

PLAY TORBAY

England & Wales · Charity number 1137551

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [07269045](#)

Registered 2010-08-20

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OF TORBAY THROUGH PLAY.2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN'S PLAY.

Activities: Over 9,000 individual activities delivered to over 3,057 individual children and young people age 4-19 in one year. Resulting in over 22,000 individual play opportunities. 89.7% of these children are marginalised in some way: looked after, young carers, disabled, low income, families with complex needs. BUT when they're with us they're not wearing labels ? they just love to PLAY and have fun!

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TORBAY.
- Torbay

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£398,446	£464,144	-	-
2024-06-30	£375,754	£427,969	-	-
2023-06-30	£318,933	£354,143	-	-
2022-06-30	£353,004	£352,042	-	-
2021-06-30	£361,853	£315,888	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anna Gilroy		2021-04-21
Helen Stephenson		2026-05-18
Jennifer Claire Forsyth		2019-02-10
Karen Benjamin		2021-04-15
Steve Bowers		2026-05-18
Steven Chown		2016-03-10

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Accounts

Company registration number: 07269045

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Play Torbay

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2025



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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
& BUSINESS ADVISERS

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number 1137551

Company Registration Number 07269045

Trustees: K Brooks (resigned 1 August 2025)
A Gilroy
K Benjamin
J Forsyth
S Chown

Registered Office The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.
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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Structure, governance and management

Play Torbay is a charity and a company limited by guarantee that aims to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of play in children's lives. Play Torbay's work is based on Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child that every child has the right to relax and play and join in a wide range of cultural, artistic and other activities. Play Torbay Company Limited by Guarantee Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) Year ended 30 June 2025.

On 25 January 2025, the operational director Tanny Stobart formally announced their intention to stand down from their role 31 December 2025. Following this announcement, a comprehensive transition plan was developed and approved to ensure an orderly and well-managed leadership change. The plan has been implemented during the year and is designed to safeguard organisational stability, maintain operational continuity, and support the delivery of the organisation's strategic objectives.

As part of this transition, a new management framework has been established, comprising a Senior Management Team: Dan Rees Jones (Operations Manager), Sam Wilson (Alternative Provision Manager) and Chris Maddex (Play Support Mentor and Maintenance Manager) assumed full responsibility for all organisational operations from January 2026. The Board is confident that this approach provides continuity of leadership, retains institutional knowledge, and positions the organisation for sustainable future development.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited and inducted as follows;

- Gaps for skills are identified within Trustee meetings across each year
- Recruitment drives are actioned from Trustee meetings
- Candidates apply and are shortlisted. Two trustees interview and select make decision on candidates suitability
- They are formally accepted on the next Trustee meeting
- An induction pack and is sent to trustee
- Every Trustee has a portal on Breathe our HR software where we keep details and there is access to all relevant company documents such as meeting minutes and governance documents, etc.

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Play Torbay provide active and creative play across the communities in Torbay. There are playgrounds in Brixham and Paignton and we have developed a play service in both towns which provides adventure, friendship and fun for hundreds of young people each year. School aged children and their families are the main beneficiaries of our work, but all children are welcome including babies and toddlers. Additionally, we are committed to building a supportive ecosystem for disadvantaged families in Torbay - in particular, for families whose children have additional needs and challenging behaviours. We are seeking to build resilient networks, reduce isolation and upskill parents and carers, so that families have increased agency, community connections to help their children to thrive, and regular access to safe places to play.

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The objects of our charity are:

- To enhance the development and education of children of Torbay through play
- To advance the education of the public regarding the importance of children's play

We believe play is key to children's development, their learning, confidence, and wellbeing. We also think that unstructured, self-directed, free play is the best type of play for young children. We know that as children grow, the way they play changes and that our understanding and responses should reflect this.

Key strands of work to achieve this are:

Child-Centred Activity

- Play-based and community sessional activities with children and young people (independent play)
- Supportive projects for families in school holidays (e.g. Holiday Activities and Food Programmes)
- Targeted support and learning for children through our alternative education provision
- Family based activities in themed events throughout the year
- Both regular and themed one-off play-based sessional activities and events for families
- Support for parents, carers, guardians /Community-Centred Activity

Community-Centred Activity

- An empowering support network for parents and carers
- Community play spaces maintained in ways which protect the environment and where possible ensuring space for children's play for the longer term - e.g. Community Asset Transfer, ecological sustainability
- A self-sustaining organisation with income streams linked to play-based engagement
- Enterprise development

We have continued to work cooperatively with and in regular communication with partners including other voluntary organisations, schools, community builders, early help teams, and family intervention services. We have again worked closely with the Local Authority, Children's Services, Public Health, Social Care and the Police. We have also actively contributed to the design and development of play-based Alternative Education services at a local level.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

PLAYGROUNDS AND HOLIDAY PROVISION

Playgrounds provide safe and welcoming spaces where children can play in ways that are increasingly unavailable elsewhere. They allow children to explore challenge and risk in a supported environment, helping them to learn how to manage uncertainty, solve problems, and build the resilience needed to cope with life's experiences.

Sessions are delivered at Indigos Play and Ecology Centre, Brixham; Wild Fox Adventure Playground, Paignton; and, Barton Cricket Club in Torquay.

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As part of the government's Healthy Holiday and Food Programme we offer a wide range of outdoor and adventurous play opportunities throughout the Summer Holidays. Alongside play sessions, children will receive a healthy lunch, with fun and engaging tips to encourage positive food choices. Activities will include physical outdoor play such as ball games, football, skittles, giant Jenga, water play and child-led free play. Children will also take part in practical and creative activities including den building, clay work, junk modelling, Lego, working with willow, and learning basic bushcraft skills.

All sessions are designed to be inclusive and child-led, supporting children's physical wellbeing, creativity, confidence, and social development while ensuring play remains fun, adventurous, and accessible to all.

Statistics and reach July 24 - Easter 25

- 62 holiday and after school sessions with children attending across Brixham, Paignton and Torquay
- A total of 1,750 children attending across Brixham, Paignton and Torquay
- 637 children attended with additional needs

JUNIOR PLACEMENTS

Our experience of involving Junior Placements in the delivery of sessions over the past four years has been highly successful, and we have been keen to continually develop and strengthen the programme. Key developments have included:

- The employment of a Play Support Mentor to provide dedicated support to Junior Placements
- The creation of a structured onboarding process, including support with work permit applications
- Securing 34 work permits through Torbay Council and working with 26 Junior Placements over the past year
- The recruitment of additional Play Support Mentors and a half-time Programme Development Officer in January 2025
- Junior Placements supporting children and young people across 148 sessions and events

These roles have strengthened core team delivery, enabling us to run a wide range of sessions and events and to build a growing network of children and parents engaged in Play Torbay activities. In turn, this has created meaningful opportunities for Junior Placements to develop skills, competence, and confidence, supporting increased choices and clearer pathways into future employment.

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

Over the past year, we have continued to steadily improve the quality, consistency, and range of our play offer, while ensuring the ongoing maintenance, safety, and accessibility of our established sites at Indigos and Wild Fox. This has included responding to feedback from children, families, and partners, and making incremental improvements to ensure the spaces remain welcoming, engaging, and fit for purpose.

We received funding for the Levelling Up developments at Wildfox from Torbay Council in November 2024. The proposal required a full planning application. This was withdrawn on the advice of the Planning Department, who offered constructive advice on an alternative proposal. This includes a new shelter, installing a water supply, replacing the compost toilet and improving access. This is scheduled for completion in April 2026

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ASRUS & MAYFIELD HUB CLUB

Our Clubs provide inclusive activities and meaningful social learning experiences for young people in Torbay with Autism Spectrum Conditions. Sessions are designed to be welcoming and flexible, recognising that young people often attend alongside their parents or carers and, in many cases, with siblings. This whole-family approach helps to reduce barriers to participation and creates supportive, familiar environments where young people can feel safe to engage.

Activities across the programme have included bushcraft skills, outdoor and indoor cooking, music and karaoke, football, arts and crafts, practical demonstrations, and trips. These activities support social interaction, confidence-building, and the development of practical life skills, while allowing young people to engage at their own pace and according to their interests.

Delivery of Our Clubs relies heavily on the commitment and consistency of Play Torbay staff and Junior Placements. Regular attendance at ASRUS sessions, in particular, has enabled staff to build strong relationships and trust with parents and carers over time. This continuity is crucial in supporting families of children with additional needs and in creating spaces where both young people and parents feel understood and supported.

During the year, we delivered 39 ASRUS sessions, attended by 734 children, alongside 39 sessions of the Mayfield Hub Club in Torquay, with 658 children attending. To support the continued growth and quality of the programme, we also appointed an Our Clubs Manager, strengthening leadership and coordination across delivery.

Highlights of the year included a range of memorable trips and experiences, such as visits to Shoalstone's Peas for Bees – Life on the Edge, Gappah Farm, and the Aladdin pantomime at Beverley Holiday Park. These trips provided valuable opportunities for shared experiences beyond the usual session spaces, helping to build confidence, enjoyment, and a sense of belonging for the young people and families involved.

ADDITIONAL PLAY SESSIONS

We delivered 39 weekly after-school playwork sessions in Foxhole at Crafty Fox Community Café in partnership with Sanctuary Housing, providing consistent and accessible play opportunities for children and young people in the local community. These sessions offered a safe and supportive space for children to unwind after the school day, build friendships, and take part in a range of child-led play activities.

Alongside this, we continued to deliver weekly Forest School sessions for home-educated children at Indigos throughout term time, running year-round. These sessions provided regular opportunities for outdoor learning, exploration, and skill-building in a natural environment, supporting children's wellbeing, confidence, and connection with nature.

We also delivered 39 drop-in youth club sessions at Foxhole Community Centre, taking place every Friday. These sessions created a welcoming, informal space for young people to socialise, take part in structured and unstructured activities, and access trusted adults for support, helping to strengthen community connections and positive peer relationships.

PARTNERSHIPS & ALLIANCES

Over the past year, we have continued to strengthen our understanding of the commissioning process and how Play Torbay can most effectively contribute to the delivery of high-quality, community-based services. This has enabled us to respond more confidently to commissioned opportunities and to work in ways that align with wider strategic priorities across Torbay.

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During 2024–25, our commissioned and partnership work included maintaining a strong alliance with the Torbay Climate Partnership, including presenting at a session with young people to support climate awareness and engagement. We also delivered provision as a Global Geopark Associate, embedding environmental learning and place-based play within our programmes.

We worked in partnership with the Bat Conservation Society through our ASRUS and Mayfield programmes, introducing young people to conservation themes in accessible and engaging ways. Play Torbay was also chosen as Charity of the Year for a second consecutive year by Beverley Holiday Park, providing valuable support and increased visibility for our work.

We also continued our alliance with Life on the Edge as part of heritage development work, and worked in partnership with Local Motion to develop new provision for families with children with additional needs, ensuring services are inclusive and responsive to community need.

In Paignton, we supported a multi-agency approach to community regeneration in the Foxhole area, working alongside Torbay Council, Foxhole Community Centre, Kings Ash Academy, Paignton Police, and Sanctuary Housing. This collaborative work has strengthened local relationships and contributed to more joined-up support for children, young people, and families.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

As a result of the HAF sessions we won the Best Holiday Club Award Autumn 2023 as part of the Torbay Children and Young People Awards

On the 1st February Beverley Holidays named Play Torbay as their charity of the year. Their plan for us is to 'raise lots of smiles and stacks of cash.'

ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

Our Alternative Education service provides vulnerable children and young people with the time, space, and support to engage in child-led outdoor play and learning, benefiting from its restorative and healing qualities. The service combines outdoor play with creative and digital learning activities, which can also contribute to real-world projects and enterprise opportunities, helping young people see the relevance of learning beyond the classroom.

The programme makes purposeful use of our under-used physical assets, particularly our playgrounds, during weekdays in term time. These spaces are made available to young people who are often described as being "on the edge" of mainstream education and who may require a more holistic approach to support. Where appropriate, this includes working alongside families to create more stable and supportive learning environments.

Alternative Education at Play Torbay is not intended as a long-term replacement for school. Instead, it offers a pause point: time and space to approach learning differently, develop practical life skills, build strategies for emotional regulation, and rebuild confidence and a positive attitude towards education. Wherever possible, the programme supports young people to transition back into school or other appropriate provision.

Interventions are delivered as costed packages and can include individualised, accredited programmes tailored to the needs, interests, and abilities of each young person.

During the year, we worked with 34 children and young people and regularly utilised the Indigos and Wild Fox sites for delivery. We also developed and embedded multiple organisational systems across the service, improving communication, consistency, and the overall quality of provision.

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EVENTS

This year we delivered a range of events across Torbay, creating opportunities for children, young people, and families to come together through play, celebration, and environmental action. These included:

- **Junior Placement Overnight Camp** – Junior Placements took part in an overnight camping experience at Indigos in September, building confidence, independence, and teamwork.
- **3rd Green Market Place** – A community event celebrating all things green and eco, promoting sustainability and environmental awareness.
- **Play Torbay 25th Birthday Party** – Held at Indigos to celebrate 25 years of Play Torbay, bringing together families, partners, and supporters.
- **Nature Geo Play Sessions** – Delivered alongside the Summer HAF provision at Indigos, with children working together to create a geo archway for the site.
- **Beach Clean** – A community beach clean supporting environmental care and stewardship.
- **Future Proof Event** – A fun-filled day focused on local wildlife, learning how to care for nature and protect the environment.
- **Colour My Streets** – Play Torbay activities delivered as part of a larger community event in Paignton.

COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

We have continued to strengthen our internal organisation and IT systems to improve communication with children, young people, parents, families, and funders. These developments have helped us to streamline processes, increase engagement, and ensure information is clear, timely, and accessible across all areas of our work.

Key highlights from the year include a well-established website, which received 28,009 visits, demonstrating strong public engagement with Play Torbay's activities and information. Our social media presence has continued to grow, with successful and active channels reaching 5.2k followers on Facebook and 1k followers on Instagram.

We have also made effective use of digital systems to improve efficiency and accessibility. The Bookwhen automated booking system processed 3,207 bookings, supporting smoother access to sessions and events, while our Brevo mailing lists now include 2,607 contacts, enabling targeted and consistent communication with our audiences.

In addition, we have continued to deliver successful regular newsletters for staff, trustees, and volunteers, supporting internal communication, shared learning, and a strong sense of connection across the organisation.

OPERATIONS DEVELOPMENT & FUND RAISING

Over the past year, we have continued to build on improvements to our internal operations and systems in order to better support the core team and strengthen operational delivery across the organisation. This work has focused on ensuring robust governance, effective workforce support, and long-term sustainability.

Key developments during the year included working with HR consultants, HR Enlighten, to undertake a comprehensive HR audit. This process has helped to ensure that our HR systems and procedures are compliant, consistent, and aligned with best practice, including the strengthening of safer recruitment processes across the organisation.

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We also delivered and implemented a training audit, enabling us to better identify skills, learning needs, and development priorities across staff and volunteers. This has supported more targeted training and helped to build organisational capacity and resilience.

Fundraising remained a strong focus throughout the year, with successful funding secured for both service delivery and grounds development. This included support from Brixham Town Council, the Holiday Activity Fund, the National Lottery (Big Lottery), Life on the Edge, Tonic Creatives, Community Ward funding, the Heritage Fund, the Levelling Up Fund, alongside a number of individual donations received over the year.

In addition, we worked to the business plan developed last year and made good progress against the identified targets, providing a clear framework for decision-making, growth, and future development.

TRAINING

Highlights from the year include supporting 24 learners across Torbay to successfully complete the new Junior Induction Training course, helping to build confidence, skills, and readiness for working within play settings.

We also delivered a Tool Craft course for 15 learners, providing practitioners working with children and young people with the knowledge, confidence, and practical skills needed to safely support and risk assess children and young people's use of tools within play and learning environments.

In addition, all Alternative Provision staff received Team Teach training in positive handling, strengthening staff confidence and ensuring consistent, safe, and appropriate approaches when supporting children and young people with additional needs.

PLANS FOR 2026

Play Torbay has identified six key priority areas from our Business Plan to guide our work in 2025–2026. Together, these priorities reflect a holistic approach to supporting children, young people, families, and communities across Torbay, while strengthening organisational sustainability.

Organisational Management Change

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Alternative Provision

We will continue to develop and grow our Alternative Provision, seeking longer-term stability through an EOTAS bid to the Local Authority. Delivery will be strengthened through the appointment of two fixed-term Deputy Leads, while maintaining income generation at around 52% of total organisational income.

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Environmental Provision

We will continue to deliver play-based environmental learning in partnership with local organisations, refresh our Play and Ecology Strategy, deliver term-time Forest School for home-educated children at Indigos, introduce bushcraft sessions at Wild Fox with Kings Ash Academy, and continue our work with Life on the Edge.

