

ME2 CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1140812

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07557636
Registered	2011-03-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THROUGH VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COMMUNITY, TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO FAMILIES THAT INCLUDE DISABLED CHILDREN AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR THESE VOLUNTEERS

Activities: Me2 Club enables the inclusion of children & young people with additional needs into mainstream activities. This is done through trained volunteers that provide 1-1 support. The Inclusion Training Project increases the skills, knowledge and confidence of mainstream leaders through training and advice. We also run residential trips for the children and volunteers involved in the charity.

Classification

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

Geography

- Reading
- Wokingham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£179,008	£280,953	-	-
2024-03-31	£302,917	£255,449	-	-
2023-03-31	£161,607	£230,741	-	-
2022-03-31	£254,320	£232,448	-	-
2021-03-31	£167,964	£190,585	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amanda Coale		2023-09-26
GILES MARWOOD CROSS		2021-11-30
Matthew Johnson		2025-01-07
Sonia Aulak		2021-11-30

ME2 CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1140812

Accounts



**Me2 Club Annual Accounts
2024-2025**

**Charity Registration: 1140812
Company Registration: 7557636**

**Registered Address: Reading Hockey Club,
Sonning Lane, Reading, RG4 6ST**

Objectives, Activities and Achievements

Mission

Our mission is to address the challenges of isolation and exclusion experienced by children and young people with additional needs and disabilities.

Vision

Our vision is to champion the right for inclusion for all children and young people with additional needs and disabilities across Berkshire, through our partnerships with families, volunteers, activity leaders and other voluntary and statutory sector organisations.

Offer

Me2 Club supports children and young people with additional needs and disabilities access mainstream social, sports and leisure activities in the Wokingham and Reading Boroughs. We recruit and train volunteers to 'buddy' 1:1 with the children so they can join in and have fun. We believe that every child should have the chance to engage in activities that promote personal growth, social interaction, and skill development. We run 3 family events throughout the year, which are available to children and young people and their families who are supported by Me2 Club. Me2 Club also run 3 participation projects for young people:

- TeenW&Rd – Opportunity for young people aged 13-19years to make new friends and to build their independence by choosing, planning and fundraising for activities.
- Include Me2 – Our Youth Social Action Group for ages 8 – 25 years and their siblings. Supporting young people to raise awareness of additional needs to address the barriers they face in their lives and in their communities.
- Say YES – Wokingham's SEND Youth Forum for 8 – 25-year-olds.

Our Core Service supports children with additional needs at activities around Wokingham and Reading. This service enables children to attend uniform groups, swimming lessons, drama classes, sports clubs and martial arts. Each child is matched with a carefully selected, trained volunteer who attend with them each week to provide the individual support each child needs. This year we have supported 167 children and young people via all the services on offer.

Our Core Service, Say YES Youth Forum and TeenW&Rd Club supported many children and young people over the past year. Some of the children and young people accessed more than one of these services. We are proud to support children, families and volunteers from a wide variety of backgrounds. Many of the children and young people we support across all our services have Autism. We do not require a diagnosis for our support as we know how difficult it can be to gain a diagnosis and we do not want this to be a barrier for children and young people to access our services.

This year we welcomed children and young people from a wide variety of backgrounds into all our services. The majority of these are from white backgrounds, which correlates with the local populations of Wokingham and Reading. We are pleased to have reached so many other communities and hope to expand our reach in under-represented communities in the coming financial year. The majority (64%) of children accessing our services live in Wokingham, but this year has seen an increase in children and young people being supported from Reading from 22% to 35%.

The aim of the core service is to help the children access activities which they otherwise may be excluded from. We also hope to support the children to increase their confidence, independence and reduce their social isolation. The ultimate aim for some of the children accessing the service is to become independent enough to attend their activity without support from a volunteer. Feedback

from our annual survey demonstrated incredible impact, 95.3% of parents and carers reported an increase in their child's confidence, with 77% rating that change as a 4 or 5, highlighting a meaningful and lasting difference in how their children see themselves and engage with the world around them.. Almost all of our parents and carers (75%) said that their child increased in sociability and connectedness and 100% of parents reported their child has fun since starting their activity. Most of our parent carers (96%) rated their child had increased in their independence. 100% of children felt having a volunteer helps them, with 100% of children said they felt happy attending their activity.

Our core service volunteers provided 3,668 hours of respite to our parents! This year we have worked with 170 volunteers who supported children at their weekly activities. 100% of exiting core service volunteers rated their experience as 'good or 'excellent'. All of them used their volunteering experience to support applications for employment or further study. We're thrilled that being part of Me2 Club has helped them take meaningful steps towards their career or education goals. We are so pleased volunteering with Me2 Club helped our volunteers progress in the career or education goals. In total, we had 180 volunteers across our services including trustees, fundraising events, participation activities and our core service. This amounted to 4,466 volunteering hours in the last financial year. Our volunteers support children at a wide variety of mainstream activities that would otherwise be inaccessible to the children.

We trained 62 new volunteers this financial year over 6 training sessions in April, June, August, November and February. We are always trying to improve our training to give our volunteers everything they need to feel confident in their roles. Our training programme covers additional needs, communication, understanding behaviour, safeguarding, manual handling, and their roles and responsibilities.

We are so proud that volunteers find our training so impactful: 99% of volunteers trained increased their knowledge of additional needs after attending Volunteer Induction Training increasing their ratings of their knowledge from an average 5.2/10 to 8.9/10. 85% felt more ready to be matched after completing training, improving their ratings of confidence in being matched from an average 6.5/10 to 8.5/10 after training. 99% of volunteers rated their experience of training as 'Good', 'Very Good' or 'Excellent'. 100% of volunteers felt that the training met the objectives

The majority of our volunteers are aged between 16-18, which is often a great match for the children we support, many of whom benefit from having a peer-like volunteer by their side. Our young volunteers bring energy, empathy, and relatability, helping children feel more comfortable and confident when taking part in activities. We're also proud to report increased gender diversity this year. While the majority of our volunteers continue to be female (109 out of 154), we welcomed a growing number of male volunteers, rising from 30 to 45. Many of these new male volunteers are aged 16-18 and have made a meaningful impact, particularly with children who feel more comfortable being supported by a male role model during activities like swimming or sports clubs.

This year has been one of significant challenge, renewed strength, and meaningful impact for Me2Club. Like many small charities, we entered the year facing a difficult external funding landscape and rising operational costs. Despite these pressures, our commitment to reducing isolation and enabling children and young people with additional needs to take part in the activities they love has remained unwavering.

A major turning point came early in the year, when we launched an Emergency Appeal to protect our services' following a shortfall in grant income. The response from our local community, families, long-standing supporters, and new donors was exceptional. Their generosity ensured that Me2Club could

continue matching young people with trained volunteers, deliver our youth participation programmes, and prevent service closures. This appeal not only stabilised our finances but reaffirmed the value and visibility of our mission within the community.

While the environment remains challenging and demand for our services continues to increase, Me2Club ends the year in a far stronger position than it began it. Our focus now is on building long-term resilience, expanding diversified income streams, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring every young person waiting for support can be matched with a volunteer.

We remain incredibly grateful to our funders, donors, volunteers, families, corporate partners, and staff team. Their belief in our mission is what has enabled Me2Club not only to weather a difficult period, but to continue creating inclusive communities where all children can belong.

Legal and Administrative Information

The organisation constituted itself as an unincorporated association on 17th March 2003 through the adoption of its constitution and registered as a Charity on 5th July 2004. The organisation transferred its activities to a Registered Charity and Company limited by guarantee (Me2 Club) and has worked under its new status since 1st April 2011. Me2 Club now has Charity Number 1140812 and Company Number 7557636.

Registered Address

Reading Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Reading, RG4 6ST

The following Directors (who are also Trustees) served during the year

Sonia Aulak, **Chair**

Matthew Johnson, **Treasurer (Appointed 07/01/2025)**

Katherine Sims, **Secretary**

Giles Cross

Amanda Coale

Simon Crawford

Advisors to the Board

No Advisors to the Board served during the financial year 2024/25.

