising such activities so as to ensure their sustainability.

Financial Review

During the year the charity received £244,996 by way of donations, grants and fees from general public and council bodies (2023: £245,453). The net movements of funds show a deficit of £5,650 that has been taken from the reserves brought forward from previous years.

The Trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves. The trustees have decided to set a level of reserves, which equate in value to approximately 6 months expenditure, which the trustees have estimated will be £134,605. This will be reviewed again at the end of the next financial year. This expenditure will be used for ongoing current activities such as staffing costs of the organisation, day trip and leisure activities cost as well as the general running on a day-to-day basis of the charity.

Plans for the future periods and public benefit

SPDC will continue with its current activities and aim to offer further opportunities through funding secured from Sandwell Children's Trust Short Breaks contracts which are in place until March 2025. In planning activities SPDC has borne in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of our work remains the provision of regular clubs and holiday and weekend experiences which benefit disabled children and their families by reducing isolation and providing them with opportunities to have quality experiences together and meet new people and make friends. We have also continued to develop our work with parent carers this year. We welcome all families regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances and believe that this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of experiences, aspirations, aptitudes and skills.

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Accounting and Reporting Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on24/10/24..... and signed on their behalf.



Jo-Ann Rogers
Chairperson

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
Statement of Financial Activities
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

		<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>
		<u>31/03/2024</u>	<u>31/03/2024</u>	<u>31/03/2024</u>	<u>31/03/2023</u>
		£	£	£	£
<u>Income Resources</u>					
Donations and legacies					
Income from donations and legacy	2	42500	93201	135701	130139
Income from other trading activities	3	0	2357	2357	7344
Investment Income	4	0	678	678	221
Income from charitable activities	5	106260	0	106260	107749
Total Incoming resources		148760	96236	244996	245453
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on raising funds		753	0	753	250
Charitable activities: (includes governance costs)		136267	113626	249893	259415
Total Resources Expended	6	137020	113626	250646	259665
Net movements in funds		11740	-17390	-5650	-14212
Funds at 31st March 2023		26646	81413	108059	122271
Transfer between funds		-913	913	0	0
Total Funds at 31st March 2024	13	37473	64936	102409	108059

Registered Charity No: 1125576

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

Balance Sheet

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31/03/2024</u>	<u>31/03/2023</u>
		£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Tangible Assets	9	6317	6569
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors and Prepayments	10	22977	1141
Cash in Bank and in Hand		75660	117542
<u>Creditors: amounts due within one year</u>			
Accruals	11	2545	2193
Deferred Income		0	15000
Net Current Assets		96092	101490
Net Assets	12	<u>102409</u>	<u>108059</u>
<u>Financed by</u>			
General Funds		64936	81413
Restricted Funds		37473	26646
<u>Total Funds</u>	13	<u>102409</u>	<u>108059</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the trustees on 24/10/24 and were signed by:



Jo-Ann Rogers
Chairperson

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2024

1) **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical costs convention. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'.

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity and the amounts are certain and, measurable. Any incoming resources received that relate exclusively to future periods are deferred on the Balance Sheet.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised in the statement of financial activities when a liability is incurred or increased without a commensurate increase in recognised assets or a reduction in liabilities.

Allocation of Costs

Direct Activity Costs comprise those costs that contribute directly to an activity and are allocated to the relevant activity.

Support Costs comprise those costs that are necessary to deliver an activity but in themselves do not produce or deliver an activity.

Governance Costs are those costs incurred to meet statutory and constitutional requirements.

Funds

- (a) Unrestricted funds, which are credited to the Income and Expenditure accounts are normally expendable at the discretion of the management.
- (b) Restricted funds, which are for specific purpose declared by the donors and are credited to the Income and Expenditure account when received and debited to the same account when paid.
- (c) Designated funds represent funds set aside by the Management Committee for specific purposes.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing-line basis over their useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Office Equipment	-	20%
Fixtures & Fittings	-	20%

Taxation

The charitable organisation is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
2) <u>Donations and legacies</u>	£	£
<u>Grants from Local and National Governments</u>		
Sandwell MBC Carer Support Programme	20000	20000
Sandwell MBC Parents & Carer Support Programme	24000	24000
Big Lottery Parent Carers Together Project	22500	46040
BBC Children in Need	15000	0
Gift Aid	0	1366
<u>Grants from Trusts, Foundations and Similar</u>		
SCVO Vision 2030 Community Grant	5000	4840
Barnardos	10000	10000
Thomas Dudley Group Ltd	0	8000
Harry Payne Trust	0	1500
Black Country Touring	0	1000
Esmee Fairburn Foundation Trust Grant	20000	0
Wates Family Enterprise Trust Grant	5000	0
Masonic Charitable	5000	0
Central C-op Grant	1500	0
The Cole Trust	1000	0
The Roger & Douglas Turner Donations	2000 4701	0 13393
	<u>135701</u>	<u>130139</u>
3) <u>Other Trading activities</u>		
Fundraising Event Income	1584	6925
Café Income	773	419
	<u>2357</u>	<u>7344</u>
4) <u>Income from investments</u>		
Bank Interest Received	678	221
	<u>678</u>	<u>221</u>
5) <u>Income from charitable activities</u>		
Short Breaks Family Activities	77000	77000
Short Breaks Holiday & Weekend Activities	29260	27940
Activity fees	0	2609
Other Income	0	200
	<u>106260</u>	<u>107749</u>
TOTAL	<u>244996</u>	<u>245453</u>

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2024****6) TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	<u>Basis of allocation</u>	<u>Incoming Resources</u>					<u>Total 2024</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>	
		<u>Holiday & Weekend Activities</u>	<u>Short Breaks Family Activities</u>	<u>Parents Carer Support Programme</u>	<u>SCVO Vision 2030 Grant</u>	<u>Charitable Activities</u>			<u>Governance</u>
<u>Costs directly allocated to activities</u>		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Staff Costs	Direct	32846	32663	16264			81773	84189	
Consultancy and Sessional staff	Direct	3975	9670	221			13866	17660	
Travel	Direct	120	854	215			1189	643	
Repair	Direct	0	0	80			80	0	
Day Trips/Activities	Direct	7162	17138	6966			31266	28727	
Rent and Room Hire	Direct	513	5930	92			6535	4746	
Advertising/Marketing	Direct	0	0	0			0	0	
Telephone	Direct	60	298	60			418	450	
Training/Subscription	Direct	0	432	0			432	12	
Printing, Postage & Stationary	Direct	0	0	0			0	1154	
Voluntary Expenses	Direct	0	0	0			0	0	
Equipment Hire	Direct	0	0	0			0	1254	
Professional fees	Direct	0	0	0			0	1397	
Computer Maintenance	Direct	0	0	0			0	31	
Catering/Refreshment	Direct	0	808	277			1085	1536	
Sundries	Direct	0	10	88			98	146	
Depreciation	Direct	50	0	0	228		278	299	
<u>Support Costs allocated to activities</u>									
Premises Management		0	0	0	9184	1058	10242	7783	
Administration/Events		0	0	0	91570	2661	94231	99425	
Legal and Professional Fees		0	0	0	3412	0	3412	3253	
Equipment		0	0	0	1391	2495	3886	4312	
		0	0	0	1855	0	1855	2648	
<u>Total Resources Expended</u>		44726	67803	24263	228	107412	6214	250646	259665

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7) <u>STAFF COSTS</u>	Year ended <u>31/03/2024</u>	Year ended <u>31/03/2023</u>
<u>Staff Costs</u>	£	£
Wages and Salaries	144141	175902

8) **STAFF NUMBER**

The average number of employees during the period was as follows:

	Year ended <u>31/03/2024</u>	Year ended <u>31/03/2023</u>
Average number of employees	6	7