Playground and Play Provision

Key priorities include completing the Wild Fox Playground development through Levelling Up funding, continuing HAF provision across two sites, delivering weekly play sessions across multiple locations, maintaining our playgrounds at Indigos and Wild Fox, and appointing a fixed-term Clubs Manager. We will also identify sustainable funding to support delivery across Torbay.

Training, Professional Development and Placements

We will support 20 Junior Placements in 2025 and 10 in 2026 through structured induction, training, and placements. Ongoing staff training will maintain high standards, while employment pathways, including for young people with EHCPs, will be developed through partnerships with SEND and education providers.

Supporting Families

We will continue to build awareness of Play Torbay's services through events, support the Community of Practice (COP) group and home education research, and contribute to the Children, Young People and Families Community Helpline.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The total income for the year has increased from £375,754 to £398,446. As at the 30th June 2025 the total funds of the charity were £63,104 (2024: £128,802) of which (£41,303) (2024: £52,056) was attributable to unrestricted funds and £104,407 (2024: £76,746) was attributable to restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charity and consider the current level of reserves necessary to ensure the continuation of the Charity's activities, taking into account the following requirements:

The Charity aims to maintain a general reserve (Unrestricted General Fund) sufficient to enable services to continue uninterrupted for approximately three months. In addition, provision is made for redundancy costs and other associated closure expenses should the Charity cease to operate.

During the summer of 2025 the trustees recognised the reserves position was depleted which could have put the charity at risk unless immediate action was taken. In September 2025 we had to take swift remedial action to reduce our core costs and announced the temporary closure of our clubs Indigos ASRUS, Mayfield, and Forest School until sufficient funding was found to restart them in the future. This action included reducing staff hours and redundancies.

In September 2025 we suspended our reserves policy. At the same time the trustees initiated a review of our financial procedures, controls on expenditure, and contingency planning in event of insolvency/ winding up the charity.

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These measures were successful in reducing our core costs and bringing the charity into a stable financial position. In November 2025 we secured £44,463 from Torbay Council to restart the ASRUS, Mayfield and Forest School in January 2026 for 12 months. This and the income from the alternative provision has enabled the trustees to be confident we are a going concern. We hope to restore our previous reserves policy by the end of June 2026.

Risk Review

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to exposed to which the Charity which are detailed in the Play Torbay Risk Register. This document is reviewed and updated on a 6 monthly basis at Trustee Meetings and subsequent systems/controls are put in place to mitigate these risks.

The new Senior Management Team meets fortnightly review operational matters and financial controls. Since September 2025 the trustees meet fortnightly to review the financial position. This includes a review of the monthly management accounts. This will move to monthly from April 2026. We continue to hold quarterly Board Meetings. We appointed Steven Chown as Treasurer in January 2026.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Play Torbay for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 16 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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S Chown
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Play Torbay ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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


Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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


Catherine Williams FCA DChA
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Date: 20th March 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	12,283	143,356	155,639	118,124
Charitable activities	4	220,825	21,982	242,807	256,572
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	1,058
Total income		<u>233,108</u>	<u>165,338</u>	<u>398,446</u>	<u>375,754</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	<u>(329,195)</u>	<u>(134,949)</u>	<u>(464,144)</u>	<u>(427,969)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(329,195)</u>	<u>(134,949)</u>	<u>(464,144)</u>	<u>(427,969)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(96,087)	30,389	(65,698)	(52,215)
Transfers between funds		<u>2,728</u>	<u>(2,728)</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds		(93,359)	27,661	(65,698)	(52,215)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>52,056</u>	<u>76,746</u>	<u>128,802</u>	<u>181,017</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>(41,303)</u>	<u>104,407</u>	<u>63,104</u>	<u>128,802</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 14.

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(Registration number: 07269045)
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	10	38,707	39,018
Cash at bank and in hand	11	<u>69,620</u>	<u>97,883</u>
		108,327	136,901
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(45,223)</u>	<u>(8,099)</u>
Net assets		<u>63,104</u>	<u>128,802</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		104,407	76,746
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>(41,303)</u>	<u>52,056</u>
Total funds	14	<u>63,104</u>	<u>128,802</u>

For the financial year ending 30 June 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 13 to 25 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 16 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



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S Chown
Trustee

The notes on pages 15 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Play Torbay
Rowan Way
Brixham
TQ5 0SB

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Play Torbay meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes. The financial statements have been prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

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Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Donations	12,283	-	12,283
Grants	-	143,356	143,356
	<u>12,283</u>	<u>143,356</u>	<u>155,639</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Donations	3,081	1,507	4,588
Grants	500	113,036	113,536
	<u>3,581</u>	<u>114,543</u>	<u>118,124</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Services	216,050	21,982	238,032
Tickets	4,775	-	4,775
	<u>220,825</u>	<u>21,982</u>	<u>242,807</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Services	197,292	57,503	254,795
Tickets	1,777	-	1,777
	<u>199,069</u>	<u>57,503</u>	<u>256,572</u>

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5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Sales	1,006	1,006
Fundraising	52	52
	<u>1,058</u>	<u>1,058</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Charitable activities		309,180	134,949	444,129
Allocated support costs	7	20,015	-	20,015
		<u>329,195</u>	<u>134,949</u>	<u>464,144</u>
	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities		224,311	184,683	408,994
Allocated support costs	7	18,975	-	18,975
		<u>243,286</u>	<u>184,683</u>	<u>427,969</u>

7 Analysis of support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Legal and professional fees	420	-
Bank charges	291	111
Outsourced administrative expenses	17,280	16,812
Independent examiner's fee	2,024	2,052
	<u>20,015</u>	<u>18,975</u>

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8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	271,426	207,374
Social security costs	11,752	6,778
Pension costs	7,080	5,827
	<u>290,258</u>	<u>219,979</u>

The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	No	No
Staff	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	28,255	36,109
Prepayments	1,509	1,509
Accrued income	6,982	1,400
Other debtors	1,961	-
	<u>38,707</u>	<u>39,018</u>

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11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	<u>69,620</u>	<u>97,883</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	9,012	3,072
Other taxation and social security	-	2,890
Other creditors	1,178	25
Accruals	10,310	2,112
Deferred income	<u>24,723</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>45,223</u>	<u>8,099</u>

	2025 £
Resources deferred in the period	<u>24,723</u>

13 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £7,080 (2024 - £5,827).

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14 Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	52,056	233,108	(329,195)	2,728	(41,303)
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	5,216	-	-	(5,216)	-
ASRUS	2,830	-	-	(2,830)	-
Play Days	-	250	(65)	-	185
HAF	-	9,736	(9,736)	-	-
Easter HAF	-	8,500	(8,500)	-	-
Summer HAF	25,566	3,746	(29,312)	-	-
Brixham in Bloom	1,051	1,215	(2,266)	-	-
Play Wales Review	-	-	(102)	102	-
Brixham Town Council	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Community Ward	1,000	1,000	(2,000)	-	-
Continuation Fund	36,156	79,391	(72,120)	5,216	48,643
OPCC	900	-	(900)	-	-
Heritage Fund	4,027	-	(4,027)	-	-
Geo Parking	-	500	-	-	500
LUP 24	-	60,000	(5,921)	-	54,079
	<u>76,746</u>	<u>165,338</u>	<u>(134,949)</u>	<u>(2,728)</u>	<u>104,407</u>
Total funds	<u>128,802</u>	<u>398,446</u>	<u>(464,144)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,104</u>

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	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	91,634	203,708	(243,286)	52,056
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	5,216	-	-	5,216
ASRUS	-	15,593	(12,763)	2,830
Play Days	2,966	-	(2,966)	-
HAF	7,469	6,434	(13,903)	-
Imagine This	51	-	(51)	-
Easter HAF	1,212	9,444	(10,656)	-
Summer HAF	49,465	38,725	(62,624)	25,566
Brixham in Bloom	176	1,304	(429)	1,051
Playing in the Streets	124	400	(524)	-
Play Wales Review	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Parent Carer Forum	5,323	-	(5,323)	-
COMF 23	970	-	(970)	-
Brixham Town Council	500	-	(500)	-
Community Ward	488	1,000	(488)	1,000
Crafty Fox	6,546	2,500	(9,046)	-
Devon Community Foundation	2,582	-	(2,582)	-
NLCF	1,295	-	(1,295)	-
Continuation Fund	-	79,391	(43,235)	36,156
OPCC	-	7,656	(6,756)	900
Heritage Fund	-	4,999	(972)	4,027
Chamber of Commerce	-	2,100	(2,100)	-
Hungry Minds	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
	<u>89,383</u>	<u>172,046</u>	<u>(184,683)</u>	<u>76,746</u>
Total funds	<u>181,017</u>	<u>375,754</u>	<u>(427,969)</u>	<u>128,802</u>

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund is for expenditure on Bay Play and Come into Play.

ASRUS funding is received to provide youth club activities and social learning experiences for young people in Torbay who are on the Autistic Spectrum.

The Play Days fund relates to income received in order to offer free play days for children in the local community.

Winter HAF relates to income received from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, a national scheme being facilitated by Torbay Council in the Bay to ensure that children have access to food and activities over the school holiday periods.

The Play Packs fund relates to income received towards the play packs provided during the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

The Imagine This fund relates to income received to run events for young people during the holidays.

The Creche fund relates income received for staffing creche facilities to local organisations.

Easter HAF relates to income received from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, a national scheme being facilitated by Torbay Council in the Bay to ensure that children have access to food and activities over the school holiday periods.

Summer HAF relates to income received from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, a national scheme being facilitated by Torbay Council in the Bay to ensure that children have access to food and activities over the school holiday periods.

Jubilee Party was funding received to mark the Queen's Jubilee with the opportunity of bringing parents and children together again after Covid to enjoy the outdoors.

Brixham In Bloom is a small local charity with whom we collaborate and help manage and hold their finances for their accountability.

Playing in the Streets was funding received from Torbay Council and TDA to support events 'play in the street' aimed at welcoming people back to our high streets.

Play Wales Review monies relates to a commission to review and report on Play Wales publications library catalogue.

Parent Carer Forum, the new independent Parent /Carer forum in Torbay commissioned Play Torbay to provide admin, financial and strategic direction.

COMF 23 COMF Covid Safe funding from Torbay Council to help us improve the playgrounds as safe spaces for children and young people within their communities.

Brixham Town Council funding relates to a small fund for running our free forest school sessions aimed at children and young people who are being electively home educated.

Community Ward a small funding pot enabling us to help make playground improvements.

Crafty Fox was Funding from Sanctuary Housing to deliver weekly outreach play sessions at Foxhole at the Crafty Fox Café.

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Devon Community Foundation - provided funding for us to develop Indigos Play & Ecology Centre.

NLCF funding relates to monies from the National Lottery fund for running an event to celebrate the Kings Coronation.

Transfers between funds

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2025 £
Current assets	3,920	104,407	108,327
Current liabilities	<u>(45,223)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(45,223)</u>
Total net assets	<u>(41,303)</u>	<u>104,407</u>	<u>63,104</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2024 £
Current assets	60,155	76,746	136,901
Current liabilities	<u>(8,099)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,099)</u>
Total net assets	<u>52,056</u>	<u>76,746</u>	<u>128,802</u>

16 Related party transactions

During the year, a Trustee's husband completed design work for the charity. In 2024, the total value of payments made were £5,135 (2024: £8,371)

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PLAY TORBAY

England & Wales - Charity number 1137551

Accounts

Company registration number: 07269045

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Play Torbay

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2024



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& BUSINESS ADVISERS

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number 1137551

Company Registration Number 07269045

Trustees

- S Ryder, (Deceased 13/5/2024)
- J Forsyth
- A Gilroy
- K Brooks
- A Bankes-Fay (Resigned 13/07/2023)
- K Benjamin
- S Lowson (Resigned 28/01/2024)
- D MacDonald-Murray (Resigned 29/01/2024)
- S Chown
- S Ford (Resigned 18/01/2024)

Registered Office

The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.

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Rowan Way
Brixham
TQ5 0SB

Independent Examiner

Westcotts (SW) LLP
47 Boutport Street
Barnstaple
Devon
EX31 1SQ

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Play Torbay is a charity and a company limited by guarantee that aims to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of play in children's lives. Play Torbay's work is based on Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child that every child has the right to relax and play and join in a wide range of cultural, artistic and other activities. Play Torbay Company Limited by Guarantee Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) Year ended 30 June 2024.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited and inducted as follows;

- Gaps for skills are identified within Trustee meetings across each year and potential
- Trustees are identified
- Invitations are sent from the Director
- If invitation are accepted. An induction pack and is sent to Trustee
- They are formally accepted on the next Trustee meeting
- Every Trustee has a portal on Breathe our HR software where details are kept and there is access to all relevant company documents such as meeting minutes and governance documents etc

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Play Torbay provides active and creative play across the communities in Torbay. There are playgrounds in Brixham and Paignton and we have developed a play service in both towns which provides adventure, friendship and fun for hundreds of young people each year. School aged children and their families are the main beneficiaries of our work, but all children are welcome including babies and toddlers. Additionally, we are committed to building a supportive ecosystem for disadvantaged families in Torbay - in particular, for families whose children have additional needs and challenging behaviours. We are seeking to build resilient networks, reduce isolation and upskill parents and carers, so that families have increased agency, community connections to help their children to thrive, and regular access to safe places to play.

The objects of our charity are:

- To enhance the development and education of children of Torbay through play
- To advance the education of the public regarding the importance of children's play

We believe play is key to children's development, their learning, confidence, and wellbeing. We also think that unstructured, self-directed, free play is the best type of play for young children. We know that as children grow, the way they play changes and that our understanding and responses should reflect this.

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Key strands of work to achieve this are:

Child-Centred Activity

- Play-based and community sessional activities with children and young people (independent play)
- Supportive projects for families in school holidays (e.g. Holiday Activities and Food Programmes)
- Targeted support and learning for children through PILOT alternative education provision
- Family based activities in themed events throughout the year
- Both regular and themed one-off play-based sessional activities and events for families
- Support for parents, carers, guardians /Community-Centred Activity

Community-Centred Activity

- An empowering support network for parents and carers
- Community play spaces maintained in ways which protect the environment and where possible ensuring space for children's play for the longer term - e.g. Community Asset Transfer, ecological sustainability
- A self-sustaining organisation with income streams linked to play-based engagement
- Enterprise development

We have continued to work cooperatively with and in regular communication with partners including other voluntary organisations, schools, community builders, early help teams, and family intervention services. We have again worked closely with the local authority, Children's Services, Public Health, Social Care and the Police. We have also actively contributed to the design and development of play-based Alternative Education services at a local level.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

PLAYGROUNDS AND HOLIDAY PROVISION

- Indigos Play and Ecology Centre, Brixham
- Wild Fox in Paignton
- Barton Cricket Club in Torquay

Playgrounds are safe places where children can play in ways that they often cannot do elsewhere, providing the play opportunities that adults today would take for granted when they were children. We have moved sites in Torquay this year from Fort Apache to Barton Cricket Club. In these playgrounds children learn for themselves how to deal with challenges, take risks and build the resilience needed to cope with life's encounters. There are opportunities to create camps, dens and other self-made constructions, grow plants and vegetables, make fires and cook on them and most importantly make and meet friends. Our provision has been significantly supported through the Department of Education's Healthy Activities and Food (HAF) programme through Torbay Council's Healthy Holidays scheme as part of the support for children on Free School Meals campaign.

Statistics and reach July 23 - Easter 24

- 62 holiday and after school sessions with children attending across Brixham, Paignton and Torquay
- A total of 1,750 children attending across Brixham, Paignton and Torquay

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- 671 children attended with additional needs

JUNIOR PLACEMENTS

Our experience of involving Junior Placements for the last two years in the delivery of sessions has been very successful and we have been keen to develop and improve the programme. Developments included:

- Delivering several training events for young people to access locally where they live
- Working with and supporting over 34 young people at our events and play sessions
- Successfully secured Lottery Continuation Funding to develop the programme for a further two years.
- Recruited a full time play support mentor and half time programme development officer in January 2024 as part of the lottery bid programme.
- The core staff team to develop the events/ activities programme for children and families in Torbay. This in turn has provided opportunities for Junior Placements to develop skills, competency and confidence leading to increased choices and pathways to employment in the future

Statistics and reach July 23 - June 24

- Employed Play Support Mentor to support Junior Placements
- Developed a dedicated on-boarding process for Junior Placements
- Secured 34 work permits with Torbay Council for Junior Placements.
- Worked with 26 placements over the last year
- Junior Placements supported children and young people at 136 sessions & events

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

We have also continued to develop our playgrounds in Brixham and Paignton as they have become quite unsafe to use over the course of last year due to vandalism and age. Using Community Fund and COMF funding so far we have:

Indigos:

- Removed container and made good of space as a seating and gateway area to the forest
- Cleared and reinstated the Play Pod complete with loose parts
- Installed new shed for tools

Wild Fox:

- Massive clearance of rotten stuff from Wild Fox to establish a clear plan moving forward
- Secured successful Levelling Up funding to enable the development of Wild Fox playground

ASRUS & MAYFIELD HUB CLUB

Our Clubs provide activities and social learning experiences for young people in Torbay with Autism Spectrum Conditions. Young people who attend are accompanied by their parents/carers and often come with their brothers and sisters too. Activities included bushcraft skills, outdoor cooking, music and karaoke, football, indoor cooking, arts, crafts, demonstrations and trips.