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc, 1-2 Market Place, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 1AL

Newbury Building Society, Broad Street, Wokingham, RG5 3JJ

Independent Examiner

Sabina Reed

Reserves and Designated Funds

Me2 Club's policy is to ensure reserves are maintained in order to protect and sustain the core service. The level of reserves are set to allow services, should they need to be withdrawn, to be done so in a sensitive timeframe to ensure minimal impact. This is important for the health and wellbeing of the children and families we support and to allow for time to adjust to the loss of our services. This transition period of withdrawing services also aims to support activity leaders to make adjustments to ensure they can still accommodate the Me2 Club child.

The level of reserves set is also important to provide assurance to members of staff and to those with whom we undertake commitments of the reliability of Me2 Club as an employer and business partner respectively.

The current optimum reserve level is set at 6 months predicted fixed core service spend. The level of reserves required to cover these costs will be assessed annually by the Chair and Treasurer while preparing the annual budget for the following year and will be re-assessed if the structure or circumstances change significantly.

The time period and level of reserve are set to allow a reasonable period to withdraw sensitive services should the charity have to close due to lack of funding. Given the nature of the children Me2 Club support (additional needs including learning disabilities and autism), time and attention would be

needed to allow for appropriate endings. A regular update of the Reserves Policy takes place to enable the setting of the correct contingency/reserve level.

In these circumstances and with these considerations in mind, the Trustees believe that it is vital to have a policy of careful cash management and to maintain an appropriate reserve level. The reserve is currently set at an optimum level of 6 months predicted fixed core service spend (£80,000 for 2025/2026).

The Charity's financial options are discussed at every Board meeting and there is a contingency plan in place if cash flow falls below 9 months fixed spend.

Investment Policy

Two bank accounts are used, one to cover day-to-day expenses and the other offering a higher rate of interest to maximise investment potential. In addition, Me2 Club continues to hold an account with The Newbury Building Society to ensure funds allocated to future work gain a higher rate of interest whilst remaining secure.

The investment of Me2 Club funds is regularly reviewed to ensure the security of funds whilst achieving the best available rate of interest.

Risk Review

The Directors have considered the main current risks to which the Charity is exposed, and a detailed organisation risk analysis has been carried out.

There are two significant external risks to the charity's operations;

- 1) Staff retention. Sole Fundraiser resigned in September 2023, interim plan put in place with CEO undertaking lead with fundraising and employing a Freelance Fundraiser (0.2) to avoid disruption with fundraising activities.
- 2) Funding. Funding remains a significant risk to the charity and is exacerbated due to the increasingly competitive nature of Trust and Foundations grants. We recruited a part-time (0.6) Community Fundraiser in January 2023 to support income generation from Community and Corporate fundraising. Board of Trustees continue to carefully monitor income and expenditure against the organisations budget.

Internal risks are minimised through the implementation of effective financial controls and Trustee and Staff responsibilities. A Trustee induction process has been established to support this.

Safeguarding risks have been considered and Me2 Club works to best practice in all areas of safeguarding including training for Trustees, Staff and Volunteers. We have comprehensive Safeguarding Policies and Procedures in place, including policies on the use of Social Media. Me2 Club, adheres to best practice, has a comprehensive list of policies and procedures including, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Data Protection, Financial Rules, Risk, Confidentiality, Health and Safety. A Safeguarding review took place in the year to identify specific threats and opportunities within the charity and an appropriate plan developed to drive continuous improvement.

Risk assessments are written and reviewed before each Me2 Club activity (family parties, community events, participation groups). Staff have been trained in completing dynamic risk assessments during the actual events. Trustees have updated and authorised the contingency plan.

Trustee Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

Charity and Company Law require the Trustees, who are also the Directors of Me2 Club, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping financial records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and that enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence must take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board on the 26th November 2025.



Matthew Johnson, Treasurer/Director for and on behalf of the Trustees of Me2 Club



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Me2Club

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

07557636

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

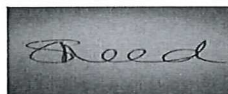
In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention that gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

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

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

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

Signed:



Date: 16/12/2025

Name: Sabina Reed

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

Association of Accounting Technicians

Address: Holy Brook Associates Ltd

Curious Lounge, 1st Floor Pinnacle Building

Tudor Road, Reading, RG1 1NH

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

Statement of Financial Activities

Income and expenditure account for the year end 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	2	29,363	145,014	174,378	300,222
Investment income	2	3,130	0	3,130	719
Other incoming resources	2	1,500	0	1,500	0
Total Incoming resources		33,993	145,014	179,008	300,941
Resources expended					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	25,215	0	25,215	19,354
Charitable activities	3	77,180	174,502	251,682	229,897
Governance costs*	3	3,999	58	4,056	6,199
Total resources expended		106,394	174,559	280,953	255,449
Net movement in funds		(72,400)	(29,545)	(101,945)	45,492
Total funds brought forward	11	112,455	68,972	181,427	135,935
Total funds carried forward		40,054	39,427	79,482	181,427

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		45,436	39,427	84,863	188,228
Debtors	9	337	-	337	-
Total current assets		45,774	39,427	85,201	188,228
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	5,719	-	5,719	6,802
Net current assets		40,055	39,427	79,482	181,426
Net assets		40,055	39,427	79,482	181,426
Income funds					
Restricted funds			39,427	39,427	68,972
Designated Funds - Reserves		-		-	90,000
Unrestricted funds		40,054		40,054	22,454
Total funds		40,054	39,427	79,482	181,426

For the year ending 31/03/25 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These accounts were approved by the executive committee on 26th November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Matthew Johnson - Treasurer

Notes forming part of the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.
- There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.
- Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- Incoming resources from investments are included when receivable.
- Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.
- Unrestricted funds are grants receivable for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure, which meets these criteria, is charged to this fund.
- Fixed assets are capitalised and depreciated over a period of 3 years on straight line basis. If the cost is equal to or less than £1000, the whole cost is written off in the year of purchase.

2. Analysis of incoming resources

Voluntary income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Trusts and Grants	7,217	139,811	147,028	254,899
Town & Parish Councils	200	5,203	5,403	5,665
Community Donations	17,339		17,339	21,536
Individual Donations	682		682	2,011
Fundraising Events	265		265	607
Corporate Funding	3,253		3,253	14,732
Gift aid	407		407	771
Total	29,363	145,014	174,378	300,222
Investment Income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest received	3,130	-	3,130	2,695
Total	3,130	-	3,130	2,695
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Statutory grants for activities	1,500	-	1,500	-
Total	1,500	-	1,500	-
Total Income	33,993	145,014	179,008	302,917

3. Total resources expended

Costs of generating voluntary income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<i>Fundraising – Purchases</i>	532	-	532	1,084
<i>Fundraising – Costs</i>	1,680	-	1,680	1,194
<i>Fundraising - Salaries, Pension & NI*</i>	23,003	-	23,003	17,077
Total resources expended	25,215	-	25,215	19,354

Costs of activities In furtherance of the charity's objectives	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<i>Salaries, Pension & NI</i>	60,989	148,351	209,340	191,262
<i>Employee travel costs</i>	4,808	38	4,847	2,594
<i>Employee training</i>	871	13	884	2,127
<i>Other staff costs and recruitment</i>	1,363	-	1,363	913
<i>DBS checks</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Volunteer training and expenses</i>	(244)	2,300	2,056	1,651
<i>Other expenses</i>	-	-	-	31
<i>Family & Children Events</i>	661	745	1,406	1,162
<i>Childrens activities</i>	503	4,535	5,038	6,406
<i>Bank Charges</i>	83	-	83	159
<i>Teenage Meet Up</i>	260	440	700	225
<i>Office Accommodation</i>	(3,050)	15,772	12,722	12,489
<i>Telephone, IT, mail and stationery costs</i>	6,139	1,609	7,747	8,574
<i>Office equipment</i>	1,185	-	1,185	1,088
<i>Advertising and website</i>	3,611	700	4,311	1,217
Total resources expended	77,180	174,502	251,682	229,897

Governance costs	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Insurance costs	1,336	58	1,394	1,405
Professional Fees (Independent Examiner**, accountancy, payroll and HR)	2,663	-	2,663	4,794
Total resources expended	3,999	58	4,056	6,199
Total costs	106,394	174,559	280,953	255,449
		3,773	-	

* FDO salary is allocated between fundraising and business development.