9) **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

COST	<u>Fixtures & Fittings Office Equipment</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
1st April 2023	13065	13065
Additions	1881	1881
Cost Disposal	(1739)	(1739)
As at 31/03/2024	<u>13207</u>	<u>13207</u>
DEPRECIATION		
1st April 2023	6496	6496
Charge for the year	1374	1374
Depreciation on disposal	(980)	(980)
As at 31st March 2024	<u>6890</u>	<u>6890</u>
Net Book Value		
31st March 2024	<u>6317</u>	<u>6317</u>
31st March 2023	<u>6569</u>	<u>6569</u>

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10) DEBTORS/PREPAYMENTS

	Year ended <u>31/03/2024</u> £	Year ended <u>31/03/2023</u> £
Prepayments	22977	1141
	<u>22977</u>	<u>1141</u>

11) CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Year ended <u>31/03/2024</u> £	Year ended <u>31/03/2023</u> £
Creditors & Accruals	2023	1373
Pensions	522	820
Deferred Income	0	15000
	<u>2545</u>	<u>17193</u>

12) ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £
Tangible Fixed Assets		6317	6317
Debtors/Prepayments		22977	22977
Cash at Bank in Hand	64936	10724	75660
Current Liabilities		2545	2545
Net assets at 31st March 2024	<u>64936</u>	<u>37473</u>	<u>102409</u>

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2024****13) CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

Authorised but not contracted.

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	<u>Bal b/fd</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>01/04/2023</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>31/03/2024</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>31/03/2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>£</u>
Short Breaks Holiday & Weekend Activities	-8806	29260	44726	-24272	0	-24272
Short Breaks Family Activities	23054	77000	67803	32251	0	32251
Parents Carer Support Programme	11257	42500	24263	29494	0	29494
SCVO Vision 2030 Grant	1141	0	228	913	-913	0
Total Restricted Funds	26646	148760	137020	38386	-913	37473
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	81413	96236	113626	64023	913	64936
Total Unrestricted Funds	81413	96236	113626	64023	913	64936
Total Funds	108059	244996	250646	102409	0	102409

Purposes of Funds**Short Breaks Holiday and Family Activities**

This fund represents monies received from main contracts so as to finance a weekly Family Club and regular events and activities during school holidays towards healthy lifestyles and a reduction in social isolation.

Parents Carer Support Programme

This fund represents monies received from grants to support the work that we do with parent carers of disabled children. This work focuses on providing opportunities for social networking and peer support.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children for the year ended 31st March 2024..

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act).
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

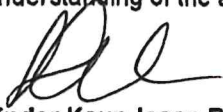
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not provide an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

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SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

**Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2023
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Structure, Governance and Management

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The day-to-day work of the charity is overseen by the Chief Officer who is responsible to report to the Management Committee. There are further five staff positions within the organisation (three full time and two part time) and sessional staff are employed on an ad hoc basis as required by the level of the activities.

The Management Committee is aware of the potential risks to the charity, both financial and otherwise, and implements strategies to control or minimise these risks. Assessments have been undertaken of the major risks which face the charity, including funding, health, and safety. The Management Committee is planning further assessments on other areas such as operational risks, governance and compliance with law and regulations.

Objectives and Activities

The charity was established to promote the welfare of children and young people with disabilities through the provision of leisure time activities. As such, the focus of these activities is to improve the quality and experience of life for children and young people with disabilities and that of their families and carers. This is achieved by providing a range of social, play, leisure and sporting opportunities for disabled children and their families as well as working closely with other service providers to ensure that disabled children and their families are included. In addition, the Charity seeks to further knowledge about childhood disability and its impact on children, siblings, parents, and other carers within the Borough of Sandwell and to support those parent carers in carrying out their role via the provision of a range of services specifically designed by parent carers for parent carers.

During the year, the charity ran the following activities:

Short Breaks Programme

During the year 2022/2023 SPDC continued its work under the short breaks programme. The aim of this programme is two-fold, firstly, to provide opportunities for disabled children and young people to access a range of experiences, whilst affording parent carers a short break from their caring responsibilities and secondly, to offer opportunities for whole families

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to take part in activities together. Following the disruption of previous years which resulted in a review of the way services were delivered, this year saw SPDC return to a direct face-to-face style of delivery, apart from one home as feedback from some families had indicated that they enjoyed this type of provision. During the year SPDC offered the following:

Family Project

This project seeks to provide activities aimed at all members of the family including disabled children and young people, siblings, and parent carers. 49 varied opportunities attracted 248 families comprising of 302 children and young people with disabilities, 188 siblings and 344 parent carers. Activities consisted of:

Family Club Sessions

Family Club offered a vast range of sporting, active and creative opportunities. Each week families had the chance to take part in sports such as basketball, rugby, hockey, badminton, table tennis, basketball, and dodgeball as well as active pursuits such as yoga, dance, circus skills and even a go-cart race. Creative opportunities included weekly sensory activities, crafting, gardening, and baking challenges. In addition to the indoor sessions, Family Club has also taken place at different outdoor venues such as Sycamore Adventure Centre, Forge Mill Farm and Sandwell Valley, each of which have enabled families to take part in different experiences including outdoor fitness sessions and outdoor cooking.

Holiday and Weekend Family Activities

This year saw a return of SPDC's ever popular family Christmas party which was attended by 180 people from 51 families, made up of 61 disabled children and young people, 41 of their siblings and 78 parent carers. As well as the party SPDC also hosted a pantomime visit, pumpkin carving at Forge Mill Farm, visits to the cinema and the bowling alley, watersports at Sneyd Lake, a fun swim at Crystal Leisure Centre, hydrotherapy sessions, a performance from a traditional Indian Circus at the Oak House in West Bromwich, a home delivery of a Jubilee kit containing everything needed to celebrate the late Queen's jubilee including baking kits, bunting to make and hats to decorate and a Commonwealth themed Sports Day at Tipton Sports Academy attended by 42 disabled children and young people.

Family Days Out

Working in conjunction with Variety, SPDC offered free access to a local Safari Park enabling 126 disabled children and young people to enjoy a much-needed day out with their families. In addition to this SPDC also offered 42 disabled children and young people the chance to spend a day at the seaside

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Achievements and Performance

2022/2023 also saw the continuation of the age specific short breaks programme, the purpose of which was to afford parent carers a short break whilst their children engaged in an interesting, challenging activity.

The programme was offered in two age ranges, 4 – 11 years and 11 – 18 years, and as two separate projects, one of which took place during the school half term holidays and the second throughout the long summer holidays.

During the half terms disabled children and young people aged between 4 – 11 years were able to choose from five activities consisting of a creature feature, providing a chance to meet a variety of animals up close, a visit to Scallywags for soft play and a teddy making opportunity, a pizza bash where children were able to make their own pizzas and eat them in a restaurant environment, an archery session and a "Make and Bake" home delivery offering various baking and cooking opportunities along with age-appropriate craft opportunities. 75 disabled children and young people aged between 4 and 11 years chose to access these opportunities.

SPDC also offered five half term activities to disabled young people aged between 11 – 18 years. The first of these was a visit to Clue HQ in Birmingham, an interactive science session, a pizza bash where young people were able to make their own pizzas and eat them in a restaurant environment, an archery session and a "Make and Bake" home delivery offering various baking and cooking opportunities along with age-appropriate craft opportunities. 89 disabled young people aged between 11 and 18 years chose to take part in these opportunities.

SPDC's age specific summer holiday programmes offered disabled children and young people the opportunity to take part in a graffiti workshop, canoeing sessions, horse-riding and a visit to the RSPB. 43 disabled children aged between 4 and 11 years old and 45 disabled young people aged between 11 and 18 years old took part in the summer programme.

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Parent Carer Activities

This year SPDC has supported 369 parent carers of children and young people with a disability. We have done so in a huge variety of ways including providing one to one support, information sessions, peer support and volunteering opportunities, training and by ensuring that there were opportunities for parent carers to talk to members of staff privately at family activities.