This year we were thrilled to open a much needed second site, Mayfield Hub Club in Torquay in Easter 2024. We ran nine sessions in the summer term and had over 263 children attending.

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Delivery very much depends on the huge commitment of Play Torbay staff and a band of hard-working volunteers. Regular attendance at ASRUS enables staff to build up relationships and trust with parents over time.

Statistics and reach Sept 23 - July 24

- 38 sessions of ASRUS with 756 children attending
- 9 sessions of Mayfield Hub Club with over 263 children attending.

Highlights included: Trips to Berry Head with Life on the Edge and a Panto at Beverley Holiday Park where they invited ASRUS to their holiday park to watch their pantomime, Aladdin. Lots of children and parents, and a few staff, thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

ADDITIONAL PLAY SESSIONS

- After a successful pilot we secured more funding from Sanctuary Housing to deliver 40 Crafty Fox Play Sessions in the Crafty Fox Café, once a week after school.
- Continued to deliver the very successful weekly Forest School Sessions at Indigos Play and Ecology Centre for home educated children at Indigos, term time all year round running 40 sessions over the last year with over 800 attendances.
- Started Foxhole Fridays in alliance with Foxhole Community Centre which is a very popular drop-in style youth club every Friday.

COMMISSIONS

Over the last year we have continued to develop an understanding of the commissioning process and how we might best contribute to the delivery of services in the community. Commissions in 2023- 24 included:

- Providing one to one enabling support for young people struggling with school - please see PILOT below
- Delivered a 2nd year programme of forest skills and bushcraft sessions <https://www.playtorbay.org.uk/forest-schools/> . This is a LONG TERM process which takes place in a natural/woodland environment. Forest School promotes holistic development and offers the learner the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves. Forest School provided social opportunities through play, shared experiences, peer support building friendships and a sense of community / belonging. This was important for children with autism and on the ASC spectrum who can struggle to socialise easily and make friends, especially post pandemic.
- Continued to work with 'Life on the Edge', a project supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore wildflower meadows on the South Devon coast, to provide food and habitat for 26 rare and endangered insects and other minibeasts. We were commissioned to produce a 2nd Eco Booklet with contributions from over 15 people and organisations which were tested and chosen by young people. The Be Eco Booklet helps support ways to protect the environment and provides children, young people, and families opportunities to engage and learn more about how to be an Eco-Champion across Torbay. The 'Life on the Edge' team organised a range of activities for our weekly ASRUS group, on Berry Head too.
- Started Foxhole Fridays in alliance with Foxhole Community Centre which is a very popular drop-in style youth club every Friday. This is part of a multi-agency work effort in the Foxhole area of Paignton with Torbay Council, Foxhole community Centre, Kings Ash Academy, Paignton Police & Sanctuary Housing for regeneration of this community. As part of this effort we were asked by Sanctuary Housing to continue running Crafty Fox Play Sessions in the Crafty Fox Café, once a week after school.

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- We were awarded a grant from the Torbay Local Heritage Fund to involve children and families in the local heritage of Torbay through playful activities at the Indigos Playground in Brixham. This has involved:

- Planning and delivering Play Torbay's 25th Birthday Party
- Creating a film of 25 Years of Play in Torbay hearing different people's play memories over the years and additionally children's dreams for the future

The film was made by Emberlense and is a brilliant montage about the work we do and the impact it has and is about to be launched very soon... We may be having a first screening event soon watch this space.

- Delivering eight 'Inquisitive about Indigos' nature geo play sessions with Weird Sticks across this summer holiday to encourage children and families to come to play, whilst at the same time finding out about the Geopark and its significance and create a special entrance arch to the higher woodland area from willow and hazel using different coloured willow to represent the geological layers and the rock formation of Torbay.

PARTNERSHIPS

Play Torbay continues to be aware of the very real value and importance of partnership working. Over the last year there have continued to be novel and inspirational developments. From our work last year we have continued to create opportunities to work more closely with local environmental organisations like Life on the Edge and Torbay Climate Action. Highlights include:

- Worked closely with Mayfield and Chestnut school in the development and start of Mayfield Hub Club.
- Met and worked with 'Life on the Edge' a Heritage Lottery development
- Supporting the development of the Imagine this... Environmental Impact group
- Provided support and input into the Torbay Local Motion development which is leading to establishing greater support for children and families with additional needs initially in Torquay
- Contributed to the Torbay Helpline triage system and actively supported 12 families
- Continued alliance with Torbay Climate Partnership and presented at a meeting with young people

On the 20th March Play Torbay heard that their application to become a Global Geopark Associate had been successful. What's a Geo Park you ask? Great question... 'UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Global Geoparks are areas with internationally significant geology and interlinked outstanding natural and cultural value. Geoparks help people explore and celebrate the links between our communities and the earth.'

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

As a result of the HAF sessions we won the Best Holiday Club Award Autumn 2023 as part of the Torbay Children and Young People Awards

On the 1st February Beverley Holidays named Play Torbay as their charity of the year. Their plan for us is to 'raise lots of smiles and stacks of cash.'

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PILOT: PLAY TORBAY'S ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

The challenge for Play Torbay delivering the PILOT (Playing and Learning in the Outdoors) Alternative Education provision is to work with children and young people who for a number of reasons and circumstances are not thriving in mainstream school. PILOT successfully gives vulnerable children the time and space to take part in child-led outdoor play and benefit from its restorative and healing qualities, developing creative and digital learning activities which can also support real projects with enterprise opportunities. Our aim is to incorporate our under-used physical assets (playgrounds) during weekdays (term time) and make them available to young people 'on the edge' who often require a more holistic approach which can include working with their families. PILOT is not a long-term alternative to school but is providing the space and time to consider things differently, learn life skills, develop strategies for emotional regulation, a positive attitude to learning and where possible transition back into school. These interventions are costed packages and can provide individualised accredited programmes for young people. This year highlights include:

- A total of 23 children were supported over the year
- Inspected and met the Quality Assurance standards required by the Local Authority
- Detailed training audit for all staff ensuring standards are met and adhered to.

EVENTS

This year saw the phased return of more regular events we hosted two large events and supported others including:

- Sea Fest 23:
- 2nd Green Marketplace event: On Saturday 4th May we celebrated all things Eco and Green at Indigos Play & Ecology Centre at our 2nd Green Marketplace event which included a Solar Disco by - DJ THERMIX, an Environmental Storyteller - Martin Maudsley and even a Mobile Pop Up Scrapstore. The sun shone, there were lots of eco art and craft activities. Over 115 people attended. Everyone worked really hard to make it happen and, on the day, and it showed, the entire day was a huge success.
- Wrapping Presents Workshop:
- Playing in the Streets:
- Eco Fest:
- National Play Day:
- 'Future Proof' Eco Takeover: On the 3rd Feb we took part in a 'Future Proof' Eco takeover at Paignton Library which was great fun. The idea of the event was to encourage people to Re-use, Repair, Grow and Enjoy. It was a joy to be part of this amazing and important event.
- Easter Extravaganza: On Friday 29th March we held our Easter EXTRAvaganza! It was full of fun with Easter egg hunts, eco friendly games, arts and crafts, outdoor fun and adventurous play. With 98 cheerful young people and their families in tow, the Easter Extravaganza was a vibrant hub of smiles and laughter.

COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

We have continued to develop our internal organisation and IT systems to improve our communications with children, parents, families and funders alike. This year's highlights include:

- Website well established and used with: 60,381 visits
- Successful social media channels: FB: 5.2k fwr Insta: 1k fwr

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- Bookwhen automated booking system: 3327 bookings
- Improved partitioned mailing list on Brevo: 2475 contacts
- Continued successful tri annual newsletters for staff, trustees and volunteers.

OPERATIONS DEVELOPMENT

We have done a huge amount of work on our internal operations organisation and IT this year to support the core team and its operational outputs. This year's highlights include:

- Worked with new HR Consultants HR Enlighten undertake an HR audit, including:
 - Contract re-issues
 - Updated job descriptions and person specs
 - Pay and annual leave review
 - Establishing a Single Central Record
 - Training and development audit
- Successful fundraising for service delivery & grounds development including: Brixham Chamber of Commerce, Brixham Town Council, Interline, Holiday Activity Fund, Big Lottery, Life on The Edge, PCC Safer Communities, Sport England, Tonic Creatives, Community Ward, Heritage Fund & Levelling Up Fund and a number of donations across the year.

TRAINING

This year we have undertaken a significant staff training audit which has involved all our staff and trustees ensuring they have all the relevant and up to date training required to deliver a quality service provision.... in helping us to make sure we are up to date with the latest training and regulations.

- Arranging funding support from Devon County Council and HAF and supporting the Playwork Foundation in the writing and piloting of the PLAYTIME! and LET'S TALK Play courses, now nationally endorsed by Play England
- Supporting the Level 2 Playwork Apprenticeship development now approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships
- Supporting 28 learners in Torbay to complete the HAF Playtime! Course

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

We have identified six key themes from Play Torbay's Business plan that influence our priorities for 2024 - 2025:

- **Educational Provision**
 - Continue to develop Pilot provision - explore avenues with Local Authority to obtain longer term one-year contracts.
 - Become OFSTED registered
 - Work to maintain level of income at approx. 45% total income generated - approx. £138,000
- **Environmental Provision**
 - Continue to work with our alliances and partners to successfully achieve the goals set within year two of our play and ecology strategy
 - Explore possibility of a second forest school provision at Wild Fox
 - Develop pilot for ecology placements for Juniors working to develop Indigos play and ecology strategy
- **Playground Provision**
 - Continue to audit and develop permanent play offers at all sites
 - Develop Wild Fox site using Levelling Up Funding to establish regular all year-round use

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- **Training, Professional Development & Placements**
 - Continue to develop with our Play Support Mentor the Junior Placement programme and employment pathways for children and young people.
- **Supporting Families**
 - Develop and run a comprehensive programme of events building awareness of Play Torbay and engaging with communities
 - Make a case for the importance of Play in Torbay in collaboration with the voluntary & statutory sectors in Torbay's application for a Children Friendly Community.
- **Operational**
 - Bed in all new operation systems across staff team to ensure compliant HR protocol across the organisation in particular safer recruitment and practice
 - Complete HR Review, identifying and completing any missing areas or aspects.

These plans demonstrate a holistic approach to community development, encompassing environmental awareness, educational programmes, financial sustainability, and cultural enrichment. Continuous support for families, children, and young people is a central theme throughout the outlined initiatives.

Financial performance

The total income for the year has increased to £318,933 to £375,754. As at the 30th June 2024 the total funds of the charity were £128,802 (2023: £181,017) of which £52,056 (2023: £91,634) was attributable to unrestricted funds and £76,746 (2023: £76,746) was attributable to restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charity and consider the current level of reserves necessary to fund the continuation of the Charity taking into account the following requirements:- The charity needs to maintain a general reserve (Unrestricted General Fund) to enable services to continue uninterrupted for approximately three months, together with a provision for redundancy costs (calculated to be £70,861 as at 30th June 2024) and other expenses if the charity ceases to operate.

Risk Review

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed on a regular basis and systems are in place to mitigate these risks.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Play Torbay for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

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- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on^{28/03/2025} and signed on its behalf by:

K Brooks

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K Brooks
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Play Torbay ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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



Catherine Williams FCA DChA
Independent Examiner
Westcotts (SW) LLP
47 Boutport Street
Barnstaple
Devon
EX31 1SQ

Date: 29th March 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	3,581	114,543	118,124	154,964
Charitable activities	4	199,069	57,503	256,572	163,469
Other trading activities	5	1,058	-	1,058	500
Total income		<u>203,708</u>	<u>172,046</u>	<u>375,754</u>	<u>318,933</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	<u>(243,286)</u>	<u>(184,683)</u>	<u>(427,969)</u>	<u>(354,143)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(243,286)</u>	<u>(184,683)</u>	<u>(427,969)</u>	<u>(354,143)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(39,578)</u>	<u>(12,637)</u>	<u>(52,215)</u>	<u>(35,210)</u>
Net movement in funds		(39,578)	(12,637)	(52,215)	(35,210)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>91,634</u>	<u>89,383</u>	<u>181,017</u>	<u>216,227</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u><u>52,056</u></u>	<u><u>76,746</u></u>	<u><u>128,802</u></u>	<u><u>181,017</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 13.

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 07269045)
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	10	39,018	68,372
Cash at bank and in hand	11	<u>97,883</u>	<u>124,178</u>
		136,901	192,550
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(8,099)</u>	<u>(11,533)</u>
Net assets		<u>128,802</u>	<u>181,017</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		76,746	89,383
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>52,056</u>	<u>91,634</u>
Total funds	13	<u>128,802</u>	<u>181,017</u>

For the financial year ending 30 June 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 12 to 24 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 28/03/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

K Brooks

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K Brooks
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Play Torbay
Rowan Way
Brixham
TQ5 0SB

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Play Torbay meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes. The financial statements have been prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

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Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations	3,081	1,507	4,588
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants	<u>500</u>	<u>113,036</u>	<u>113,536</u>
	<u>3,581</u>	<u>114,543</u>	<u>118,124</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations	375	50	425
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants	<u>517</u>	<u>154,022</u>	<u>154,539</u>
	<u>892</u>	<u>154,072</u>	<u>154,964</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Services	197,292	57,503	254,795
Tickets	<u>1,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,777</u>
	<u>199,069</u>	<u>57,503</u>	<u>256,572</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Services	141,590	21,418	163,008
Tickets	<u>461</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>461</u>
	<u>142,051</u>	<u>21,418</u>	<u>163,469</u>

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5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£
Sales	1,006	1,006
Fundraising	52	52
	<u>1,058</u>	<u>1,058</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Total
	General	2023
	£	£
Sales	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
		£	£	£
Charitable activities		224,311	184,683	408,994
Allocated support costs	7	<u>18,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,975</u>
		<u>243,286</u>	<u>184,683</u>	<u>427,969</u>
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
		General	2023	2023
		£	£	£
Charitable activities		206,223	127,588	333,811
Allocated support costs	7	<u>20,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,332</u>
		<u>226,555</u>	<u>127,588</u>	<u>354,143</u>

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7 Analysis of support costs

Charitable activities expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Bank charges	111	111
Outsourced administrative expenses	16,812	16,812
Independent examiner's fee	2,052	2,052
	<u>18,975</u>	<u>18,975</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Bank charges	259	259
Bank interest payable	21	21
Outsourced administrative expenses	16,224	16,224
Independent examiner's fee	3,828	3,828
	<u>20,332</u>	<u>20,332</u>

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8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	207,374	102,997
Social security costs	6,778	2,535
Pension costs	5,827	1,750
	<u>219,979</u>	<u>107,282</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	36,109	47,875
Prepayments	1,509	1,150
Accrued income	1,400	13,833
Other debtors	-	5,514
	<u>39,018</u>	<u>68,372</u>

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	<u>97,883</u>	<u>124,178</u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	3,072	7,026
Other taxation and social security	2,890	1,062
Other creditors	25	25
Accruals	2,112	3,420
	<u>8,099</u>	<u>11,533</u>

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	91,634	203,708	(243,286)	52,056
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	5,216	-	-	5,216
ASRUS	-	15,593	(12,763)	2,830
Play Days	2,966	-	(2,966)	-
HAF	7,469	6,434	(13,903)	-
Imagine This	51	-	(51)	-
Easter HAF	1,212	9,444	(10,656)	-
Summer HAF	49,465	38,725	(62,624)	25,566
Brixham in Bloom	176	1,304	(429)	1,051
Playing in the Streets	124	400	(524)	-
Play Wales Review	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Parent Carer Forum	5,323	-	(5,323)	-
COMF 23	970	-	(970)	-
Brixham Town Council	500	-	(500)	-
Community Ward	488	1,000	(488)	1,000
Crafty Fox	6,546	2,500	(9,046)	-
Devon Community Foundation	2,582	-	(2,582)	-
NLCF	1,295	-	(1,295)	-
Continuation Fund	-	79,391	(43,235)	36,156
OPCC	-	7,656	(6,756)	900
Heritage Fund	-	4,999	(972)	4,027
Chamber of Commerce	-	2,100	(2,100)	-
Hungry Minds	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
	<u>89,383</u>	<u>172,046</u>	<u>(184,683)</u>	<u>76,746</u>

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	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £	
Total funds	<u>181,017</u>	<u>375,754</u>	<u>(427,969)</u>	<u>128,802</u>	
	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	189,880	143,443	(226,555)	(15,134)	91,634
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	-	15,000	(9,784)	-	5,216
ASRUS	(257)	4,870	(19,311)	14,698	-
Play Days	2,966	-	-	-	2,966
HAF	5,940	5,000	(3,471)	-	7,469
Play Packs	1,362	-	(1,735)	373	-
Imagine This	35	500	(484)	-	51
Creche	96	-	(135)	39	-
Easter HAF	1,260	10,013	(10,061)	-	1,212
Summer HAF	(492)	104,921	(54,964)	-	49,465
Jubilee Party	1,153	-	(1,177)	24	-
Brixham in Bloom	108	140	(72)	-	176
Playing in the Streets	279	-	(155)	-	124
Play Wales Review	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Parent Carer Forum	8,897	14,672	(18,246)	-	5,323
COMF 23	-	4,999	(4,029)	-	970
Brixham Town Council	-	500	-	-	500
Community Ward	-	488	-	-	488
Crafty Fox	-	7,035	(489)	-	6,546
Devon Community Foundation	-	4,700	(2,118)	-	2,582
NLCF	-	2,652	(1,357)	-	1,295
	<u>26,347</u>	<u>175,490</u>	<u>(127,588)</u>	<u>15,134</u>	<u>89,383</u>
Total funds	<u>216,227</u>	<u>318,933</u>	<u>(354,143)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,017</u>

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund is for expenditure on Bay Play and Come into Play.