**An independent examination fee of £380+VAT (£457 gross) was payable in respect of reporting on the accounts. The same firms now supplies bookkeeping and accounts preparation services to the charity and in addition fees of £1,190+VAT (£1,428 Gross) were paid to the firm for these services during the year.

4. Grants made

The charity did not make any grants or donations during the financial year.

5. Staff costs and numbers

	Total 2025 £
Number of employees average	10
Gross wages and salaries	209,283
Employer's National Insurance costs	12,603
Pension contributions	10,458
Total resources expended	232,344

No employee was paid over £60,000 in the year

6. Trustees and other related parties

No payments were made to Trustees excepting reimbursement of any specific out-of-pocket expenses incurred in support of Me2 Club activities

No trustee or connected person received any remuneration during the year.

There were no related party transactions made by the charity.

7. Tangible fixed assets

The charities policy is to capitalise any individual assets over £1000 as we deem this to be a material value for our purposes.

The charity has no fixed assets or items being depreciated at this time. All items have been expensed in year of purchase.

8. Investment assets

The charity held no investment assets at any time during the financial year-ended 31 March 2025.

9. Debtors and prepayments

Amounts falling due within one year	This year	Last year
	£	£
Accrued income	337	-
TOTAL	337	-

10. Creditors and accruals

Amounts falling due within one year	This year	Last year
	£	£
Accruals @ Yr End - Expenses	633	2,619
HMRC and Pension owing	5,086	4,183
TOTAL	5,719	6,802

11. Movement in funds

Year Ended 31st March 2025	At 1st April 2024	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31st March 2025
Restricted funds				
Andy Thomson Foundation	156		156	-
Asda Foundation		1,567	1,567	-
Ashworth Charitable Trust	-	3,000	750	2,250
Astor Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-
Bailey Thomas	-	-	-	-
Barbara Ward Children's Charity	-	5,000	5,000	-

BBC CiN YSAF	-	16,553	16,081	473
Berkshire Community Foundation (NHS Carers Fund)	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
BBC Children in Need - Core Service	-	8,524	5,038	3,486
Boshier Hinton Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	-
David Solomon Charitable Trust	-	750	-	750
D'Oyly Carte	3,500	-	3,500	-
Edmund Godson Charity	-	1,000	1,000	-
Enterprise T&G	3,367	-	3,367	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	15,000	-	15,000	0
Gordon Palmer Memorial Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
Gosling Foundation	7,400	-	7,400	-
Hedley Foundation	-	2,500	2,500	-
Henry Smith Charity	-	30,000	30,000	-
Joanie's Fund (HCF)	-	3,000	3,000	-
Masonic Charitable Foundation	217	3,000	3,217	0
Mobbs Memorial Trust	315	-	315	0
One Stop Community	-	1,000	1,000	-
Persimmon	-	3,000	3,000	-
Pixel Fund	5,000	-	5,000	-
Postcode Lottery	-	-	-	-
RBC small grants	2,073	-	2,073	-
Reading Blue Coat Foundation	250	-	250	-
Reading Dispensary Trust	-	800	800	-
Shanley Foundation	5,000	3,000	8,000	-
Sir Jules Thorn	3,000	3,000	2,272	3,728

SNG IWIII	7,115	9,872	16,987	-
Souter Foundation	-	2,500	2,500	-
St James Place	-	1,000	1,000	-
Sterry Family Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	-
Stevenson Family Charitable Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
The Childwick Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
The Four Barrows Foundation	-	2,000	-	2,000
The Fence Club	4,000	-	4,000	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	1,746	19,995	-	21,741
The Toy Trust	-	-	-	-
Town and Parish Councils	5,333	5,453	10,786	-
Waitrose Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-
Wokingham BC - inclusion	500	-	500	-
Wokingham Lions - Equipment	-	500	500	0
	-			-
Total Restricted Funds	68,972	145,014	174,559	39,427
Unrestricted Funds	22,455	33,993	16,394	40,054
Designated Funds - Reserves**	90,000	-	90,000	-
Unrestricted and Designated Funds - Subtotal	112,455	33,993	106,394	40,054
Total Funds	181,427	179,008	280,953	79,482

*** Designated reserves are re-assessed each year and are set to allow a reasonable period to withdraw sensitive services should the charity have to close due to lack of funding. The reserve is currently set at an optimum level of approximately 6 months predicted fixed core service spend.*

12. Other information

- The charity does not have any material commitments not provided for in the accounts.
- The charity has not given any guarantees to third parties.
- The charity has not granted or been granted any loans.
- The charity did not make any ex-gratia payments during the year.

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Objectives, Activities and Achievements

Mission

Our mission is to address the challenges of isolation and exclusion experienced by children and young people with additional needs and disabilities.

Vision

Our vision is to champion the right for inclusion for all children and young people with additional needs and disabilities across Berkshire, through our partnerships with families, volunteers, activity leaders and other voluntary and statutory sector organisations.

Offer

Me2 Club supports children and young people with additional needs and disabilities access mainstream social, sports and leisure activities in the Wokingham and Reading Boroughs. We recruit and train volunteers to 'buddy' 1:1 with the children so they can join in and have fun. We believe that every child should have the chance to engage in activities that promote personal growth, social interaction, and skill development. We run 3 family events throughout the year, which are available to children and young people and their families who are supported by Me2 Club. Me2 Club also run 3 participation projects for young people:

- TeenW&Rd – Opportunity for young people aged 13-19 years to make new friends and to build their independence by choosing, planning and fundraising for activities.
- Include Me2 – Our Youth Social Action Group for ages 8 – 25 years and their siblings. Supporting young people to raise awareness of additional needs to address the barriers they face in their lives and in their communities.
- Say YES – Wokingham's SEND Youth Forum for 8 – 25-year-olds.

Our Core Service supports children with additional needs at activities around Wokingham and Reading. This service enables children to attend uniform groups, swimming lessons, drama classes, sports clubs and martial arts. Each child is matched with a carefully selected, trained volunteer who attend with them each week to provide the individual support each child needs. This year we have supported 167 children and young people via all the services on offer.

Our Core Service, Say YES Youth Forum and TeenW&Rd Club supported many children and young people over the past year. Some of the children and young people accessed more than one of these services. We are proud to support children, families and volunteers from a wide variety of backgrounds. Many of the children and young people we support across all our services have Autism. We do not require a diagnosis for our support as we know how difficult it can be to gain a diagnosis and we do not want this to be a barrier for children and young people to access our services.

This year we welcomed children and young people from a wide variety of backgrounds into all our services. The majority of these are from white backgrounds, which correlates with the local populations of Wokingham and Reading. We are pleased to have reached so many other communities and hope to expand our reach in under-represented communities in the coming financial year. The majority (76%) of children accessing our services live in Wokingham and (22%) live in Reading.

The aim of the core service is to help the children access activities which they otherwise may be excluded from. We also hope to support the children to increase their confidence, independence and reduce their social isolation. The ultimate aim for some of the children accessing the service is to become independent enough to attend their activity without support from a volunteer. Feedback from our annual survey demonstrated incredible impact, 97% of parents and carers reported an

increase in their child's confidence. Almost all of our parents and carers (96%) said that their child increased in sociability and connectedness and 63% rated their child a 4 or 5 out of 5 indicating a significant increase in the child's sociability at the activity. This is an incredible increase for many of our children who may have been experiencing a high level of social isolation before starting with Me2 Club. Most of our parent carers (93%) rated their child had increased in their independence. 91% of children felt their volunteer was good at supporting them, with 91% of children said going to their activities made them really happy.