Financial Review

During the year the charity received £245,453 by way of donations, grants and fees from general public and council bodies (2022: £247,461). The net movements of funds show a deficit of £14,212 that has been taken from the reserves brought forward from previous years.

The Trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves. The trustees have decided to set a level of reserves, which equate in value to approximately 6 months expenditure, which the trustees have estimated will be £107,000. This will be reviewed again at the end of the next financial year. This expenditure will be used for ongoing current activities such as staffing costs of the organisation, day trip and leisure activities cost as well as the general running on a day-to-day basis of the charity.

Plans for the future periods and public benefit

SPDC will continue with its current activities and aim to offer further opportunities through funding secured from Sandwell Children's Trust Short Breaks contracts which are in place until March 2025. In planning activities SPDC has borne in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of our work remains the provision of regular clubs and holiday and weekend experiences which benefit disabled children and their families by reducing isolation and providing them with opportunities to have quality experiences together and meet new people and make friends. We have also continued to develop our work with parent carers this year. We welcome all families regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances and believe that this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of experiences, aspirations, aptitudes and skills.

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Accounting and Reporting Responsibilities

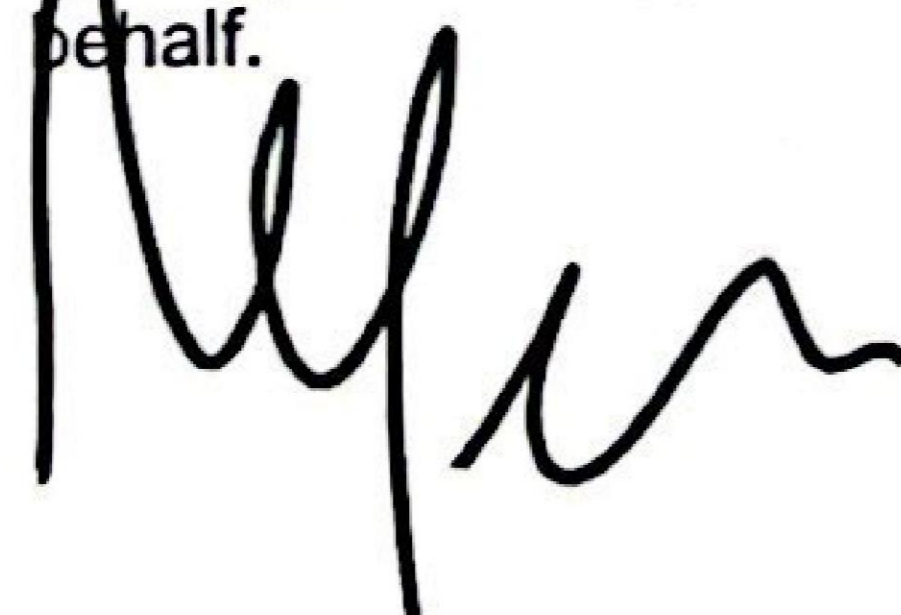
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on 9/11/2023 and signed on their behalf.



Jo-Ann Rogers
Chairperson

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

		<u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Fund</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31/03/2023</u>	<u>31/03/2023</u>	<u>31/03/2023</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u>
<u>Income Resources</u>		£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies					
Income from donations and legacy	2	48540	81599	130139	155553
Income from other trading activities	3	0	7344	7344	5793
Investment Income	4	0	221	221	5
Income from charitable activities	5	104940	2809	107749	86110
Total Incoming resources		153480	91973	245453	247461
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on raising funds		250	0	250	0
Charitable activities: (includes governance costs)		141994	117421	259415	234278
Total Resources Expended	6	142244	117421	259665	234278
Net movements in funds		11236	-25448	-14212	13183
Funds at 31st March 2022		15410	106861	122271	109088
Total Funds at 31st March 2023	13	26646	81413	108059	122271

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

Balance Sheet

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31/03/2023</u> £	<u>31/03/2022</u> £
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Tangible Assets	9	6569	7240
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors and Prepayments	10	1141	1137
Cash in Bank and in Hand		117542	121689
<u>Creditors: amounts due within one year</u>			
Accruals	11	2193	1795
Deferred Income		15000	6000
Net Current Assets		101490	115031
Net Assets	12	<u>108059</u>	<u>122271</u>
<u>Financed by</u>			
General Funds		81413	106861
Restricted Funds		26646	15410
<u>Total Funds</u>	13	<u>108059</u>	<u>122271</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the trustees on 9/11/2023 and were signed by:



Jo-Ann Rogers
Chairperson

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2023

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical costs convention.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'.

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity and the amounts are certain and measurable. Any incoming resources received that relate exclusively to future periods are deferred on the Balance Sheet.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised in the statement of financial activities when a liability is incurred or increased without a commensurate increase in recognised assets or a reduction in liabilities.

Allocation of Costs

Direct Activity Costs comprise those costs that contribute directly to an activity and are allocated to the relevant activity.

Support Costs comprise those costs that are necessary to deliver an activity but in themselves do not produce or deliver an activity.

Governance Costs are those costs incurred to meet statutory and constitutional requirements.

Funds

- (a) Unrestricted funds, which are credited to the Income and Expenditure accounts are normally expendable at the discretion of the management.
- (b) Restricted funds, which are for specific purpose declared by the donors and are credited to the Income and Expenditure account when received and debited to the same account when paid.
- (c) Designated funds represent funds set aside by the Management Committee for specific purposes.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing-line basis over their useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Office Equipment	-	20%
Fixtures & Fittings	-	20%

Taxation

The charitable organisation is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
2) <u>Donations and legacies</u>		
<u>Grants from Local and National Governments</u>		
Sandwell MBC Carer Support Programme	20000	20000
Sandwell MBC Parents & Carer Support Programme	24000	24000
Big Lottery Parent Carers Together Project	46040	41590
Gift Aid	1366	1315
<u>Grants from Trusts, Foundations and Similar</u>		
SCVO Vision 2030 Community Grant	4840	0
Barnardos	10000	0
Eveson Charitable Trust Grant	0	10000
Thomas Dudley Group Ltd	8000	5000
SCVO Covid 19 Vaccination Support Fund Grant	0	3100
The Sir John Middlemore grant	0	2000
Warburtons Development Grant	0	3000
Postcode Local Trust Grant	0	19840
SMBC Holiday Activity & Food Grant	0	14445
Harry Payne Trust	1500	0
Black Country Touring	1000	0
Donations	13393	11263
	<u>130139</u>	<u>155553</u>
3) <u>Other Trading activities</u>		
Fundraising Event Income	6925	5618
Café Income	419	175
	<u>7344</u>	<u>5793</u>
4) <u>Income from investments</u>		
Bank Interest Received	221	5
	<u>221</u>	<u>5</u>
5) <u>Income from charitable activities</u>		
Short Breaks Family Activities	77000	60000
Short Breaks Holiday & Weekend Activities	27940	23590
Activity fees	2609	2520
Other Income	200	0
	<u>107749</u>	<u>86110</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>245453</u></u>	<u><u>247461</u></u>