ASRUS funding is received to provide youth club activities and social learning experiences for young people in Torbay who are on the Autistic Spectrum.

The Play Days fund relates to income received in order to offer free play days for children in the local community.

Winter HAF relates to income received from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, a national scheme being facilitated by Torbay Council in the Bay to ensure that children have access to food and activities over the school holiday periods.

The Play Packs fund relates to income received towards the play packs provided during the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

The Imagine This fund relates to income received to run events for young people during the holidays.

The Creche fund relates income received for staffing creche facilities to local organisations.

Easter HAF relates to income received from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, a national scheme being facilitated by Torbay Council in the Bay to ensure that children have access to food and activities over the school holiday periods.

Summer HAF relates to income received from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, a national scheme being facilitated by Torbay Council in the Bay to ensure that children have access to food and activities over the school holiday periods.

Jubilee Party was funding received to mark the Queen's Jubilee with the opportunity of bringing parents and children together again after Covid to enjoy the outdoors.

Brixham In Bloom is a small local charity with whom we collaborate and help manage and hold their finances for their accountability.

Playing in the Streets was funding received from Torbay Council and TDA to support events 'play in the street' aimed at welcoming people back to our high streets.

Play Wales Review monies relates to a commission to review and report on Play Wales publications library catalogue.

Parent Carer Forum, the new independent Parent /Carer forum in Torbay commissioned Play Torbay to provide admin, financial and strategic direction.

COMF 23 COMF Covid Safe funding from Torbay Council to help us improve the playgrounds as safe spaces for children and young people within their communities.

Brixham Town Council funding relates to a small fund for running our free forest school sessions aimed at children and young people who are being electively home educated.

Community Ward a small funding pot enabling us to help make playground improvements.

Crafty Fox was Funding from Sanctuary Housing to deliver weekly outreach play sessions at Foxhole at the Crafty Fox Café.

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Devon Community Foundation - provided funding for us to develop Indigos Play & Ecology Centre.

NLCF funding relates to monies from the National Lottery fund for running an event to celebrate the Kings Coronation.

Transfers between funds

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2024 £
Current assets	60,155	76,746	136,901
Current liabilities	<u>(8,099)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,099)</u>
Total net assets	<u>52,056</u>	<u>76,746</u>	<u>128,802</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2023 £
Current assets	103,167	89,383	192,550
Current liabilities	<u>(11,533)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,533)</u>
Total net assets	<u>91,634</u>	<u>89,383</u>	<u>181,017</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year, a Trustee's husband completed design work for the charity. In 2024, the total value of payments made were £8,371 (2023: £7,397)

PLAY TORBAY

England & Wales - Charity number 1137551

Accounts

Company registration number: 07269045

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(A company limited by guarantee)

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for the Year Ended 30 June 2023



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& BUSINESS ADVISERS

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number 1137551

Company Registration Number 07269045

Trustees

S Ryder

J Forsyth

A Gilroy

K Brooks

A Bankes-Fay (Resigned 13/07/2023)

K Benjamin

S Lowson (Resigned 28/01/2024)

D MacDonald-Murray (Resigned 29/01/2024)

S Chown

S Ford (Appointed 08/11/2022, resigned 18/01/2024)

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Structure, governance and management

Play Torbay is a charity and a company limited by guarantee that aims to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of play in children's lives. Play Torbay's work is based on Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child that every child has the right to relax and play and join in a wide range of cultural, artistic and other activities.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited and inducted as follows;

- Gaps for skills are identified within Trustee meetings across each year and potential
- Trustees are identified
- Invitations are sent from the director
- If invitation are accepted. An induction pack and is sent to trustee
- They are formally accepted on the next Trustee meeting
- Every Trustee has a portal on Breathe our HR software where we keep details and there is access to all relevant company documents such as meeting minutes and governance documents etc.

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Play Torbay provide active and creative play across the communities in Torbay. There are playgrounds in Brixham and Paignton and we have developed a play service in all three towns which provides adventure, friendship and fun for hundreds of young people each year. School aged children and their families are the main beneficiaries of our work, but all children are welcome including babies and toddlers. Additionally, we are committed to building a supportive ecosystem for disadvantaged families in Torbay - in particular, for families whose children have additional needs and challenging behaviours. We are seeking to build resilient networks, reduce isolation and upskill parents and carers, so that families have increased agency, community connections to help their children to thrive, and regular access to safe places to play.

The objects of our charity are:

- To enhance the development and education of children of Torbay through play
- To advance the education of the public regarding the importance of children's play

We believe play is key to children's development, their learning, confidence, and wellbeing. We also think that unstructured, self-directed, free play is the best type of play for young children. We know that as children grow, the way they play changes and that our understanding and responses should reflect this.

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Key strands of work to achieve this are:

Child-Centred Activity

- Play-based and community sessional activities with children and young people (independent play)
- Supportive projects for families in school holidays (e.g. Holiday Activities and Food Programmes)
- Targeted support and learning for children through PILOT alternative education provision
- Family based activities in themed events throughout the year
- Both regular and themed one-off play-based sessional activities and events for families
- Support for parents, carers, guardians /Community-Centred Activity

Community-Centred Activity

- An empowering support network for parents and carers
- Community play spaces maintained in ways which protect the environment and where possible ensuring space for children's play for the longer term - e.g. Community Asset Transfer, ecological sustainability
- A self-sustaining organisation with income streams linked to play-based engagement
- Enterprise development

We have continued to work cooperatively with and in regular communication with partners including other voluntary organisations, schools, community builders, early help teams, and family intervention services. We have again worked closely with the local authority, Children's Services, Public Health, Social Care and the Police. We have also actively contributed to the design and development of play-based Alternative Education services at a local level.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

PLAYGROUNDS AND HOLIDAY PROVISION

- Indigos Play and Ecology Centre, Brixham
- Wild Fox in Paignton
- Barton Cricket Club in Torquay

Playgrounds are safe places where children can play in ways that they often cannot do elsewhere, providing the play opportunities that adults today would take for granted when they were children. We have moved sites in Torquay this year from Fort Apache to Barton Cricket Club. In these playgrounds children learn for themselves how to deal with challenges, take risks and build the resilience needed to cope with life's encounters. There are opportunities to create camps, dens and other self-made constructions, grow plants and vegetables, make fires and cook on them and most importantly make and meet friends. Our provision has been significantly supported through the Department of Education's Healthy Activities and Food (HAF) programme through Torbay Council's Healthy Holidays scheme as part of the support for children on Free School Meals campaign.

Statistics and reach July 22 - Easter 23

- Provided 60 holiday play sessions including lunch, across three sites within Torbay, supporting
- A total of 3,322 children attending across Brixham, Paignton and Torquay
- 651 children attended with additional needs

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- Designed, collated and delivered 200 Wintertime Play Packs and food hampers as part of the HAF provision to families across Torbay

JUNIOR PLACEMENTS

Our experience of involving Junior Placements for the last two years in the delivery of sessions has been very successful and we have been keen to develop and improve and the programme. Developments included:

- Delivering several training events for young people to access locally where they live
- Working with and supporting over 28 young people at our events and play sessions
- Submitting a large bid to the Lottery to run a range of events to build a growing network of children and parents in Play Torbay activities which in turn will provide opportunities to support our Junior Placements to develop skills, competency and confidence leading to increased choices and pathways to employment in the future

Statistics and reach July 22 - June 23

- Worked with 28 young people on Junior Youth placements over the year
- Juniors supported children and young people at 120 sessions and events

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

We have also been developing our playgrounds in Brixham and Paignton as they have become quite unsafe to use over the course of last year due to vandalism and age. As part of our fundraising efforts we were successful in getting £15,000 from the Community Fund and £5,000 COMF Covid Safe funding from Torbay Council to help us improve the playgrounds. So far we have:

- Removed old sheds
- Removed and cleared greenhouse and installed a large community poly tunnel
- Installed a new shed
- Removed old unsafe play equipment and installed new poles
- Made essential repairs to existing equipment

INDIGOS PLAY & ECOLOGY CENTRE

Inspired and challenged by young people's growing passion and concern for the environment over the last few years we wanted to make a commitment to protect the planet and address the climate crisis by developing Indigos as an ecology centre as well as a natural space to play in. We are aiming to create a space where we can inspire positive environmental change by encouraging people to engage with nature in an informal play and learning environment.

Over the past year with the help from a Devon Community Foundation grant we have been able to develop Indigos Play & Ecology Centre. The site has been transformed into something special including the installation of a new large poly tunnel and shed as well as the moving the PlayPod within our grounds too - <https://www.playtorbay.org.uk/indigos-ecology-play-centre>

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ASRUS

ASRUS is a youth club providing activities and social learning experiences for young people in Torbay with Autism Spectrum Conditions. Young people who attend are accompanied by their parents/carers and often come with their brothers and sisters too. Activities included bushcraft skills, outdoor cooking, music and karaoke, football, indoor cooking, arts, crafts, demonstrations and trips. Delivery very much depends on the huge commitment of Play Torbay staff and a band of hard-working volunteers. Regular attendance at ASRUS enables staff to build up relationships and trust with parents over time. We successfully moved sites this year to Indigos and continued to experience good numbers and support in this.

Music making sessions at ASRUS: Moor to Sea provide musical opportunities while other activities take place simultaneously, facilitated by Play Torbay. Young people and their parents are able to sign up for individual sessions earlier in the evening with group music making later. The sessions are adapted each week to accommodate the mix of young people attending and the work that evolves as a result of that. While there is support for focused one to one work, including some tuition, there is also more tailored work towards creation and playing together, and an encouragement to connect with other young people and play together when appropriate and possible. This has meant that some young people who initially engaged at ASRUS wanting only to work on their own, and definitely not sing or play in front of anyone are now taking part in group music making with an increase in confidence and musical skill. They are listening and connecting with each other in a meaningful way.

Statistics and reach Sept 22 - July 23

- 35 sessions with 578 children
- Successfully moved to Indigos and Chestnut School
- Trip to see Santa in the Caves at Kent's Cavern

ADDITIONAL PLAY SESSIONS

- As part of a pilot initiative delivered 5 weekly playwork sessions after school in partnership with Sanctuary at Crafty Fox Café n Hub in Foxhole. This was very successful and funding for a full years delivery starting March 2023 has now been achieved
- Delivered a successful Forest School pilot for 25 children who are electively home educated which has since achieved further funding
- Delivering play sessions for children and family asylum seekers in Torquay
- Delivered Play Sessions at Dartmouth Naval College

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COMMISSIONS

Over the last year we have continued to develop an understanding of the commissioning process and how we might best contribute to the delivery of services in the community. Commissions in 2022- 23 included:

- Providing one to one enabling support for young people struggling with school - please see PILOT below
- Delivering a year's programme of forest skills and bushcraft sessions <https://www.playtorbay.org.uk/forest-schools/> . This is a LONG TERM process which takes place in a natural/woodland environment. Forest School promotes holistic development and offers the learner the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves. Forest School provided social opportunities through play, shared experiences, peer support building friendships and a sense of community / belonging. This was important for children with autism and on the ASC spectrum who can struggle to socialise easily and make friends, especially post pandemic.
- Teaming up with South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to take part in 'Life on the Edge', a project supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore wildflower meadows on the South Devon coast, to provide food and habitat for 26 rare and endangered insects and other minibeasts. The 'Life on the Edge' team organised a range of activities for our weekly ASRUS group, on Berry Head, they joined forces with our Forest School sessions and contributed to the printing costs of the 'How to be an Eco Champion booklet.
- Funding from Sanctuary Housing to deliver weekly outreach play sessions at Foxhole at the Crafty Fox Café which have been really well received so far.
- Weekly play sessions for asylum seeker children who have been living in the Abbey Sands hotel. On 19th June they were moved to other locations around the country.

PARTNERSHIPS

Play Torbay continues to be aware of the very real value and importance of partnership working. Over the last year there have continued to be novel and inspirational developments. From our work last year we have continued to create opportunities to work more closely with local environmental organisations like Life on the Edge and Torbay Climate Action. Highlights include:

- Provided input into Family Hubs and Child Friendly Torbay meetings
- Met and worked with 'Life on the Edge' a Heritage Lottery development
- Supporting the development of the Imagine this... Environmental Impact group
- Provided support and input into the Torbay Local Motion development which is leading to establishing greater support for children and families with additional needs initially in Torquay
- Contributed to the Torbay Helpline triage system and actively supported 12 families

AWARDS

We have been lucky enough to be nominated and won a few awards over the past year which has been fantastic. The awards include:

- Supporting Brixham in Bloom committee to win a Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) South West in Bloom Gold Award
- All three playgrounds win RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Awards

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- Life Time Achievement Award: Tanny Stobart. Director of Play Torbay was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her inspirational work championing young people in the community.

PILOT: PLAY TORBAY'S ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

The challenge for Play Torbay delivering the PILOT Alternative Education provision is to work with children and young people who for a number of reasons and circumstances are not thriving in mainstream school. PILOT successfully gives vulnerable children the time and space to take part in child-led outdoor play and benefit from its restorative and healing qualities, developing creative and digital learning activities which can also support real projects with enterprise opportunities. Our aim is to incorporate our under-used physical assets (playgrounds) during weekdays (term time) and make them available to young people 'on the edge' who often require a more holistic approach which can include working with their families. PILOT is not a long-term alternative to school but is providing the space and time to consider things differently, learn life skills, develop strategies for emotional regulation, a positive attitude to learning and where possible transition back into school. These interventions are costed packages and can provide individualised accredited programmes for young people. This year highlights include:

- A total of 35 children were supported over the year
- Being inspected and meeting the Quality Assurance standards required by the Local Authority
- Establishing a new learning base using the new Cabin at Indigos Play and Ecology Centre

EVENTS

This year saw the phased return of more regular events we hosted two large events and supported others including:

- Kings Coronation: In recognition of the new King's commitment to protecting the environment we gave a special coronation memento - '**How to be an Eco-Champion**' booklet to everyone who came. We are in the process of establishing Indigos Goes Green as a 'Play and Ecology Centre' and the event was a step towards developing the frequency of events so it becomes more well known. The people who came from the local community were excited and pleased to see the developments to date, were delighted to be able to take part and are encouraging us to be open more often. Local children were able to walk to the venue to take part. It was suggested that we need to work more closely with schools and possibly offer outdoor learning sessions. We were recommended to look at the work of Eco Active in London <https://www.ecoactive.org.uk/> where we discovered one of our Trustees worked previously
- Green Marketplace Event: celebrated the official launch of Indigos Play and Ecology Centre on 1st July which saw the award-winning environmental storyteller Martin Maudsley - telling stories. There were also a dozen different stalls and a chance to find out from members of the Imagine this... environmental impact group about the different ways people are tackling climate change across the Bay. Over 100 people attended the event.
Other events we actively supported:

Other events we actively supported:

- Healthy Holidays Velo Park Event
- Star Wars Event
- Local Motion - making positive change event at Central Church Torquay

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COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

We have continued to develop our internal organisation and IT systems to improve our communications with children, parents, families and funders alike. This year's highlights include:

- Website visits: 11,919
- Social Media main platforms:
 - Facebook - 7,481 followers in our combined pages, with a total of 2,433.629 impressions for this period.
 - Instagram - 999 followers
 - Twitter - 1,972 followers with a total 855,277 reach for this period
- Bookwhen automated booking system: 6,669 bookings
- All user data now successfully transferred onto Apricot master database
- Improved partitioned mailing list on 'Send in Blue': 2,151 contacts
- Developed Staff, Trustee and Volunteer newsletters: delivering three per year