Our core service volunteers provided 3,165 hours of respite to our parents! This year we have worked with 170 volunteers who supported children at their weekly activities. 100% of exiting volunteers rated their experience as 'good or 'excellent' 100% of volunteers used their experience in applications for employment or study. We are so pleased volunteering with Me2 Club helped our volunteers progress in the career or education goals. In total, we had 180 volunteers across our services including trustees, fundraising events, participation activities and our core service. This amounted to 4,014 volunteering hours in the last financial year. Our volunteers support children at a wide variety of mainstream activities that would otherwise be inaccessible to the children.

We trained 75 new volunteers this financial year over 5 training sessions in April, July, September, November and February. We are always trying to improve our training to give our volunteers everything they need to feel confident in their roles. Our training programme covers additional needs, communication, understanding behaviour, safeguarding, manual handling, and their roles and responsibilities.

We are so proud that volunteers find our training so impactful: 99% of volunteers trained increased their knowledge of additional needs after attending Volunteer Induction Training increasing their ratings of their knowledge from an average 5.5/10 to 8.7/10. 90% felt more ready to be matched after completing training, improving their ratings of confidence in being matched from an average 6.4/10 to 8.7/10 after training. 94% of volunteers rated their experience of training as 'Good', 'Very Good' or 'Excellent'.

Our volunteers (74%) are largely aged between 16-18, which is helpful as many of our children have someone similar in age to help them take part. Our children have a range of needs and having volunteers from a variety of demographics, experience levels and ages means we can find the best volunteer for each child's individual needs. Most (77%) of our volunteers were female in all age categories. Nonetheless, we are pleased to have 30 male volunteers aged between 16-18 who have made a big difference to our children who preferred to have boy volunteer help them at activities like swimming and sports clubs.

This year we celebrated 20 years of supporting children with additional needs & disabilities in Wokingham and Reading. As part of our 20th Anniversary celebrations, we were honoured to have afternoon tea with the founder of Me2 Club, Catie Blundell. It was a great opportunity for the team to learn about the origins of Me2 Club and how it has developed over the years.

In April 2024, we celebrated the end of our 20th Anniversary by planting a willow tree in Elms Park, Wokingham. The act of planting a tree symbolises our mission of supporting children to grow and flourish in our community. The willow tree is known to not only survive but also thrive under challenging conditions, it provides a sense of belonging and hope. Me2 Club looks forward to continuing to create even more opportunities for growth, inclusion, and empowerment for children and young people with additional needs in Wokingham and Reading.

2024 – 2025 promises to be a busy and exciting year, as we continue to reach more children through our core service, grow our groups for young people, trial our parent/carer coffee mornings and set out our future strategic priorities.

We are very grateful for the new and continued support from many Trusts and Foundations, organisations and individuals. This support is essential in allowing us to continue our work, developing, growing and most importantly enabling children and young people with additional needs to take part.

Legal and Administrative Information

The organisation constituted itself as an unincorporated association on 17th March 2003 through the adoption of its constitution and registered as a Charity on 5th July 2004. The organisation transferred its activities to a Registered Charity and Company limited by guarantee (Me2 Club) and has worked under its new status since 1st April 2011. Me2 Club now has Charity Number 1140812 and Company Number 7557636.

Registered Address

Unit 9, Indigo House, Fishponds Road, Wokingham, Berkshire RG41 2GY

The following Directors (who are also Trustees) served during the year

Sonia Aulak, **Chair**

Simon Crawford, **Treasurer**

Katherine Sims, **Secretary**

Giles Cross

Amanda Coale, **Appointed 23/09/23**

Advisors to the Board

No Advisors to the Board served during the financial year 2023/24.

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc, 1-2 Market Place, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 1AL

Newbury Building Society, Broad Street, Wokingham, RG5 3JJ

Independent Examiner

Sabina Reed

Reserves and Designated Funds

Me2 Club's policy is to ensure reserves are maintained in order to protect and sustain the core service. The level of reserves are set to allow services, should they need to be withdrawn, to be done so in a sensitive timeframe to ensure minimal impact. This is important for the health and wellbeing of the children and families we support and to allow for time to adjust to the loss of our services. This transition period of withdrawing services also aims to support activity leaders to make adjustments to ensure they can still accommodate the Me2 Club child.

The level of reserves set is also important to provide assurance to members of staff and to those with whom we undertake commitments of the reliability of Me2 Club as an employer and business partner respectively.

The current optimum reserve level is set at 6 months predicted fixed core service spend. The level of reserves required to cover these costs will be assessed annually by the CEO and Treasurer while preparing the annual budget for the following year and will be re-assessed if the structure or circumstances change significantly.

The time period and level of reserve are set to allow a reasonable period to withdraw sensitive services should the charity have to close due to lack of funding. Given the nature of the children Me2 Club support (additional needs including learning disabilities and autism), time and attention would be needed to allow for appropriate endings. A regular update of the Reserves Policy takes place to enable the setting of the correct contingency/reserve level.

In these circumstances and with these considerations in mind, the Trustees believe that it is vital to have a policy of careful cash management and to maintain an appropriate reserve level. The reserve is currently set at an optimum level of 6 months predicted fixed core service spend (£90,000 for 2023/2024) which reflects the increase in charity expenditure in line with the recent growth.

The Charity's financial options are discussed at every Board meeting and there is a contingency plan in place if cash flow falls below 9 months fixed spend.

Investment Policy

Two bank accounts are used, one to cover day-to-day expenses and the other offering a higher rate of interest to maximise investment potential. In addition, Me2 Club continues to hold an account with The Newbury Building Society to ensure funds allocated to future work gain a higher rate of interest whilst remaining secure.

The investment of Me2 Club funds is regularly reviewed to ensure the security of funds whilst achieving the best available rate of interest.

Risk Review

The Directors have considered the main current risks to which the Charity is exposed, and a detailed organisation risk analysis has been carried out.

There are two significant external risks to the charity's operations;

1) Staff retention. Sole Fundraiser resigned in September 2023, interim plan put in place with CEO undertaking lead with fundraising and employing a Freelance Fundraiser (0.2) to avoid disruption with fundraising activities.

2) Funding. Funding remains a significant risk to the charity and is exacerbated due to the increasingly competitive nature of Trust and Foundations grants. We recruited a part-time (0.6) Community Fundraiser in January 2023 to support income generation from Community and Corporate fundraising. Board of Trustees continue to carefully monitor income and expenditure against the organisations budget.

Internal risks are minimised through the implementation of effective financial controls and Trustee and Staff responsibilities. A Trustee induction process has been established to support this.

Safeguarding risks have been considered and Me2 Club works to best practice in all areas of safeguarding including training for Trustees, Staff and Volunteers. We have comprehensive Safeguarding Policies and Procedures in place, including policies on the use of Social Media. Me2 Club, adheres to best practice, has a comprehensive list of policies and procedures including, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Data Protection, Financial Rules, Risk, Confidentiality, Health and Safety. A Safeguarding review took place in the year to identify specific threats and opportunities within the charity and an appropriate plan developed to drive continuous improvement.

Risk assessments are written and reviewed before each Me2 Club activity (family parties, community events, teen groups). Staff have been trained in completing dynamic risk assessments during the actual events. Trustees have updated and authorised the contingency plan.

Trustee Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

Charity and Company Law require the Trustees, who are also the Directors of Me2 Club, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of

resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping financial records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and that enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence must take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board on the 26th November 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sonia Aulak', written on a light-colored background.