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2023**

		<u>Incoming Resources</u>						<u>Total 2023</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>
		<u>Basis of allocation</u>	<u>Holiday & Weekend Activities</u>	<u>Short Breaks Family Activities</u>	<u>Parents Carer Support Programme</u>	<u>SCVO Vision 2030 Grant</u>	<u>Charitable Activities</u>		
<u>Costs directly allocated to activities</u>		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Staff Costs	Direct	24267	29100	30822				84189	81753
Consultancy and Sessional staff	Direct	4689	12707	264				17660	22520
Travel	Direct	258	270	115				643	788
Repair	Direct	0	0	0				0	347
Day Trips/Activities	Direct	6931	16627	5169				28727	43370
Rent and Room Hire	Direct	0	4746	0				4746	3524
Advertising/Marketing	Direct	0	0	0				0	2301
Telephone	Direct	80	250	120				450	542
Training/Subscription	Direct	0	12	0				12	0
Printing, Postage & Stationary	Direct	372	280	502				1154	680
Voluntary Expenses	Direct	0	0	0				0	185
Equipment Hire	Direct	0	879	375				1254	1134
Professional fees	Direct	0	397	1000				1397	0
Computer Maintenance	Direct	0	31	0				31	995
Catering/Refreshment	Direct	149	356	1031				1536	491
Sundries	Direct	0	116	30				146	246
Depreciation	Direct	0	14	0	285			299	462
 <u>Support Costs allocated to activities</u>									
Premises		0	0	0		6774	1009	7783	7712
Management		0	0	0		96732	2693	99425	60697
Administration/Events		0	0	0		3253	0	3253	2805
Legal and Professional Fees		0	0	0		2192	2120	4312	2410
Equipment		0	0	0		2648	0	2648	1316
Total Resources Expended		36746	65785	39428	285	111599	5822	259665	234278

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7) <u>STAFF COSTS</u>	Year ended <u>31/03/2023</u>	Year ended <u>31/03/2022</u>
<u>Staff Costs</u>	£	£
Wages and Salaries	175902	136996

8) STAFF NUMBER

The average number of employees during the period was as follows:

	Year ended <u>31/03/2023</u>	Year ended <u>31/03/2022</u>
Average number of employees	7	7

9) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH
2023

COST	<u>Fixtures & Fittings Office Equipment</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
1st April 2022	14071	14071
Additions	2276	2276
Cost Disposal	(3,282)	(3,282)
As at 31/03/2023	<u>13065</u>	<u>13065</u>
 DEPRECIATION		
1st April 2022	6831	6831
Charge for the year	1477	1477
Depreciation on disposal	(1,812)	(1,812)
As at 31st March 2023	<u>6496</u>	<u>6496</u>
 Net Book Value		
31st March 2023	<u>6569</u>	<u>6569</u>
31st March 2022	<u>7240</u>	<u>7240</u>

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2023****10) DEBTORS/PREPAYMENTS**

	Year ended <u>31/03/2023</u> £	Year ended <u>31/03/2022</u> £
Prepayments	1141	1137
	<u>1141</u>	<u>1137</u>

11) CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Year ended <u>31/03/2023</u> £	Year ended <u>31/03/2022</u> £
Creditors & Accruals	1373	1330
Pensions	820	465
Deferred Income	15000	6000
	<u>17193</u>	<u>7795</u>

12) ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> £
Tangible Fixed Assets		6569	6569
Debtors/Prepayments		1141	1141
Cash at Bank in Hand	81413	36129	117542
Current Liabilities		17193	17193
Net assets at 31st March 2023	<u>81413</u>	<u>26646</u>	<u>108059</u>

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2023****13) CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

Authorised but not contracted.

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Restricted Funds	<u>Bal b/fd</u> <u>01/04/2022</u> £	<u>Income</u> <u>Resources</u> £	<u>Outgoing</u> <u>Resources</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>31/03/2023</u> £
Short Breaks Holiday & Weekend Activities	0	27940	36746	-8806
Short Breaks Family Activities	10839	78000	65785	23054
Parents Carer Support Programme	3145	47540	39428	11257
SCVO Vision 2030 Grant	1426	0	285	1141
Total Restricted Funds	15410	153480	142244	26646
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	106861	91973	117421	81413
Total Unrestricted Funds	106861	91973	117421	81413
Total Funds	122271	245453	259665	108059

Purposes of Funds**Short Breaks Holiday and Family Activities**

This fund represents monies received from main contracts and the collection of fees so as to finance a weekly Family Club and regular events and activities during school holidays towards healthy lifestyles and a reduction in social isolation.

Parents Carer Support Programme

This fund represents monies received from grants to support the work that we do with parent carers of disabled children. This work focuses on providing opportunities for social networking and peer support.

SCVO Vision 2030 Grant

This fund represents monies received to support the set-up of IT equipment and service delivery.

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children for the year ended 31st March 2023..

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act).
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

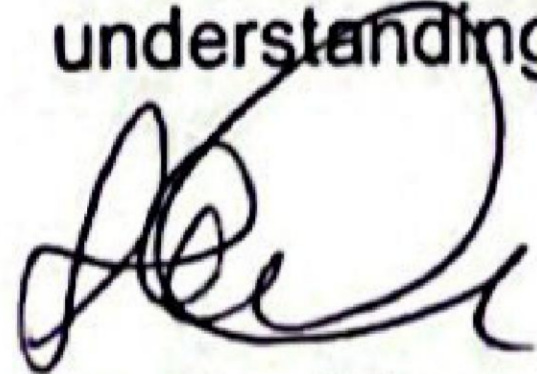
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not provide an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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
- 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) Regulation 2008 other than any requirements 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.



**Harvinder Kaur Josan
Hallbrookes (Accountancy) Ltd
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Date 9/11/2023

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
For the year ended 31st March 2022

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SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Reference and Administrative Information

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The charity was established to promote the welfare of children and young people with disabilities through the provision of leisure time activities. As such, the focus of these activities is to improve the quality and experience of life for children and young people with disabilities and that of their families and carers. This is achieved by providing a range of social, play, leisure and sporting opportunities for disabled children and their families as well as working closely with other service providers to ensure that disabled children and their families are included. In addition, the Charity seeks to further knowledge about childhood disability and its impact on children, siblings, parents, and other carers within the Borough of Sandwell and to support those parent carers in carrying out their role via the provision of a range of services specifically designed by parent carers for parent carers.

During the year, the charity ran the following activities:

Short Breaks Programme

During the year 2021/2022 SPDC continued its work under the short breaks programme. The aim of this programme is two-fold, firstly, to provide opportunities for disabled children and young people to access a range of experiences, whilst affording parent carers a short break from their caring responsibilities and secondly, to offer opportunities for whole families

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to take part in activities together. Following various periods of enforced lockdown owing to the global pandemic, the services offered under this programme have gradually returned to a face-to-face style of delivery, albeit in a somewhat reduced capacity, during the year 2021/ 2022. SPDC also chose to continue to offer home deliveries to families during this year, as feedback from the previous year clearly indicated that this type of provision suited a number of families. By utilising this type of dual approach to the delivery of services SPDC were able offer the following:

Family Project

This project seeks to provide activities aimed at all members of the family including disabled children and young people, siblings, and parent carers. During the year SPDC offered 68 varied opportunities to 228 families comprising of 279 children and young people with disabilities, 178 siblings and 357 parent carers. Activities consisted of:

Family Club Sessions

At the beginning of the year Family Club activities were delivered direct to childrens' homes in the form of activity bags, which contained a range of crafting activities, gardening, and baking challenges plus active challenges such as scavenger hunts and orienteering courses. As the year progressed it became possible for the Family Club to resume operating on a face-to-face basis, which gave SPDC the chance to offer outdoor sessions such as sensory bubbles, family circuit training and group park visits. The latter half of the year saw the return of indoor Family Club sessions, affording SPDC the chance to offer "themed opportunities" such as "Try out a New Hobby" where families were able to take part in taster sessions of potential new pastimes including yoga, hula hooping, boxercise, circus skills, knitting, sewing and painting. Other themed sessions saw families "visiting" various parts of the world via the food, sport and crafts of different continents and countries.

Holiday and Weekend Family Activities

As with the Family Club, this year saw a mixture of home delivered and virtual activities alongside face-to-face ones. By far the most popular home delivery was SPDC's Festive Bag, which contained everything needed for a festive countdown to the big day including a festive family games night, a treasure hunt, various craft activities and a baking challenge. The festive bag was delivered to 97 families enabling a total of 408 people, made up of 127 disabled children and young people, 102 siblings and 179 parent carers to enjoy its contents. Face-to-face opportunities included visits to Blackwell Adventure Centre for outdoor challenges including zip wiring, grass sledging and 3G swings, climbing at Aldridge Airport, water sports such as paddleboarding and canoeing at Sneyd Lake plus visits to Sycamore Adventure Centre, Inflatation, and Laser world, as well as trips to the pantomime and cinema.