OPERATIONS DEVELOPMENT

We have done a huge amount of work on our internal operations organisation and IT this year to support the core team and its operational outputs. This year's highlights include:

- Developing our Business Plan 23-24
- Undertaking an extensive HR review and moved all staff details on to Breathe
- Moving our office premises to Indigos
- Creating accessible shared drives on Google Workspace for all employees and Trustees
- Working with new accountant Thomas Westcott
- Revising ICO compliance
- Revising governance framework and timelines
- Successfully fundraising for service delivery including Torbay Council (Holidays, Activities and Food (HAF), Co-op Community Fund, Devon Community Foundation, Barclays Spotted, National Lottery (Coronation), Brixham Town Council, Sanctuary, Poundland and Interline

TRAINING

The training this year has centred around entry level for the playworkers and junior placements as well as some development work around a new Playwork Apprenticeship (nationally) to provide inclusive, funded opportunities for learners to engage in nationally accredited playwork training. We believe this will give a much greater understanding of the importance of play in children's development in addition to increasing opportunities towards employment. Highlights include:

- Arranging funding support from Devon County Council and HAF and supporting the Playwork Foundation in the writing and piloting of the PLAYTIME! and LET'S TALK Play courses, now nationally endorsed by Play England
- Supporting the Level 2 Playwork Apprenticeship development now approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships
- Supporting 28 learners in Torbay to complete the HAF Playtime! course

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SEND FAMILY VOICE TORBAY

Over the last year we continued to work alongside SEND Family Voice Torbay, the new independent Parent /Carer forum in Torbay. We were commissioned to provide admin, financial and strategic direction. Highlights include:

- Developing a successful new website, a booking system for meetings and a mailing list, <https://www.familyvoicetorbay.org/>
- Supporting the delivery of face to face meetings with refreshments and creche facilities if needed
- Attending Steering Group meetings supporting responses to the Written Statement of action and the Graduated Response
- Delivering the finance and end of year reporting and the final transition to new host Somerset Parent Carer Forum

Plans for future periods

Plans for Play Torbay moving into 2023-2024. cover various aspects of community engagement, environmental awareness, professional development, and support for low-income families. Here's a breakdown of our plans:

- **Training and Professional Development Support:**
Demonstrate a commitment to the growth and skill development of the organisation's staff and community members.
- **Regular Forest School Sessions:**
Incorporate outdoor and nature-based education into the programme delivery, promoting experiential learning.
- **Regular Play Offers at Both Sites:**
Ensure that play opportunities are consistently available across all locations, contributing to community engagement.
- **HAF Provision in all Three Towns in Torbay:**
Address the needs of low-income families by providing Holiday Activity and Food programs, supporting the well-being of children during breaks.
- **Provision for Young People with Additional Needs and their Families in Torquay:**
Expand the delivery of services, potentially reaching a broader audience across the Bay
- **Cooperative Joint Working Model:**
Fostering collaboration among different sites to improve and increase opportunities for local families, promoting a sense of community, e.g. Kings Ash.
- **Sustained PILOT Provision to Create 50% Self-Generated Income Stream:**
Aiming for financial sustainability by increasing self-generated income, which will enhance the organisation's long-term viability.
- **Larger Cultural Events:**
Planning three cultural events per year for families, children, and young people to raise awareness of the importance of play and to contribute to community bonding and cultural enrichment.
- **Development of Child Friendly Torbay:**
The ambition is to put children at the heart of all that we do in Torbay, to ensure they have the best start in life possible and for Torbay to be a great place for them to grow up.

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These plans demonstrate a holistic approach to community development, encompassing environmental awareness, educational programmes, financial sustainability, and cultural enrichment. Continuous support for families, children, and young people is a central theme throughout the outlined initiatives. It's a well-rounded strategy that addresses various aspects of community well-being and development.

Financial performance

The total income for the year has reduced from £353,004 to £318,933. As at the 30th June 2023 the total funds of the charity were £181,017 (2022: £216,227) of which £91,634 (2022: £189,880) was attributable to unrestricted funds and £89,383 (2022: £26,347) was attributable to restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charity and consider the current level of reserves necessary to fund the continuation of the Charity taking into account the following requirements:- The charity needs to maintain a general reserve (Unrestricted General Fund) to enable services to continue uninterrupted for approximately three months, together with a provision for redundancy costs (calculated to be £70,861 as at 30th June 2023) and other expenses if the charity ceases to operate.

Risk Review

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed on a regular basis and systems are in place to mitigate these risks.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Play Torbay for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 18/03/2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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K Brooks
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Play Torbay ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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



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Date: 19th March 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	892	154,072	154,964	151,073
Charitable activities	4	142,051	21,418	163,469	200,141
Other trading activities	5	500	-	500	1,790
Total income		<u>143,443</u>	<u>175,490</u>	<u>318,933</u>	<u>353,004</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	<u>(226,555)</u>	<u>(127,588)</u>	<u>(354,143)</u>	<u>(352,042)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(226,555)</u>	<u>(127,588)</u>	<u>(354,143)</u>	<u>(352,042)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(83,112)	47,902	(35,210)	962
Transfers between funds		<u>(15,134)</u>	<u>15,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(98,246)	63,036	(35,210)	962
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>189,880</u>	<u>26,347</u>	<u>216,227</u>	<u>215,265</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>91,634</u>	<u>89,383</u>	<u>181,017</u>	<u>216,227</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 13.

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(Registration number: 07269045)
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	10	68,372	55,852
Cash at bank and in hand	11	<u>124,178</u>	<u>173,721</u>
		192,550	229,573
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(11,533)</u>	<u>(13,346)</u>
Net assets		<u>181,017</u>	<u>216,227</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		89,383	26,347
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>91,634</u>	<u>189,880</u>
Total funds	13	<u>181,017</u>	<u>216,227</u>

For the financial year ending 30 June 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 13 to 24 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 18/03/2024 and signed on their behalf by:



K Brooks
Trustee

The notes on pages 15 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Play Torbay
Rowan Way
Brixham
TQ5 0SB

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Play Torbay meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

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Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations	375	50	425
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants	517	154,022	154,539
	<u>892</u>	<u>154,072</u>	<u>154,964</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations	313	-	313
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants	35,287	115,473	150,760
	<u>35,600</u>	<u>115,473</u>	<u>151,073</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Services	141,590	21,418	163,008
Tickets	461	-	461
	<u>142,051</u>	<u>21,418</u>	<u>163,469</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Services	182,217	17,924	200,141

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Sales	500	500
	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Sales	1,790	1,790
	<u>1,790</u>	<u>1,790</u>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Charitable activities		206,223	127,588	333,811
Allocated support costs	7	20,332	-	20,332
		<u>226,555</u>	<u>127,588</u>	<u>354,143</u>

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Charitable activities		61,194	268,794	329,988
Allocated support costs	7	-	22,054	22,054
		<u>61,194</u>	<u>290,848</u>	<u>352,042</u>

7 Analysis of support costs

Charitable activities expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Bank charges	259	259
Bank interest payable	21	21
Outsourced administrative expenses	16,224	16,224
Independent examiner's fee	3,828	3,828
	<u>20,332</u>	<u>20,332</u>

	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Bank charges	94	94
Bank interest payable	19	19
Outsourced administrative expenses	17,645	17,645
Independent examiner's fee	4,296	4,296
	<u>22,054</u>	<u>22,054</u>

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8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	102,997	131,926
Social security costs	2,535	(3,860)
Pension costs	1,750	2,018
	<u>107,282</u>	<u>130,084</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 16 (2022: 15). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	No	No
Staff	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	47,875	38,595
Prepayments	1,150	45
Accrued income	13,833	6,270
Other debtors	5,514	10,942
	<u>68,372</u>	<u>55,852</u>

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank	<u>124,178</u>	<u>173,721</u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	7,026	4,328
Other taxation and social security	1,062	2,123
Other creditors	25	55
Accruals	3,420	6,840
	<u>11,533</u>	<u>13,346</u>

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	189,880	143,443	(226,555)	(15,134)	91,634
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	-	15,000	(9,784)	-	5,216
ASRUS	(257)	4,870	(19,311)	14,698	-
Play Days	2,966	-	-	-	2,966
HAF	5,940	5,000	(3,471)	-	7,469
Play Packs	1,362	-	(1,735)	373	-
Imagine This	35	500	(484)	-	51
Creche	96	-	(135)	39	-
Easter HAF	1,260	10,013	(10,061)	-	1,212
Summer HAF	(492)	104,921	(54,964)	-	49,465
Jubilee Party	1,153	-	(1,177)	24	-
Brixham in Bloom	108	140	(72)	-	176
Playing in the Streets	279	-	(155)	-	124
Play Wales Review	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Parent Carer Forum	8,897	14,672	(18,246)	-	5,323
COMF 23	-	4,999	(4,029)	-	970
Brixham Town Council	-	500	-	-	500
Community Ward	-	488	-	-	488
Crafty Fox	-	7,035	(489)	-	6,546
Devon Community Foundation	-	4,700	(2,118)	-	2,582
NLCF	-	2,652	(1,357)	-	1,295
	<u>26,347</u>	<u>175,490</u>	<u>(127,588)</u>	<u>15,134</u>	<u>89,383</u>

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	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Total funds	<u>216,227</u>	<u>318,933</u>	<u>(354,143)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,017</u>
	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	33,427	217,817	(61,194)	(170)	189,880
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	122,718	57,357	(180,245)	170	-
ASRUS	554	2,475	(3,286)	-	(257)
Play Days	1,966	1,000	-	-	2,966
HAF	56,600	24,861	(75,521)	-	5,940
Play Packs	-	7,790	(6,428)	-	1,362
Imagine This	-	2,799	(2,764)	-	35
Creche	-	160	(64)	-	96
Easter HAF	-	15,466	(14,206)	-	1,260
Summer HAF	-	-	(492)	-	(492)
Jubilee Party	-	7,000	(5,847)	-	1,153
Brixham in Bloom	-	108	-	-	108
Playing in the Streets	-	900	(621)	-	279
Play Wales Review	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Parent Carer Forum	-	10,271	(1,374)	-	8,897
	<u>181,838</u>	<u>135,187</u>	<u>(290,848)</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>26,347</u>
Total funds	<u>215,265</u>	<u>353,004</u>	<u>(352,042)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>216,227</u>

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund is for expenditure on Bay Play and Come into Play.

ASRUS funding is received to provide youth club activities and social learning experiences for young people in Torbay who are on the Autistic Spectrum.

The Play Days fund relates to income received in order to offer free play days for children in the local community.

Winter HAF relates to income received from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, a national scheme being facilitated by Torbay Council in the Bay to ensure that children have access to food and activities over the school holiday periods.

The Play Packs fund relates to income received towards the play packs provided during the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

The Imagine This fund relates to income received to run events for young people during the holidays.

The Creche fund relates income received for staffing creche facilities to local organisations.

Easter HAF relates to income received from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, a national scheme being facilitated by Torbay Council in the Bay to ensure that children have access to food and activities over the school holiday periods.

Summer HAF relates to income received from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, a national scheme being facilitated by Torbay Council in the Bay to ensure that children have access to food and activities over the school holiday periods.

Jubilee Party was funding received to mark the Queen's Jubilee with the opportunity of bringing parents and children together again after Covid to enjoy the outdoors.

Brixham In Bloom is a small local charity with whom we collaborate and help manage and hold their finances for their accountability.

Playing in the Streets was funding received from Torbay Council and TDA to support events 'play in the street' aimed at welcoming people back to our high streets.

Play Wales Review monies relates to a commission to review and report on Play Wales publications library catalogue.

Parent Carer Forum, the new independent Parent /Carer forum in Torbay commissioned Play Torbay to provide admin, financial and strategic direction.

COMF 23 COMF Covid Safe funding from Torbay Council to help us improve the playgrounds as safe spaces for children and young people within their communities.

Brixham Town Council funding relates to a small fund for running our free forest school sessions aimed at children and young people who are being electively home educated.

Community Ward a small funding pot enabling us to help make playground improvements.

Crafty Fox was Funding from Sanctuary Housing to deliver weekly outreach play sessions at Foxhole at the Crafty Fox Café.

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Devon Community Foundation - provided funding for us to develop Indigos Play & Ecology Centre.

NLCF funding relates to monies from the National Lottery fund for running an event to celebrate the Kings Coronation.

Transfers between funds

The transfers between the funds during the period relate to management fees for projects using core resources.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2023 £
Current assets	103,167	89,383	192,550
Current liabilities	(11,533)	-	(11,533)
Total net assets	<u>91,634</u>	<u>89,383</u>	<u>181,017</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2022 £
Current assets	203,226	26,347	229,573
Current liabilities	(13,346)	-	(13,346)
Total net assets	<u>189,880</u>	<u>26,347</u>	<u>216,227</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year, a Trustee's husband completed design work for the charity. In 2023, the total value of payments made were £7,397 (2022: £10,131)

PLAY TORBAY

England & Wales - Charity number 1137551

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 07269045
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1137551

Play Torbay
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
30 June 2022

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Play Torbay

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 30 June 2022

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Play Torbay
Charity registration number	1137551
Company registration number	07269045
Principal office and registered office	Unit 1 The Barn Brixham Enterprise Estate Rea Barn Road Brixham TQ5 9DF

The trustees	D MacDonald-Murray S Chown S Ryder K Brooks S Lawson J Forsyth A Bankes-Fay K Benjamin A Gilroy N Palin	(Resigned 1 December 2022)
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Independent examiner	Catherine Williams FCA DChA Westcotts (SW) LLP 47 Boutport Street Barnstaple Devon EX31 1SQ
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Structure, governance and management

Play Torbay is a charity and a company limited by guarantee that aims to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of play in children's lives. Play Torbay's work is based on Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child that every child has the right to relax and play and join in a wide range of cultural, artistic and other activities.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 30 June 2022

Structure, governance and management

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited and inducted as follows;

- Gaps for skills are identified within trustee meetings across each year and potential trustees are identified
- Invitations are sent from the director
- If invitation are accepted. An induction pack and is sent to trustee
- They are formally accepted on the next trustee meeting
- Every trustee has a portal on Breathe our HR software where we keep details and access to all relevant company documents such as meeting minutes and governance documents etc

Objectives and activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Play Torbay provide active and creative play across the communities in Torbay. There are three playgrounds, one in each town and we have developed a play service which provides adventure, friendship and fun for hundreds of young people each year. School aged children and their families are the main beneficiaries of our work, but all children are welcome including babies and toddlers. Additionally, we are committed to building a supportive ecosystem for disadvantaged families in Torbay - in particular, for families whose children have additional needs and challenging behaviours. We are seeking to build resilient networks, reduce isolation and upskill parents and carers, so that families have increased agency and community connections to help their children to thrive.

The objects of our charity are:

- To enhance the development and education of children of Torbay through play
- To advance the education of the public regarding the importance of children's play

We believe play is key to children's development, their learning, confidence, and wellbeing. We also think that unstructured, self-directed, free play is the best type of play for young children. We know that as children grow, the way they play changes and that our understanding and responses should reflect this.

Key strands of work to achieve this are:

Child-Centred Activity

- Play-based and community sessional activities with children and young people (independent play)
- Imaginative holiday projects (e.g. Quest Play) for young people
- Targeted support and learning for children through PILOT alternative education provision

Family-Centred Activity

- Both regular and themed one-off play-based sessional activities and events for families

Parent/Carer/ Community-Centred Activity

- Skills, learning and development for parents and carers

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 30 June 2022

Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Community-Centred Activity

- An empowering support network for parents and carers
- Community play spaces maintained in ways which protect the environment and where possible ensure space for children's play for the longer term - e.g. Community Asset Transfer, ecological sustainability
- Skills Bank maintained to sustain and support volunteering and ensure quality delivery of services
- A self-sustaining organisation with income streams linked to play-based engagement
- Enterprise development

Coming out of the pandemic presented our organisation with a new set of challenges. The staff had been fully occupied in finding alternative ways to keep in contact with families, and as a result the playgrounds had been neglected, and were overgrown and unkempt. Additionally they had been entered without permission and to a certain extent misused and vandalised. This resulted in a significant programme of work to repair and make safe before the summer holiday programme planned for August delivery. Fortunately, colleagues in Public Health recognised the problem and allocated significant Covid Recovery funding so that we were able to respond within the time restraints.