Sonia Aulak, Chair/Director for and on behalf of the Trustees of Me2 Club



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Me2Club

**On accounts for the
year ended**

31 March 2024

**Charity
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any)**

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

Signed:		Date: 16/10/2024
	Name: Sabina Reed	
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	AAT	
Address:	Holy Brook Associates Ltd	
	Curious Lounge, 1 st Floor Pinnacle Building	
	Tudor Road, Reading, RG1 1NH	

Section B Disclosure

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

Statement of Financial Activities

Income and expenditure account for the year end 31st March 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	2	92,107	208,114	300,222	160,936
Investment income	2	2,695	0	2,695	671
Other incoming resources	2	0	0	0	0
Total Incoming resources		94,802	208,114	302,917	161,607
Resources expended					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	22,059	1,858	23,918	13,607
Charitable activities	3	56,037	170,542	226,579	214,209
Governance costs*	3	4,227	725	4,953	2,925
Total resources expended		82,324	173,126	255,449	230,741
Net movement in funds		12,479	34,989	47,468	(69,134)
Total funds brought forward	11	100,031	33,983	134,014	203,148
Total funds carried forward		112,510	68,972	181,482	134,014

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		119,311	68,972	188,283	140,498
Debtors	9	-	-	-	-
Total current assets		119,311	68,972	188,283	140,498
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	6,802	-	6,802	6,484
Net current assets		112,510	68,972	181,481	134,014
Net assets		112,510	68,972	181,481	134,014
Income funds					
Restricted funds			68,972	68,972	33,983
Designated Funds - Reserves		90,000		90,000	90,000
Unrestricted funds		22,510		22,510	10,031
Total funds		112,510	68,972	181,482	134,014

For the year ending 31/03/24 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These accounts were approved by the executive committee on 26th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Simon Crawford Treasurer

Notes forming part of the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.
- There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.
- Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- Incoming resources from investments are included when receivable.
- Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.
- Unrestricted funds are grants receivable for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure, which meets these criteria, is charged to this fund.
- Fixed assets are capitalised and depreciated over a period of 3 years on straight line basis. If the cost is equal to or less than £1000, the whole cost is written off in the year of purchase.

2. Analysis of incoming resources

Voluntary income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Trusts and Grants	67,182	187,717	254,899	136,821
Town & Parish Councils		5,665	5,665	3,725
Community Donations	21,536	-	21,536	8,501
Individual Donations	2,011	-	2,011	2,162
Fundraising Events	607	-	607	3,733
Corporate Funding		14,732	14,732	5,994
Gift aid	771	-	771	-
Total	92,107	208,114	300,222	244,096
Investment Income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Building Society interest	1,976	-	1,976	427
Bank interest	719	-	719	244
Total	2,695	-	2,695	671
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Statutory grants for activities	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
Total Income	94,802	208,114	302,917	244,767

3. Total resources expended

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Costs of generating voluntary income				
<i>Fundraising - Purchases</i>	1,084	-	1,084	190
<i>Fundraising - Costs</i>	1,194	-	1,194	3,257
<i>Fundraising - Salaries, Pension & NI*</i>	19,782	1,858	21,641	10,160
Total resources expended	22,059	1,858	23,918	13,607

Costs of activities In furtherance of the charity's objectives	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Salaries, Pension & NI</i>	30,703	157,221	187,924	180,807
<i>Employee travel costs</i>	1,476	1,118	2,594	1,548
<i>Employee training</i>	1,219	907	2,127	2,464
<i>Other staff costs and recruitment</i>	944	-	944	1,376
<i>DBS checks</i>	-	766	766	935
<i>Volunteer training and expenses</i>	158	727	885	851
<i>Other expenses</i>	509	-	509	320
<i>Family & Children Events</i>	1,313	4,885	6,198	2,553
<i>Childrens activities</i>	205	655	861	168
<i>Bank charges</i>	159	-	159	72
<i>Days Away</i>			-	-
<i>Teenage Meet Up</i>	-	225	225	117
<i>Office Accommodation</i>	9,507	2,982	12,489	12,256
<i>Telephone, IT, mail and stationery costs</i>	7,562	1,031	8,593	9,432
<i>Office equipment</i>	1,088	-	1,088	328
<i>Advertising and website</i>	1,193	24	1,217	983
Total resources expended	56,037	170,542	226,579	214,209

Governance costs	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Insurance costs</i>	1,405	-	1,405	973
<i>Professional Fees (Independent Examiner**, accountancy, payroll and HR)</i>	2,822	725	3,548	1,953
Total resources expended	4,227	725	4,953	2,925
Total costs	82,324	173,126	255,449	232,448

* FDO salary is allocated between fundraising and business development.

**An independent examination fee of £380+VAT (£457 gross) was payable in respect of reporting on the accounts. The same firms now supplies bookkeeping and accounts preparation services to the charity and in addition fees of £1,190+VAT (£1,428 Gross) were paid to the firm for these services during the year.

4. Grants made

The charity did not make any grants or donations during the financial year.

5. Staff costs and numbers

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Number of employees at peak (FTE)	8	8.2
Gross wages and salaries	193,502	173,091
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,416	10,259
Pension contributions	6,646	5,106
Total resources expended	209,565	188,455

No employee was paid over £60,000 in the year

6. Trustees and other related parties

No payments were made to Trustees excepting reimbursement of any specific out-of-pocket expenses incurred in support of Me2 Club activities

No trustee or connected person received any remuneration during the year.

There were no related party transactions made by the charity.

7. Tangible fixed assets

The charities policy is to capitalise any individual assets over £1000 as we deem this to be a material value for our purposes.

The charity has no fixed assets or items being depreciated at this time. All items have been expensed in year of purchase.

8. Investment assets

The charity held no investment assets at any time during the financial year-ended 31 March 2024.

9. Debtors and prepayments

Amounts falling due within one year	This year	Last year
	£	£
Deferred and Accrued income	-	-
Money owed by Pension provider	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

10. Creditors and accruals

Amounts falling due within one year	This year £	Last year £
Accruals @ Yr End - Expenses	2,619	457
HMRC and Pension owing	4,183	6027
TOTAL	6,802	6,484

11. Movement in funds

Year Ended 31st March 2024	At 1st April 2023	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31st March 2024
Restricted funds				
Alastair James Memorial Trust	-	500	500	-
Andy Thomson Foundation	-	480	324	156
Bailey Thomas	-	5,000	5,000	-
Barbara Ward Children's Charity	-	5,000	5,000	-
BBC Children in Need - YSA	-	42,946	42,946	-
Berkshire Community Foundation	-	10,000	5,000	5,000
Children in Need - Core Service	12,759	-	12,759	-
Douglas Arter Foundation	-	500	500	-
D'Oyly Carte	-	3,500		3,500
Englefield Charitable Trust	-	4,000	4,000	-
Enterprise T&G	-	4,500	1,133	3,367
Garfield Weston Foundation	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Gordon Palmer Memorial Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
Gosling Foundation	-	7,400		7,400

Henry Smith Charity	-	30,000	30,000	-
KPMG (restricted)	-	450	450	-
Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund	2,500		2,500	-
Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	3,000	2,783	217
Mobbs Memorial Trust	-	1,000	685	315
Newbury Building Society	-	500	500	-
Persimmon	-			-
Pixel Fund	-	5,000		5,000
Postcode Society	-	19,058	19,058	-
Reading Borough Council	1,500	5,000	4,427	2,073
Reading Blue Coat Foundation	-	250		250
Rowan Bental Charitable Trust	-	250	250	-
Shanley Foundation	-	5,000		5,000
Sir Jules Thorn	-	3,000		3,000
SNG IWIII	-	7,115		7,115
Souter Foundation	-	2,500	2,500	-
Stevenson Family Charitable Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
The Chidwick Trust	-	-		-
The Fence Club	-	4,000	-	4,000
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	10,000	8,254	1,746
The Toy Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-
Town and Parish Councils	2,223	8,165	5,055	5,333
Wokingham Borough Council	-	1,000	500	500
Total Restricted Funds	33,983	208,114	173,126	68,972

Unrestricted Funds	10,031	94,802	82,324	22,510
Designated Funds - Reserves**	90,000	-	-	90,000
Unrestricted and Designated Funds - Subtotal	100,031	94,802	82,324	112,510
Total Funds	134,014	302,917	255,449	181,482

*** Designated reserves are re-assessed each year and are set to allow a reasonable period to withdraw sensitive services should the charity have to close due to lack of funding. The reserve is currently set at an optimum level of approximately 6 months predicted fixed core service spend.*

12. Other information

- The charity does not have any material commitments not provided for in the accounts.
- The charity has not given any guarantees to third parties.
- The charity has not granted or been granted any loans.
- The charity did not make any ex-gratia payments during the year.