Family Days Out

Working in conjunction with Variety, SPDC offered free access to a local Safari Park enabling members of 59 families including 78 disabled children and young people to enjoy a much-needed day out together. In addition to this, 41 families, including 53 disabled children and young people also enjoyed a free day out at the zoo.

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Achievements and Performance

2021/2022 also saw the continuation of the age specific short breaks programme, the purpose of which was to afford parent carers a short break whilst their children engaged in an interesting, challenging activity.

The programme was offered in two age ranges, 4 – 11 years and 11 – 18 years, and as two separate projects, one of which took place during the school half term holidays and the second throughout the long summer holidays. As with the Family Project the activities offered under this programme were delivered as a mixture of home delivered and face-to-face ones.

During the half terms disabled children and young people aged between 4 – 11 years were able to choose from four activities, two of which were home deliveries, the first being a “Garden Bonanza” bag containing growing challenges and stone painting and the second being a “Bag of Opportunities” which gave all children baking opportunities, bubble painting and then a choice between age-appropriate science or craft activities. The remaining two activities were face-to-face sessions, the first of which was a JellyLegz Inflatables session, and the second a visit to an indoor Crazy Golf Centre. 76 disabled children and young people aged between 4 and 11 years chose to access these opportunities.

SPDC also offered four half term activities to disabled young people aged between 11 – 18 years. Again, the first two of these were home deliveries consisting of an age appropriate “Garden Bonanza” bag containing growing challenges and stone painting and the second being a “Bag of Opportunities” containing baking opportunities, bubble painting and then a choice between science or craft activities. The remaining two activities took the form of a visit to a dessert shop (with a budget to spend) and a visit to an indoor Crazy Golf Centre. 72 disabled young people aged between 11 and 18 years chose to take part in these opportunities

SPDC’s age specific summer holiday programmes offered disabled children and young people the opportunity to take part in three challenging face-to-face activities specifically horse-riding, canoeing and an animal experience, and a home delivery of a “Staycation” pack containing a vast array of creative activities as well as physical challenges. 43 disabled children aged between 4 and 11 years old and 45 disabled young people aged between 11 and 18 years old took part in the summer programme.

Healthy Activity and Food Project

In addition to the above, SPDC was thrilled to have been chosen to take part in the Healthy Activity and Food Project (HAF) during the summer holidays and October half term. The aim of this project was to offer families the chance to develop sustainable cookery skills, acquire essential kitchen equipment and to make tasty, healthy meals and snacks from the fresh ingredients provided. In order to achieve this goal SPDC delivered four separate boxes each containing all of the necessary fresh and dry ingredients for one meal and two snacks along with equipment and instructions in a variety of formats including written, pictorial and YouTube demonstrations. Through this project SPDC were able to provide 135 families with the chance to enjoy fresh food cooked from scratch.

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Parent Carer Activities

This year SPDC has supported 323 parent carers of children with a disability, an increase on last year's figure by 92%. We have facilitated 51 parent carer event and support group sessions, these were initially delivered by Zoom with our themed support packs and trained practitioners in the activity offered, including craft, sleep therapy, wellbeing, mindfulness as examples. As Covid-19 restrictions eased we successfully re-engaged with our parent carer community with face-to-face events. 254 of our parent carers were provided with information and support to access other services. 120 parents had intensive one to one support. Our parents produced a lasting piece of art, showcasing their parent carer role on local newspapers and radio.

Financial Review

During the year the charity received £247,461 by way of donations, grants and fees from general public and council bodies (2021: £221,342). The net movements of funds show a surplus of £13,183 that has been added to the reserves brought forward from previous years.

The Trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves. The trustees have decided to set a level of reserves, which equate in value to approximately 6 months expenditure, which the trustees have estimated will be £125,000. This will be reviewed again at the end of the next financial year. This expenditure will be used for ongoing current activities such as staffing costs of the organisation, day trip and leisure activities cost as well as the general running on a day-to-day basis of the charity.

Plans for the future periods and public benefit

SPDC will continue with its current activities and aim to offer further opportunities through funding secured from Sandwell Children's Trust Short Breaks contracts which are in place until March 2024. In planning activities SPDC has borne in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of our work remains the provision of regular clubs and holiday and weekend experiences which benefit disabled children and their families by reducing isolation and providing them with opportunities to have quality experiences together and meet new people and make friends. We have also continued to develop our work with parent carers this year. We welcome all families regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances and believe that this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of experiences, aspirations, aptitudes and skills.

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Accounting and Reporting Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on ...7th October 2022... and signed on their behalf.



Martin Stevens
Chairperson

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2022

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

		<u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Fund</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>
		£	£	£	£
<u>Income Resources</u>					
Donations and legacies					
Income from donations and legacy	2	78875	76678	155553	135881
Income from other trading activities	3	0	5793	5793	1532
Investment Income	4	0	5	5	20
Income from charitable activities	5	83590	2520	86110	83909
Total Incoming resources		<u>162465</u>	<u>84996</u>	<u>247461</u>	<u>221342</u>
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on raising funds		0	0	0	0
Charitable activities: (includes governance costs)		159338	74940	234278	190037
Total Resources Expended	6	<u>159338</u>	<u>74940</u>	<u>234278</u>	<u>190037</u>
Net movements in funds		3127	10056	13183	31305
Funds at 31st March 2021		1782	107306	109088	77783
Transfer between funds		10501	-10501	0	0
Total Funds at 31st March 2022	13	<u>15410</u>	<u>106861</u>	<u>122271</u>	<u>109088</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

<u>Balance Sheet</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>
		£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Tangible Assets	9	7240	5648
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors and Prepayments	10	1137	1077
Cash in Bank and in Hand		121689	119072
<u>Creditors: amounts due within one year</u>			
Accruals	11	1795	1709
Deferred Income		6000	15000
Net Current Assets		115031	103440
Net Assets	12	<u>122271</u>	<u>109088</u>
<u>Financed by</u>			
General Funds		106861	107306
Restricted Funds		15410	1782
<u>Total Funds</u>	13	<u>122271</u>	<u>109088</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the trustees on 7th October 2022 and were signed by:



Martin Stevens
Chairperson

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2022

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical costs convention. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'.

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity and the amounts are certain and, measurable. Any incoming resources received that relate exclusively to future periods are deferred on the Balance Sheet.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised in the statement of financial activities when a liability is incurred or increased without a commensurate increase in recognised assets or a reduction in liabilities.

Allocation of Costs

Direct Activity Costs comprise those costs that contribute directly to an activity and are allocated to the relevant activity.

Support Costs comprise those costs that are necessary to deliver an activity but in themselves do not produce or deliver an activity.

Governance Costs are those costs incurred to meet statutory and constitutional requirements.

