YKIDS LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1141530

Details

Other names	YKIDS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07150747
Registered	2011-04-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BYPROVIDING EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP THEIR MENTAL, EMOTIONAL,PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES SO THAT THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED, FOR THEPUBLIC BENEFIT.

Activities: Ykids works to benefit the lives of children, young people and families living in deprivation in Merseyside. We deliver projects, activities and events to build emotional resilience, develop skills, raise aspirations and bring about community transformation.The charity has a Christian ethos and also works to support churches develop effective, relevant and engaging youth and children's work

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Liverpool City
- Sefton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£632,843	£687,263	£227,475	15
2024-08-31	£547,165	£642,574	£281,895	12
2023-08-31	£492,279	£561,230	-	-
2022-08-31	£499,661	£606,691	-	-
2021-08-31	£546,414	£507,216	£553,285	20
2020-08-31	£441,384	£399,526	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr JAIME CRAIG	Chair	2014-09-01
ANDREA PARRY		2017-11-22
Andrew Christian Kent		2025-09-30
Frances Meg Mann		2025-11-25
KEVIN THOMAS		2011-04-19
ROY COLEMAN		2012-02-11
Steve Matthews		2014-09-01
Tanya Edwards		2023-01-23

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Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr R Coleman	
	Dr J S Craig	
	Mrs T Edwards	
	Mrs A Parry	
	Mr K M Thomas	
	Mr S Matthews	
	Mrs F M Mann	(Appointed 19 January 2026)
	Mr A C Kent	(Appointed 19 January 2026)
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

Introduction

The trustees are delighted to present this report and accounts outlining what has been achieved during 2024-25 and the difference that has been made in the lives of many of our community.

We continue to ride the perfect storm facing organisations across our sector with increased demand, increased costs and decreases in individual and corporate giving and the many changes taking place across the trusts and foundations community.

Our communities, among the UK's 1% most deprived, continue to be disproportionately affected by circumstances beyond their control.

- A child born in Bootle will live 10 years less than the national average and 20 years less than those born in affluent areas.
- Literacy is in the bottom 6% in the UK, reducing children's life chances.
- Bootle is considered one of the most dangerous places in the UK to grow up.
- 84% of young people leaving secondary school fail to reach the national average for English and Maths.
- Child poverty has actually increased by 17% over the last 5 years.

We are delighted that there has been some recognition of this and new investment is coming into the area from various sources including government.

Sadly, the work of Ykids continues to be needed, to bring hope, relieve poverty, raise aspirations, and enable young people to rise above their circumstances, believe in themselves and become world changers.

This report outlines our aims and objectives as a charity and how we have sought to implement them despite the continuing challenges facing the sector, our charity, and our community.

Ykids Aims and Objectives

Ykids is a charity working to bring hope to at risk and vulnerable children and young people, and their families. While our base and primary focus is Bootle, Merseyside, we have a wider remit to impact children and young people across the region.

Our vision is to raise World Changers – equipping young people to believe they can and then do make a difference. We want children and young people to feel safe, loved and lead happy and productive lives, making a positive impact in their own lives and in the lives of those around them. This is particularly important in areas of deprivation where children often lack opportunity, face increased challenges, and have low aspirations.

Aims:

Make Change: To equip young people to cope with whatever life throws at them, have plans and hopes for their future and skills to make their dreams a reality.

Be Change: To encourage young people to 'be the change they want to see' in their community.

Champion Change: To enable our community, families, and institutions, to make change to nurture young people in an environment where they can thrive.

Objectives
As a result of their involvement with Ykids, children and young people will:

- Have increased emotional resilience, confidence, and skills.
- Feel a sense of safety and belonging with trusted adults they can turn to.
- Engage in social action, volunteering, community events and have a voice for change.
- Feel nurtured, valued and flourish.
- Have greater aspirations for themselves and others resulting in community transformation.
- Feel civic pride and community ownership.
- Have greater opportunities in life and fulfil their potential.

Ykids offers a variety of activities to turn these aims into reality, including:

- **Youth & Children** – multiple regular groups aimed at children 5-17 years focussed on wellbeing, mentoring, citizenship, belonging, skills development, and fun. These include one-off events and activities, as well as short and longer-term programmes.
- **Families** – support and promote family cohesion through family projects, peer mentoring and training, one-to-one support, and practical help such as court and hospital visits, food through our community pantry, and crisis intervention.
- **Wellbeing** – addressing physical and emotional wellbeing through cooking, nutrition, sport, and early intervention projects.
- **Training** –apprenticeships, work placements, an intern programme, work experience, bespoke and accredited training opportunities.
- **Enterprise** - Ykids aims to be a more self-sustaining charity. We do this through social enterprise business. Kingsley & Co is our Victorian Explorer themed children's bookshop and literacy project which aims to support children and family wellbeing through story and to generate income for the charity.
- **Community** – we host community events including the Believe Awards, Bootle Children's Literary Festival, fun days, community art projects and social action involving multiple partners and the wider community.
- **Education** – we work in primary and secondary schools to deliver assemblies, self-esteem programmes and extracurricular activities, building relationships, mentoring and offering curricular enhancing projects, and support literacy through Kingsley and Co outreach programmes.
- **Faith** – Ykids has a Christian ethos and therefore some of our work is with local churches. We work in partnership with all denominations, support employment, deliver training and activities to promote effective outreach in deprived communities. We also deliver in-house projects such as Monday Night Live for young people who wish to explore aspects of the Christian faith.

Our charity's purposes, as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of Association, are:

'To advance the Christian religion and to advance the education of children by providing educational and recreational activities to develop their mental, emotional and spiritual capacities so that their quality of life may be improved for the public benefit.'

Ykids approach
We operate from an Asset Based Community Development perspective, recognising the strengths and positives in every person. We seek to build on these strengths to enable individuals to discover what their own gifts, talents and interests are and to encourage them in these fields.

We are committed to early intervention and long-term support offering stability in sometimes chaotic lives.

We aim to build a nurturing environment and a sense of belonging for all participants, encouraging volunteering, and giving back, and working with people rather than doing services to them.

We aim to build community, family and self-worth empowering children and their families to achieve and succeed in life.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Repairing the roof
Sept and Oct 2024 saw the replacement of our leaking roof and new rooflights thanks to the generous support of the Bernard Sunley Foundation, Clothworkers Foundation and local company Warwick Northwest who supplied and fitted our rooflights at cost. This has made an incredible difference to the organisation and what we are able to deliver, although we continue to raise funds to restore the damage caused internally.

Re-opening Kingsley and Co
Oct 2024 also saw the opening and launch of Kingsley and Co in our new high street location. The magical Victorian Explorer Steampunk themed children's bookshop and literacy project saw over 600 attend on the first day and special guests who had supported the project were welcomed to an official opening with Children's Laureate Frank Cotrell Boyce.

The Believe Awards
For 2025 the theme of the Believe Awards was Here be Treasure, and the event was held in the Rum Warehouse of the famous Titanic hotel. Nineteen young people received awards for their courage, bravery and selflessness at this pirate themed event celebrating the hidden heroes of Merseyside.

Southport Flower Show
Thanks to the Orsted Burbo Bank Fund, Peter Lloyd Gardens and My Boys Koi, we were able to create a story garden for the Southport Flower show. Featuring a hobbit mound, Koi pond, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Shed, yellow brick road and many other features, children were able to spot 20 different stories 'hidden' in the garden. After winning Gold at the flower show the garden was then transplanted to its permanent home in Netherton, based at the L30 centre where many hundreds of children will be able to enjoy it for years to come.

Awards and recognition
In 2024 we became the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce Charity of the Year. This opened many doors to relationships with local business and provided the opportunity to speak at the Chamber of Commerce Innovation Awards and fundraise at their Aintree Races event.

What we have delivered
In addition to special events, Ykids continues to deliver regular youth and children's projects and family support work.

Youth and Children's Work
We see 200 to 250 children and young people for multiple after school projects. Topics this year included:

- Friday Footy
- Boss Life
- Ykids Juniors
- Face your Fears
- Arty Pants
- Ready to Change the World
- Junior Entrepreneurs
- Animal Magic
- Now That's what I call Summer

We also delivered multiple projects during school holidays from one off days, learning how to do special effects makeup, to day trips and outings.

New Projects
New projects this year included:

Ykids Ambassadors
A group of young people who have represented us and spoken at events such as Chamber of Commerce meetings, consultations with the local authority, staffed promotional stalls and supported us in interviewing staff.

Youth Café
Based out of Kingsley and Co we piloted a weekly youth café. Through extensive consultation in the area we learned that young people wanted places to go and chill with their mates. Conversely, we found that sessions where there were pre planned activities such as painting war hammer figures, making jewellery or special effects make up were better attended than chilled sessions. Funding to continue the programme in September has been secured through Merseyside Police.

Cradle to Career
A new initiative led by charity Right to Succeed has secured funding to support children and young people from Cradle to Career in Linacre, one of our most deprived wards. Ykids has played a key role in helping to form the offer and make the best opportunities for our community.

In addition to support to running short, one off projects, we also secured funding to employ two Family connectors, based on the model we have been running for the last 10 years. In May we employed two local people who were also Ykids parents and had a great deal of lived experience and understanding of the challenges facing local families. These roles have been invaluable and within weeks were already paying dividends in supporting isolated families and helping them receive the help they needed.

Families
Our family support expanded this year with the addition of two new members to the team, making it possible to support many more parents and their children. We use Kingsley and Co as an informal and welcoming destination for 1 to 1 meetings in the café and

- One to one support for families in crisis.
- Calm and Create.
- A book club to support parents' well-being and mental health.
- Training opportunities including food safety, cooking, parenting, confidence building and money management skills.

We also delivered family activities during school holidays including trips and free tickets to events such as 'Big Fish, Little Fish' family rave event, and put on a Christmas Panto for over 70 people.

We were able to offer hampers to 50 families from our community at Christmas and over 200 families were supported through our toy pantry, enabling families on low incomes to access new toys for a small donation.

Sadly, we had to close our community pantry as the parent company offering this service no longer had the resources to support us. All our families were supported to find other pantries, community shops, or other food support.

Wellbeing
We continue to support individuals in need through multiple one to one mentoring and well-being projects, embedding wellbeing activities and listening across all our projects. Staff well being in a highly stressful environment is also of paramount importance, and we ensure flexible working, an extra day off for birthdays, Medicash support and a wellbeing/team building day as a team 3 times a year.

Training
Training is an important part of what Ykids offers to our community. In addition to one off training sessions for families we also run an intern programme, and this year we had one young person interning with us full time with a view to becoming a youth and children's worker.

Ruby has grown up through Ykids and we have been able to secure her an additional year with us on a Rank Foundation Leadership programme. Ruby is a UK Judo Champion and is using her skills to teach young people and improve their self esteem.

Enterprise
Kingsley and Co reopened in October after an extensive refurb of our new building – a former bank on the Bootle High street. We began to deliver workshops and activities and in February completed the refurbishment of the downstairs classroom and hallway, allowing us to deliver workshops and meetings for up to 30 people.
Our hope for 2025-26 is to carry out the refurbishment of the toilets and transforming the old vault into an escape room.

Kingsley and Co is proving extremely popular, welcoming schools, families and businesses. We have also had opportunity to provide a venue for training, including pop ups for people to access support in a non-threatening environment, such as Family Law drop ins with Morecroft Solicitors.
Throughout the year Kingsley and Co offered:

- Free themed family workshops every Saturday and during school holidays.
- Workshops and book clubs in schools
- School workshops in our secret classroom
- A regular Story and Rhyme group
- And after hours events such as a Cinderella Ball, Open Mike Night, a fund-raising course, school readiness project – 'The Tiger that came to Tea' and Youth café.

Local businesses such as RS Clare and Sony also helped with our ongoing refurbishment with support from Cargill Care Council and the Masasa Family Trust.

Community
We delivered a number of community based activities from Litter picks with afternoon tea to replanting our story garden at the L30 Centre. We offered quizzes, trips, pantos and family raves, and took part in many local activities supporting other community organisations.

Education
We continue to work in partnership with local schools offering workshops and extracurricular activities and opportunities. This summer we ran a poetry competition and received over 400 entries, and winners will be collated into a book and published for the Bootle Children's Literary Festival in October/November 2025.

Faith
Monday Night Live continues to be popular with 80 to 120 young people attending every month. Monday Night Live extra is a group for young people who want to know more about faith and ask questions, whereas Equip is a group for young people who have come to faith and want to explore more. Both groups are popular and growing and young people enjoy being able to ask 'anything' with no judgement or condemnation. The band started by young people continues to thrive and we are seeing many move into taking leadership responsibilities.
We took a group of young people to MCYC – Merseyside Christian Youth Camps. The young people all got involved in fund-raising and thanks to many donations from local churches and businesses all costs were covered, and the young people had a fantastic week.
We also delivered a Christingle service and an Easter service for families with over 140 attending both, with lots of fun, games, laughter and chocolate! During the year we delivered training for young leaders and youth leaders, including working with local churches. A full report on our faith work and its impact is also available on request.

Volunteers and Support
This year, thanks to Awards for All we were able to employ a part time Volunteer Coordinator. This has made a huge difference to our capacity and as a result we have had many more local people and businesses involved in volunteering.

Who Benefits from Ykids?
Ykids was set up to support children and families living in poverty. We recognise we cannot do effective community work everywhere and while we deliver some work and training across the Merseyside region, the emphasis is in Bootle.

Bootle as an area is often characterised by gangs, drug use and there is significant deprivation, persistent disadvantage and low social mobility. The area ranks in the highest 1% for deprivation in health, employment, income, education and skills in the UK (ONS, 2021).

The biggest issue affecting children who access Ykids is poverty. Over 40% of children in school are on free school meals. Poverty has a pervasive impact on children's physical and mental well-being, aspirations, and life prospects (Sefton Council, 2022).

Life expectancy is 10 years less here than the national average and 20 years less than in more affluent areas.