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ME2 CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1140812

Accounts



**Me2 Club Annual Accounts
2022-2023**

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Through having a volunteer to support them our children can gain confidence in themselves and their abilities. This is reflected in the information we gained from their volunteers and their parents. 100% of parents and carers reported an increase in their child's confidence, and 68% of those rated their child's increase in confidence a 4 or 5 indicating a significant change.

The majority of volunteers (67%) reported an increase in their matched child's confidence, 20% of those rated their child's confidence stayed the same which is a positive outcome for many of the

children, particularly those dealing with the ups and downs of life. The remaining 13% were unsure about how their matched child's confidence had changed, which may be due to them still getting to know their matched child. None of the volunteers in rated their child's confidence decreasing. Most of our parent carers (93%) rated their child had increased in their independence with 61% rating a 4 or 5 out of 5 indicating a significant increase in independence.

Almost all of our parents and carers (96%) said that their child increased in sociability and connectedness and 63% rated their child a 4 or 5 out of 5 indicating a significant increase in the child's sociability at the activity. This is an incredible increase for many of our children who may have been experiencing a high level of social isolation before starting with Me2 Club. The majority (54%) of our volunteers reported an increase in their matched child's sociability with others in the group, 35% of those rated their child's sociability with others in the group stayed the same. None of the volunteers rated their matched child decreased in sociability and 7% were unsure about how their matched child's sociability with others in the group had changed.

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The following Directors (who are also Trustees) served during the year

Lucy Morris, **Chair (retired 31/08/22)**

Sonia Aulak, **Chair (appointed 31/08/22)**

Simon Crawford, **Treasurer**

Katherine Sims, **Secretary**

Sue Woodcock

Giles Cross

Advisors to the Board

No Advisors to the Board served during the financial year 2022/23.

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc, 1-2 Market Place, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 1AL

Newbury Building Society, Broad Street, Wokingham, RG5 3JJ

Independent Examiner

Victoria Butters

Reserves and Designated Funds

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The current optimum reserve level is set at 6 months predicted fixed core service spend. The level of reserves required to cover these costs will be assessed annually by the CEO and Treasurer while preparing the annual budget for the following year and will be re-assessed if the structure or circumstances change significantly.

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Risk Review

The Directors have considered the main current risks to which the Charity is exposed, and a detailed organisation risk analysis has been carried out.

There are two significant external risks to the charity's operations;

- 1) Staff retention. CEO and sole Fundraiser resigned in August 2022 and September 2022, a transition plan was put in place to manage operational and fundraising activities until new members of staff were appointed. Whilst service delivery was unaffected, reduced fundraising activities resulted in an income deficit as evidenced in accounts.
- 2) Funding. Funding remains a significant risk to the charity and is exacerbated due to the increasingly competitive nature of Trust and Foundations grants. A fundraising plan is in place to manage this risk. The Board of Trustees continue to carefully monitor income and expenditure against the organisations budget.

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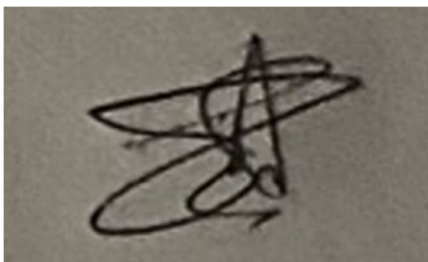
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- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping financial records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and that enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence must take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board on the 19/12/2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sonia Aulak', written on a light-colored background.

Sonia Aulak, Chair/Director for and on behalf of the Trustees of Me2 Club

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Me2 Club Charitable Company ('the Company')

Charity registration number: 1140812

Company registration number: 7557636

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31/03/2023.

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

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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
- 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.

Signed: Victoria Butters

Date: 15th December 2023

Name: Victoria Butters

Address: Holy Brook Associates Ltd,
Curious Lounge, 1st Floor, Pinnacle Building,
Tudor Road, Reading, England, RG1 1NH

Statement of Financial Activities

Income and expenditure account for the year end 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	2	24,390	136,546	160,936	244,096
Investment income	2	671	0	671	224
Other incoming resources	2	0	0	0	10,000
Total Incoming resources		25,061	136,546	161,607	254,320
Resources expended					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	9,258	4,349	13,607	19,605
Charitable activities	3	74,460	139,749	214,209	208,552
Governance costs*	3	2,925	0	2,925	4,291
Total resources expended		86,643	144,098	230,741	232,448
Net movement in funds		(61,582)	(7,552)	(69,134)	21,873
Total funds brought forward	11	161,613	41,535	203,148	181,275
Total funds carried forward		100,031	33,983	134,014	203,148

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		106,514	33,983	140,498	204,677
Debtors	9	-	-	-	-
Total current assets		106,514	33,983	140,498	204,677
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	6,484	-	6,484	1,529
Net current assets		100,031	33,983	134,014	203,148
Net assets		100,031	33,983	134,014	203,148
Income funds					
Restricted funds			33,983	33,983	41,535
Designated Funds - Reserves		90,000		90,000	90,000
Unrestricted funds		10,031		10,031	71,613
Total funds		100,031	33,983	134,014	203,148

For the year ending 31/03/23 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These accounts were approved by the executive committee on 19th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Simon Crawford Treasurer

Notes forming part of the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.
- There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.
- Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- Incoming resources from investments are included when receivable.
- Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.
- Unrestricted funds are grants receivable for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure, which meets these criteria, is charged to this fund.
- Fixed assets are capitalised and depreciated over a period of 3 years on straight line basis. If the cost is equal to or less than £1000, the whole cost is written off in the year of purchase.

2. Analysis of incoming resources

Voluntary income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Trusts and Grants	4,000	132,821	136,821	175,685
Town & Parish Councils	-	3,725	3,725	6,998
Community Donations	8,501	-	8,501	9,117
Individual Donations	2,162	-	2,162	11,823
Fundraising Events	3,733	-	3,733	29,356
Corporate Funding	5,994	-	5,994	9,298
Gift aid	-	-	-	1,822
Total	24,390	136,546	160,936	244,096
Investment Income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Building Society interest	427	-	427	219
Bank interest	244	-	244	5
Total	671	-	671	224
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Statutory grants for activities	-	-	-	10,000
Total	-	-	-	10,000
Total Income	25,061	136,546	161,607	254,320

3. Total resources expended

Costs of generating voluntary income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<i>Fundraising - Purchases</i>	190		190	86
<i>Fundraising - Costs</i>	151	3,105	3,257	3,902
<i>Fundraising - Salaries, Pension & NI*</i>	8,916	1,244	10,160	15,617
Total resources expended	9,258	4,349	13,607	19,605

Costs of activities In furtherance of the charity's objectives	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<i>Salaries, Pension & NI</i>	66,037	114,769	180,807	172,837
<i>Employee travel costs</i>	957	590	1,548	1,727
<i>Employee training</i>	296	2,168	2,464	573
<i>Other staff costs and recruitment</i>	526	850	1,376	1,201
<i>DBS checks</i>	-	935	935	1,181
<i>Volunteer training and expenses</i>	-	851	851	714
<i>Other expenses</i>	234	86	320	71
<i>Family & Children Events</i>	1,133	1,420	2,553	265
<i>Childrens activities</i>	168	-	168	597
<i>Bank charges</i>	72	-	72	22
<i>Days Away</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Teenage Meet Up</i>	117	-	117	331
<i>Office Accommodation</i>	1,906	10,350	12,256	14,129
<i>Telephone, IT, mail and stationery costs</i>	2,064	7,368	9,432	14,556
<i>Office equipment</i>	-	328	328	220
<i>Advertising</i>	949	34	983	127
Total resources expended	74,460	139,749	214,209	208,552

Governance costs	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Insurance costs</i>	973	-	973	929
<i>Professional Fees (Independent Examiner**, accountancy, payroll and HR)</i>	1,953	-	1,953	3,362
Total resources expended	2,925	-	2,925	4,291
Total costs	86,643	144,098	230,741	232,448

* FDO salary is allocated between fundraising and business development.