Funds

- (a) Unrestricted funds, which are credited to the Income and Expenditure accounts are normally expendable at the discretion of the management.
- (b) Restricted funds, which are for specific purpose declared by the donors and are credited to the Income and Expenditure account when received and debited to the same account when paid.
- (c) Designated funds represent funds set aside by the Management Committee for specific purposes.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing-line basis over their useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Office Equipment	-	20%
Fixtures & Fittings	-	20%

Taxation

The charitable organisation is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
2) <u>Donations and legacies</u>		
<u>Grants from Local and National Governments</u>		
Sandwell MBC Carer Support Programme	20000	20000
Sandwell MBC Parents & Carer Support Programme	24000	24000
BBC Children In Need Fun Time Together Project	0	28915
Big Lottery Parent Carers Together Project	41590	45550
Gift Aid	1315	131
<u>Grants from Trusts, Foundations and Similar</u>		
SCVO Vision 2030 Community Grant	0	4984
Edward Gostling Foundation Grant	0	5000
Eveson Charitable Trust Grant	10000	0
Thomas Dudley Group Ltd	5000	0
SCVO Covid 19 Vaccination Support Fund Grant	3100	0
The Sir John Middlemore grant	2000	0
Warburtons Development Grant	3000	0
Postcode Local Trust Grant	19840	0
SMBC Holiday Activity & Food Grant	14445	0
Donations	11263	7301
	<u>155553</u>	<u>135881</u>
3) <u>Other Trading activities</u>		
Fundraising Event Income	5618	1532
Café Income	175	0
	<u>5793</u>	<u>1532</u>
4) <u>Income from investments</u>		
Bank Interest Received	5	20
	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>
5) <u>Income from charitable activities</u>		
Short Breaks Holiday & Family Activities	0	83590
Short Breaks Family Activities	60000	0
Holiday & Weekend Activities	23590	0
Activity fees	2520	0
Parent Activity fees	0	284
Event Income	0	35
	<u>86110</u>	<u>83909</u>
	<u>247461</u>	<u>221342</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2022****6) TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

		<u>Incoming Resources</u>						<u>Total 2022</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>
		<u>Basis of allocation</u>	<u>Holiday & Weekend Activities</u>	<u>Short Breaks Family Activities</u>	<u>Parents Carer Support Programme</u>	<u>SCVO Vision 2030 Grant</u>	<u>Charitable Activities</u>		
<u>Costs directly allocated to activities</u>		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Staff Costs	Direct	24639	27543	29571				81753	71145
Consultancy and Sessional staff	Direct	1553	20967	0				22520	5851
Travel	Direct	62	726	0				788	974
Repair	Direct	0	347	0				347	0
Day Trips/Activities	Direct	7625	30321	5424				43370	38879
Rent and Room Hire	Direct	50	3474	0				3524	0
Advertising/Marketing	Direct	0	801	1500				2301	0
Telephone	Direct	162	250	130				542	592
Training/Subscription	Direct	0	0	0				0	392
Printing, Postage & Stationary	Direct	0	233	447				680	1460
Voluntary Expenses	Direct	0	185	0				185	0
Equipment Hire	Direct	0	980	154				1134	1269
Professional fees	Direct	0	0	0				0	63
Computer Maintenance	Direct	0	90	905				995	2721
Catering/Refreshment	Direct	0	177	314				491	0
Sundries	Direct	0	246	0				246	58
Depreciation	Direct	0	106	0	356			462	197
Loss on disposal	Direct	0	0	0				0	0
<u>Support Costs allocated to activities</u>									
Premises		0	0	0		6769	943	7712	7714
Management		0	0	0		58100	2597	60697	54299
Administration/Events		0	0	0		2805	0	2805	1129
Legal and Professional Fees		0	0	0		300	2110	2410	2226
Equipment		0	0	0		1316	0	1316	1068
<u>Total Resources Expended</u>		34091	86446	38445	356	69290	5650	234278	190037

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2022****7) STAFF COSTS**

	<u>31/03/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>
<u>Staff Costs</u>	£	£
Wages and Salaries	136996	120812

8) STAFF NUMBER

The average number of employees during the period was as follows:

	<u>31/03/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>
Average number of employees	7	6

9) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

COST	<u>Fixtures & Fittings Office Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£
1st April 2021	11661	11661
Additions	3370	3370
Cost Disposal	(960)	(960)
As at 31/03/2022	<u>14071</u>	<u>14071</u>
DEPRECIATION		
1st April 2021	6013	6013
Charge for the year	1305	1305
Depreciation on disposal	(487)	(487)
As at 31st March 2022	<u>6831</u>	<u>6831</u>
Net Book Value		
31st March 2021	<u>5648</u>	<u>5648</u>
31st March 2022	<u>7240</u>	<u>7239</u>

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2022****10) DEBTORS/PREPAYMENTS**

	<u>31/03/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>
	£	£
Prepayments	1137	1077
	<u>1137</u>	<u>1077</u>

11) CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>31/03/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>
	£	£
Creditors & Accruals	1330	1270
Pensions	465	439
Deferred Income	6000	15000
	<u>7795</u>	<u>16709</u>

12) ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets		7240	7240
Debtors/Prepayments		1137	1137
Cash at Bank in Hand	106861	14828	121689
Current Liabilities		7795	7795
Net assets at 31st March 2022	<u>106861</u>	<u>15410</u>	<u>122271</u>

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2022****13) CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

Authorised but not contracted.

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	<u>Bal b/fd</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Restricted Funds	<u>01/04/2021</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u>	<u>between</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Short Breaks Holiday & Weekend Activities	0	23590	34091	-10501	10501	0
Short Breaks Family Activities	0	97285	86446	10839	0	10839
Parents Carer Support Programme	0	41590	38445	3145	0	3145
SCVO Vision 2030 Grant	1782	0	356	1426	0	1426
Total Restricted Funds	1782	162465	159338	4909	10501	15410
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	107306	84996	74940	117362	-10501	106861
Total Unrestricted Funds	107306	84996	74940	117362	-10501	106861
Total Funds	109088	247461	234278	122271	0	122271

Purposes of Funds**Short Breaks Holiday and Family Activities**

This fund represents monies received from main contracts and the collection of fees so as to finance a weekly Family Club and regular events and activities during school holidays towards healthy lifestyles and a reduction in social isolation.

Parents Carer Support Programme

This fund represents monies received from grants to support the work that we do with parent carers of disabled children. This work focuses on providing opportunities for social networking and peer support.

SCVO Vision 2030 Grant

This fund represents monies received to support the set up of IT equipment and service delivery.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act).
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

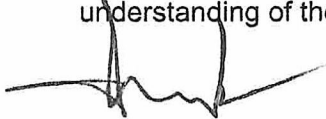
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not provide an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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
- 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) Regulation 2008 other than any requirements 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.



**Fomon Singh
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Date ..07-10-2022

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

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Galton Valley Children's Centre
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**COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT AND TRUSTEES
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

For the year ended 31st March 2021

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
For the year ended 31st March 2021

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SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2021

The Trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children

Charity Registration number: 1125576

Current Registered office address is:

SPDC
Galton Valley Children's Centre
Great Arthur Street
Smethwick
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The previous registered office was at The Old Vicarage, 44 Bratt Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 8SB.

Chairperson: Suzanne Hill

Vice Chairperson: Parpinder Dhatt (appointed November 2020)

Treasurer: Mike Chapell

Trustees:
Stella Bassford
Val Heaton
Martin Stevens
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Jacquie Purcell
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Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2021
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Structure, Governance and Management

Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children (SPDC) is an unincorporated association. It is governed by the regulations set out in the constitution and is run by a Voluntary Management Committee.

New committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for an indefinite period subject to one third retiring by rotation each year. Members so retiring are eligible for re-election. Existing Committee Members may co-opt new members between AGMs but co-opted members must stand for re-appointment at the next AGM. If so re-appointed, they then fall within the retirement by rotation provisions referred to above.

Committee Members are inducted to familiarise them with SPDC as well as their wider responsibilities as charity trustees.

The Management Committee met 6 times during the year to review the activities, consider the financial position and decide policy and procedure.

The day-to-day work of the charity is overseen by the Manager who is responsible to report to the Management Committee. There are further four staff positions within the organization (one full time and three part time) and sessional staff are employed on an ad hoc basis as required by the level of the activities.

The Management Committee is aware of the potential risks to the charity, both financial and otherwise, and implements strategies to control or minimise these risks. Assessments have been undertaken of the major risks which face the charity, including funding and health and safety. The Management Committee is planning further assessments on other areas such as operational risks, governance and compliance with law and regulations.