A high proportion of impoverished children have special educational needs, behavioural problems, and mental health issues. It is significantly concerning that Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) can only handle severe cases, leaving those with warning signs of poor mental health unattended (Sefton Council, 2022). With CAMHS overburdened, we face a tsunami of demand and more challenging young people referred to us.

Poverty, low attainment, and hopelessness drive young people into a subculture of gangs, violence, and crime. In 2023, the crime rate in Bootle was 195% higher than the rest of the Northwest and 96% higher than the national average (Crime Rate, 2023).

For these young people, it is sadly not difficult to see the relevance of studies like those undertaken by Toogood et al. (2020), which revealed how children who attend school in deprived areas have chronic confidence issues; feel helpless and hopeless about their education and job prospects; and have lower career aspirations.

We are still seeing the impact of COVID-19, the cost-of-living crisis, the Ukraine war and the Israel/Palestine war on young people's mental health.

Ykids is based in Bootle, and we desire to see change in this area. As such, our immediate beneficiaries are children, young people and families living in Bootle and the surrounding area who can directly access our face-to-face projects and activities. For larger events and activities such as Kingsley and Co, the Believe Awards and Bootle Children's Literary Festival, Ykids has a regional reach. Children and young people are always our priority.

How our activities deliver public benefit
Our main activities and who we help are described above. All our charitable activities focus on enhancing the lives of children and young people, promoting self-esteem, positive mindsets, mental wellbeing, health, emotional resilience, skills, employment and raising aspirations and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

What's next?
During 2025-26 Ykids plans to deliver a range of activities to continue to support our community. These include:

- Welcoming new interns to our intern programme.
- 2025 Bootle Children's Literary Festival
- The launch and opening of Kingsley and Co newly refurbished themed toilets and creation of an Escape room.
- Completing the internal repairs to our building
- The Believe Awards 2026 –at the famous Titanic Hotel with a 'story' theme and guest speaker Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Continuing to partner with Cradle to Career to develop support and a long-term impact in Linacre Ward.

Financial review
The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves considering the main risks to the organisation. They have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. Budgeted expenditure for 2025-26 is around £720,000 and therefore the target is £150,000 to £300,000 in reserved funds.

While this is the Trustees intention, the present level of reserves fall significantly short of this target level. This is due to many circumstances facing the voluntary sector as outlined at the beginning of this report. We end the year however with less resources than we would hope, however we have secured significant funds which will reach our account in September 25 and our cash flow forecast for next year shows 70% of funds already secured.

Although our cash at hand was low as at 31 August 2025, as mentioned above, we did have the following grants secured and due to start coming in as of September 2025:

National Lottery - Reaching Communities: £80,000
Cradle to Career (Right to Succeed): £71,000
Steve Morgan Foundation: £50,000
Rank Foundation Aspire: £29,200
Youth Empowerment Scheme: £24,600
Sefton Early Prevention (Sefton Council): £12,500
Beatrice Laing Trust: £5,000
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust: £3,000

Although the strategy is to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses, in the short term the trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should such circumstances arise, and remain vigilant on our spending and forecasting.

Principal Funding Sources
In 2017, Ykids set out a 5-year target to diversify our income and reduce our grant reliance. This was then reviewed in 2022 and extended to a 10-year target.

In the last year we have seen an increase in grant funding and a decrease in service level agreements as a percentage of our income reflecting the challenging times, we are currently in. Our decrease in earned income from sales is due to the closure of the project for refurbishment. We have however, seen a significant increase in corporate giving.

With our 10-year targets we aim to be increasingly less grant dependant and increase earned income, which would give us greater flexibility and sustainability in the future.

Type of income	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	10-year target (2027)
Grants and Trusts	77%	70%	65%	72%	55%	62%	53%	52%	30%
Lottery	0%	1%	9%	5%	2%	0%	15%	13%	2%
Earned Income									
SLA's/ Contracts	19%	10%	15%	14%	20%	11%	6%	5%	10%
Earned Income	2 %	4%	5%	3%	11%	10%	7%	17%	28%
Donations									
Individual Giving	2%	5%	6%	5%	6%	10%	10%	7%	15%
Corporate Giving	0%	10%	0%	1%	6%	7%	9%	6%	15%

Managing Risk
Running a relatively small charity always has many associated risks. Most are associated with the financial climate and the need to bring in both restricted and unrestricted income to ensure the future legacy of the work. Ykids has a financial risk assessment and robust financial systems and procedures to ensure we always get best value for money and spend wisely.

In addition, we have policies and procedures to protect our staff and to ensure our work is always to a good standard. All staff have access to paper and digital copies of these policies which are regularly updated.

Risks to the organisation include:
Financial – Funding is always a challenge and has become more so in the current climate. This is particularly difficult in a climate where there is growing demand and fewer resources. Funding success rates nationally have dropped to only 4%. Ykids success rate remained within 25-50%
Staffing – We are only ever as good as our staff team. It is therefore important to us to continually invest in them and support them to ensure they are both happy and effective in their roles. However, while we can offer locally competitive salaries for work within the sector, we frequently find that staff whom we have trained to a high standard, move on to more lucrative employment with larger charities or agencies with whom we cannot compete.
Legislation – We recognise new legislation could have an impact and could be a risk to the organisation. The rapid increase in minimum wage, increases in national insurance has had a significantly negative effect on the organisation and the sector as a whole. We are however a member of Locality and other national networks which enable us to stay ahead of the curve and anticipate, and if necessary, challenge new legislation.
Cost of living rises – As the cost of living rises due to global circumstances there has been a considerable impact on our community and on our running costs, and demand is increasing.
Capacity – Over the last few years we have seen demand for our services increased and costs spiral, however our income has not increased proportionately nor have our staffing levels. This can have an adverse effect on the organisation, staff, and community we serve. If this trend continues, we will have to turn children away – this is not a situation we wish to be in.

Mitigating risk
Ykids is mitigating against these risks in several ways.

- Maintaining regular reviews of our financial position and forecast to ensure we have a long-term view of our financial situation and can act accordingly.
- We set a target of writing £2 million worth of funding bids in the hope of securing £720k. We were successful in securing £1 million but over 10 years, including a 10-year commitment of £50k annually from the Steve Morgan Foundation, as we were given Associate Charity Status. However, the foundation has taken an unexpectedly different direction and rescinded its offer to the charities it was supporting. We are in talks with a number of other foundations to replace this funding.
- We regularly review all our policies and procedures and engage external support as and when necessary.
- We have implemented Lamplight, a data management system to assist with data management and reporting.
- We continue to support our team pastorally, review workload, and ensure they feel valued and listened to. We will continue to ensure they are well managed, feel their contribution is of value and see its impact. For those with any medical or other consideration we will make reasonable adjustments such as flexible working hours, and home working where possible to ensure a happy and effective workforce.
- We build in 'rest weeks' to our annual programme so staff who have too many overtime hours accrued can take some time back.
- We have increased staff wages and added benefits including Medicash to help with staff retention.
- We continue to recruit and train new volunteers to support the work and to help with the delivery of our vision.
- We are seeking additional funding to enable recruitment of new staff to help ease workload.
- We remain connected with relevant networks and similar organisations to ensure we stay abreast of new challenges and developments and solutions that are offered.
- We are vigilant regarding what services we are able to deliver, and should it become necessary will adapt again to circumstances, cutting or changing services to ensure we are still around for the long haul.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust.

The board of trustees are elected on a three-year cycle with nominations for presentation to the AGM. The induction is carried out by Claire Morgans. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

We have an excellent board of active Trustees. The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr R Coleman	
Dr J S Craig	
Mrs T Edwards	
Mrs A Parry	
Mr P Morgan	(Retired 7 July 2025)
Mr K M Thomas	
Mr S Matthews	
Mrs F M Mann	(Appointed 19 January 2026)
Mr A C Kent	(Appointed 19 January 2026)

Board of Trustees

- Dr Jaime Craig – (Chair) consultant clinical psychologist specialising in children and families and child and adolescent mental health.
- Mr Roy Coleman – retired with a background in insurance and HR.
- Mr Kevin Thomas – People Management Information Analyst at Gatehouse Bank.
- Mr Steve Matthews - Planning Manager at Sefton Council.
- Mrs Andrea Parry – retired former Finance Officer
- Mrs Tanya Edwards – a former young member of Ykids with lived experience of the community. Tanya is now a Client Support Manager for Mercury Support (compliance for hospitality).
- Mr Peter Morgan – businessman, finance expert, part of St James Place Wealth Management, stepped down during the year.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees
Two new trustees with extensive business acumen are expected to come on board in Sept 2026.

The Board of Trustee meets a minimum of 4-6 times a year and as well as being the accountable body, board members also support special events and activities.

Staffing
New staff appointed this year include:

- Oliver Turner Bone – Kingsley and Co worker and youth worker
- Beth Armstrong – Administrator (returned from maternity leave)
- Shaunagh Rentell – Volunteer Coordinator and PA
- Gaby Alves and Michelle Utting – Family Connectors with the Cradle to Career Programme
- Libby Burke – Story Keeper

Staff leaving:
We saw two members of staff move in this year including:-

Jake Davies – Story Keeper who moved to Slovenia with his girlfriend and who is now teaching English and Drama.
Luke Meehan – Christian Youth & Children's Worker who moved to be nearer his family.

Our staff structure at Ykids is purposefully designed to give lead members of staff the authority and scope to develop their own projects autonomously while also working under the CEO to ensure all work stays true to Ykids core values and our strategic direction. Our key staff include:

Management Team:
- Claire Morgans – CEO
- Neil Hayes – Operations Manager
- Liz Jones – Kingsley and Co Manager

Project Leads
- Anne Woodruff – Family Worker
- Hamish Cook – Finance Officer
- Luke Meehan – Christian Youth and Children's Worker
- Rachel Power – Marketing Manager
- Matt Roughley – Community Fundraiser

Everyone works towards their own delivery plan targets and outcomes under the overall leadership of Claire Morgans, Ykids CEO and founder. Claire is the link between the day-to-day work of Ykids and the board of trustees who have ultimate accountability.

Funders List
23 Foundation
Angel Solutions
Asda Foundation
Awards for All
Axis Trust
Beatrice Laing Trust
Benefact Trust
Bernard Sunley Foundation
Boosting Bootle (Merseyside Police)
Cargill plc
Charles Brotherton Trust
Clothworkers' Foundation
Cradle to Career (Right to Succeed)
Liverpool Crown Court
DWF Foundation
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust
Fredmill Trust
Garfield Weston Foundation
Granada Foundation
Hemby Charitable Trust
Hidden Harms
JJ Charitable Trust
John Gilpin Trust
John Moores Foundation
John Rayner Trust
Lancaster Foundation
Living Well Sefton
Locality
Masasa Family Foundation
National Lottery Heritage Fund (Sefton CVS Hearts of Gold)
National Lottery Awards for All
National Lottery – reaching communities
N Smith Charitable Settlement
Orsted Burbo Bank Extension Fund
PH Holt Foundation
Pladis (Jacobs)
Post Code Lottery
Rank Foundation
Sefton Early Intervention and Prevention (Sefton Council)
Siobhan Dowd Trust
Skelton Charity
Skipton Charitable Trust
Sony employees
Souter Charitable Trust
Strand Shopping Centre
Sydney Black Charitable Trust
Steve Morgan Foundation
Toyota Community Fund
Tillotson Bradbery Trust
UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Sefton CVS)
VINCI UK Foundation
Vola Consortium
Warwick Development NW Ltd

Thank you
Ykids exists to make a difference in the lives of children and young people and their families, giving them hope, opportunity and support to achieve their dreams and fulfil their potential.
We have many case studies and stories of real change (featured in our impact report), but we are very aware that none of this would be possible without the support of our many funders, volunteers and wider community that come together to make things happen.

On behalf of all those for whom Ykids has made a difference we extend our thanks to everyone that has made it possible.
Thank you

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Dr J S Craig
Trustee

Date: 20/04/2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF YKIDS

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Ykids (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Helen Furlong FCCA
Xeinadin North West Limited
46 Hamilton Square
Birkenhead
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Merseyside
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Date: 30.11.26

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	88,173	-	88,173	74,455	-	74,455
Charitable activities	4	84,200	309,805	394,005	138,646	204,770	343,416
Other trading activities	5	150,665	-	150,665	129,294	-	129,294
Total income		323,038	309,805	632,843	342,395	204,770	547,165
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	464,156	223,107	687,263	349,756	292,818	642,574
Total expenditure		464,156	223,107	687,263	349,756	292,818	642,574
Net income/(expenditure)		(141,118)	86,698	(54,420)	(7,361)	(88,048)	(95,409)
Transfers between funds		133,873	(133,873)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	8	(7,245)	(47,175)	(54,420)	(7,361)	(88,048)	(95,409)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 September 2024		53,959	227,936	281,895	61,320	315,984	377,304
Fund balances at 31 August 2025		46,714	180,761	227,475	53,959	227,936	281,895

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		202,946		206,059
Investments	13		1		1
			202,947		206,060
Current assets					
Debtors	14	15,327		6,682	
Cash at bank and in hand		21,867		80,716	
		37,194		87,398	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Taxation and social security		8,826		5,407	
Other creditors	15	3,840		6,156	
		12,666		11,563	
Net current assets			24,528		75,835
Total assets less current liabilities			227,475		281,895
The funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	16		180,761		227,936
Unrestricted funds	17		46,714		53,959
			227,475		281,895

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20/04/2026

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Dr J S Craig
Trustee

Company registration number 07150747 (England and Wales)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	**20**		(44,593)		(71,195)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(14,256)		(2,241)	
Purchase of investments		-		(1)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(14,256)		(2,242)
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(58,849)		(73,437)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			80,716		-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			21,867		80,716

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Ykids is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 98a Linacre Lane, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 6ES, England.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Long Leasehold	4% on cost
Plant and equipment	25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	33% on cost
Computer equipment	33% on cost
Motor vehicles	14% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	88,173	74,455

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable services						
Performance related grants	84,200	309,805	394,005	138,646	204,770	343,416

