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GAINSBOROUGH ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

As the committee chair of our adventure playground and nursery, I am honoured to present this end-of-financial-year report to accompany our annual accounts. This has been a year of both challenges and remarkable progress, shaped by the enduring enthusiasm of our children, the dedication of our staff and volunteers, and the steadfast support of our community. With transparency and gratitude, I offer this account of our achievements, finances, and aspirations for the year.

This year, the adventure playground and nursery has continued its mission to provide a safe, inclusive, and imaginative space for children and young people. Despite the ongoing pressures faced by community services, we have made significant strides in expanding our activities, improving our facilities, and strengthening our operational foundations.

Our dedicated playworkers have delivered an array of programmes designed to nurture curiosity, resilience, and collaboration. Highlights include the start of the weekly "Let's cook & grow together" club and a series of themed adventure days in nursery celebrating everything from pirates to space. In addition, our annual summer fair in July drew more than 250 attendees and raised valuable funds to support our ongoing work.

A fundamental commitment of our nursery is to adhere rigorously to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. We ensure that every aspect of our provision from planning engaging activities to tracking each child's unique development aligns with EYFS principles. This enables us to deliver high quality early education, prioritise child safety and wellbeing, and nurture the curiosity, confidence, and resilience that form the foundation for lifelong learning. By embedding the EYFS across our daily practice, we maintain a nurturing environment where every child is encouraged to thrive and reach their full potential.

We acknowledge that our recent Ofsted rating did not meet our aspirations, and we share in the disappointment felt by our community. While the outcome was not what we had hoped for, it serves as a valuable opportunity for growth and reflection. We are committed to addressing the areas highlighted for improvement and have already implemented an action plan to strengthen our provision and practice. With the same dedication that underpins all our work, we will listen, adapt, and strive to ensure that our setting meets the highest standards. Our goal is to ensure that every child and family enjoys the very best start and experience at our nursery and playground. Together, with your continued support, we are confident that we can make meaningful progress and look forward to sharing positive developments in the future.

Like many community organisations, we have faced challenges this year, notably inflationary pressures and increased utility costs. Recruitment of seasonal staff proved more difficult than in previous years, however we succeeded in assembling a passionate and skilled team.

Safeguarding remains our utmost priority, with regular training and reviews ensuring our policies meet evolving best practice. We have also worked to strengthen our risk management procedures, particularly around health and safety, data protection, and financial oversight.

The committee has met regularly throughout the year, reviewing strategic priorities and overseeing progress against our objectives. Attendance at committee meetings has been strong and I am grateful for the wisdom and energy each member brings to our governance.

Our staff and volunteers are the heartbeat of the playground and nursery. Their creativity, patience, and unwavering commitment have made every success possible.

As we enter a new financial year, the staff and committee are excited about the possibilities ahead. Our priorities include:

Securing additional funding for facility upgrades.

Continuing to develop inclusive programming for children of all abilities and backgrounds.

Strengthening our outreach to families, through targeted events and partnerships.

Enhancing our environmental initiatives and embedding sustainability in all aspects of our work.

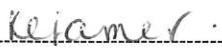
Supporting staff and volunteer development, ensuring our team is equipped to deliver excellence.

I extend heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, committee members, funders, local businesses, and all families who have contributed with time, passion, creativity and financial support. Your commitment ensures our playground and nursery remains a beacon of adventure, learning, and laughter.

I would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to all those who have hired our building and grounds. Your support not only helps sustain and enhance our facilities but also brings new energy and ideas. By hosting your celebrations, events, and gatherings in our space, you contributed directly to the ongoing vibrancy and inclusivity that define our playground. Thank you for making our adventure playground a place where memories are made and imaginations can soar.

This report is respectfully submitted for your consideration and forms part of the official record for the financial year. On behalf of the committee, thank you for your ongoing support.

This report was approved by the trustee and signed on its behalf by:



Karen Farmer
Trustee

Date : 05 October 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Gainsborough Adventure Playground

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which consists of the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and the related notes

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of AAT

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Neil Shucksmith
for and on behalf of Shucksmith Accountants (Gainsborough) Limited
Date: 05 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	63,525	-	63,525	23,308
Other trading activities	3	97,264	-	97,264	74,445
Investments	4	2,459	-	2,459	2,995
Total		163,248	-	163,248	100,748
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	8,681	-	8,681	15,530
Charitable activities	6	99,368	-	99,368	109,738
Other	8	1,850	5,920	7,770	8,306
Total		109,899	5,920	115,819	133,574
Net income/(expenditure)		53,349	(5,920)	47,429	(32,826)
Net movement in funds		53,349	(5,920)	47,429	(32,826)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		12,623	213,542	226,165	258,991
Total funds carried forward		65,972	207,622	273,594	226,165

