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Financial Statements

Year ended 30 June 2022

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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
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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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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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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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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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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 learning 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 a 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 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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Plans for future periods *(continued)*

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

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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 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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16th March 2023

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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	61,194	290,848	352,042	315,888
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		33,427	181,838	215,265	169,300
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		<u>229,573</u>	<u>219,579</u>
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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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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Year ended 30 June 2022

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	<u>1,790</u>	<u>1,790</u>	—	—

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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	189,880	26,347	216,227

	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	33,427	181,838	215,265

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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).