4 Income from charitable activities **(Continued)**

Performance related grants analysis

	Charitable services 2025 £	Charitable services 2024 £
Asda Foundation	1,000	-
23 Foundation	-	2,500
Axis Foundation	-	3,000
Benefact Trust	18,000	18,000
Bernard Sunley Foundation	35,000	-
Boosting Bootle	900	-
Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund	8,971	4,967
Cargill (Families project)	9,544	5,000
Cargill (Kingsley project)	9,700	5,000
The Clothworkers' Foundation	-	20,000
Cradle to Career (Families project)	30,345	-
Cradle to Career (noticeboard)	1,000	-
Cradle to Career (Tiger project)	4,110	-
Cradle to Career (Pilot project)	7,317	-
DWF Foundation	-	1,800
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	3,000	-
The Fredmill Trust	-	5,000
Granada Foundation	2,000	-
Other Restricted Grant	-	900
Hemby Charitable Trust	-	2,500
Hidden Harms	3,050	-
The John Gilpin Charitable Trust	5,000	
The JJ Charitable Trust	14,800	-
John Moores Foundation	-	10,000
The Beatrice Laing Trust	5,000	5,000
Lancaster Foundation	-	2,000
Living Well Sefton	-	7,461
The National Lottery Awards for All	17,745	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	80,000	80,000
The National Lottery Heritage Fund (Sefton CVS) Hearts of Gold	-	800
The Masasa Familiy Foundation	2,000	-
PH Holt	-	10,000
The Rank Foundation (CAP)	1,520	1,360
Rank Profit For Good	-	7,500
The Rank Foundation (RAP)	28,200	-
Siobhan Dowd Trust	6,000	-
Skelton Charity	2,348	-
Skipton Charitable Trust	-	1,000
Souter Charitable Trust	3,000	-
The Strand Shopping Centre	-	1,000
Toyota Community Fund	1,500	-
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	3,200	-
VINCI UK Foundation	5,555	-
Vola Consortium	-	9,982

4 Income from charitable activities **(Continued)**

Unrestricted Grants	84,200	138,646
	394,005	343,416

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other income	150,665	129,294

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable services 2025 £	Charitable services 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	435,531	352,716
Depreciation and impairment	17,369	19,333
Project costs	86,733	105,786
Information technology	2,461	2,723
Premises costs	84,037	57,237
Other costs	25,341	19,893
Bad debts	333	39,204
	651,805	596,892
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	30,858	39,730
Governance	4,600	5,952
	687,263	642,574
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	464,156	349,756
Restricted funds	223,107	292,818
	687,263	642,574

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	Charitable services 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Equip non cap	4,369	10,720
Marketing	543	532
Telephone	2,545	1,420
Postage & stationery	1,351	1,104
Professional fees	21,148	19,166
Subscriptions & Membership	902	6,788
Governance	4,600	5,952
	35,458	45,682

Governance costs comprise:	2025 £	2024 £
Accountancy & IE Fees	3,600	4,506
Payroll Fees	1,000	1,446
	4,600	5,952

8 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	3,600	4,506
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	17,369	19,333

9 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Management	3	3
Project	12	11
Total	15	14

10 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	435,531	352,716

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	122,044	118,027

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Long Leasehold	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 September 2024	283,123	4,500	34,651	54,310	48,256	424,840
Additions	-	-	4,500	9,756	-	14,256
At 31 August 2025	283,123	4,500	39,151	64,066	48,256	439,096
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 September 2024	79,134	4,500	32,719	54,310	48,118	218,781
Depreciation charged in the year	11,325	-	2,655	3,252	137	17,369
At 31 August 2025	90,459	4,500	35,374	57,562	48,255	236,150
Carrying amount						
At 31 August 2025	192,664	-	3,777	6,504	1	202,946
At 31 August 2024	203,989	-	1,932	-	138	206,059

13 Fixed asset investments

	Social Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2024 & 31 August 2025	1
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2025	1
At 31 August 2024	1

14 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	**2025 £**	**2024 £**
Trade debtors	11,553	775
Other debtors	639	696
Prepayments and accrued income	3,135	5,211
	15,327	6,682

15 Other creditors falling due within one year

	2025 £	**2024 £**
Trade creditors	767	5,699
Other creditors	2,273	457
Accruals and deferred income	800	-
	3,840	6,156

16 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2024 £	**Incoming resources £**	**Resources expended £**	**Transfers £**	**Gains and losses £**	**At 31 August 2025 £**
Assets	140,399	-	(17,370)	14,520	-	137,549
Asda Foundation	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
Benefact Trust	1,467	18,000	(13,309)	-	-	6,158
Bernard Sunley Foundation	(20,000)	35,000	(15,000)	-	-	-
Boosting Bootle	-	900	-	(900)	-	-

16 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Burbo Bank Extension Community Trust	-	8,971	(14,284)	-	-	(5,313)
Cargill (Families project)	4,967	9,544	(2,507)	(12,004)	-	-
Cargill (Kingsley project)	-	9,700	(4,700)	(2,500)	-	2,500
The Clothworkers Foundation	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-	-
Cradle to Career (Families project)	-	30,345	(20,550)	(9,795)	-	-
Cradle to Career (noticeboard)	-	1,000	-	-		1,000
Cradle to Career (Tiger Project)	-	4,110	(1,351)	(2,759)		-
Cradle to Career (Pilot project)	-	7,317	(924)	(6,393)		-
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	671	3,000	(508)	(3,163)	-	-
The Fredmill Trust	6,476	-	(6,476)	-	-	-
Granada Foundation	-	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Heritage Lottery	1,667	-	-	(1,667)	-	-
Hidden Harms	-	3,050	(35)	(3,015)	-	-
The John Gilpin Charitable Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
The JJ Charitable Trust	-	14,800	-	-	-	14,800
John Moores Foundation	4,920	-	(4,920)	-	-	-
The Beatrice Laing Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
The Lancaster Foundation	2,000	-	(600)	(1,400)	-	-
Living Well Sefton	1,000	-	(787)	(213)	-	-
Locality	6,123	-	(4,308)	(1,815)	-	-
The National Lottery Awards for All	-	17,745 80,000	(5,021) (39,620)	(2,798) (40,380)		9,926 -
The Masasa Family Foundation	-	2,000	-	(2,000)		-
Postcode Lottery	50,000	-	(11,000)	(39,000)		-

16 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

The Rank Foundation (CAP)	260	1,520	(1,080)	(700)		-
The Rank Foundation (RAP)	(357)	28,200	(22,774)	(5,069)		-
Siobhan Dowd Trust	-	6,000	-	-		6,000
Skelton Charity	-	2,348	-	-		2,348
Skipton Charitable Foundation	1,000	-	(23)	(977)		-
Souter Charitable Trust	-	3,000	(20)	(2,980)		-
Toyota Community Fund	-	1,500		(1,500)		-
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	3,200	(3,151)	(49)		-
VINCI UK Foundation	(2,639)	5,555	(162)	-		2,754
Vola Consortium	9,982	-	(2,628)	(6,316)		1,038
	227,936	309,805	(223,107)	(133,873)	-	180,761

Previous year:	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funds	315,984	204,770	292,818	-	-	227,936
	315,984	204,770	292,818	-	-	227,936

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	53,959	323,038	(464,156)	133,873	46,714

17 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	61,320	342,395	(349,756)	-	53,959

Unrestricted funders in the current year were as follows:

The Steve Morgan Foundation
Garfield Weston
The John Rayner Charitable Trust
Tillotson Bradbery Charitable Trust
The N Smith Charitable Settlement
The Charles Brotherton Trust
Liverpool Crown Court
Sefton Early Intervention and Prevention

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
At 31 August 2025:			
Tangible assets	65,397	137,549	202,946
Investments	1	-	1
Current assets/(liabilities)	(18,684)	43,212	24,528
	46,714	180,761	227,475

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 August 2024:			
Tangible assets	-	206,059	206,059
Investments	1	-	1
Current assets/(liabilities)	53,958	21,877	75,835
	53,959	227,936	281,895

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

20	Cash absorbed by operations	2025 £	2024 £
	Deficit for the year	(54,420)	(95,409)
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	17,369	19,333
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in debtors	(8,645)	(6,682)
	Increase in creditors	1,103	11,563
	Cash absorbed by operations	(44,593)	(71,195)

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Charity had no material debt during the year.

YKIDS LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1141530

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07150747 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1141530

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

FOR

YKIDS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

It is with great pleasure we present the Annual Report for 2023-24 representing the achievements of Ykids over the past twelve months.

2024 marked our 20th birthday as a charity and 22 years working in Bootle and in that time we have seen many changes both for the better and the worse. While the sense of ownership, collaboration and a 'can do' attitude has replaced what was once a quite militant and angry community, a continued lack of investment and infrastructure has seen tangible physical decline.

The last ten years have seen unprecedented change and challenge in the voluntary sector which are beyond our control, in a perfect storm of rising demand and decreasing resources which have made what are difficult circumstances even more extreme.

From war, a pandemic, cost of living crisis, wage and tax rises, successive lack of political support, huge decreases in giving, particularly to small charities and the current trend of larger trusts, either spending out or pausing giving, mean that for many of us in the sector, just keeping going is a huge achievement.

In addition to the geopolitical factors that affected all charities, Ykids has also seen challenges in the last year with our buildings. Extensive leaks and damage in our main centre due to poor workmanship of a previous (now defunct) builder has resulted in the need to replace the roof and rooflights, replaster and redecorate internally. Also, due to the demolition of part of the shopping centre, we had to move our Literacy project, Kingsley and Co, to a new location that needed full refurbishment. This on top of the usual jam-packed programme of activities, events, and support for our community.

Our children and families were also impacted by the tragedy of the murder of three children in Southport and the subsequent civil unrest. Many of our children either knew one of the families or had some connection.

Our communities, among the UK's 1% most deprived, continue to be disproportionately affected by circumstances beyond their control.
* A child born in Bootle will live 10 years less than the national average and 20 years less than those born in affluent areas.
* Literacy is in the bottom 6% in the UK, reducing children's life chances.
* Bootle is considered one of the most dangerous places in the UK to grow up.
* 84% of young people leaving secondary school fail to reach the national average for English and Maths.
* Child poverty has actually increased by 17% over the last 5 years.

There has never been more need for our work to bring hope, relieve poverty, raise aspirations, and enable young people to rise above their circumstances, believe in themselves and become world changers.

This report outlines our aims and objectives as a charity and how we have sought to implement them despite the continuing challenges facing the sector, our charity, and our community.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Objectives and aims
Ykids Aims and Objectives
Ykids is a charity working to bring hope to at risk and vulnerable children and young people, and their families. While our base and primary focus is Bootle, Merseyside, we have a wider remit to impact children and young people across the region.

Our vision is to raise World Changers - equipping young people to believe they can and then do make a difference. We want children and young people to feel safe, loved and lead happy and productive lives, making a positive impact in their own lives and in the lives of those around them. This is particularly important in areas of deprivation whe re children often lack opportunity, face increased challenges, and have low aspirations.

Aims:
Make Change: To equip young people to cope with whatever life throws at them, have plans and hopes for their future and skills to make their dreams a reality.
Be Change: To encourage young people to 'be the change they want to see' in their community.
Champion Change: To enable our community, families, and institutions, to make change to nurture young people in an environment where they can thrive.

Objectives
As a result of their involvement with Ykids, children and young people will:
* Have increased emotional resilience, confidence, and skills.
* Feel a sense of safety and belonging with trusted adults they can turn to.
* Engage in social action, volunteering, community events and have a voice for change.
* Feel nurtured, valued and flourish.
* Have greater aspirations for themselves and others resulting in community transformation.
* Feel civic pride and community ownership.
* Have greater opportunities in life and fulfil their potential.

Ykids offers a variety of activities to turn these aims into reality, including:
* **Youth & Children** -multiple regular groups aimed at children 5-17 years focussed on wellbeing, mentoring, citizenship, belonging, skills development, and fun. These include one-off events and activities, as well as short and longer-term programmes.
* **Families** -support and promote family cohesion through family projects, peer mentoring and training, one-to-one support, and practical help such as court and hospit al visits, food through our community pantry, and crisis intervention.
* **Wellbeing** - addressing physical and emotional wellbeing through cooking, nutrition, sport, and early intervention projects.
* **Training** -apprenticeships, work placements, an intern programme, work experience, bespoke and accredited training opportunities.
* **Enterprise** - Ykids aims to be a more self-sustaining charity. We do this through social enterprise business. Kingsley & Co is our Victorian Explorer themed child ren's bookshop and literacy project which aims to support children and family wellbeing through story and to generate income for the charity.
* **Community** - we host community events including the Believe Awards, Bootle Children's Literary Festival, fun days, community art projects and social action invo lving multiple partners and the wider community.
* **Education** - we work in primary and secondary schools to deliver assemblies, self-esteem programmes and extracurricular activities, building relationships, mentoring a nd offering curricular enhancing projects, and support literacy through Kingsley and Co outreach programmes.
* **Faith** - Ykids has a Christian ethos and therefore some of our work is with local churches. We work in partnership with all denominations, support employment, deliver training and activities to promote effective outreach in deprived communities. We also deliver in-house projects such as Monday Night Live for young people who wish to explore aspects of the Christian faith.

Our charity's purposes, as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of Association, are:

'To advance the Christian religion and to advance the education of children by providing educational and recreational activities to develop their mental, emotional and spiritual capacities so that their quality of life may be improved for the public benefit.'

Ykids approach
We operate from an Asset Based Community Development perspective, recognising the strengths and positives in every person. We seek to build on these strengths to enable individuals to discover what their own gifts, talents and interests are and to encourage them in these fields.

We are committed to early intervention and long-term support offering stability in sometimes chaotic lives.

We aim to build a nurturing environment and a sense of belonging for all participants, encouraging volunteering, and giving back, and working with people rather than doing services to them.

We aim to build community, family and self-worth empowering children and their families to achieve and succeed in life.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Celebrating 20 Years

From our early beginnings as a voluntary group delivering arts projects for children in the community and children's work at large Christian festivals, Ykids has become so much more.