We have continued to work cooperatively with and in regular communication with partners including other voluntary organisations, schools, community builders, early help teams, and family intervention services. We have again worked closely with the local authority, Children's Services, Public Health, Social Care and the Police. Throughout the pandemic and over the course of the year actively contributed to the design and development of play-based Alternative Education services at a local level.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS AND HOLIDAY PROVISION

Indigos Go Wild in Brixham
Wild Fox in Paignton
Fort Apache in Torquay

Adventure playgrounds are safe places where children can play in ways that they often cannot do elsewhere, providing the play opportunities that adults today would take for granted when they were children. In adventure playgrounds children learn for themselves how to deal with challenges, take risks and build the resilience needed to cope with life's encounters. There are opportunities to create camps, dens and other self-made constructions, grow plants and vegetables, make fires and cook on them and most importantly make and meet friends. Our provision has been significantly supported through the Department of Education's Healthy Activities and Food (HAF) programme through Torbay Council's Healthy Holidays scheme as part of the support for children on Free School Meals campaign. We provided 67 face to face play sessions over the school holidays, including lunch, across four sites within Torbay, supporting a total of 2,230 children and young people of which 361 had additional needs.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 30 June 2022

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

AFTERTHOUGHT

Afterthought is a facilitated series of free, weekly evening Zoom sessions mainly for parents and carers but often joined by playworkers and other professionals thinking about ways to manage during COVID and beyond. We recognised that COVID restrictions could be hard for parents and carers too, with children at home and juggling work commitments. We decided to try to create a time each week which would perhaps help them to support children possibly through further challenging times. The sessions run from 8pm to 9pm. There have been some amazing inspirational speakers, including parents themselves, presenting sessions on a range of different topics including autism, non-violent resistance, managing children's anxiety, sensory processing and sleep. Over the period we supported over 193 participants with very positive feedback.

ASRUS

ASRUS is a youth club providing activities and social learning experiences for young people in Torbay with Autism Spectrum Conditions. Young people who attend are accompanied by their parents/carers and often come with their brothers and sisters too. Activities included bushcraft skills, outdoor cooking, music and karaoke, indoor cooking, arts, crafts and demonstrations and trips.

Delivery very much depends on the huge commitment of Play Torbay staff and a band of hard-working volunteers. Regular attendance at ASRUS, enables staff to build up relationships and trust with parents over time. As a result, parents feel confident and comfortable about raising difficult issues and challenges. During the year it was decided to move the ASRUS sessions to our playground in Brixham and we would like to acknowledge the support we have received from the YMCA for many years.

Music making sessions at ASRUS: Moor to Sea provide musical opportunities while other activities take place simultaneously, facilitated by Play Torbay. Young people and their parents are able to sign up for individual sessions earlier in the evening, with group music making later. The sessions adapt each week to accommodate the mix of young people attending and the work that evolves. While there is support for focused one to one work, including some tuition, there is also more tailored towards creation and playing together, and an encouragement to connect with other young people and play together when appropriate and possible. This has meant that some young people who initially engaged at ASRUS wanting only to work on their own, and definitely not sing or play in front of anyone are now taking part in group music making with an increase in confidence and musical skill. They are listening and connecting with each other in a meaningful way.

Statistics and reach Sept 21 - July 22

No of sessions: **34**

Total Attendances: **524**

Individual Children: **84**

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 30 June 2022

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

COME INTO PLAY

'Come into Play' is a three-year programme which sets out to build a supportive 'eco-system' for disadvantaged families in Torbay – in particular, for families whose children have additional needs and challenging behaviours. Our aim is to develop a new user model of self-sustaining provision for families who face multiple difficulties where their experience and their solutions are valued and integrated into ongoing practice. The programme seeks to build resilient networks, reducing isolation and upskilling parents and carers, so that families have increased agency and community connections to help their children to thrive. To achieve these goals, Come into Play is designed as an integrated programme of play-based activities that engage with children, young people and families, with different entry points according to individuals' needs and interests. The model predicts that gradually, and based on positive experiences, families will engage more deeply in activities, and parents will develop confidence to become part of a 'community of practice', finding solutions together. We know that this work actively contributed to the receipt of Covid Recovery funding which has helped to restore, refurbish and sustain the playgrounds as safe community spaces in the future.

Clarity CIC was commissioned by Play Torbay at the outset of Come into Play in 2019 to evaluate the programme's impact for beneficiaries and capture the lessons and learning for Play Torbay itself and other stakeholders. The report provides Clarity's analysis of and reflections on the evidence of the programme's impact, relationships and organisation over its three years.

Key highlights reported in the Clarity Executive Summary:

- 1419 children and young people were supported during Year 2 and Year 3
- 419 children and young people (28%) engaging with Come into Play in Years 2 and 3 had additional needs, with some activities (e.g. ASRUS) being specifically aimed at SEN children & young people
- 117 volunteers contributed over 10,000 hours to running and organising Come into Play activities

Pandemic delivery

- Despite the pandemic, Play Torbay have been able to support children & young people throughout the period
- Play Torbay responded quickly and flexibly right from the start of the pandemic, redesigning services, finding new ways of delivering activities and support – including online - and developing new services.
- Play Torbay committed to ensuring that vulnerable families and children/ young people still had support. Over 600 families received Play Packs in 2020 and 2021, during the height of the Covid pandemic.

Impact

- The parents surveyed report Play Torbay has made a difference for them across a range of outcomes.
 - The evidence shows that parents and carers are better informed about the challenges their child faces, and the services and support available to them; are making positive changes and managing better.
 - There is strong evidence that Play Torbay is playing an important role in helping parents and carers feel less isolated.
 - Play Torbay's play-based approach and activities are enabling children and young people to grow in confidence and achieve in ways that would not have been expected.
 - Play Torbay has been able to adopt a co-design and co-production approach across a range of initiatives.
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Quality

- Over 70% of partner organisations believe Play Torbay supports children and young people with additional needs and their families "very well".
- The overall quality of Play Torbay's services and activities is highly rated by a range of stakeholders; thirty-five partner organisations rated the "quality of Play Torbay's provision" at an average 4.9 out of 5; sixteen families with one or more children with additional needs gave Play Torbay an overall rating of 4.7 (out of 5) and 4.8 for its response to the Covid pandemic.

Strategic involvement and representation

- Play Torbay plays an important role at a strategic level; the organisation is "at the table" and is a valued and respected partner in planning support for vulnerable children and young people and their families.
- Play Torbay developed existing and new partnerships locally as part of Come Into Play to ensure families were supported during the pandemic
- Partners value the role of Play Torbay in enabling children and young people to have a voice and be engaged in influencing provision.

COMMISSIONS

Over the last year we have continued to develop an understanding of the commissioning process and how we might best contribute to the delivery of services in the community. Commissions in 2021- 22 included:

- Providing one to one enabling support for young people
- Organising and designing play audits
- Delivering forest skills and bushcraft sessions
- Designing and delivering Play Packs

The development of Play Packs throughout the pandemic was very successful. We worked in collaboration with Torbay and North Somerset Councils and because of economies of scale it was possible to produce and deliver 19,452 play activity booklets supporting children on Free School Meals as part of the Department of Education.

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IMAGINE THIS...

Imagine This... is a partnership now comprising 50+ organisations working with children, young people and families across Torbay. Together they deliver a wide range of community-based interventions and support the creation of new opportunities for children, young people and families. The collective aim is to co-design and develop ways to work to provide effective solutions to the pressing problems and challenges faced. They want to work shoulder to shoulder with children, young people and families to make Torbay a better place to grow up. Guided by key messages from young people themselves, the five challenges being worked on are:

- More spaces to hang out
- Reduced stress and anxiety
- Greater access for ALL
- Safer streets
- Ways to protect our environment

An interesting collaboration through the pandemic was the development of the 'Let's Create and Play Packs' for children and young people across the 0 - 19 age range starting with treasure baskets for babies right through to marbling and printmaking for teenagers. Working collectively with a number of Imagine this... partners, Play Torbay supported a centralised ordering system (admin@playtorbay.org.uk) which prioritises disadvantaged families and keeps a record of families receiving packs, their feedback and so on. Call handlers on the Helpline now advise families of the offer. To date, collectively we distributed thousands of packs.

In May 2022 Imagine this... held its second festival at Lupton House, Churston Ferrars. The young person's Imagine this... Council were pivotal to the planning and execution of the festival.

Roughly 4000 people attended the festival, far above the expected reach. Feedback was fantastic and many are calling for the festival to be repeated each year. The Young Person's Council and festival team should be very proud of all they achieved in such a short amount of time.

Play Torbay asked Junior Placement Mattie Woollaston to be their representative. It was agreed that children and young people could be invited to come together for the weekend to devise a 'quest'.

Play Torbay has for a number of years collaborated with staff and students at the University of Gloucestershire to develop quests as playful promenade performances for family audiences. Everyone joining is encouraged to take part, work out challenges and make something memorable to take home.

As Mattie described, "The difference with the proposal this time was that the children and young people would be given a story and would devise the production during the festival, in just two days! I was able to meet with the Karen and the students from Gloucestershire on Zoom and talk the ideas through beforehand."

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The 'Story of Leaf' an environmental story was rehearsed and delivered over the course of the Festival with performances in the large marquee on the second day.

It was a special two days and here are Mattie's key leaning points:

- Most of the children taking part had additional needs and it can take staff and Juniors time to get to know their differences and how best to support them. A possibility would be for parents to be encouraged to stay initially.
- Parents and carers coming to the performances were genuinely interested and impressed with how much had been achieved over the two days. For a number of the young people involved this was their very first performance
- Having a marquee as a separate rehearsal space at such short notice was invaluable - it genuinely helped to bring the performance alive
- The opportunity to work with a diverse group of young people to create a performance from scratch and to be part of large Festival event with thousands of people was an amazing experience.

IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARDS

In October 2021 all three playgrounds received awards from the Royal Horticultural Society, It's Your Neighbourhood Awards. Indigos Goes Green received an Outstanding Award making it one of the top ten in the West country and was runner up in the Gordon Ford Trophy out of 500 entries in the Southwest.

PARTNERSHIPS

Play Torbay continues to be aware of the very real value and importance of partnership working. Over the last year due to COVID, there have been some novel and inspirational developments. From our work last year we have continued to create opportunities to work more closely with local environmental organisations like Torbay Climate Action. We were also able to team up with the local Art and Energy Collective who developed opportunities for Torbay children to be involved in contributing to COP26, the United Nations Climate Change conference in Glasgow in November 2021. The installation at Glasgow's Botanic Gardens featured 20,000 milk bottle moths, plus recorded audio messages of hope presented in handcrafted clay vessels. The Art and Energy Collective was delighted to be awarded The Sustainability First People's Choice Art Prize for 2021. Our congratulations to them.

We have also continued to work closely with the Bristol Children's Scrapstore who have helped us to resource the play packs in a more sustainable way.

Our links with Torbay Council have strengthened including

- The collaboration with officers and Councillors at Torbay Council to develop a Torbay Play Strategy through Public Health objectives, building on the new Torbay Open Space Strategy
- Working with the Early Help Task Team to develop a child friendly initiative in Torbay, finding ways to put children and young people at the heart of collective thinking, planning and action.

And last but not least, we sometimes approached to join forces with other organisations in the Bay to deliver play days, special events for children and young people and this year has been no exception. Two events to note:

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Playing in the Street

Working in partnership with Tonic Creatives in February residents and visitors were invited to come along to Playing in the Streets, a series of events aimed at welcoming people back into the high streets of Torbay. People were entertained with live music, workshops, building and playing in dens with Play Torbay with lots of unexpected fun and surprises.

The SSSH!... Seagull Project

Play Torbay was also part of Seagull Trail over the summer holidays in Torbay. A hundred seagulls, all lovingly decorated by schools, community groups and artists across the English Riviera, were to be found in locations across the Bay, forming a community art trail. Each of the colourful Bay-gulls are completely unique and could be found by using a free to download trail map, revealing each of the secret locations. Three seagulls inspired by designs from young people were painted by local artist and were part of Play Torbay's playful activities over the summer in Brixham, Paignton and Torquay.

PLAY PACKS

Like everyone else with the advent of COVID our weekly face to face sessions stopped. Most of the young people we work with are disadvantaged or disabled and we wanted to find a way of maintaining contact. So, we continued to raise funds to create free play packs for families across the Bay. Play packs are activity boxes filled with bundles of scrap, craft, art growing and cooking materials which are delivered to families' doorsteps. There are eight to ten weeks' worth of activities in a Play Pack with instructions for lots of amazing stuff to make and do. Once the pack arrives children can then take part our weekly Zoom sessions together with other young people and a Senior Playworker guiding them through every step. During the pandemic we delivered thousands of packs to the doorsteps of families with several different themes

1. Summer Play Pack
2. The HP Play Pack (based on Harry Potter)
3. Winter Play Pack
4. Eco Play Pack
5. The Awesome Green Play Pack
6. Summertime Play
7. Wintertime

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PILOT: PLAY TORBAY'S ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

The challenge Play Torbay delivering the PILOT Alternative Education provision is to work with children and young people who for a number of reasons and circumstances are not thriving in mainstream school and following the impact of COVID we can now report that the situation for many families is even worse. PILOT successfully gives vulnerable children the time and space to take part in child-led outdoor play and benefit from its restorative and healing qualities, developing creative and digital learning activities which can also support real projects with enterprise opportunities,

Our aim is to incorporate our under-used physical assets (playgrounds) during weekdays (term time) and make them available to young people 'on the edge' who often require a more holistic approach which can include working with their families. PILOT is not a long-term alternative to school but is providing the space and time to consider things differently, learn life skills, develop strategies for emotional regulation, a positive attitude to learning and where possible transition back into school. These interventions are costed packages and can provide individualised accredited programmes for young people.

In total over the year we supported 36 children, 33 of which are now currently at school (mainstream and special schools), one is in 'Education Otherwise Than At School' and two are in transition process. An additional 8 young people are also supported with off-school continued enabling.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE PARTY

In June this year to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the re-opening of the Indigos playground we held a wonderful Jubilee Party to which 250 people came and enjoyed theatre performances, music making, arts, crafts and delicious food. The Director of Public Health opened the new cabin dedicated to amazing volunteers Sue and Terry Ryder. The site now looking better than ever before was decorated with plants tended and flowering. As one participant wrote 'Well done on such an amazing day, It was lovely to be there and your team did a fantastic job'.

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SEND FAMILY VOICE TORBAY

In England, a parent carer forum is a group of parents and carers of disabled children. Their aim is to make sure the services in their area meet the needs of disabled children and their families. They do this by gathering the views of local families and then working in partnership with local authorities, education settings, health providers and other providers to highlight where local services, processes and commissioners are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made. When Ofsted visited Torbay towards the end of 2021 there was no Parent Carer Forum in place. The purpose of an inspection is to provide reassurance to families that the local area is being held to account to improve their services and deliver better outcomes for children and young people. Following the inspection, the local areas is not graded, but given a narrative evaluation report that highlights areas of strength and areas where improvements need to be made. Where there are significant weaknesses, the local area will be required to produce and publish a Written Statement of Action (WSOA),

This was the case for Torbay Council area, where the report specified eight areas for improvement. As a result parents and carers, some of whom had been involved with Play Torbay's Come into Play project previously, approached Play Torbay to ask if they would host the organisation for the first year until it was more established. This was agreed and although it has been a significant task, progress is being made:

SEND Family Voice Torbay, is now the new independent Parent /Carer forum in Torbay. The organisation started with 8 people on the Steering Group and there are now have 57 people on the mailing list. A Facebook page has been set up and has 166 followers. A member of the Steering Group designed a lovely logo and there is a lively WhatsApp group. There is now also a functioning website SEND Family Voice Torbay; and an integrated booking system so that people can book onto events and be welcomed to to meetings. There were 29 parents and carers at our first event. Play Torbay is working with parents/carers and with the Local Authority and contributing to the Written Statement of Action plan to improve SEND services across Torbay in the future.

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COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

The COVID-19 pandemic and consequent physical social restrictions had a profound impact on audiences' online behaviour and as a result Play Torbay's reach has more than trebled across all platforms compared to the previous year. This has meant a significant re-evaluation of our strategies going forward. We had to consider adapting to a new and far more active online audience sector, resulting in a far wider reach to families (particularly female users between the ages of 21 and 55). As a result, it was important to capitalise on this by diversifying content and monitoring insights, constantly reshaping wording and visuals. We developed significant changes on the digital communications systems including:

- Transferring all data collected for Come into Play on to Apricot via CDT
- Developed schedules on an automated booking system Bookwhen and integrated onto website for all events
- Developing a new website, launched February 21: 8,140 hits with 6,000 unique visitors
- Achieving a 30% increase over the last year in our mailing subscribers which now totals 2,029
- The total social media impressions for the past year exceed 2,000,000 across all the platforms, a 90% increase since the start of the pandemic.
- Facebook page likes: 4,435; page followers: 4,491
- Instagram: 958 likes
- Twitter: 1,984 followers

TRAINING AND SKILLS BANK

Previously the provision of training opportunities for playworkers, parents and carers was progressing with well-attended sessions like the Makaton taster course and actively encouraging the experience and the solutions of parents and carers themselves to come into play. This was replaced by the Afterthought weekly zoom programme described earlier. We have now re-introduced face to face training opportunities in 2022 including:

- An Introduction to Playwork course for 24 young people some neuro diverse, 21 of whom went on successfully to youth placements
- The L2APP Welsh Level 2 Award in Playwork Practice Qualification for 12 participants.