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9	5,551	207,622	213,173	220,698
Total fixed assets		<u>5,551</u>	<u>207,622</u>	<u>213,173</u>	<u>220,698</u>
Current assets					
Stocks		50	-	50	50
Debtors	10	-	-	-	140
Cash at bank and in hand	11	65,476	-	65,476	9,041
Total current assets		65,526	-	65,526	9,231
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	5,105	-	5,105	3,764
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>60,421</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,421</u>	<u>5,467</u>
Total net assets or liabilities		<u>65,972</u>	<u>207,622</u>	<u>273,594</u>	<u>226,165</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds				65,972	12,623
Restricted income funds				207,622	213,542
Total funds				<u>273,594</u>	<u>226,165</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 05 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Karen Farmer *K Farmer*
Trustee
Date : 05 October 2025

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, such as land and buildings, plant, vehicles and equipment, are held to provide an on-going economic benefit to a charity through their contribution, directly or indirectly, to the provision of goods or services by the charity.

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Name	Rate (%)	Method
Long leasehold	2%	on cost
Office equipment	25%	on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	25%	on reducing balance
Play area equipment	25%	on reducing balance

2. Income from Donations and Legacies

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Donations	7,044	7,044	6,707
Grant- Lincs County Council	17,269	17,269	1,600
Grant -WLDC	15,000	15,000	15,000
Grants -Misc	24,212	24,212	-
	63,525	63,525	23,307

3. Income from Other Trading Activities

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Early years funding	82,504	82,504	41,321
Food sales	4,234	4,234	8,561
Fundraising events	2,091	2,091	116
Income- Children's Links	2,386	2,386	2,130
Trips and other activities	6,049	6,049	22,317
	97,264	97,264	74,445

4. Income from Investments

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	89	89	249
Hire of building	2,370	2,370	2,746
	2,459	2,459	2,995

5. Expenditure on Raising Funds

Analysis	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£
Food purchases	2,022	3,701
Activity costs	6,659	11,829
	8,681	15,530

6. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Analysis	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£
Support staff wages	77,972	87,464
Pensions	1,189	1,348
Rates and water	1,877	2,772
Insurance	4,283	5,198
Light and heat	7,404	5,429
Telephone	581	555
Postage and stationery	743	437
Fines and penalties	129	150
Property repairs	672	414
Maintenance charges	1,536	3,745
Cleaning	125	228
Subscriptions	1,456	807
Sundry	413	181
Bank charges	88	117
Training	168	168
Support Costs	732	725
	99,368	109,738

7. Support Costs

Analysis	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£
Governance Costs		
Accountancy fees	732	690
Professional fees	-	35
	732	725

8. Other Expenditure

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Depreciation Charge for the Year - Plant & Machinery	1,850	5,920	7,770	8,306
	1,850	5,920	7,770	8,306

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings	Office Equipment	Play Area Equip	Long Leasehold Property
	£	£	£	£
9.1 Cost or valuation				
At 01 April 2024	34,791	8,039	49,772	295,997
Additions	-	245	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	34,791	8,284	49,772	295,997
9.2 Depreciation and impairments				
At 01 April 2024	30,958	7,659	46,829	82,455
Charge for the year	958	156	736	5,920
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	31,916	7,815	47,565	88,375
9.3 Net book value				
At 01 April 2024	3,833	380	2,943	213,542
At 31 March 2025	2,875	469	2,207	207,622

10. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	140
	-	140

11. Cash at bank and in hand

	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	100	100
HSBC Reserve	5,069	3,479
HSBC Current	60,307	5,462
	65,476	9,041

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	732	690
Taxation and social security	3,888	2,709
Pension liability	485	364
	5,105	3,763

13. Transactions with trustees and related parties

13.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

There were no trustee's remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025, nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

13.2 Trustees' expenses

There were no trustee's expenses for the year ended 31 March 2025, nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

13.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

There were no related parties transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025, nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

14. Average Number of Employees

	This year £	Last year £
Average number of support staff	6	7
Total	6	7

Average number of employees during this year : 6 and last year : 7

15. Reserves policy

The Management Committee has reviewed the playground's need for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and have set the amount at £5,000 to meet contractual liabilities should the playground have to close.

16. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document. At 17 June 2024, the organisation, by special resolution, was converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Management

A Management Committee consisting of not more than 26 members shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee shall be responsible for the Annual General Meeting and between General. Meetings shall direct and manage the affairs of the Company, and shall be deemed to have delegated to them all necessary authority for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the Company.

The Management Committee shall have power to appoint trustees to hold any necessary land on behalf of the Company. Such trustees to be answerable to the Management Committee.

The Management Committee shall elect the following honorary officers at the first meeting immediately after the Annual General Meeting:-

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Such other officers as may be from time to time decided.

A quorum of the Management Committee shall be four. The Management Committee will meet on a bi-monthly basis.