We have had four homes, set up two businesses, refurbished four empty and derelict buildings and brought them back into community use, set up a community garden and two region calendar events reaching thousands of children and young people.

Over two hundred young people have been trained and gained work through our various apprenticeships, internships and other training programmes.

As part of our 20-year celebrations we: -
* Held a 20-year birthday party at our AGM including birthday cake and jelly and ice cream.
* Produced a 20-year Impact report outlining all we had achieved.
* Produced a book of twenty stories about people whose lives have been impacted by Ykids.
* Held a Summer 20th Birthday party with food, circus skills, mobile zoo, Vikings, games, crafts, the police, and a Bootle Bake Off competition where we challenged the community to bake us a birthday cake.

It was lovely to welcome back former Ykids members - many of whom have their own children now.

Other Highlights of 2023-24 included:

The Bootle Children's Literary Festival - Fairy Tale, Myth and Legend

This exciting three-week event saw over five and a half thousand children participate in workshops and many more in community events. Highlights included:
* Publishing a book of children's short stories.
* A book launch with Frank Cottrell Boyce of the children's poems.
* A giant paper mâché dragon decorating the mall of the shopping centre.
* A three-day mediaeval festival with characters, stocks, catapult, indoor archery, sword in the stone, jesters, knights and much more.
* A literary fair.
* An interactive poetry fairy door trail in a local park.
* A dragon trail.
* Author workshops.
* School visits.
* A visit from the Wirral Vikings and an animatronic dragon.

The event was hugely successful, and the full impact report of the event is available on request.

The Believe Awards

For 2024 the theme of the Believe Awards was History Makers. Having outgrown our previous venues, the event was held at the famous Titanic hotel. Nineteen young people received awards for their courage, bravery and selflessness at this steampunk themed event celebrating the hidden heroes of Merseyside.

Awards and recognition

In June 2024 we became the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce Charity of the Year. This is opening many doors to relationships with local business and has provided the opportunity to be the 2025 Southport Flower Show Charity of the year.

And our founder and CEO also won the Merseyside Women of the Year Awards in the Community Impact category.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

What we have delivered

In addition to special events, Ykids continues to deliver regular youth and children's projects and family support work.

Youth and Children's Work

We see 250 to 300 children and young people for multiple after school projects. Topics this year included:

* Friday Footy
* Boss Life
* Ykids Juniors
* Game On
* The Hangout
* The Panto Project
* Christmas Cracker Crafts
* Animal Magic
* All Grown Up
* Animate Venture
* Here Comes The Sun
* Ready Set Sport

We also delivered multiple projects during school holidays from one off days, learning how to do special effect makeup, to day trips and outings.

Families

Our family support offer continues to include:

* One to one support for families in crisis.
* A community pantry serving over fifty families a week.
* Calm and Create.
* A book club to support parents' well-being and mental health.
* Training opportunities including food safety cooking parenting confidence building and money management skills.

We also delivered family activities during school holidays including a trip to Llandudno attended by over ninety people, a family scavenger hunt and one-off fun days.

At Christmas, we were able to offer hampers to fifty families from our community pantry and over 200 families were supported through our toy pantry, enabling families on low incomes to access new toys for a small donation.

Wellbeing

We continue to support individuals in need through multiple one to one mentoring and well-being projects. This year we had the opportunity to work with an art therapist from Chester university. While the support she offered was extremely popular, as she was in training, some of the children who needed her support most were unable to access it due to the college rules. Ykids staff however continue to support these young people as best we can, many of whom are on CAHMS waiting lists and have been for a while.

Training

Training is an important part of what Ykids offers to our community. In addition to one off training sessions for families we also run an intern programme, and this year we had four young people interning with us full time with a view to becoming youth and children's workers.

At the end of the year one young person went to do an additional 6-month placement in Australia, another went to full time Bible college, one became a TA in a special school and one was employed by Ykids to work at Kingsley and Co and support volunteers. All four grew in confidence and skills.

Enterprise

One of our biggest challenges this year was that Kingsley and Co, our Victorian explorer steampunk themed children's book shop had to move premises. The unit was given to us free of charge by Sefton council, but they were now redeveloping the shopping centre and our shop was due to be demolished. The council gave us a new premises which we were excited to see was in a prime location on the High Street. A former bank, the new unit gave us many more opportunities including opening in the evenings and is much larger than our previous premises. However, a great deal of work needed to be done to make it suitable. In January 24 we organised a human book chain to transport 15,000 books from the old unit to the new unit. Over three hundred people turned up to help and we were featured on many local news outlets including Granada reports. It then took ten months to refurbish the shop, but we had a huge amount of help from local businesses, funders and volunteers enabling us to transform a £250,000 refurbishment project with just £70,000. A full report on the refurbishment of Kingsley and Co and the impact it is having on children and families in the Bootle area is available on request.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Community

Unfortunately, due to moving premises and the refurbishment of Kingsley and Co we did not have the capacity to organise a large scale community event in the Strand this year, however we did run multiple Ykids projects and attend and support local festival's and community events with pop-up shops, children's work and workshop activities, Our CEO even did a Stand-up routine at the local comedy festival that was fundraising for us.

Education

We continue to work in partnership with local secondary school Kings Leadership Academy Hawthorns. We also partnered with forty-five primary schools through the Bootle Children's Literary Festival and welcomed many children to Kingsley and Co for workshops before it closed in December. While Kingsley was being refurbished, we took book clubs and workshops into schools. We are working with Cradle to Career a new regional project being launched in the Linacre ward to promote better outcomes for children and young people, in this, one of the UK's poorest communities.

Faith

Monday Night Live continues to be popular with 80 to 120 young people attending every month. Monday Night Live extra is a new group for young people who want to know more about faith and ask questions, whereas Equip is a group for young people who have come to faith and want to explore more. Both groups are popular and growing and young people enjoy being able to ask 'anything' with no judgement or condemnation. This year we have seen young people start their own band and many move into taking leadership responsibilities.

We took a group of seventeen young people to Dream the Impossible a Christian festival in the summer led by the Vineyard churches. It was comparatively extremely expensive to take the young people on this trip because none of them had any camping equipment or could afford the fees. However, they all got involved in fund-raising and thanks to many donations from local churches and businesses all costs were covered, and the young people had a fantastic week.

We also delivered a Christingle service and an Easter service for families with over 140 attending both with lots of fun, games, laughter, and chocolate and delivered training for young leaders and youth leaders. A full report on our faith work and its impact is also available on request.

Volunteers and Support

This year we have seen unprecedented support from local business and volunteers, from the donation of a complete kitchen and all equipment, to raising money by cycling from Ballam in London to Bootle over three days. We have been overwhelmed with people's generosity. It seems in the hardest places where people have least, they are more generous, and we are incredibly thankful for those who have made all that we have achieved this year possible.

Who Benefits from Ykids?

Ykids was set up to support children and families living in poverty. We recognise we cannot do effective community work everywhere and while we Deliver some work and training across the Merseyside region emphasis is in Bootle. Children, young people, families and the wider community, predominantly in Bootle but also in other areas across Merseyside.

Bootle as an area is often characterised by gangs, drug use and there is significant deprivation, persistent disadvantage and low social mobility. The area ranks in the highest 1% for deprivation in health, employment, income, education and skills in the UK (ONS, 2021).

The biggest issue affecting children who access Ykids is poverty. Over 40% of children in school are on free school meals. Poverty has a pervasive impact on children's physical and mental well-being, aspirations, and life prospects (Sefton Council, 2022). Life expectancy is 10 years less here than the national average and 20 years less than in more affluent areas. A high proportion of impoverished children have special educational needs, behavioural problems, and mental health issues. It is significantly concerning that Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) can only handle severe cases, leaving those with warning signs of poor mental health unattended (Sefton Council, 2022). With CAMHS overburdened, we face a tsunami of demand and more challenging young people referred to us. Poverty, low attainment, and hopelessness drive young people into a subculture of gangs, violence, and crime. In 2023, the crime rate in Bootle was 195% higher than the rest of the Northwest and 96% higher than the national average (Crime Rate, 2023).

For these young people, it is sadly not difficult to see the relevance of studies like those undertaken by Toogood et al. (2020), which revealed how children who attend school in deprived areas have chronic confidence issues; feel helpless and hopeless about their education and job prospects; and have lower career aspirations.
We are still seeing the impact of COVID-19, the cost-of-living crisis, the Ukraine war and the Israel/Palestine war on young people's mental health.

Ykids is based in Bootle, and we desire to see change in this area. As such, our immediate beneficiaries are children, young people and families living in Bootle and the surrounding area who can directly access our face-to-face projects and activities. For larger events and activities such as Kingsley and Co, the Believe Awards and Bootle Children's Literary Festival, Ykids has a regional reach. Children and young people are always our priority.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

What's next?

During 2024-25 Ykids plans to deliver a range of activities to continue to support our community. these include:
* Welcoming new interns to our intern programme.
* The launch and opening of Kingsley and Co in its new location.
* Completing the repairs to our building - new roof scheduled for Sept 2024.
* The Believe Awards 2025 -at the famous Titanic Hotel with 'Hidden Treasure' as the theme.
* Partnering with Cradle to Career to develop support and a long-term impact in Linacre Ward including the employment of two new family workers.
* Having a garden at the Southport Flower Show.

How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we help are described above. All our charitable activities focus on enhancing the lives of children and young people, promoting self-esteem, positive mindsets, mental wellbeing, health, emotional resilience, skills, employment and raising aspirations and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial review

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves considering the main risks to the organisation. They have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. Budgeted expenditure for 2024-25 remains around £600,000 and therefore the target is £150,000 to £300,000 in general funds.

While this is the Trustees intention, the present level of reserves fall significantly short of this target level. This is due to many circumstances facing the voluntary sector as outlined at the beginning of this report. We end the year however in a healthy position but need to build some reserves again.

Although the strategy is to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses, in the short term the trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should such circumstances arise, and remain vigilant on our spending and forecasting.

Principal funding sources

In 2017, Ykids set out a 5-year target to diversify our income and reduce our grant reliance. This was then reviewed in 2022 and extended to a 10-year target.

In the last year we have seen an increase in grant funding and a decrease in service level agreements as a percentage of our income reflecting the challenging times, we are currently in. Our decrease in earned income from sales is due to the closure of the project for refurbishment. We have however, seen a significant increase in corporate giving.

With our 10-year targets we aim to be increasingly less grant dependant and increase earned income, which would give us greater flexibility and sustainability in the future.

Type of income	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	10-year target (2027)
Grants and Trusts	77%	70%	65%	72%	55%	62%	53%	30%
Lottery	0%	1%	9%	5%	2%	0%	15%	2%
Earned Income								
SLA's/ Contracts	19%	10%	15%	14%	20%	11%	6%	10%
Earned Income	2%	4%	5%	3%	11%	10%	7%	28%
Donations								
Individual Giving	2%	5%	6%	5%	6%	10%	10%	15%
Corporate Giving	0%	10%	0%	1%	6%	7%	9%	15%

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Managing Risk

Running a relatively small charity always has many associated risks. Most are associated with the financial climate and the need to bring in both restricted and unrestricted income to ensure the future legacy of the work. Ykids has a financial risk assessment and robust financial systems and procedures to ensure we always get best value for money and spend wisely.
In addition, we have policies and procedures to protect our staff and to ensure our work is always to a good standard. All staff have access to paper and digital copies of these policies which are regularly updated.

Risks to the organisation include:

Financial - Funding is always a challenge and has become more so in the current climate. This is particularly difficult in a climate where there is growing demand and fewer resources. Funding success rates nationally have dropped to only 4%. Ykids success rate remained within 25-50%

Staffing - We are only ever as good as our staff team. It is therefore important to us to continually invest in them and support them to ensure they are both happy and effective in their roles. However, while we can offer locally competitive salaries for work within the sector, we frequently find that staff whom we have trained to a high standard, move on to more lucrative employment with larger charities or agencies with whom we cannot compete.

Legislation - We recognise new legislation could have an impact and could be a risk to the organisation. We are however a member of Locality and other national networks which enable us to stay ahead of the curve and anticipate, and if necessary, challenge new legislation.

Cost of living rises - As the cost of living rises due to global circumstances there has been a considerable impact on our community and on our running costs, and demand is increasing.

Capacity - Over the last 3 years we have seen demand for our services increased threefold, however our income has not increased proportionately nor have our staffing levels. This can have an adverse effect on the organisation, staff, and community we serve. If this trend continues, we will have to turn children away - this is not a situation we wish to be in.

Mitigating risk

Ykids is mitigating against these risks in several ways.
1. Maintaining regular reviews of our financial position and forecast to ensure we have a long-term view of our financial situation and can act accordingly.
2. We set a target of writing £2 million worth of funding bids in the hope of securing £600k. We were successful in securing £1 million but over 10 years, including a 10-year commitment of £50k annually from the Steve Morgan Foundation, as we were given Associate Charity Status.
3. We regularly review all our policies and procedures and engage external support as and when necessary.
4. We have implemented Lamplight, a data management system to assist with data management and reporting.
5. We continue to support our team pastorally, review workload, and ensure they feel valued and listened to. We will continue to ensure they are well managed, feel their contribution is of value and see its impact. For those with any medical or other consideration we will make reasonable adjustments such as flexible working hours, and home working where possible to ensure a happy and effective workforce.
6. We build in 'rest weeks' to our annual programme so staff who have too many overtime hours accrued can take some time back.
7. We have increased staff wages and added benefits including Medicash to help with staff retention.
8. We continue to recruit and train new volunteers to support the work and to help with the delivery of our vision.
9. We are seeking additional funding to enable recruitment of new staff to help ease workload.
10. We remain connected with relevant networks and similar organisations to ensure we stay abreast of new challenges and developments and solutions that are offered.
11. We are vigilant regarding what services we are able to deliver, and should it become necessary will adapt again to circumstances, cutting or changing services to ensure we are still around for the long haul.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust.