Play Torbay has also spent time this year building relationships and working in partnership with others to develop more opportunities for learning and skills development within the Bay. For example, Play Torbay's contribution to a new Playwork Apprenticeship (nationally) is to provide inclusive, funded opportunities for learners to engage in nationally accredited playwork training. We believe this will give a much greater understanding of the importance of play in children's development in addition to increasing opportunities towards employment.

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Plans for future periods

YOUTH TRAINING AND JUNIOR YOUTH PLACEMENTS

Leading up to the holiday periods 21/22 we realised that having additional support from young people at the play sessions would be invaluable. We possibly didn't envisage how valuable but we do now!

Overall involving Junior Placements in the delivery of sessions the has been very successful and is underpinned by some interesting lessons. We have learned that we need to develop

- Opportunities which inspire young people from all walks of life, including those with disabilities, health conditions and other disadvantages to find, retain and progress on placement
- A planned induction and training programme for all placements over the year - A Support Mentor Programme for regular 'conversations' with individual young people to develop a personalised programme with progression pathways
- Short reflection sessions after all sessions
- A Code of Conduct for working with children, for example the ARK, Dublin <https://www.ark.ie/>
- Joint practical planning sessions with skilled playworkers to build structure and confidence for future delivery
- Planned accredited progression opportunities that can lead to employment, possibly in a number of different fields, e.g. Playwork, Youthwork, Permaculture and Horticulture - here is the playwork example:
 - 'Playtime!' a 3 hour introductory course written by the Playwork Foundation and endorsed by Play England to support HAF delivery
 - 'Volunteers in Play' a 5 hour course accredited by University of Gloucestershire
 - TQUK Level 2 Diploma for the Playwork Practitioner (RQF) (Delivery in Torbay by Associate Trainer / University of Gloucestershire, a TQUK Centre to support the Playwork Apprenticeship delivery from 2023
 - Playwork Apprenticeship level 2 (Institute for Apprenticeships to be on the Framework by December 2022)
 - Level 3 Playwork Diploma as part of South Devon College adult provision 2023/24
 - Playwork Diploma in Higher Education University of Gloucestershire
 - Opportunities to develop a range of events throughout the year which showcase the playgrounds and the achievements of the Junior Placements, e.g. Jubilee type parties, Forest Skills days, etc.
 - Further opportunities to explore different approaches to raising funds for the long-term sustainability of the playgrounds, e.g. outdoor learning play packs in partnership with the 'Life on the Edge' project.

As a result of these lessons and the success of the initiative we are applying for Lottery continuation funding for an additional Support Mentor to help to continue to facilitate the Junior Placement and Playworker service going forward.

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c. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

The report above demonstrates how successfully Play Torbay responded to the pandemic and how more children than ever before are now taking part and benefitting from the provision. An acknowledgement is due to staff, volunteers, funders and supporters, who have helped Play Torbay to take play to the doorsteps of thousands of families, helped provide face to face adventures at our playgrounds whilst additionally supporting us to maintain and upgrade the sites which had been vandalised through lockdown.

We are now back on track with our vision to develop Indigos Goes Green to be the first eco- friendly, zero carbon playground in Torbay and a host for the Torbay Children's Ecology Centre which we are planning to have up and running by 2024. We are also hoping to become one of the first Early Help Hubs specialising in supporting children and young people with additional needs.

At the same time we want to sustain the ecology of the space, protect the natural habitats and the green infrastructure whilst maintaining children's play activities which have developed intrinsically over the years. We want to incorporate playful people-powered elements within the playground itself as part of the final design so that it maintains its unique qualities which are already so appealing, accessible and enjoyable for children and families in Torbay.

Financial performance

The total income for the year has reduced from £361,583 to £353,004. The surplus for the year is £962, this includes a repayment of employment allowance not claimed in previous years.. As at the 30th June 2022 the total funds of the charity were £216,227 (2021: £215,265) of which £189,880 (2021: £33,427) was attributable to unrestricted funds and £26,347 (2021: £181,838) was attributable to restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charity and consider the current level of reserves necessary to fund the continuation of the Charity taking into account the following requirements:-

The charity needs to maintain a general reserve (Unrestricted General Fund) to enable services to continue uninterrupted for approximately three months, together with a provision for redundancy costs (calculated to be £42,169.85 as at 30th June 2022) and other expenses if the charity ceases to operate.

Risk Review

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed on a regular basis and systems are in place to mitigate these risks.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 15/03/2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

K Brooks

K Brooks
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Play Torbay

Year ended 30 June 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Play Torbay ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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


Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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


Catherine Williams FCA DChA
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16th March 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 30 June 2022

		2022	2021		
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	35,600	115,473	151,073	288,031
Charitable activities	6	182,217	17,924	200,141	73,822
Other trading activities	7	—	1,790	1,790	—
Total income		<u>217,817</u>	<u>135,187</u>	<u>353,004</u>	<u>361,853</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	<u>61,194</u>	<u>290,848</u>	<u>352,042</u>	<u>315,888</u>
Total expenditure		<u>61,194</u>	<u>290,848</u>	<u>352,042</u>	<u>315,888</u>
Net income		<u>156,623</u>	<u>(155,661)</u>	<u>962</u>	<u>45,965</u>
Transfers between funds		(170)	170	—	—
Net movement in funds		<u>156,453</u>	<u>(155,491)</u>	<u>962</u>	<u>45,965</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>33,427</u>	<u>181,838</u>	<u>215,265</u>	<u>169,300</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>189,880</u>	<u>26,347</u>	<u>216,227</u>	<u>215,265</u>

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

The notes on pages 20 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	15	55,852	61,949
Cash at bank and in hand		173,721	157,630
		<u>229,573</u>	<u>219,579</u>
Net current assets		<u>229,573</u>	<u>219,579</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		229,573	219,579
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	13,346	4,314
Net assets		<u>216,227</u>	<u>215,265</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		26,347	181,838
Unrestricted funds		189,880	33,427
Total charity funds	18	<u>216,227</u>	<u>215,265</u>

For the year ending 30 June 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 15/03/2023 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

K Brooks

K Brooks
Trustee

The notes on pages 20 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 30 June 2022

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Unit 1 The Barn, Brixham Enterprise Estate, Rea Barn Road, Brixham, TQ5 9DF.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

As the charity satisfies the criteria of a small charity under FRS102 Charity SORP, it has taken the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	313	—	313
Grants			
Grants	35,287	115,473	150,760
	<u>35,600</u>	<u>115,473</u>	<u>151,073</u>

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5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Donations	1,000	749	1,749
Grants			
Grants	29,630	256,652	286,282
	<u>30,630</u>	<u>257,401</u>	<u>288,031</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Training income	—	—	—
Imagine this partnership	—	—	—
Services	182,217	17,924	200,141
	<u>182,217</u>	<u>17,924</u>	<u>200,141</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Training income	62,015	5,807	67,822
Imagine this partnership	6,000	—	6,000
Services	—	—	—
	<u>68,015</u>	<u>5,807</u>	<u>73,822</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Sales	1,790	1,790	—	—

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8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable Activities	61,788	268,200	329,988
Support costs	(594)	22,648	22,054
	<u>61,194</u>	<u>290,848</u>	<u>352,042</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Charitable Activities	127,185	172,656	299,841
Support costs	16,047	—	16,047
	<u>143,232</u>	<u>172,656</u>	<u>315,888</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Charitable Activities	<u>329,988</u>	<u>22,054</u>	<u>352,042</u>	<u>315,888</u>

10. Analysis of support costs

	Charitable activities £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Outsourced admin support	17,645	17,645	14,976
Independent Examination fees	4,296	4,296	840
Bank fees	94	94	87
Interest paid	19	19	144
	<u>22,054</u>	<u>22,054</u>	<u>16,047</u>

11. Independent examination fees

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>4,296</u>	<u>840</u>

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12. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	131,926	159,964
Social security costs	(3,860)	6,034
Employer contributions to pension plans	2,018	2,958
	<u>130,084</u>	<u>168,956</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 15 (2021: 32). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Staff	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or expenses was paid to the Trustees in the period.

14. Transfers between funds

During the year, £170 was transferred from unrestricted funds to cover deficits on the Big Lottery Reaching Communities fund.

15. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	38,595	57,457
Prepayments and accrued income	6,315	2,380
Other debtors	10,942	2,112
	<u>55,852</u>	<u>61,949</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,328	125
Accruals and deferred income	6,840	2,408
Social security and other taxes	2,123	1,402
Other creditors	55	379
	<u>13,346</u>	<u>4,314</u>

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17. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £2,018 (2021: £2,958).

18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 June 2022 £
General funds	<u>33,427</u>	<u>217,817</u>	<u>(61,194)</u>	<u>(170)</u>	<u>189,880</u>

	At 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 June 2021 £
General funds	<u>75,455</u>	<u>98,645</u>	<u>(143,232)</u>	<u>2,559</u>	<u>33,427</u>

General funds of the charity are not designated for any particular purpose.

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18. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 June 2022 £
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	122,718	57,357	(180,245)	170	—
ASRUS	554	2,475	(3,286)	—	(257)
Play Days	1,966	1,000	—	—	2,966
Job Retention Scheme	—	—	—	—	—
Heritage Lottery - QUEST	—	—	—	—	—
Play Packs	—	7,790	(6,428)	—	1,362
Imagine This	—	2,799	(2,764)	—	35
Creche	—	160	(64)	—	96
HAF - 2021	56,600	24,861	(75,521)	—	5,940
Easter HAF	—	15,466	(14,206)	—	1,260
Summer HAF	—	—	(492)	—	(492)
Jubilee Party	—	7,000	(5,847)	—	1,153
Brixham in Bloom	—	108	—	—	108
CAF Resilience	—	—	—	—	—
Playing in the Streets	—	900	(621)	—	279
Play Wales Review	—	5,000	—	—	5,000
Parent Carer Forum	—	10,271	(1,374)	—	8,897
	<u>181,838</u>	<u>135,187</u>	<u>(290,848)</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>26,347</u>

	At 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 June 2021 £
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	78,154	135,683	(91,119)	—	122,718
ASRUS	1,466	2,996	(3,908)	—	554
Play Days	7,972	—	(6,006)	—	1,966
Job Retention Scheme	—	24,427	(24,427)	—	—
Heritage Lottery - QUEST	1,987	—	—	(1,987)	—
Play Packs	2,196	9,000	(11,196)	—	—
Imagine This	1,498	2,794	(4,292)	—	—
Creche	572	—	—	(572)	—
HAF	—	56,948	(348)	—	56,600
Jubilee Party	—	—	—	—	—
Brixham in Bloom	—	—	—	—	—
CAF Resilience	—	31,360	(31,360)	—	—
	<u>93,845</u>	<u>263,208</u>	<u>(172,656)</u>	<u>(2,559)</u>	<u>181,838</u>

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18. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

The Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund is for expenditure on Bay Play and Come into play.

The QUEST fund is to devise a fun, exciting and interactive promenade theatre QUEST performance for all the family involving audiences in bringing the 'story' to life!

ASRUS funding is received to provide youth club activities and social learning experiences for young people in Torbay who are on the Autistic Spectrum.

The Play Packs fund relates to income received towards the play packs provided during the covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

The Job Retention Scheme fund relates to government grants received towards wages costs for employees furloughed due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

The Creche fund relates income received for staffing creche facilities to local organisations.

The Play Days fund relates to income received in order to offer free play days for children in the local community.

The Imagine This fund relates to income received to run events for young people during the holidays.

The CAF Resilience Fund relates to income received from the Charity Aid Foundation to continue the organisation's core work. The charity used the funds to provide play packs to young people.

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Current assets	203,226	26,347	229,573
Creditors less than 1 year	(13,346)	—	(13,346)
Net assets	<u>189,880</u>	<u>26,347</u>	<u>216,227</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Current assets	37,741	181,838	219,579
Creditors less than 1 year	(4,314)	—	(4,314)
Net assets	<u>33,427</u>	<u>181,838</u>	<u>215,265</u>

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20. Related parties

During the year, a Trustee's husband completed design work for the charity. In 2022, the total value of payments made were £10,131 (2021:£11,793).

PLAY TORBAY

England & Wales - Charity number 1137551

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**PLAY TORBAY
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

Trustees D MacDonald-Murray, Chair
K Brooks
S Chown
N Palin
S Ryder
J C Forsyth
S J Lawson
A Bankes-Fay (appointed 15 April 2021)
K Benjamin (appointed 15 April 2021)
A Gilroy (appointed 15 April 2021)

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**PLAY TORBAY
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Play Torbay for the year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Play Torbay provide active and creative play across the communities in Torbay. There are three playgrounds, one in each town and we have developed a play service which provides adventure, friendship and fun for hundreds of young people each year.

School aged children and their families are the main beneficiaries of our work, but all children are welcome including babies and toddlers. Additionally, we are committed to building a supportive ecosystem for disadvantaged families in Torbay – in particular, for families whose children have additional needs and challenging behaviours. We are seeking to build resilient networks, reduce isolation and upskill parents and carers, so that families have increased agency and community connections to help their children to thrive. Play Torbay is a charity and a company limited by guarantee that aims to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of play in children's lives. Play Torbay's work is based on Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child that every child has the right to relax and play and join in a wide range of cultural, artistic and other activities.

The objects of our charity are:

- **To enhance the development and education of children of Torbay through play**
- **To advance the education of the public regarding the importance of children's play**

We believe play is key to children's development, their learning, confidence, and wellbeing. We also think that unstructured, self-directed, free play is the best type of play for young children. We know that as children grow, the way they play changes and that our understanding and responses should reflect this.

Key strands of work to achieve this are:

Child-Centred Activity

- Play-based and community sessional activities with children and young people (independent play)
- Imaginative holiday projects (e.g. Quest Play) for young people
- Targeted support and learning for children through PILOT alternative education provision

Family-Centred Activity

- Both regular and themed one-off play-based sessional activities and events for families

Parent/Carer/ Community-Centred Activity

- Skills, learning and development for parents and carers

Community-Centred Activity

- An empowering support network for parents and carers
- Community play spaces maintained in ways which protect the environment and where possible ensure space for children's play for the longer term – e.g. Community Asset Transfer, ecological sustainability
- Skills Bank maintained to sustain and support volunteering and ensure quality delivery of services

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- A self-sustaining organisation with income streams linked to play-based engagement
- Enterprise development

The pandemic naturally presented our organisation with new challenges. We had to rethink, re-organise, and reprioritise our delivery so that our practice reflected the needs of the children, young people and families we were working with through unprecedented times.

Over the year, we have seldom been delivering face to face sessions but have developed new playful approaches described later in this report. We have continued to work cooperatively with and in regular communication with partners including other voluntary organisations, schools, community builders, early help teams, family intervention services and the police. We have again worked closely with the local authority and actively contributed to the design and development of play-based alternative education services at a local level. Fundraising continues to be vitally important to support our work with children and families. This year we focused on raising funds to deliver COVID related provision putting previous plans on hold.

This annual report highlights the key areas of work in alphabetical order:

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS AND HOLIDAY PROVISION

Indigos Go Wild in Brixham
Wild Fox in Paignton
Fort Apache in Torquay

Throughout the playgrounds continued to offer a programme of activities despite COVID 19 restrictions. Although the sessions had to be carefully planned, with pre-booking arrangements, planned activities in 'bubbles', and much greater attention to cleaning and handwashing the young people loved being outdoors playing. Adventure playgrounds are safe places where children can play in ways that they often cannot do elsewhere, providing the play opportunities that adults today would take for granted when they were children. In adventure playgrounds children learn for themselves how to deal with challenges, take risks and build the resilience needed to cope with life's encounters. There are opportunities to create camps, dens and other self-made constructions, grow plants and vegetables, make fires and cook on them and most importantly make and meet friends. The pandemic has meant that attendances have been very different this year but the popularity of play sessions via Zoom and Facebook have sustained.

Our provision was significantly supported through Torbay Council's Healthy Holidays scheme as part of the Government's support for children on Free School Meals campaign.

AFTERTHOUGHT

Afterthought is a facilitated series of free, weekly evening Zoom sessions mainly for parents and carers but often joined by playworkers and other professionals thinking about ways to manage during COVID and beyond. We recognised that COVID restrictions could be hard for parents and carers too, with children at home and juggling work commitments. We decided to try to create a time each week which would perhaps help them to support children possibly through further challenging times. The sessions run from 8pm to 9pm. Since summer 2020 there have been some amazing inspirational speakers, including parents themselves, presenting sessions on a range of different topics including autism, non-violent resistance, managing children's anxiety, sensory processing and sleep. Over the period we supported over 193 participants with very positive feedback.