**An independent examination fee of £380+VAT (£457 gross) was payable in respect of reporting on the accounts. The same firms now supplies bookkeeping and accounts preparation services to the charity and in addition fees of £1,190+VAT (£1,428 Gross) were paid to the firm for these services during the year.

4. Grants made

The charity did not make any grants or donations during the financial year.

5. Staff costs and numbers

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Number of employees at peak (FTE)	7.3	8.2
Gross wages and salaries	174,905	173,091
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,416	10,259
Pension contributions	6,646	5,106
Total resources expended	190,967	188,455

No employee was paid over £60,000 in the year

6. Trustees and other related parties

No payments were made to Trustees excepting reimbursement of any specific out-of-pocket expenses incurred in support of Me2 Club activities

No trustee or connected person received any remuneration during the year.

There were no related party transactions made by the charity.

7. Tangible fixed assets

The charities policy is to capitalise any individual assets over £1000 as we deem this to be a material value for our purposes.

The charity has no fixed assets or items being depreciated at this time. All items have been expensed in year of purchase.

8. Investment assets

The charity held no investment assets at any time during the financial year-ended 31 March 2023.

9. Debtors and prepayments

Amounts falling due within one year	This year	Last year
	£	£
Deferred and Accrued income	-	-
Money owed by Pension provider	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

10. Creditors and accruals

Amounts falling due within one year	This year £	Last year £
Accruals @ Yr End - Expenses	457	457
HMRC and Pension owing	6,027	1,072
TOTAL	6,484	1,529

11. Movement in funds

Year Ended 31st March 2023	At 1st April 2022	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31st March 2023
Restricted funds				
Bailey Thomas	1,667		1,667	-
Barbara Ward Children's Charity	-	5,000	5,000	-
BBC Children in Need - grant 1	915		915	-
BBC Children in Need - YSA	-	4,772	4,772	-
Berkshire Community Foundation	1,750		1,750	-
Children in Need - Core Service	-	47,444	34,684	12,759
David Brownlow Charitable Foundation	4,000		4,000	-
Department for Work and Pensions	-	4,259	4,259	-
The Edmund Godson Charity	417	1,000	1,417	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Greenham Common Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund	2,500	15,000	15,000	2,500
Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	3,000	3,000	-
Persimmon	-	3,650	3,650	-
Reading Borough Council	1,500	5,000	5,000	1,500

Shanly Foundation	1,500		1,500	-
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-
St James's Place Charitable Foundation	2,000		2,000	-
Stevenson Family Charitable Trust	-	500	500	-
Syder Foundatoin	1,000		1,000	-
The Childwick Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
The Earley Charity	-	5,000	5,000	-
The Fence Club	-	4,000	4,000	-
The Gordon Palmer Memorial Trust	625	500	1,125	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	7,500		7,500	-
The Woodroffe Benton Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-
Town and Parish Councils	1,162	6,421	5,360	2,223
Trees of the David	-	1,000	1,000	-
True Colours	-	5,000	5,000	-
Total Restricted Funds	41,535	136,546	144,098	33,983
Unrestricted Funds	71,613	25,061	86,643	10,031
Designated Funds - Reserves**	90,000	-	-	90,000
Unrestricted and Designated Funds - Subtotal	161,613	25,061	86,643	100,031
Total Funds	203,148	161,607	230,741	134,014

*** Designated reserves are re-assessed each year and are set to allow a reasonable period to withdraw sensitive services should the charity have to close due to lack of funding. The reserve is currently set at an optimum level of approximately 6 months predicted fixed core service spend.*

12. Other information

- The charity does not have any material commitments not provided for in the accounts.
- The charity has not given any guarantees to third parties.
- The charity has not granted or been granted any loans.
- The charity did not make any ex-gratia payments during the year.

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ME2 CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1140812

Accounts



**Me2 Club Annual Accounts
2020-2021**

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Lucy Morris, **Chair** from 24th August 2020

Simon Crawford, **Treasurer**

Theresa Gallagher, **Secretary** resigned 31st March 2021

Sarah Hilling

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Carol Gideon

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2021/2022 which reflects the increase in charity expenditure in line with the recent expansion in to Reading).

The Charity's financial options are discussed at every Board meeting and there is a contingency plan in place if cash flow falls below 9 months fixed spend.

Me2 Club were successful in raising funds to cover the costs of all employed Activities and Volunteers Coordinators (AVCs). For 2020/21, the Board of Trustees voted to hold £28,000 in Designated Funds to support the employment of an AVC to take forward the charity's expansion in the Reading area. The Board of Trustees has voted to release the £28,000 that was held in Designated Funds during 2020/21 in to its general Unrestricted Reserves for 2021/2022 to offset the impact of fundraising activity during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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The investment of Me2 Club funds is regularly reviewed to ensure the security of funds whilst achieving the best available rate of interest.

Risk Review

The Directors have considered the main current risks to which the Charity is exposed, and a detailed organisation risk analysis has been carried out.

There are two ongoing significant external risks to the charity's operations;

1) Covid-19 Pandemic. The organisation remained agile throughout the pandemic, continuing to provide vital services to children and families through a series of lockdowns and restrictions. The continuing nature of the pandemic means the organisation needs to remain vigilant to continue to respond promptly and effectively to any future changes. An organisational recovery plan is being implemented and continuously monitored.

2) Funding. Funding remains a significant risk to the charity and has been exacerbated because of the pandemic. A fundraising plan is in place to manage this risk. The Board of Trustees continue to carefully monitor income and expenditure against the organisations budget.

Internal risks are minimised through the implementation of effective financial controls and Trustee and Staff responsibilities. A Trustee induction process has been established to support this.

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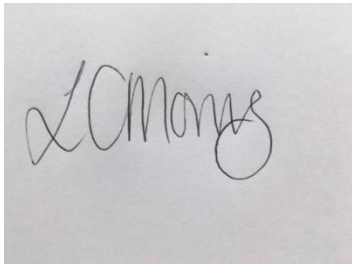
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The Trustees are responsible for keeping financial records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and that enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence must take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board on the 30th November 2021.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Lucy Morris'.

Lucy Morris, Chair/Director for and on behalf of the Trustees of Me2 Club

Report of the Independent Examiner

Trustee Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Responsibilities and basis of Report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended **31st March 2021**.

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

Carol Gideon

Carol Gideon

Statement of Financial Activities

Income and expenditure account for the year end 31st March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	2	28,170	136,582	164,752	202,565
Investment income	2	380	0	380	698
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2	0	0	0	0
Other incoming resources	2	0	2,832	2,832	0
Total Incoming resources		28,550	139,414	167,964	203,262
Resources expended					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	10,636	1,349	11,984	15,020
Investment management costs	3	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	3	25,230	150,291	175,521	166,486
Governance costs*	3	2,961	120	3,080	1,479
Total resources expended		38,826	151,759	190,585	182,985
Net movement in funds		(10,276)	(12,345)	(22,621)	20,277
Total funds brought forward	11	160,437	43,458	203,896	183,618
Total funds carried forward		150,161	31,113	181,275	203,896

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£		
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7			-	-
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		150,163	32,918	183,080	205,742
Debtors	9	-	-	-	-
Total current assets		150,163	32,918	183,080	205,742
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-	1,805	1,805	1,846
Net current assets		150,163	31,113	181,275	203,896
Net assets		150,163	31,113	181,275	203,896
Income funds					
Restricted funds			31,113	31,113	43,458
Designated Funds - Expansion Project		-		-	28,000
Designated Funds - Reserves		90,000		90,000	90,000
Unrestricted funds		60,163		60,163	42,437
Total funds		150,163	31,113	181,275	203,896

For the year ending 31/03/21 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These accounts were approved by the executive committee on 30th November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Crawford', written in a cursive style.