The board of trustees are elected on a three-year cycle with nominations for presentation to the AGM. The induction is carried out by Claire Morgans. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Board of Trustees

We have an excellent board of active Trustees comprising of:

* Dr Jaime Craig - (Chair) consultant clinical psychologist specialising in children and families and child and adolescent mental health.
* Mr Roy Coleman - retired with a background in insurance and HR.
* Mr Kevin Thomas - HR and financial manager at Gatehouse Bank.
* Mr Steve Matthews - local planning manager at Sefton Council.
* Mr Peter Morgan - businessman, finance expert, part of St James Place Wealth Management.
* Mrs Andrea Parry - retired former Finance Officer.
* Mrs Tanya Edwards - a former young member of Ykids with lived experience of the community. Tanya has just graduated as an Environmental health Officer.

The Board of Trustee meets a minimum of 4-6 times a year and as well as being the accountable body, board members also support special events and activities.

Staffing

New staff appointed this year include:

* Hamish Cook - New finance Officer
* Matt Roughley - community Fund raiser

Staff leaving:

Beth our Finance officer took a year's maternity leave and hopes to return part time to do administration.

Louisa our community fund raiser moved on to work for another, larger charity.

Our staff structure at Ykids is purposefully designed to give lead members of staff the authority and scope to develop their own projects autonomously while also working under the CEO to ensure all work stays true to Ykids core values and our strategic direction. Our key staff include:

Management Team:

* Claire Morgans - CEO
* Neil Hayes - Operations Manager
* Liz Jones - Kingsley and Co Manager

Project Leads

* Anne Woodruff - Family Worker
* Hamish Cook - Finance Officer
* Luke Meehan - Christian Youth and Children's Worker
* Rachel Power - marketing manager
* Matt Roughley - Community Fund raiser

Everyone works towards their own delivery plan targets and outcomes under the overall leadership of Claire Morgans, Ykids CEO and founder. Claire is the link between the day-to-day work of Ykids and the board of trustees who have ultimate accountability.

Thank you.

Thanks to the support of our many funders we have been able to move forward, and we continue to build on diversifying our income to ensure the future sustainability of the organisation.

On behalf of our community, volunteers, staff, and trustees we want to say a huge thank you for your invaluable support which has helped us to be there for our community and continue to change lives in very challenging situations. We move forward into a time of further uncertainty and increased demand but aim to continue to meet challenges head on as we work alongside those who have been so profoundly impacted by poverty and the cost-of-living crisis.

Thank you for your investment, encouragement, and support,

This year Ykids produced a 20-year impact report which shared our journey, what has been achieved and the difference that has been made. We also produced a book of stories featuring 20 people whose lives have been changed as a result of our work. Both are available on our website. www.ykids.co.uk or copies can be requested by contacting the Ykids office. 0151 944 2111

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Funders List

23 Foundation
Axis Foundation
Cargill plc
Garfield Weston Foundation
John Moores Foundation
Lancaster Foundation
Living Well Sefton
Locality
One Vision Housing Community Fund
Orsted Burbo Bank Extension Fund
Peel Ports
Post Code Lottery
Price Parry Charitable Trust
Sefton Early Intervention and Prevention
Skipton Building Society
Sydney Black Charitable Trust
The Beatrice Laing Trust
The Benefact Trust
The Charles Brotherton Trust
The Clothworkers Foundation
The DWF Foundation
The E L Rathbone Charitable Trust
The Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust
The Four Acre Trust
The Fredmill Trust
The Hemby Trust
The John Rayner Charitable Trust
The PH Holt Foundation
The Rank Foundation
The Siobhan Dowd Trust
The Steve Morgan Foundation
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation
Vola Consortium
Warwick Development NW Ltd

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07150747 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
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Company Secretary

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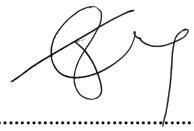
Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Dr J Craig - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF YKIDS

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ykids ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st August 2024.

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

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

David Hassall FMAAT

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Date: ..... 28 Apr 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**2024 Total funds £**	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		**213,101**	**204,770**	**417,871**	354,588
Other trading activities	2	**129,294**	**-**	**129,294**	137,691
Total		**342,395**	**204,770**	**547,165**	492,279
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Main Activity		**281,722**	**267,767**	**549,489**	507,249
Other		**68,034**	**25,051**	**93,085**	53,981
Total		**349,756**	**292,818**	**642,574**	561,230
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(7,361)**	**(88,048)**	**(95,409)**	(68,951)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**61,320**	**315,984**	**377,304**	446,255
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**53,959**	**227,936**	**281,895**	377,304

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31ST AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**2024 Total funds £**	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	**-**	**206,059**	**206,059**	223,151
Social investments	7	**1**	**-**	**1**	1
		1	**206,059**	**206,060**	223,152
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	**6,677**	**5**	**6,682**	42,368
Cash at bank and in hand		**48,734**	**31,982**	**80,716**	120,770
		55,411	**31,987**	**87,398**	163,138
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	**(1,453)**	**(10,110)**	**(11,563)**	(8,986)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**53,958**	**21,877**	**75,835**	154,152
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**53,959**	**227,936**	**281,895**	377,304
NET ASSETS		**53,959**	**227,936**	**281,895**	377,304
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				**53,959**	61,320
Restricted funds				**227,936**	315,984
TOTAL FUNDS				**281,895**	377,304

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st August 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28th April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

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J Craig - Trustee

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The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Long leasehold	-	4% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	33% on cost
Motor vehicles	-	14% on cost
Computer equipment	-	33% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable Revenue Generated	**129,294**	137,691

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	**19,333**	30,529

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4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2024 nor for the year ended 31st August 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2024 nor for the year ended 31st August 2023.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	75,512	279,076	354,588
Other trading activities	57,622	80,069	137,691
Total	133,134	359,145	492,279
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Main Activity	191,259	315,990	507,249
Other	17,198	36,783	53,981
Total	208,457	352,773	561,230
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(75,323)	6,372	(68,951)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	136,643	309,612	446,255
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	61,320	315,984	377,304

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long leasehold	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1st September 2023	**283,123**	**4,500**	**32,410**
Additions	**-**	**-**	**2,241**
At 31st August 2024	**283,123**	**4,500**	**34,651**
Depreciation			
At 1st September 2023	**67,809**	**4,489**	**31,478**
Charge for year	**11,325**	**11**	**1,241**
At 31st August 2024	**79,134**	**4,500**	**32,719**
Net book value			
At 31st August 2024	**203,989**	**-**	**1,932**
At 31st August 2023	215,314	11	932

	Motor vehicles	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1st September 2023	**48,256**	**54,310**	**422,599**
Additions	**-**	**-**	**2,241**
At 31st August 2024	**48,256**	**54,310**	**424,840**
Depreciation			
At 1st September 2023	**41,362**	**54,310**	**199,448**
Charge for year	**6,756**	**-**	**19,333**
At 31st August 2024	**48,118**	**54,310**	**218,781**
Net book value			
At 31st August 2024	**138**	**-**	**206,059**
At 31st August 2023	6,894	-	223,151

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7. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Other investments £
Market value	
At 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024	**1**
Net book value	
At 31st August 2024	**1**
At 31st August 2023	1

8. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	**775**	2,525
Other debtors	**5,907**	639
	6,682	3,164
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
NorthPerk- Inter Comp Loan	**-**	39,204
Aggregate amounts	**6,682**	42,368

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	**5,699**	2,046
Social security and other taxes	**5,407**	5,301
Pension	**457**	1,597
Error/Refunds	**-**	42
	11,563	8,986

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**61,320**	**(7,361)**	**53,959**
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	**315,984**	**(88,048)**	**227,936**
TOTAL FUNDS	**377,304**	**(95,409)**	**281,895**

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**342,395**	**(349,756)**	**(7,361)**
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	**204,770**	**(292,818)**	**(88,048)**
TOTAL FUNDS	**547,165**	**(642,574)**	**(95,409)**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	136,643	(75,323)	61,320
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	309,612	6,372	315,984
TOTAL FUNDS	446,255	(68,951)	377,304

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,134	(208,457)	(75,323)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	359,145	(352,773)	6,372
TOTAL FUNDS	492,279	(561,230)	(68,951)

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	136,643	(82,684)	53,959
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	309,612	(81,676)	227,936
TOTAL FUNDS	446,255	(164,360)	281,895

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	475,529	(558,213)	(82,684)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	563,915	(645,591)	(81,676)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,039,444	(1,203,804)	(164,360)

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st August 2024.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	**-**	3
Donations	**74,455**	44,777
Grants	**343,416**	309,808
	417,871	354,588
Other trading activities		
Charitable Revenue Generated	**129,294**	137,691
Total incoming resources	**547,165**	492,279
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Sundries	**712**	12,537
Salaries	**352,716**	359,258
Subscriptions	**829**	560
Artist & Performers	**23,753**	9,968
Community Events	**14,614**	11,242
Consumables	**25,354**	21,338
Equipment	**4,033**	7,850
K&Co Non Capital	**1,208**	1,028
K&Co Stock	**3,441**	10,347
Printing & Stationery	**6,591**	5,248
Publicity	**1,321**	2,078
Refreshments	**2,930**	4,081
Training	**13,882**	5,499
Travel	**1,542**	3,729
Trips	**5,576**	9,441
	458,502	464,204
Other		
Bank Charges	**1,507**	1,795
Cleaning	**3,017**	3,002
Accountancy	**5,952**	5,063
Depreciation	**19,332**	30,529
Equipment lease	**1,182**	3,126
Fundraising Cost	**10,955**	1,416
Staff Health & Wellbeing	**3,544**	2,895
Staff Training	**3,000**	3,923
Other Staff Cost	**4,054**	975
Travel	**1,338**	1,257
	53,881	53,981
Support costs		

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Support costs		
Management		
Equip Non Cap	**10,720**	1,004
Marketing	**532**	4,525
Telephone	**1,420**	1,611
Postage and stationery	**1,104**	985
Professional fees	**19,166**	2,446
Subscription & Membership	**6,788**	697
	39,730	11,268
Information technology		
Repairs and renewals	**2,723**	2,605
Other		
Rent	**1,298**	3,600
Insurance	**11,758**	5,142
Gas & Electric	**10,327**	14,809
Water Rates	**3,475**	1,842
Other Premises Cost	**(723)**	979
Repairs & Maintenance	**22,399**	2,800
	48,534	29,172
Other 2		
Bad debts	**39,204**	-
Total resources expended	**642,574**	561,230
Net expenditure	**(95,409)**	(68,951)

YKIDS LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1141530

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07150747 (England and Wales)
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Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

for

Ykids

DH Business Support Limited
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

It is with great pleasure we present the Annual Report for 2022-23 representing the achievements of Ykids over the past twelve months.

2022-23 has been another year of unprecedented challenge for the charity sector with rising costs, hugely increased demands and ever decreasing funding resources. This puts huge pressure on charities, especially small charities such as Ykids which do not have large teams of back-office support staff. We do however have a hard working, dedicated team who adapt, always making best use of what we do have to make a difference in our community. Without their hard work and passion for young people and families we serve, we could never have achieved all that we have over the last 12 months.

Our communities, are among the UK's 1% most deprived, continue to be disproportionately affected by circumstances beyond their control.
• A child born in Bootle will live 10 years less than the national average and 20 years less than those born in affluent areas.
• Bootle is considered one of the most dangerous places in the UK to grow up.
• 84% of young people leaving secondary school fail to reach the national average for English and Maths.
• Child poverty has actually increased by 17% over the last 5 years.
It is time for change and Ykids are determined to help to bring about that change, bringing hope, purpose and a sense of worth to our communities.

We endeavour to continue to relieve poverty and raise aspirations among children and young people, enabling them to rise above circumstances, believe in themselves and become world changers.

This report outlines our aims and objectives as a charity and how we implemented them over another year of uncertainty and change, how we sought to alleviate need and continue to respond to unprecedented demand.

Ykids also produces a full impact report each year which outlines what we have achieved and the difference that has been made. We continually monitor and evaluate our services, collect video, photographic evidence and case studies, and consult our community to ensure we continue to meet need. This is available on our website www.ykids.co.uk or can be requested by contacted the Ykids office. 0151 9442111

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Ykids Aims and Objectives

Ykids is a charity working to bring hope to at risk and vulnerable children and young people and their families. While our base and primary focus is Bootle, Merseyside, we have a wider remit to impact children and young people across the region.

Our vision is to raise World Changers – equipping young people to believe that they can, and then do make a difference. We want children and young people to feel safe, loved and lead happy and productive lives, making a positive impact in their own lives and in the lives of those around them. This is particularly important in areas of deprivation where children often lack opportunity, face increased challenges and have low aspirations.

Aims:

Make Change: To equip young people to cope with whatever life throws at them, have plans and hopes for their future and skills to make their dreams a reality.

Be Change: To encourage young people to 'be the change they want to see' in their community.

Champion Change: To enable our community, families and institutions to make change to nurture young people in an environment where they can thrive.

Objectives

As a result of their involvement with Ykids, children and young people will:

- Have increased emotional resilience.
- Engage in social action, volunteering, community events and have a voice for change.
- Feel nurtured, valued and flourish.
- Have greater aspirations for themselves and others resulting in community transformation.

Ykids offers a variety of activities to turn these aims into reality, including:

- **Youth & Children** –multiple regular groups aimed at children 5-17 years focussed on wellbeing, mentoring, citizenship, belonging, skills development and fun. These include one off events and activities, as well as short and longer-term programmes.
- **Families** –support and promote family cohesion through family projects, peer mentoring and training, one-to-one support and practical help such as court and hospital visits, food through our community pantry and crisis intervention.
- **Wellbeing** – addressing physical and emotional wellbeing through cooking, nutrition, sport, and early intervention projects.
- **Training** –apprenticeships, work placements, an intern programme, work experience, bespoke and accredited training opportunities.
- **Enterprise** - Ykids aims to be a more self-sustaining charity. We do this through social enterprise business. Kingsley & Co is our Victorian Explorer themed children's bookshop and literacy project which aims to support children and family wellbeing through story and generate some income for the charity.
- **Community** – we host community events including the Believe Awards, Bootle Children's Literary Festival, fun days, community art projects and social action involving multiple partners and the wider community.
- **Education** – we work in primary and secondary schools to deliver assemblies, self-esteem programmes and extracurricular activities, building relationships, mentoring and offering curricular enhancing projects.