ASRUS

ASRUS is a youth club providing activities and social learning experiences for young people in Torbay with Autism Spectrum Conditions. Young people who attend are accompanied by their parents/carers and often come with their brothers and sisters too. Before Covid activities included bushcraft skills, outdoor cooking, music and karaoke, indoor cooking, arts, crafts and demonstrations and trips.

Delivery very much depends on the huge commitment of Play Torbay staff and a band of hard-working

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volunteers. SENDIASS continues to support ASRUS parents/carers offering them information, support and guidance. It is the only opportunity in Torbay for SENDIASS staff to meet and advise parents out of 'normal' office hours in a familiar environment and with their children. Regular attendance at ASRUS, enables staff to build up relationships and trust with parents over time. As a result, parents feel confident and comfortable about raising difficult issues and challenges. This has continued virtually during the pandemic. The Moor to Sea Collective also managed to continue with a musical offer for young people. During the COVID 19 funding was secured from DAISI to enable them to continue offering music often virtually in learners' own homes and latterly in two forest school bases.

COME INTO PLAY

'Come into Play' is a three-year programme which sets out to build a supportive 'eco-system' for disadvantaged families in Torbay – in particular, for families whose children have additional needs and challenging behaviours. Our aim is to develop a new user model of self-sustaining provision for families who face multiple difficulties where their experience and their solutions are valued and integrated into ongoing practice. The programme seeks to build resilient networks, reducing isolation and upskilling parents and carers, so that families have increased agency and community connections to help their children to thrive. To achieve these goals, Come into Play is designed as an integrated programme of play-based activities that engage with children, young people and families, with different entry points according to individuals' needs and interests. The model predicts that gradually, and based on positive experiences, families will engage more deeply in activities, and parents will develop confidence to become part of a 'community of practice', finding solutions together. This year, in response to the COVID restrictions we offered parents and carers the Afterthought programme described earlier. Play Torbay has also spent time building relationships and working in partnership with others to develop more opportunities for learning and skills development within the Bay. For example, Play Torbay's contribution to a new Playwork Apprenticeship (nationally) is to provide inclusive, funded opportunities for learners to engage in training. We believe this will give a much greater understanding of the importance of play in children's development in addition to increasing opportunities towards employment.

COMMISSIONS

Over the last year we have continued to develop an understanding of the commissioning process and how we might best contribute to the delivery of services in the community.

Commissions in 2021 included:

- Providing one to one enabling support for young people
- Organising and designing play audits
- Delivering forest skills and bushcraft sessions
- Providing a creche facility
- Play Packs

The development of Play Packs throughout the pandemic was very successful. We worked in collaboration with Torbay and North Somerset Councils and because of economies of scale making it possible to produce and deliver 19,452 play activity booklets supporting children on Free School Meals as part of the Department of Education.

IMAGINE THIS...

Imagine This... is a partnership now comprising 50 organisations working with children, young people and families across Torbay. Together they deliver a wide range of community-based interventions and support the creation of new opportunities for children, young people and families. The collective aim is to co-design and develop ways to work to provide effective solutions to the pressing problems and challenges faced. They want to work shoulder to shoulder with children, young people and families to make Torbay a better place to grow up.

Guided by key messages from young people themselves, the five challenges being worked on are:

- More spaces to hang out
- Reduced stress and anxiety
- Greater access for ALL
- Safer streets

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- Ways to protect our environment

An interesting collaboration through the pandemic was the development of the 'Let's Create and Play Packs for children and young people across the 0 – 19 age range starting with treasure baskets for babies right through to marbling and printmaking for teenagers. Working collectively with a number of Imagine this... partners, Play Torbay supported a centralised ordering system (admin@playtorbay.org.uk) which prioritises disadvantaged families and keeps a record of families receiving packs, their feedback and so on. Call handlers on the Helpline now advise families of the offer. To date, collectively we distributed thousands of packs.

PARTNERSHIPS

Play Torbay continues to be aware of the very real value and importance of partnership working. Over the last year due to COVID, there have been some novel and inspirational developments. The development of the 0 – 19 Let's Create and Play Packs resulted in joint fund-raising efforts between Imagine this... partners. Following on from our work last year we have continued to create opportunities to work more closely with local environmental organisations like Torbay Climate Action. We were also able to team up with the Art and Energy Collective who developed opportunities for local children to be involved in contributing to COP26, the United Nations Climate Change conference in Glasgow planned for November 2021. We have also continued to work closely with the Bristol Children's Scrapstore who have helped us to resource the play packs in a more sustainable way.

PLAY PACKS

Like everyone else with the advent of COVID our weekly face to face sessions stopped. Most of the young people we work with are disadvantaged or disabled and we wanted to find a way of maintaining contact. So, we continued to raise funds to create free play packs for families across the Bay. Play packs are activity boxes filled with bundles of scrap, craft, art growing and cooking materials which are delivered to families' doorsteps. There are eight to ten weeks' worth of activities in a Play Pack with instructions for lots of amazing stuff to make and do. Once the pack arrives children can then take part our weekly Zoom sessions together with other young people and a Senior Playworker guiding them through every step.

In 2020 – 2021 we delivered thousands of packs to the doorsteps of families with several different themes

1. Summer Play Pack
2. The HP Play Pack (based on Harry Potter)
3. Winter Play Pack
4. Eco Play Pack
5. The Awesome Green Play Pack

PILOT: PLAY TORBAY'S ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

There is also evidence that children living in poverty fare less well at school, have higher levels of long-term health problems or disability and fewer children achieve a good level of development in Torbay compared to other local authorities. The challenge for PILOT is to work with children and young people who for a number of reasons and circumstances are not thriving in mainstream school and following the impact of COVID we can now report that the situation for many families is even worse. PILOT successfully gives vulnerable children the time and space to take part in child-led outdoor play and benefit from its restorative and healing qualities, developing creative and digital learning activities which can also support real projects with enterprise opportunities

Our aim is to incorporate our under-used physical assets (playgrounds) during weekdays (term time) and make them available to young people 'on the edge' who often require a more holistic approach which can include working with their families. PILOT is not a long-term alternative to school but is providing the space and time to consider things differently, learn life skills, develop strategies for emotional regulation, a positive attitude to learning and where possible transition back into school. These interventions are costed packages and can provide individualised accredited programmes for young people.

The impact of COVID was so severe on some children the decision was taken by the charity to continue to support the families by providing them with a few hours of enabler support each week through the long summer holiday. The aim was to maintain a routine and a level of consistency for the young people, which was very successful and very much appreciated by the families involved.

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In total over the year we supported 36 children, 33 of which are now currently at school (mainstream and special schools), one is in 'Education Otherwise Than AT School' and two are in transition process. An additional 8 young people are also supported with off-school continued enabling.

SEND VOICES

Our work with SENDIASS to listen to the voices and be influenced by young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) had to be put on hold during COVID. The plan is as restrictions are lifted to find a way to work with young people to:

- Help them be listened to so we hear the voices of young people with SEND
- Help them grow in confidence so that we understand their thoughts and experiences
- Give them more opportunities to have their say so that we can work with them to:
 - develop and deliver information that reflects their needs and wishes
 - provide visual information which reflects how young people with SEND would like their voices to be heard
 - raise awareness about the Local Offer, evaluate it and make the right changes and adjustments
 - help young people to understand their Education, Health and Care Plans and listen to what it means for them
 - offer practical information and advice in schools and colleges as well as accessible public locations during

the week and at the weekends – SEND Fairs.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE

The COVID-19 pandemic and consequent physical social restrictions had a profound impact on audiences' online behaviour and as a result Play Torbay's reach more than trebled across all platforms compared to the previous year.

This meant a significant re-evaluation of our strategies going forward. We had to consider adapting to a new and far more active online audience sector, resulting in a far wider reach to families (particularly female users between the ages of 21 and 55). As a result, it was important to capitalise on this by diversifying content and monitoring insights, constantly reshaping wording and visuals. We developed significant changes on the digital communications systems including:

- Transferring all data collected for Come into Play on to Apricot via CDT
- Installing an automated booking system and integrated onto website for all events
- Developing a new website, launched February 21: 8,140 hits with 6,000 unique visitors
- Achieving a 30% increase over the last year in our mailing subscribers which now totals 2,029
- The total social media impressions for the past year exceed 2,000,000 across all the platforms, a 90% increase since the start of the pandemic.
 - o Facebook page likes: 4,435; page followers: 4,491
 - o Instagram: 958 likes
 - o Twitter: 1,984 followers

TRAINING AND SKILLS BANK

Previously progressing with well-attended sessions like the Makaton taster course and actively encouraging the experience and the solutions of parents and carers themselves to come into play. This was replaced by the Afterthought weekly zoom programme described earlier. We are planning to re-introduce training opportunities in 2022

The contribution by the Director on the Playwork Apprenticeship Trailblazer group has continued. The decision to develop a national Regulated Level 2 Qualification as part of the Apprenticeship has extended the development period and with the support of the Awarding Organisation TQUK an accompanying qualification TQUK Level 2 Diploma for the Playwork Practitioner (RQF) is now available.

Play Torbay have also been approved to deliver the Welsh qualification – the level 2 Award in Playwork Practice (L2APP) which is a perfect introduction for those new to playwork or working short term – i.e. in the holiday only.

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c. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our vision for 2021 had not fundamentally changed since the previous year but the progress towards achieving our goals was significantly slower than anticipated because we diverted a lot of our energy into our response to COVID 19 and maintaining contact with children, young people and families. It will be important to work closely with colleagues in Torbay, the Council, the Torbay Development Agency, Imagine this... schools and colleges to support the recovery from the pandemic towards a greener more inclusive place to live, work and play.

Our plan is to develop the Indigos Goes Wild to become the first eco, people-powered playground and children's climate action centre in Torbay - INDIGOS GOES GREEN. We are working with children, young people and families to:

- Sustain the ecology of the space, the natural habitats, the green infrastructure and maintain children's play activities which have developed intrinsically over the years
- Design and build purpose-built accommodation for alternative outdoor learning and nurture play in addition to incorporating playful people-powered elements within the adventure playground itself as part of the final design
- Use eco-friendly materials and design draught-proofed and energy efficient buildings
- Develop the first multi-purpose, alternative technology children's centre in Torbay

To progress the Indigos Goes Green initiative in 2022 we want to

- Offer a greater range of appropriate spaces for PILOT, Alternative Provision and nurture play both indoors and out.
- Deliver a new 'Wild Indigos' after school /holiday outdoor childcare which will help sustain the site in the future. This would be a fully inclusive provision offering active, creative, and playful opportunities through informal sports, building dens, gardening, arts and crafts
- Provide the space for parents and carers to meet, to learn from each other, increasing mutual support, reducing isolation and providing opportunities for greater understanding and more involvement in their children's development.
- Maintain open-access adventure playground provision for the local community at the weekends

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 5 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

K Brooks
Trustee

**PLAY TORBAY
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Play Torbay ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE OF PLAY TORBAY (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 5 May 2022

Will Hanbury

FCA CTA

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PLAY TORBAY
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	3	30,630	257,401	288,031	178,525
Charitable activities	4	68,015	5,807	73,822	130,633
Total income		98,645	263,208	361,853	309,158
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		143,232	172,656	315,888	245,243
Total expenditure		143,232	172,656	315,888	245,243
Net (expenditure)/income		(44,587)	90,552	45,965	63,915
Transfers between funds	11	2,559	(2,559)	-	-
Total transfers		2,559	(2,559)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(42,028)	87,993	45,965	63,915
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		75,455	93,845	169,300	105,385
Net movement in funds		(42,028)	87,993	45,965	63,915
Total funds carried forward		33,427	181,838	215,265	169,300

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

**PLAY TORBAY
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REGISTERED NUMBER:07269045**

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	9	61,949	16,354
Cash at bank and in hand		157,630	161,729
		<u>219,579</u>	<u>178,083</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(4,314)	(8,783)
Net current assets		<u>215,265</u>	169,300
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>215,265</u>	169,300
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>215,265</u>	169,300
Total net assets		<u><u>215,265</u></u>	<u><u>169,300</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	11	181,838	93,845
Unrestricted funds	11	33,427	75,455
Total funds		<u><u>215,265</u></u>	<u><u>169,300</u></u>

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 05 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

K Brooks
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

**PLAY TORBAY
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

1. Company Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Play Torbay meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 INCOME

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the company which is the amount the company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 DEBTORS

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.5 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.6 LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.7 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.8 PENSIONS

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 FUND ACCOUNTING

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

3. Income from grants and donations

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	1,000	749	1,749
Grants	29,630	256,652	286,282
	<u>30,630</u>	<u>257,401</u>	<u>288,031</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	7,474	516	7,990
Grants	10,000	160,535	170,535
	<u>17,474</u>	<u>161,051</u>	<u>178,525</u>

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Training Income	62,015	5,807	67,822
Imagine This Partnership	6,000	-	6,000
	<u>68,015</u>	<u>5,807</u>	<u>73,822</u>

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4. Income from charitable activities (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Training income	111,286	19,347	130,633

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6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	1,025	1,000
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	675	650
	<u><u>1,700</u></u>	<u><u>1,650</u></u>

7. Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	159,964	131,104
Social security costs	6,034	4,115
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	2,958	3,749
	<u><u>168,956</u></u>	<u><u>138,968</u></u>

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Average number of employees	32	23
	<u><u>32</u></u>	<u><u>23</u></u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 June 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

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9. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade debtors	57,457	16,354
Other debtors	2,112	-
Prepayments and accrued income	2,380	-
	61,949	16,354

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	125	1,105
Other taxation and social security	1,402	1,514
Other creditors	379	457
Accruals and deferred income	2,408	5,707
	4,314	8,783

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11. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General Funds - all funds	75,455	98,645	(143,232)	2,559	33,427
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	78,154	135,683	(91,119)	-	122,718
Heritage Lottery - QUEST	1,987	-	-	(1,987)	-
ASRUS	1,466	2,996	(3,908)	-	554
Play Packs	2,196	9,000	(11,196)	-	-
Imagine This	1,498	2,794	(4,292)	-	-
Creche	572	-	-	(572)	-
Play Days	7,972	-	(6,006)	-	1,966
Job Retention Scheme	-	24,427	(24,427)	-	-
HAF	-	56,948	(348)	-	56,600
CAF Resilience Fund	-	31,360	(31,360)	-	-
	93,845	263,208	(172,656)	(2,559)	181,838
TOTAL OF FUNDS	169,300	361,853	(315,888)	-	215,265

11. Statement of funds (continued)

General funds of the charity are not designated for any particular purpose.

The Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund is for expenditure on Bay Play and Come into play.

The QUEST fund is to devise a fun, exciting and interactive promenade theatre QUEST performance for all the family involving audiences in bringing the 'story' to life!

ASRUS funding is received to provide youth club activities and social learning experiences for young people in Torbay who are on the Autistic Spectrum.

The Play Packs fund relates to income received towards the play packs provided during the covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

The Job Retention Scheme fund relates to government grants received towards wages costs for employees furloughed due to the covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

The Creche fund relates income received for staffing creche facilities to local organisations.

The Play Days fund relates to income received in order to offer free play days for children in the local community.

The Imagine This fund relates to income received to run events for young people during the holidays.

The CAF Resilience Fund relates to income received from the Charity Aid Foundation to continue the organisation's core work. The charity used the funds to provide play packs to young people.

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11. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 July 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 June 2020 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General Funds	57,529	128,760	(110,444)	(390)	75,455
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	41,412	141,898	(105,156)	-	78,154
Heritage Lottery - QUEST	-	10,000	(8,013)	-	1,987
ASRUS	2,323	488	(1,345)	-	1,466
Play Packs	-	4,345	(2,149)	-	2,196
Imagine This	1,823	660	(985)	-	1,498
Creche	-	1,697	(1,125)	-	572
Play Days	-	11,054	(3,082)	-	7,972
Job Retention Scheme	-	4,292	(4,292)	-	-
QUEST	-	74	(74)	-	-
Daisi	-	5,890	(6,280)	390	-
APIB	929	-	(929)	-	-
QED	1,006	-	(1,006)	-	-
CHAT	363	-	(363)	-	-
	47,856	180,398	(134,799)	390	93,845
TOTAL OF FUNDS	105,385	309,158	(245,243)	-	169,300

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12. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
General funds	75,455	98,645	(143,232)	2,559	33,427
Restricted funds	93,845	263,208	(172,656)	(2,559)	181,838
	<u>169,300</u>	<u>361,853</u>	<u>(315,888)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,265</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 July 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 June 2020 £
General funds	57,529	128,760	(110,444)	(390)	75,455
Restricted funds	47,856	180,398	(134,799)	390	93,845
	<u>105,385</u>	<u>309,158</u>	<u>(245,243)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,300</u>

13. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £2,958 (2020 - £3,759). £324 (2020 - £403) was payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and included in creditors.

14. Related party transactions

During the year, a director's husband completed design work for the charity. In 2021, the total value of payments made were £11,793 (2020:£8,282).