Objectives and Activities

The charity was established to promote the welfare of children and young people with disabilities through their leisure time with a view to improving their quality and experience of life and that of their families and carers and to further knowledge about childhood disability and its impact on children, siblings, parents and other carers in Sandwell. This is achieved by providing a range of play, leisure and sporting opportunities for disabled children and their families as well as working closely with other service providers to ensure that disabled children and their families are included.

It is impossible to report on the activities of the charity during this financial year without first making a reference to the climate in which we were operating. A global pandemic, leading to the introduction of the first of three national lockdowns on 23 March 2020, meant that we had to cancel all face-to-face activities for the forthcoming year and radically adapt the way in which we offered support to children and young people with disabilities and their families.

That said, the charity delivered the following activities:

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Short Breaks Programme

The year 2020/2021 SPDC continued its work under the short breaks programme. The aim of this programme is two-fold, firstly, to provide opportunities for disabled children and young people to access a range of experiences, whilst affording parent carers a short break from their caring responsibilities and secondly, to offer opportunities for whole families to take part in activities together. By introducing regular deliveries of activities, experiences, and opportunities direct to families' homes, and a variety of social media interactions, SPDC were able offer the following:

Family Project

SPDC's Family Club, which is aimed at all members of the family, including disabled children and young people, siblings and parent carers, has offered 53 varied opportunities to 140 families comprising of 177 children and young people with disabilities, 139 siblings and 206 parent carers

Games nights

Themed family games were designed and created to encourage all family members to come together and have fun. These packs were delivered to each family's home at regular intervals throughout the year. They incorporated multiple rounds of differentiated fun games to challenge each individual family member. Themes have included Valentines Games, How well do you know your family? a Treasure Hunt, a Scavenger Hunt, SPDC's versions of popular board games, I Spy, and a Festive Games pack.

SPDC's Festive Games Pack alone reached 104 disabled children, 57 siblings and 107 parent carers.

Creative activities

Families were challenged to be creative together to design a Family Shield which was then produced by a graffiti artist for them to paint and complete, a tie dye pack to create a T shirt for each family member, pumpkin carving, bonfire crafts, Chinese New Year cards and lantern making, bread painting, A Pocketful of Play activities such as roasting marshmallows and creating graffiti cards and posters to reach out to other families in isolation.

72 disabled children, 44 siblings and 85 parent carers designed and created their own unique T shirt.

Virtual activities

These have included interactive puppetry, storytelling, music and theatre shows, a talent show, an animal experience, an opportunity to discover all about Foley Artists and even our legendary Christmas party. SPDC also used video, Zoom and YouTube to bring families together through quizzes and physical challenges.

28 disabled children, 28 siblings and 31 parent carers joined the Zoom link to the Animal Experience to find out about a whole range of creatures.

Family Day Out

SPDC offered free access to a local zoo to individual families under strict health and safety guidelines. Even though the zoo had to close for long periods 73 disabled young people, 35 siblings and 104 parent carers enjoyed a much-needed day out.

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Achievements and Performance

2020/2021 also saw the continuation of the age specific short breaks programme, the purpose of which was to afford parent carers a short break whilst their children engaged in an interesting, challenging activity.

The programme was offered in two age ranges, 4 – 11 years and 11 – 18 years, and as two separate projects, one of which took place during the school half term holidays and the second throughout the long summer holidays. All the activities offered under this programme were delivered direct to children's homes and offered children choices by enabling them to decide exactly what they wished to receive and to choose their own level of instruction, for example pictorial instructions, detailed written ones, YouTube demonstrations or all three.

During the half terms disabled children and young people were able to choose from four new activities, specifically, a personalised piece of graffiti artwork either a name sign or a tote bag, either a bath bomb making set or a suncatcher kit, a "Discovery Pack," consisting of two discovery kits from a range of six including a robotic spider to make, a volcano kit and two different crystal growing kits and a baking kit plus either a dragon coin bank or a sensory soap making kit. 75 disabled children aged between 4 and 11 years old and 69 disabled young people aged between 11 and 18 years old took part in these activities.

SPDC's age specific summer holiday programmes offered disabled children and young people the opportunity to take part in four challenging activities covering the areas of cookery, practical, crafts and physical challenges. Participants were able to choose from a range of options within each category. For example, under the heading of cookery challenges, all participants receive bread making kits but were able to choose bespoke pizza making kits, similarly participants could choose two out of three craft kits and, the physical kits also offered participants a choice between bags of sports day equipment or hoop den sets. 52 disabled children aged between 4 and 11 years old and 40 disabled young people aged between 11 and 18 years old took part in the summer programme.

Parent Carer Activities

Despite the challenging circumstances, a wide range of activities have been offered to parents and carers of disabled children and young people during this year. These activities have included regular zoom meetings, a total of 43 zoom sessions have been held during the year, offering much needed peer support and social interaction. In addition, SPDC has hosted 31 virtual information/activity sessions including Tai Chi and "Gardeners' Question Time and made home deliveries of parent carer activity bags including a variety of crafts, pampering kits and the opportunity to take part in gardening challenges such as herb growing. SPDC also delivered a choice of edible treats for "Carers Week" whilst hosting virtual tea parties throughout the week. 474 support sessions were provided in total for parent carers throughout what was a very challenging year for them.

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Financial Review

During the year the charity received £221,342 by way of donations, grants and fees from general public and council bodies (2020: £178,113). The net movements of funds show a surplus of £31,305 that has been added to the reserves brought forward from previous years.

The Trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves. The trustees have decided to set a level of reserves, which equate in value to approximately 6 months expenditure, which the trustees have estimated will be approximately £85,000. This will be reviewed again at the end of the next financial year. This expenditure will be used for ongoing current activities such as staffing costs of the organisation, day trip and leisure activities cost as well as the general running on a day-to-day basis of the charity.

Plans for the future periods and public benefit

SPDC will continue with its current activities and aim to offer further opportunities through funding secured from Sandwell Children's Trust Short Breaks contracts which are in place until March 2021. In planning activities SPDC has borne in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of our work remains the provision of regular clubs and holiday and weekend experiences which benefit disabled children and their families by reducing isolation and providing them with opportunities to have quality experiences together and meet new people and make friends. We have also continued to develop our work with parent carers this year. We welcome all families regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances and believe that this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of experiences, aspirations, aptitudes and skills.

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Accounting and Reporting Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on 5.10.2021... and signed on their behalf.



Suzanne Hill
Chairperson

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Statement of Financial Activities****For the year ended 31st March 2021****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Restricted Fund 31/03/2021</u>	<u>Unrestricted Fund 31/03/2021</u>	<u>Total Fund 31/03/2021</u>	<u>Total Fund 31/03/2021</u>
		£	£	£	£
<u>Income Resources</u>					
Donations and legacies					
Income from donations and legacy	2	79449	56432	135881	81843
Income from other trading activities	3	0	1532	1532	4123
Investment Income	4	0	20	20	101
Income from charitable activities	5	83874	35	83909	92046
Total Incoming resources		163323	58019	221342	178113
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on raising funds		0	0	0	770
Charitable activities: (includes governance costs)		190037	0	190037	190615
Total Resources Expended	6	190037	0	190037	191385
Net movements in funds		-26714	58019	31305	-13272
Funds at 31st March 2020		4482	73301	77783	91055
Transfer between funds		24014	-24014	0	0
Total Funds at 31st March 2021	13	1782	107306	109088	77783

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

Balance Sheet

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>	<u>31/03/2020</u>
		£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Tangible Assets	9	5648	3558
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors and Prepayments	10	1077	1638
Cash in Bank and in Hand		119072	74211
<u>Creditors: amounts due within one year</u>			
Accruals	11	1709	1624
Deferred Income		15000	0
Net Current Assets		103440	74225
Net Assets	12	<u>109088</u>	<u>77783</u>
<u>Financed by</u>			
General Funds		107306	73301
Restricted Funds		1782	4482
<u>Total Funds</u>	13	<u>109088</u>	<u>77783</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the trustees on ...5.10.2021.....and were signed by:



Suzanne Hill
Chairperson

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Notes to the Accounts
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1) **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical costs convention. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'.