Faith – Ykids has a Christian ethos and therefore some of our work is with local churches. We work in partnership with all denominations, support employment, deliver training and activities to promote effective outreach in deprived communities. We also deliver in house projects such as Monday Night Live for young people who wish to explore aspects of the Christian faith.

Our charity's purposes, as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of Association, are:

'To advance the Christian religion and to advance the education of children by providing educational and recreational activities to develop their mental, emotional and spiritual capacities so that their quality of life may be improved for the public benefit'

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

What We Have Delivered

Youth and Children's Work

Our core work is with children and young people and to this end we delivered on average 8 to 10 projects each week during term time. This included groups for 5-7yrs, 8-11yrs and 12- 17yrs. Young people were consulted about activities they would like to do, and activities range from cooking, animation, puppetry, art, sport, mental health, life skills, enterprise and much more. 430 young people attended projects throughout the year. Demand for places on groups has risen so much that we have doubled group sizes to accommodate as many children as possible but are now at capacity due to lack of funding for additional staff. We continue to face the challenge of constant referrals from different agencies with no additional funds to support additional and often challenging young people.

Families

Our family support continued with the community pantry and saw an increase in families needing support, moving from 40 to 50 families being on our membership. We also gained funding from Cargill plc to enable the pantry to be free during holidays and to give out hampers at Christmas.

We delivered ongoing 1 to 1 support with families and delivered a parenting training course, cooking on a budget, and budgeting courses and welcomed various external organisations supporting families with employment, mental health, empowerment and energy saving.

Our Virtual walk with the Conqueror Challenges remain popular and we deliver another two challenges with over 50 participants. Feedback showed that in addition to supporting people to be active, it also improved mental health and built friendships as families met together to complete the challenge. Book club continues to be popular, and this year included visits from authors and some crime solving with an interactive murder mystery game.

We also received 100 free tickets to Chester Zoo which enabled us to make two wonderful trips with families and volunteers. We also delivered a Christmas club, similar to our community pantry giving parents access to low-cost quality toys and helping them avoid the temptation to go into debt or use the services of loan sharks.

Wellbeing

We have a holistic approach to wellbeing which is embedded across all our programmes however we delivered a number of specifically wellbeing related projects including: -

Mentoring – 1 to 1 sessions with young people who were struggling with behaviour, school, or life in general. Sessions often included a bit of cooking or activities to enable young people to talk, put things in perspective and feel encouraged. Often, just having quality time and an opportunity to be heard enables young people to find their own answers and strategies to cope.

Giant Slayers – our teen Giant Slayers Book was completed and released and will feature as a free gift at an up-and-coming National Literacy Trust Conference.

Calm and create parent drop in moved to a different day and while numbers dropped, it was more effective in supporting wellbeing without the hustle and bustle of the pantry, and participants showed a marked improvement.

Training

In addition to parent training, we also delivered training for a number of organisations, and offered volunteering and work placement opportunities to young people from local schools and colleges and the Rank Foundation. Over 45 people volunteered on various projects throughout the year and gained skills in youth work, administration, marketing, family work, retail, schools work and even barista training.

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One member of staff completed an apprenticeship in fund raising and another began a placement with Rank Foundation Aspire Programme, and another continued her placement on the Rank Foundation Profit for Good social trading programme.

Enterprise

Kingsley and Co, our steam punk Victorian Explorer bookshop has grown significantly and developed a regular clientele and begun to develop a customer base of schools. While income remains low due to location and the closing of many of the shops in the lower mall to make way for demolition. We have been given notice to move by Jan 2024 but will be in place for Christmas and the 4th Bootle Children's Literary Festival in November 2024. We have been given a new property in prime location but need to refurbish the building before being able to move in.

Despite huge upheavals we have continued to deliver free workshops for children and families eery weekend, and during school holidays attracting thousands of visitors. We have also grown a large Story and Rhyme group for parent and toddlers and delivered a range of after school projects.

We also employed an Artist/author in Residence who has helped us develop a huge range of activities from illustration workshops and author visits to schools' programmes and after school clubs.

In preparation for the Bootle Children's Literary Festival, we also ran a short story competition which saw over 30 schools engage, with a book being published in time for the November festival. We also delivered:

Monster Bash – a free monster themed week of activities in the Strand shopping centre including cookie monster trail, crafts, dress up competitions and silent disco.

The Grinch Experience - where 1200 children came to meet the Grinch and Cindylou

Duck Fest – a 3-day event over the Easter holidays with all things duck! From hook a duck, racing ducks and duck shooting (with nerf guns) to storytelling and crafts.

Eurovision – with Eurovision visiting the city, Kingsley joined in the fun with Karaoke and dressing up.

Neurodiversity week – celebrating our wonderful brains and the way they work. We offered books for all abilities, workshops with authors and an art installation of colourful umbrellas celebrating the ADHD foundation and its work.

Summer Programme –a five-week programme offering free activities to children and families promoting a love of literacy and learning with events including a teddy bear's picnic. Bear hunt, circus skills, storytelling, workshops, author visits, illustration workshops, craft and a two-day pirate fest. Over 1000 people attended the events and monitoring showed that 65% of children were on free school meals evidencing we were reaching our target audience.

Community

Every year Ykids run a number of events aimed at children and families and the wider community, this year many we cantered most of our community activities around Kingsley and Co as we had access to the free venue of the Shopping centre.

The Believe Awards – a regional event celebrating 10 remarkable young heroes. This year it was based at the Isla Gladstone and the theme was Camelot, featuring jugglers, knights a harpist, and a fire performance. Each award centred around the code of Chivalry and 170 guests celebrated the young people's achievements.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Education

We continue to work in both primary and secondary schools offering activities and events that support the curriculum including a wide range of workshops. We deliver mentoring in a local secondary school and offer support on trips and activities.

Faith

Monday Night Live, our Christian youth event, has grown in size with a regular attendance of 80 – 100 young people mostly form a local secondary school. From this we have started two groups for young people who wish to explore faith further.

We took 17 young people to a summer residential conference 'Dream the Impossible'. For most of them this was their first camping and conference experience, but everyone came back excited and engaged.

We continue to deliver assemblies and workshops in schools and support the Year 6 transition workshops and leavers' services at the Liverpool Cathedral, attended by over 6,000 children over 4 days.

We supported a number of churches with their youth and children's work including 2 church weekends and began a partnership with the Kings Church in Thornton, taking on the employment and support of a part time children's worker. Their youth and children's work continues to grow and develop, and new outreach projects take place in the community.

This year we also began a termly prayer breakfast to bring people together across the town to share breakfast, network and have the opportunity to share the work they deliver.

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YKids Approach

We operate from an Asset Based Community Development perspective, recognising the strengths and positives in every person. We seek to build on these strengths to enable individuals to discover what their own gifts, talents and interests are and to encourage them in these fields.
We are committed to early intervention and long-term support offering stability in sometimes chaotic lives.
We aim to build a nurturing environment and a sense of belonging for all participants, encouraging volunteering and giving back, and working with people rather than doing services to them.
We aim to build community, family and self-worth empowering children and their families to achieve and succeed in life.
The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Who Benefits from Ykids?

Children, young people, families and the wider community, predominantly in Bootle but also in other areas across Merseyside.

Bootle as an area is often characterised by gangs, drug use and there is significant deprivation, persistent disadvantage and low social mobility. The area ranks in the highest 1% for deprivation in health, employment, income, education and skills in the UK (ONS, 2021).

The biggest issue affecting children who access Ykids is poverty. Bootle has seen a 17% increase in child poverty over the past five years, with 1 in 6 under-16s living in poverty. Poverty has a pervasive impact on children's physical and mental well-being, aspirations and life prospects (Sefton Council, 2022). Life expectancy is 10 years less here than the national average and 20 years less than in more affluent areas. A high proportion of impoverished children have special educational needs, behavioural problems and mental health issues. It is significantly concerning that Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) can only handle severe cases, leaving those with warning signs of poor mental health unattended (Sefton Council, 2022). With CAMHS overburdened, we face a tsunami of demand and more challenging young people referred to us. Poverty, low attainment and hopelessness drive young people into a subculture of gangs, violence and crime. In 2023, the crime rate in Bootle was 195% higher than the rest of the Northwest and 96% higher than the national average (Crime Rate, 2023).

Bootle's literacy rates are in the bottom 6% nationally, and 84% leave school without achieving the national standard in English and mathematics.

For these young people, it is sadly not difficult to see the relevance of studies like those undertaken by Toogood et al. (2020), which revealed how children who attend school in deprived areas have chronic confidence issues; feel helpless and hopeless about their education and job prospects; and have lower career aspirations.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We are also seeing the impact of COVID-19, the cost-of-living crisis, the Ukraine war and the Israel/Palestine war on young people's mental health. Our regular monitoring shows that aspirations have significantly dropped - 60% of CYP have less understanding of what they want life to look like now compared to a year ago, and 62% of CYP are more likely to participate in harmful behaviours. Upon the outbreak of war in Ukraine, one 17-year-old took a youth leader aside and asked, '**will I get called up?**', genuinely frightened.

Ykids is based in Bootle, and we desire to see change in this area. As such, our immediate beneficiaries are children, young people and families living in Bootle and the surrounding area who can directly access our face-to-face projects and activities. For larger events and activities such as Kingsley and Co, the Believe Awards and Bootle Children's Literary Festival, Ykids has a regional reach. Children and young people are always our priority.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

STATS

Ykids Delivery - Sept 2022 to Aug 2023

- 50 Christmas hampers distributed.
- 45 families regularly attending the community pantry.
- 500 Christmas gifts distributed through Christmas Club
- 4,000 children experiencing a Liverpool Diocese Leavers' service.
- 1600 people attending summer activities at Kingsley and Co
- 45 schools engaged throughout the year.
- 37440 meals distributed through pantry.

How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we help are described above. All our charitable activities focus on enhancing the lives of children and young people, promoting self-esteem, positive mindsets, mental wellbeing, health, emotional resilience, skills, employment and raising aspirations and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. They have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. Budgeted expenditure for 2023-24 remains around £500,000 and therefore the target is £75,000 to £150,000 in general funds.

While this is the Trustees intention, the present level of reserves fall significantly short of this target level. This is due in part to a loss in earned income during the pandemic and the need for urgent community needs to be met in a time of crisis. We end the year however in a healthier position but need to build some reserves again.

Although the strategy is to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses, in the short term the trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should such circumstances arise.

Principal Funding Sources

In 2017, Ykids set out a 5-year target to diversify our income and reduce our grant reliance.
In the last year we have seen an increase in grant funding and a decrease in earned income and service level agreements as a percentage of our income reflecting the challenging times, we are currently in. We have however, seen a significant increase in individual giving and corporate giving.
We have set new 10-year targets as we aim to be increasingly less grant dependant and increase earned income which would give us greater flexibility and sustainability in the future.

Type of Income	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5-Year Target (2022)	10-Year Target (2027)
Grants & Trusts	77%	70%	65%	72%	55%	62%	40%	30%
Lottery	0%	1%	9%	5%	2%	0%	0%	2%
Earned Income SLA's/Contracts	19%	10%	15%	14%	20%	11%	20%	15%
Earned Income	2%	4$	5%	3%	11%	10%	20%	25%
Donations Individuals Giving	2%	5%	6%	5%	6%	10%	10%	13%
Corporate Giving	0%	10%	0%	1%	6%	7%	10%	15%

WHAT'S NEXT?

During 2023-24 Ykids plans to deliver a range of activities to continue to support our community. these include:

• Welcoming 4 new interns to our intern programme
• The Bootle Children's Literary Festival – Fairy Tale Myth and Legend.
• The Elf experience at Kingsley and Co for Christmas 2023
• Moving Kingsley and Co to a new location
• Refurbishment of Kingsley and Co
• Repairs to our building including a new roof.
• Expanding the youth and children's work
• The Believe Awards 2024 – this time at the famous Titanic Hotel with a 'History Makers' theme.
• 20th birthday celebrations including a community birthday party and a thank you event for funders and supporters over the last 20 years.
• The launch of the new Kingsley and Co
• The development of an employment programme for young people far from the job market.
• Partnering with Cradle to Career to develop support and a long-term impact Linacre Ward.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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The board of trustees are elected on a three-year cycle with nominations for presentation to the AGM. The induction is carried out by Claire Morgans. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

Board of Trustees

We have an excellent board of active Trustees comprising of:

• Dr Jaime Craig – (Chair) consultant clinical psychologist specialising in children and families and child and adolescent mental health.
• Mr Roy Coleman – retired with a background in insurance and HR.
• Mr Kevin Thomas – HR and financial manager at Gateway Bank
• Mr Steve Matthews - local planning manager at Sefton Council
• Mr Peter Morgan – businessman, finance expert, part of St James Place Wealth Management.
• Mrs Andrea Parry – retired former Finance Officer
• Mrs Tanya Edwards – a former young member of Ykids with lived experience of the community. Tanya has just graduated as an Environmental health Officer.

The Board of Trustee meets a minimum of 4-6 times a year and as well as being the accountable body, board members also support special events and activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Staffing

New staff appointed this year include:
• A Time to Shine Worker – Annaliese Crook.
• Assistant Manager at Kingsley and Co – Alicia Richardson

Staff leaving:
We said goodbye to Darran Draper our Deputy CEO who moved on to an exciting new venture in charge of a large-scale project across the Northwest.