Simon Crawford Treasurer

Notes forming part of the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.
- There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.
- Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- Incoming resources from investments are included when receivable.
- Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.
- Unrestricted funds are grants receivable for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure, which meets these criteria, is charged to this fund.
- Fixed assets are capitalised and depreciated over a period of 3 years on straight line basis. If the cost is equal to or less than £1000, the whole cost is written off in the year of purchase.

2. Analysis of incoming resources

Voluntary income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Trusts and Grants	3,700	133,507	137,207	144,434
Town & Parish Councils	-	2,950	2,950	1,900
Community Donations	6,359	125	6,484	14,233
Individual Donations	98	-	98	961
Fundraising Events	4,597	-	4,597	18,538
Corporate Funding	13,415	-	13,415	13,571
Day Away		-		715
Weekends Away		-		1,140
Me2 Club Crew		-		315
Mayoral Charity Appeal		-		5,947
Income from Charitable Activities		-		640
Covid grant				-
Recycling and Misc Income		-		170
Total	28,170	136,582	164,752	202,565
Investment Income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Building Society interest	378	-	378	563
Bank interest	2	-	2	134
Total	380	-	380	698
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income from Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-
Covid grant	-	2,832	2,832	-
Total	-	2,832	2,832	-

3. Total resources expended

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Costs of generating voluntary income				
<i>Fundraising - Purchases</i>		-	-	948
<i>Fundraising - Costs</i>	1,941	100	2,041	3,359
<i>Fundraising - Salaries, Pension & NI*</i>	8,695	1,249	9,943	10,713
Total resources expended	10,636	1,349	11,984	15,020

Costs of activities In furtherance of the charity's objectives	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<i>Salaries, Pension & NI</i>	16,263	135,288	151,551	128,685
<i>Employee travel costs</i>	8	867	875	2,673
<i>Employee training</i>		1,003	1,003	511
<i>Other staff costs and recruitment</i>	315	-	315	817
<i>DBS checks</i>		475	475	940
<i>Volunteer training and expenses</i>	65	893	958	1,319
<i>Other expenses</i>	50	49	99	242
<i>Family & Children Events</i>	64	326	389	2,114
<i>Childrens activities</i>	752	1,969	2,721	-
<i>Weekends Away</i>		-		5,719
<i>Days Away</i>		-		1,735
<i>Me2 Club Crew</i>		-		815
<i>Mayoral Appeal</i>		-		-
<i>Office Accommodation</i>	760	7,880	8,640	8,640
<i>Telephone, IT, mail and stationery costs</i>	6,672	1,528	8,199	7,543
<i>Office equipment</i>	282	14	296	4,416
<i>Advertising</i>		-		38
<i>External evaluation</i>		-		280
Total resources expended	25,230	150,291	175,521	166,486

Governance costs	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<i>Insurance costs</i>	929	-	929	939
<i>Professional Fees (Independent Examiner** and outsourcing payroll)</i>	2,031.86	120	2,152	539
<i>Registration fee (incl Incorporation)</i>	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended	2,961	120	3,080	1,479
Grand Total	38,826	151,759	190,585	182,985

* FDO salary is allocated between fundraising and business development.

**An independent examination fee of £300+VAT (£360 gross) was payable in respect of reporting on the accounts. The same firms now supplies bookkeeping and accounts preparation services to the charity and in addition fees of £1,190+VAT (£1,428 Gross) were paid to the firm for these services during the year.

4. Grants made

The charity did not make any grants or donations during the financial year.

5. Staff costs and numbers

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Numbers	5	5
Gross wages and salaries	145,987	125,041
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,058	8,768
Pension contributions	6,449	5,656
Total resources expended	161,494	139,465

No employee was paid over £60,000 in the year

6. Trustees and other related parties

No payments were made to Trustees excepting reimbursement of any specific out-of-pocket expenses incurred in support of Me2 Club activities

No trustee or connected person received any remuneration during the year
There were no related party transactions made by the charity.

7. Tangible fixed assets

The charities policy is to capitalise any individual assets over £1000 as we deem this to be a material value for our purposes.

The charity has no fixed assets or items being depreciated at this time. All items have been expensed in year of purchase.

8. Investment assets

The charity held no investment assets at any time during the financial year-ended 31 March 2021

9. Debtors and prepayments

Amounts falling due within one year	This year £	Last year £
Deferred and Accrued income	-	0
Money owed by Pension provider	-	-
TOTAL	-	0

10. Creditors and accruals

Amounts falling due within one year	This year £	Last year £
Accruals @ Yr End - Expenses	1,805	1,797
Unpresented Cheques:-	-	48
TOTAL	1,805	1,846

11. Movement in funds

Year Ended 31st March 2021	At 1st April 2020	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £
Restricted funds			
Assura Community Fund		5,000	2,176
BBC Children in Need's COVID-19 2020 Booster Programme		2,610	2,610
BBC Children in Need	4,132	34,803	34,420
DCMS/The National Emergencies Trust (NET) funding *		11,000	6,797
Berkshire Community Foundation		4,000	4,000
NHS Berkshire West Fund for Carers Respite Breaks *	4,399	-	3,079
Coronavirus Community Support Fund **		9,740	9,740
David Brownlow Charitable Foundation		5,000	5,000
The Rotary Foundation Peace Grant		824	824
The Edmund Godson Charity		1,000	1,000
The FSB Foundation	1,675	-	1,675
Garfield Weston Foundation		10,000	5,000
George Bairstow Charitable Trust		1,500	1,500
Get Berkshire Active (Tackling inequalities)		2,000	2,000
Get Berkshire Active (Activate)		600	600
Leathersellers' Company Charity Fund	2,034	15,000	15,194
Leeds Building Society Foundation		1,000	1,000
Openwork Foundation		9,570	7,178
Peter Harrison Foundation	7,902	-	7,902

Year Ended 31st March 2021	At 1st April 2020	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £
Rank Foundation	750	-	750
SAGE Foundation	2,539	-	2,539
Shanly Foundation		3,350	3,350
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust		1,000	1,000
Souter Charitable Trust	2,000	-	2,000
St James's Place Charitable Foundation		500	500
The Albert Hunt Trust	98	2,000	2,098
Comic Relief Community Fund *** managed by Groundwork		2,000	2,000
The Earley Charity - COVID-19 Support Fund Grant		2,000	2,000
The Elizabeth Jane Foundation	50	-	50
The Fence Club	306	-	306
The Gordon Palmer Memorial Trust		1,000	1,000
The Percy Bilton Charity	16	260	276
Reading Dispensary Trust	500	-	500
The Sobell Foundation	1,178	-	1,178
The Woodroffe Benton Foundation		875	875
Town and Parish Councils	475	2,950	1,216
True Colours Trust		5,000	5,000
UK Youth Trust	3,088	-	3,088
Wokingham United Charities	12,316	-	7,507
Mobbs Memorial Trust		2,000	-
Furlough grant		2,832	2,832
Total Restricted Funds	43,458	139,414	151,759
Unrestricted Funds	42,437	28,550	10,826
Designated Funds - Expansion Project****	28,000	-	28,000
Designated Funds - Reserves*****	90,000		-
Unrestricted and Designated Funds	160,437	28,550	38,826
Total Funds	203,896	167,964	190,585

** Funds managed by Berkshire Community Foundation*

*****The Board of Trustees have made the decision to release the £28,000 Designated Funds associated with the Reading expansion back into Unrestricted funds, following successful fundraising towards this project.*

****** Designated reserves are re-assessed each year and are set to allow a reasonable period to withdraw sensitive services should the charity have to close due to lack of funding. The reserve is currently set at an optimum level of approximately 6 months predicted fixed core service spend.*

12. Other information

- The charity does not have any material commitments not provided for in the accounts.
- The charity has not given any guarantees to third parties.
- The charity has not granted or been granted any loans.
- The charity did not make any ex-gratia payments during the year.

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