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity and the amounts are certain and, measurable. Any incoming resources received that relate exclusively to future periods are deferred on the Balance Sheet.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised in the statement of financial activities when a liability is incurred or increased without a commensurate increase in recognised assets or a reduction in liabilities.

Allocation of Costs

Direct Activity Costs comprise those costs that contribute directly to an activity and are allocated to the relevant activity.

Support Costs comprise those costs that are necessary to deliver an activity but in themselves do not produce or deliver an activity.

Governance Costs are those costs incurred to meet statutory and constitutional requirements.

Funds

- (a) Unrestricted funds, which are credited to the Income and Expenditure accounts are normally expendable at the discretion of the management.
- (b) Restricted funds, which are for specific purpose declared by the donors and are credited to the Income and Expenditure account when received and debited to the same account when paid.
- (c) Designated funds represent funds set aside by the Management Committee for specific purposes.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing-line basis over their useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Office Equipment	-	20%
Fixtures & Fittings	-	20%

Taxation

The charitable organisation is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
2) <u>Donations and legacies</u>		
<u>Grants from Local and National Governments</u>		
Sandwell MBC Carer Support Programme	20000	44000
Sandwell MBC Family Offer Carer Support Grant	24000	0
BBC Children In Need Fun Time Together Project	28915	28915
Big Lottery Parent Carers Together Project	45550	0
Gift Aid	131	170
<u>Grants from Trusts, Foundations and Similar</u>		
SCVO Vision 2030 Community Grant	4984	0
Edward Gosling Foundation Grant	5000	0
Donations	7301	8758
	<u>135881</u>	<u>81843</u>
3) <u>Other Trading activities</u>		
Fundraising Event Income	1532	2850
Café Income	0	1273
	<u>1532</u>	<u>4123</u>
4) <u>Income from investments</u>		
Bank Interest Received	20	101
	<u>20</u>	<u>101</u>
5) <u>Income from charitable activities</u>		
Short Breaks Holiday & Family Activities	83590	82630
Parent Activity fees	284	333
Family Club Fees	0	8024
Event Income	35	1059
	<u>83909</u>	<u>92046</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>221342</u>	<u>178113</u>

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2021****6) TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	<u>Basis of allocation</u>	<u>Incoming Resources</u>					<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u> £	
		<u>Short Breaks Holiday & Family</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>BBC Children In Need</u>	<u>Fun Time Together Project</u>	<u>Parents Carer Support Program</u>	<u>SCVO Vision 2030 Grant</u>			<u>Governance</u>
<u>Costs directly</u> <u>allocated to activities</u>		£	£	£	£	£	£		
Staff Costs	Direct	41922	9738		19485		71145	65985	
Consultancy and Sessional staff	Direct	5623	0		228		5851	14651	
Travel	Direct	833	0		141		974	664	
Repair	Direct	0	0		0		0	0	
Day Trips/Activities	Direct	21645	11161		6073		38879	29257	
Rent and Room Hire	Direct	0	0		0		0	4022	
Advertising/Marketing	Direct	0	0		0		0	0	
Telephone	Direct	432	0		160		592	432	
Training/Subscription	Direct	196	0		196		392	700	
Printing, Postage & Stationary	Direct	742	0		343	375	1460	638	
Voluntary Expenses	Direct	0	0		0		0	700	
Equipment Hire	Direct	431	0		838		1269	2767	
Professional fees	Direct	0	0		63		63	62	
Computer Maintenance	Direct	0	0		91	2630	2721	310	
Catering/Refreshment	Direct	0	0		0		0	3463	
Sundries	Direct	57	0		1		58	830	
Depreciation	Direct	0	0		0	197	197	0	
Loss on disposal	Direct	0	0		0		0	61	
<u>Support Costs</u> <u>allocated to activities</u>									
Premises		2387	1023		3410	894	7714	11689	
Management		18275	7832		26107	2085	54299	49600	
Administration/Events		395	169		565	0	1129	2172	
Legal and Professional Fees		16	7		23	2180	2226	2246	
Equipment		374	160		534	0	1068	1136	
<u>Total Resources Expended</u>		93328	30090		58258	3202	5159	190037	191385

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7) STAFF COSTS

	<u>31/03/2021</u>	<u>31/03/2020</u>
<u>Staff Costs</u>	£	£
Wages and Salaries	120812	113145

8) STAFF NUMBER

The average number of employees during the period was as follows:

	<u>31/03/2021</u>	<u>31/03/2020</u>
Average number of employees	6	6

9) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

COST	<u>Fixtures & Fittings Office Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£
1st April 2020	9156	9156
Additions	3355	3355
Cost Disposal	(850)	(850)
As at 31/03/2021	<u>11661</u>	<u>11661</u>
DEPRECIATION		
1st April 2020	5598	5598
Charge for the year	1048	1048
Depreciation on disposal	(633)	(633)
As at 31st March 2021	<u>6013</u>	<u>6013</u>
Net Book Value		
31st March 2020	<u>3558</u>	<u>3558</u>
31st March 2021	<u>5648</u>	<u>5648</u>

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10) **DEBTORS/PREPAYMENTS**

	<u>31/03/2021</u>	<u>31/03/2020</u>
	£	£
Prepayments	1077	1638
	<u>1077</u>	<u>1638</u>

11) **CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<u>31/03/2021</u>	<u>31/03/2020</u>
	£	£
Creditors & Accruals	1270	1270
Pensions	439	354
Deferred Income	15000	0
	<u>16709</u>	<u>1624</u>

12) **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets		5648	5648
Debtors		1077	1077
Cash at Bank in Hand	107306	11766	119072
Current Liabilities		16709	16709
Net assets at 31st March 2021	<u>107306</u>	<u>1782</u>	<u>109088</u>

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**Notes to the Accounts****For the year ended 31st March 2021****13) CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

Authorised but not contracted.

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	<u>Bal b/fd</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>01/04/2020</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>	<u>between</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Restricted Funds						
Short Breaks Holiday & Family Activities	0	83590	95134	-11544	11544	0
BBC Children in Need Fun Time Together Project	0	28915	30864	-1949	1949	0
Parents Carer Support Programme	4482	45834	60837	-10521	10521	0
SCVO Vision 2030 Grant	0	4984	3202	1782	0	1782
Total Restricted Funds	4482	163323	190037	-22232	24014	1782
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	73301	58019	0	131320	-24014	107306
Total Unrestricted Funds	73301	58019	0	131320	-24014	107306
Total Funds	77783	221342	190037	109088	0	109088

Purposes of Funds**Short Breaks Holiday and Family Activities**

This fund represents monies received from main contracts and the collection of fees so as to finance a weekly Family Club and regular events and activities during school holidays towards healthy lifestyles and a reduction in social isolation.

BBC Children in Need Fun Time Together Project

This fund represents monies received from a grant from BBC Children in Need, which enabled the organisation to be able to offer a range of activities throughout the year. During school holidays day trips and fun days are undertaken as well as a wide variety of other opportunities.

Parents Carer Support Programme

This fund represents monies received from grants to support the work that we do with parent carers of disabled children. This work focuses on providing opportunities for social networking and peer support.

SCVO Vision 2030 Grant

This fund represents monies received to support the set up of IT equipment and service delivery.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act).
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

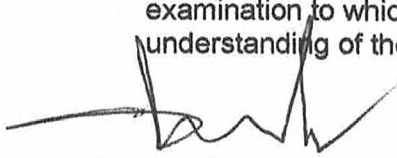
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not provide an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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
- 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) Regulation 2008 other than any requirements 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.



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Date 5.10.2021.