Our staff structure at Ykids is purposefully designed to give lead members of staff the authority and scope to develop their own projects autonomously while also working under the CEO to ensure all work stays true to Ykids core values and our strategic direction. Our key staff include:

Management Team:
• Claire Morgans – CEO
• Darran Draper – Deputy CEO
• Beth Armstrong – Finance Officer and Administrator
• Neil Hayes – Youth Work Manager

Project Leads
• Anne Woodruff – Family Worker
• Louisa Jones – Capacity Builder
• Liz Jones – Kingsley and Co Manager
• Jake Davies – Story Keeper
• Luke Meehan – Christian Youth and Children's Worker
• Rachel Power – marketing manager

Everyone works towards their own delivery plan targets and outcomes under the overall leadership of Claire Morgans, Ykids CEO and founder. Claire is the link between the day-to-day work of Ykids and the board of trustees who have ultimate accountability.

Thank You

Thanks to the support of our many funders we have been able to move forward, and we continue to build on diversifying our income to ensure the future sustainability of the organisation.

On behalf of our community, volunteers, staff and trustees we want to say a huge thank you for your invaluable support which has helped us to be there for our community and continue to change lives in very challenging situations. We move forward into a time of further uncertainty and increased demand but aim to continue to meet challenges head on as we work alongside those who have been so profoundly impacted by poverty and the cost-of-living crisis.

Thank you for journeying with us.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Funders List

The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust
Awards for All
Awesome Foundation
The Benefact Trust
Cargill plc
Children in Need
Chester Zoo
The Charles Brotherton Trust
The E L Rathbone Charitable Trust
The Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust
Ellandi
Enid Slater
The Four Acre Trust
Holiday Activity Fund
The Fredmill Trust
The Hemby Trust
John Lewis
Living Well Sefton
Locality
The PH Holt Foundation
Mark's and Spencer
Marsh Christian Trust
Nathaniel Rayner
One Vision Housing Community Fund
Orsted Burbo Bank Extension Fund
Peel Ports
The Proven family Trust
Sefton Early Intervention and Prevention
The Beatrice Laing Trust

The Granada Foundation
The Henry Smith Charity
The Ironmongers' Company
The Liverpool One Foundation
The Rank Foundation
The Siobhan Dowd Trust
The Slavanka Trust
Sported
The Steve Morgan Foundation
The Tudor Trust
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation
The Betty Lawes Foundation
The Charles and Edna Broadhurst Charitable Trust
The Leathersellers Charity
The John Rayner Charitable Trust
The Toyota Community Fund

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07150747 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1141530

Registered office
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Trustees

Company Secretary

Independent Examiner
David Hassall
FMAAT
DH Business Support Limited
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27/03/24 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Jaime Craig
Chair of trustees
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Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ykids ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 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 Report to the Trustees of
Ykids

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FMAAT which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

David Hassall
FMAAT
DH Business Support Limited
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Date: .....

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.23 Total funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		75,512	279,076	354,588	381,517
Other trading activities	2	57,622	80,069	137,691	118,144
Total		133,134	359,145	492,279	499,661
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Main Activity		191,259	315,990	507,249	533,628
Other		17,198	36,783	53,981	73,063
Total		208,457	352,773	561,230	606,691
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(75,323)	6,372	(68,951)	(107,030)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		136,643	309,612	446,255	553,285
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		61,320	315,984	377,304	446,255

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.23 Total funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	284	222,867	223,151	253,680
Social investments	7	1	-	1	1
		285	222,867	223,152	253,681
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	42,368	-	42,368	55,265
Cash at bank and in hand		20,113	100,657	120,770	146,812
		62,481	100,657	163,138	202,077
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,446)	(7,540)	(8,986)	(9,503)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		61,035	93,117	154,152	192,574
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		61,320	315,984	377,304	446,255
NET ASSETS		61,320	315,984	377,304	446,255
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				61,320	136,643
Restricted funds				315,984	309,612
TOTAL FUNDS				377,304	446,255

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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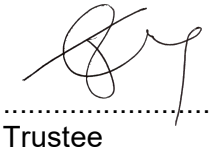
Balance Sheet - continued
31 August 2023

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... 27/03/24 ..... and were signed on its behalf by:



..... Dr Jaime Craig
Trustee Chair of trustees

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Long Leasehold	4% SL
Plant & Machinery	25% SL
Fixtures & Fittings	33% SL
Motor Vehicles	14% SL
Computer Equipment	33% SL

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting
Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Charitable Revenue Generated	137,691	118,144

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	30,529	35,034

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	52,057	329,460	381,517
Other trading activities	97,250	20,894	118,144
Total	149,307	350,354	499,661
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Main Activity	155,441	378,187	533,628
Other	7,790	65,273	73,063

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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Total	163,231	443,460	606,691
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(13,924)	(93,106)	(107,030)
Transfers between funds	4,958	(4,958)	-
Net movement in funds	(8,966)	(98,064)	(107,030)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	145,609	407,676	553,285
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	136,643	309,612	446,255

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	283,123	4,500	32,410
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2022	55,723	4,467	28,143
Charge for year	12,086	22	3,335
At 31 August 2023	67,809	4,489	31,478
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2023	215,314	11	932
At 31 August 2022	227,400	33	4,267

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	48,256	54,310	422,599
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2022	34,468	46,118	168,919
Charge for year	6,894	8,192	30,529
At 31 August 2023	41,362	54,310	199,448
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2023	6,894	-	223,151
At 31 August 2022	13,788	8,192	253,680

7. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Other investment £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	1
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2023	1
At 31 August 2022	1

8. DEBTORS

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	2,525	1,041
Other debtors	639	20
	3,164	1,061

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8. DEBTORS - continued

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
NorthPerk- Inter Comp Loan	39,204	54,204
Aggregate amounts	42,368	55,265

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,046	2,058
Social security and other taxes	5,301	6,046
Pension	1,597	1,399
Error/Refunds	42	-
	8,986	9,503

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	136,643	(75,323)	61,320
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	309,612	6,372	315,984
TOTAL FUNDS	446,255	(68,951)	377,304

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,134	(208,457)	(75,323)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	359,145	(352,773)	6,372
TOTAL FUNDS	492,279	(561,230)	(68,951)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	145,609	(13,924)	4,958	136,643
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	407,676	(93,106)	(4,958)	309,612
TOTAL FUNDS	553,285	(107,030)	-	446,255

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	149,307	(163,231)	(13,924)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	350,354	(443,460)	(93,106)
TOTAL FUNDS	499,661	(606,691)	(107,030)

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	145,609	(89,247)	4,958	61,320
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	407,676	(86,734)	(4,958)	315,984
TOTAL FUNDS	553,285	(175,981)	-	377,304

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	282,441	(371,688)	(89,247)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	709,499	(796,233)	(86,734)
TOTAL FUNDS	991,940	(1,167,921)	(175,981)

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	44,777	29,235
Grants	309,811	352,282
	354,588	381,517
Other trading activities		
Charitable Revenue Generated	137,691	118,144
Total incoming resources	492,279	499,661
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Sundries	12,537	21,525
Salaries	359,258	352,615
Subscriptions	560	1,037
Artist & Performers	9,968	25,202
Community Events	11,242	13,385
Consumables	21,338	30,295
Equipment	7,850	8,362
K&Co Non Capital	1,028	4,353
K&Co Stock	10,347	10,082
Printing & Stationery	5,248	1,659
Publicity	2,078	4,617
Refreshments	4,081	4,824
Training	5,499	7,770
Travel	3,729	3,957
Trips	9,441	5,642
	464,204	495,325
Other		
Bank Charges	1,795	1,683
Cleaning	3,002	2,391
Accountancy	5,063	5,255
Depreciation	30,529	51,779
Carried forward	40,389	61,108

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Other		
Brought forward	40,389	61,108
Equipment Lease	3,126	2,750
Fundraising Cost	1,416	2,434
Staff Health & Wellbeing	2,895	1,727
Staff Training	3,923	1,743
Other Staff Cost	975	1,657
Travel	1,257	1,644
	53,981	73,063
Support costs		
Management		
Sundry Cost	-	844
Equip Non Cap	1,004	431
Marketing	4,525	188
Telephone	1,611	1,567
Postage and stationery	985	2,139
Professional Fees	2,446	6,462
Subscription & Membership	697	757
	11,268	12,388
Information technology		
Repairs and renewals	2,605	3,363
Other		
Rent	3,600	2,313
Insurance	5,142	3,925
Gas & Electric	14,809	12,343
Water Rates	1,842	2,305
Other Premises Cost	979	276
Repairs & Maintenance	2,800	1,390
	29,172	22,552
Total resources expended	561,230	606,691
Net expenditure	(68,951)	(107,030)

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YKIDS LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1141530

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07150747 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1141530

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

for

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

2021-22 has seen the world emerge from a Global pandemic and into a cost of living crisis and the impact of war in Ukraine. While we are just a small organisation doing our best to serve our community, we have seen the impacts of world events in the everyday life of local people and especially in children. We endeavour to continue to relieve poverty and raise aspirations among children and young people, enabling them to rise above circumstances, believe in themselves and become world changers.

This report outlines our aims and objectives as a charity and how we implemented them over another year of uncertainty and change, how we sought to alleviate need and continue to respond to unprecedented demand.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Ykids is a charity working to bring hope to at risk and vulnerable children and young people and their families. While our base and primary focus is Bootle, Merseyside, we have a wider remit to impact children and young people across the region.

Our vision is to raise World Changers – equipping young people to believe that they can, and then do make a difference. We want children and young people to feel safe, loved and lead happy and productive lives, making a positive impact in their own lives and in the lives of those around them. This is particularly important in areas of deprivation where children often lack opportunity, face increased challenges and have low aspirations.

Aims:

Make Change: To equip young people to cope with whatever life throws at them, have plans and hopes for their future and skills to make their dreams a reality.

Be Change: To encourage young people to 'be the change they want to see' in their community

Champion Change: To enable our community, families and institutions to make change to nurture young people in an environment where they can thrive.

Objectives

As a result of their involvement with Ykids, children and young people will:

- Have increased emotional resilience
- Engage in social action, volunteering, community events and have a voice for change
- Feel nurtured, valued and flourish
- Have greater aspirations for themselves and others resulting in community transformation

Historically, Ykids has offered a variety of activities to turn these aims into reality. They centre around:

• **Youth & Children** – we offer multiple regular groups aimed at children 5-17 years focussed on wellbeing, mentoring, citizenship, belonging, skills development and fun. These include one off events and activities, as well as short and longer-term programmes.

• **Families** – we offer support and promote family cohesion through family projects, peer mentoring and training, one-to-one support and practical help such as court and hospital visits, food through our community pantry and crisis intervention.

• **Wellbeing** – addressing physical and emotional wellbeing through cooking, nutrition, sport, and early intervention projects.

• **Training** – we offer apprenticeships, work placements, an intern programme, work experience, bespoke and accredited training opportunities.

• **Enterprise** - Ykids aims to be a more self-sustaining charity. We do this through social enterprise business. Kingsley & Co is our Victorian Explorer themed children's bookshop and literacy project which aims to support children and family wellbeing through story and generate some income for the charity.

• **Community** – we host community events including the Believe Awards, Bootle Children's Literary Festival, fun days, community art projects and social action involving multiple partners and the wider community.

• **Education** – we work in primary and secondary schools to deliver assemblies, self-esteem programmes and extracurricular activities, building relationships, mentoring and offering curricular enhancing projects.

• **Faith** – Ykids has a Christian ethos and therefore some of our work is with local churches. We work in partnership with churches, support employment, deliver training and activities to promote effective outreach in deprived communities. We also deliver in house projects such as Monday Night Live for young people who wish to explore aspects of the Christian faith.

Our charity's purposes, as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of Association, are:

"To advance the Christian religion and to advance the education of children by providing educational and recreational activities to develop their mental, emotional and spiritual capacities so that their quality of life may be improved for the public benefit."

What We Have Delivered

Youth and Children's Work

Our core work is with children and young people and to this end we delivered on average 8 to 10 projects each week during term time. This included groups for 5-7yrs, 8-11yrs and 12- 17yrs. Young people were consulted about activities they would like to do and activities range from animal care to cooking, art, sport, mental health, enterprise and much more. 278 young people regularly attended projects throughout the year. One of the impacts of Covid was a lack of socialisation, increased anxiety and young people finding it difficult to engage. We have spent much of the year addressing these issues in creative ways to build confidence, self-esteem and social and life skills.

We also delivered activities every holiday including an Arty Party, Trips, scavenger hunts, residentials and family events ensuring there was opportunity for young people to engage all year round.

Families

Our family support continued with the community pantry and saw an increase in families needing support, moving from 30 to 40 families being on our membership. We also gained funding to enable the pantry to be free during holidays and to give out hampers at Christmas.

We delivered ongoing 1 to 1 support with families and identified a need for parenting training which we plan to deliver next year. One off training sessions were delivered and many parents gained certificates in emergency first aid, food hygiene and safeguarding. A group of parents also trained as volunteers and have begun supporting delivery of the community pantry. A group of parents also took part in Nordic walking and one dad has continued and makes it part of his weekly routine. 30 parents also took part in a virtual walking challenge.Our parents' book club continues to grow and provides a safe space for parents to connect, talk and make friends. Asa result many have began to support each other.

Wellbeing

We have a holistic approach to wellbeing which is embedded across all our programmes however we delivered a number of specifically wellbeing related projects including:-

Mentoring – 1 to 1 sessions with young people who were struggling with behaviour, school or life in general. Sessions often included a bit of cooking or activities to enable young people to talk, put things in perspective and feel encouraged. Often , just having quality time and an opportunity to be heard enables young people to find their own answers and strategies to cope.

Giant Slayers – this was a programme we developed to enable young people to cut their giants (worries) down to size by using basic CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) and giving them effective tools and strategies to cope. Aimed at 8-11 years we have been developing a programme for older children in consultation with young people.

Post Covid it was evident that many parents had also felt isolated and there was a need for them to have a safe space to be calm. Calm and Create began as a project promoting wellbeing alongside the pantry and up to 30 people take part each week.

Training

In addition to parent training we also delivered training for a number of organisations, and offered volunteering and work placement opportunities to young people from local schools and colleges and the Rank Foundation. Over 45 people volunteered on various projects throughout the year and gained skills in youth work, administration, marketing, family work, retail, schools work and even barista training.

We had one full time volunteer on our intern programme who grew in skills and confidence to the point that she decided that she wished to make teaching her career and successfully applied for university. 2 of our previous year's interns were also employed as sessional workers when on leave from university.
3 staff began apprenticeships in marketing and management, one completed and another began a placement with Rank Foundation Time To Shine Programme and another was successful in gaining a placement on the Rank Foundation Profit For Good social trading programme.

Enterprise
Due to Covid we had been forced to close our café North Perk, and Kingsley and Co our new children's bookshop and literacy project had only just opened its doors when the lockdowns were announced. As a result our enterprise ambitions were somewhat hampered. However, over the last year Kingsley and Co has grown significantly and developed a regular clientele and begun to develop a customer base of schools. While income is lower than predicted pre pandemic, it nevertheless has begun to grow steadily with events such as the Bootle Children's Literary Festival and Pirate Fest helping to raise awareness. Book donations continue to come in and local businesses have begun to get on board with collections. We have developed our own product range and are now looking at ways that we can expand sales into other areas including Etsy.
One of the key developments at Kingsley and Co was to take on the shop next door, knock through and install access through a Narnia Wardrobe and refurbish the new shop into a Victorian sitting room classroom complete with moving portraits and steampunk toilets. This also facilitated the change of our former classroom into a discovery room full of hands-on and interactive exhibits. This has proved extremely popular.
We also continue to encourage young people to develop enterprise skills, taught them the basics of micro business and promoted entrepreneurial skills.

Community
Every year Ykids run a number of events aimed at children and families and the wider community, including:

- **The Believe Awards** – a regional event celebrating 10 remarkable young heroes. This year it was based at the Isla Gladstone and the theme was the Greatest Show on Earth. Featuring jugglers, dancers, a ring master and a fire circus the event was the most successful to date and attended by over 180 people.

- **Where's Woolly** – a trail of woolly sheep characters around the Strand Shopping Centre

- **Love the rainforest** – celebration of the rainforest with mobile zoos, bush tucker trials and the launch of a local author's books.

- **Pirate Fest** – a two week festival of all things pirate with workshops, a giant sandpit full of treasure, crafts, stories, singing pirates, pirate ship, dress up and Jack Sparrow look alike.

Education

We continue to work in both primary and secondary schools offering activities and events that support the curriculum. One of our key events this year was the Bootle Children's Literary Festival which had a 'Time Machine' theme. As part of the project we launched the cartoons of stories written by children in lockdown, held a 'giant paper doll' exhibition, an illustration competition and delivered workshops in over 30 schools. We also held two large events themed around the past – with steampunk contraptions and a steampunk rapper, and the future with virtual reality, a space dome and world famous Titan the Robot. 16,500 people took part in activities and over 7,500 children attended a workshop with an author, artist or performer. We also gave away over 4,000 new books through a golden ticket scheme.

Faith

During the last year we saw the work of Monday Night Live, our Christian youth event, begin to grow with multiple young people attending with a number attending a discipleship group.
We took a group of young people away on a Christian camp called MCYC and delivered assemblies and workshops in schools.

One major event we supported was the Year 6 transition workshops and leavers' services at the Liverpool Cathedral, attended by over 6,000 children over 4 days.
We supported a number of churches with their youth and children's work including 2 church weekends and began a new partnership with the Kings Church in Thornton, taking on the employment and support of a part time children's worker. The first year has seen the youth and children's work grow and develop and new outreach projects take place in the community.

YKids Approach

We operate from an Asset Based Community Development perspective, recognising the strengths and positives in every person. We seek to build on these strengths to enable individuals to discover what their own gifts, talents and interests are and to encourage them in these fields.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Who Benefits from Ykids?

Children, young people, families and the wider community, predominantly in Bootle but also in other areas across Merseyside.

Bootle as an area is often characterised by gangs, drug use and poverty.

In Derby Ward where one of our projects is based:-

- 30% of people are universal credit – national average 15%
- 34% of children are on free school meals
- Twice as many children are under social care compared to the national average
- 42% of working age adults have no qualifications
- 48% of children are growing up in lone parent families
- Life expectancy is 10 years below the national average and 20 years below the UK's most affluent areas.
- Literacy levels are in the bottom 6% in the UK

- 84% of children do not achieve the national requirement for English and Maths when they leave school.

Tragically, while Bootle remains among the bottom 1% most deprived communities in the UK, **child poverty has actually increased by 17% in the last 5 years** (Sefton Council Ward Statistics).

Poverty is not just a lack of money. It also affects education, attainment but most of all it affects people's view of themselves, giving a message that they are not as valuable as someone who has more money.

Ykids is based in Bootle and we desire to see change in this area. As such, our immediate beneficiaries are children, young people and families living in Bootle and the surrounding area who can directly access our face-to-face projects and activities. For larger events and activities such as Kingsley and Co, the Believe Awards and Bootle Children's Literary Festival, Ykids has a regional reach. Children and young people are always our priority.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE
STATS
Ykids Delivery - Sept 2021 to Aug 2022

- 50 Christmas hampers distributed
- 40 families regularly attending the community pantry
- 400 Christmas gifts distributed through Christmas Club
- 6,000 children experiencing a Liverpool Diocese Leavers' service
- 3,500 people attending the 2 week Pirate Fest in Bootle Strand
- 16,500 people engaged in the Bootle Children's Literary Festival 2021
- 7,346 children engaged in workshops
- 45 schools engaged throughout the year
- 33,280 meals distributed through pantry

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE
Internal and external factors
What people say:

'I have more friends now because of my lessons with Ykids'
'I know how to manage my anger much better now'
'I don't usually mix with other people but I have because of Ykids and now I have more friends''
'I know how to manage my emotions much better now'
Feedback from Giant Slayer lessons in a secondary school

'Even though I was volunteering to give back to Ykids and the community, I have got so much from doing it. It's helped me in many ways like meeting new people, amazing people and I have made some lovely new friends too. Massively for me, Volunteering here has made me grow as a person.' **Parent volunteer**

'Kingsley&Co is an adventure for children, not only can they sit and read they can play with the dressing up clothes. The books they sell are not expensive - the adventures you and your child can go on by reading is priceless.' **Kingsley Customer**

'Ever since she first started coming here it's grew her confidence. She became obsessed with books and has just become so social playing with all the kids. We are so lucky to have this on our doorstop. We Love Kingsley&Co' **Kingsley Customer**

'I like coming here (I feel safe) and I am happy and excited that I am here. I love it'
'I love everything about Ykids! Also I have fun, I'm happy and I feel safe'
'I feel safe and happy when I'm here'
'That Ykids helps me through tough times and I always feel like I can trust them. Ykids always has lots of activities and games to do and it makes me happy' Feedback from Ykids groups

We held a consultation at our AGM to which children and families are all invited. We asked participants to answer questions on a large sheet of paper. One question was 'How can Ykids do better? And one 10 year old wrote: ' Don't beat yourselves up – you work very hard and you are doing a great job'

'As a single working mum of 2, I don't get a lot of me time so having this book has made me take time out to read. It has enabled me to relax which has helped me as mum. Seeing me reading has also encouraged my daughter to read more often too.' Parent

'My 3 children enjoyed the whole day and all of the events. My 5 year old is in a wheelchair and it was very inclusive and accessible for him. Thank you' Pirate fest feedback

'We came on Monday and spent 4 hours at Pirate Fest! My son loved it, he doesn't usually read but we left with a Secret Seven book and he is loving every minute. We came back today because Jacob wanted to tell Tam about the book he started and to spend more time in his new favourite place. The magical book store. Thanks for giving him great memories.' Pirate fest feedback

‘I am 73 years old but enjoyed it as much as my 5 year old grandson & 2 year old granddaughter. Thought it was all very well organised and it helped a lot of families out to treat their children to have a lovely day our. The cake and tea was an added bonus. Delicious!’ Pirate fest feedback

"I can't believe my child is sitting still with other children. He never does that in school. Thank you so much this makes me so happy to see. ‘ Parent of a child with autism.

Ykids has also featured in a number of press releases, articles and films made by local including Ellandi, the manager of the Strand Shopping Centre who have acknowledged our impact footfall in the shopping centre and have asked us to consider opening another shop in shopping centre in Knowsley.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. They have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. Budgeted expenditure for 2022-23 remains under £500,000 and therefore the target is £75,000 to £150,000 in general funds.

While this is the Trustees intention, the present level of reserves fall significantly short of this target level. This is due in part to a loss in earned income during the pandemic and the need for urgent community needs to be met in a time of crisis. We end the year however in a healthier position but need to build some reserves again.

Although the strategy is to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses, in the short term the trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should such circumstances arise.

Principal Funding Sources

Ykids is seeking to continue to diversify its funding sources and decrease its reliance on grant making trusts. In 2021 - 22 our income was made up of:-

Type of income	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 year target
Grants and Trusts	77%	70%	65%	72%	55%	40%
Lottery	0%	1%	9%	5%	2%	0%
Earned Income						
SLA's/ Contracts	19%	10%	15%	14%	20%	20%
Earned Income	2 %	4%	5%	3%	11%	20%
Donations						
Individual Giving	2%	5%	6%	5%	6%	10%
Corporate Giving	0%	10%	0%	1%	6%	10%

NB: A large proportion of trust and grant funding was towards capital refurbishment in 2017-19.
While our income increased due to emergency Covid support grants, our targets to increase our diversification of income were impacted by the pandemic so we have not quite achieved our anticipated target for diversification, however we are still going in the right direction as we continue to work towards sustainability.

WHAT'S NEXT?

During 2022-23 Ykids hopes to deliver a range of activities in response to need and to benefit our community. These include:

• Recruiting additional staff in order to expand our capacity so that children are not put on waiting lists
• Rolling out the teen version of Giant Slayers created in consultation with young people
• Resuming our schools work once again
• Preparation for the Nov 2023 Bootle Children's Literary Festival themed 'Fairy Tale, Myth and Legend'
• Continue to expand the work of Kingsley & Co and developing links with schools, literary and arts organisations across the region
• Deliver an 'Explorer' themed summer programme
• Develop Monday Night Live as a regional event and find a new location as our current location has become too small.
• Deliver our parent Calm and Create programme, parenting training and book club
• Recruiting and training more volunteers
• Continuing our intern programme
• The Believe Awards – a regional event celebrating remarkable children and young people with the theme Camelot.
• Launching a corporate sponsorship programme and individual giving campaign.
• Taking a group of young people to the DTI (Dreaming The Impossible) Christian festival
• Continuing to support the work of the Kings Church in our partnership
• Supporting the Liverpool Diocese with its transition workshops and leavers' services
• Launching a story competition and publishing a book of fairy stories written by children.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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The board of trustees are elected on a three year cycle with nominations for presentation to the AGM. The induction is carried out by Claire Morgans. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Board of Trustees

We have an excellent board of active Trustees comprising of:

• Dr Jaime Craig – (Chair) consultant clinical psychologist specialising in children and families and child and adolescent mental health
• Mr Roy Coleman – retired with a background in insurance and HR
• Mr Kevin Thomas – HR and financial management for the RNLI
• Mr Steve Matthews - local planning manager at Sefton Council
• Mr Peter Morgan – businessman, finance expert, part of St James Place Wealth Management.
• Mrs Andrea Parry – retired former Finance Officer
• Mrs Tanya Edwards – a new trustee appointed this year and former young person who went through many of the Ykids programmes including an apprenticeship.

The Board of Trustee meets a minimum of 4-6 times a year and as well as being the accountable body, board members also support special events and activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Staffing

New staff appointed this year include:

- An intern on our 1 year intern programme
- An apprentice in Media and Marketing
- A Marketing Manager
- A Rank Foundation Time to Shine worker
- A part time worker at Kingsley and Co

Unfortunately we lost two marketing managers within the year, both to a higher paid job despite them being one of the highest paid positions in the organisation, and our Rank Time to Shine Worker fell pregnant and was unable to complete her programme.

Our staff structure at Ykids is purposefully designed to give lead members of staff the authority and scope to develop their own projects autonomously while also working under the CEO to ensure all work stays true to Ykids core values and our strategic direction. Our key staff include:

Management Team:

- Claire Morgans – CEO
- Darran Draper – Deputy CEO
- Beth Armstrong – Finance Officer and Administrator
- Neil Hayes – Youth Work Manager

Project Leads

- Anne Woodruff – Family Worker
- Louisa Jones – Children's and Family Worker
- Liz Jones – Kingsley and Co Manager
- Jake Davies – Story Keeper
- Luke Meehan – Christian Youth and Children's Worker

Everyone works towards their own delivery plan targets and outcomes under the overall leadership of Claire Morgans, Ykids CEO and founder. Claire is the link between the day-to-day work of Ykids and the board of trustees who have ultimate accountability.

Thank You

Thanks to the support of our many funders we have been able to move forward and we continue to build on diversifying our income to ensure the future sustainability of the organisation.

On behalf of our community, volunteers, staff and trustees we want to say a huge thank you for your invaluable support which has helped us to be there for our community and continue to change lives in very challenging situations. We move forward into a time of further uncertainty and increased demand but aim to continue to meet challenges head on as we work alongside those who have been so profoundly impacted by poverty and the cost of living crisis.

Thank you for journeying with us.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Funders List

29th May 1961 Charitable Trust
All Churches Trust
Cargill
Children in Need
Four Acre Trust
Kickstart Scheme
Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund
Living Well Sefton
National Lottery Awards for All England
PH Holt Foundation
Platinum Jubilee Fund
Power to Change
Sefton Council – Holiday, Activity and Food Programme
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service
Sefton Early Intervention and Prevention
Sefton in Mind
The Arts Council
The Beatrice Laing Trust
The Granada Foundation
The Henry Smith Charity
The Ironmongers' Company
The Julia & Hans Rausing Trust
The Liverpool One Foundation
The Rank Foundation
The Siobhan Dowd Trust
The Slavanka Trust
The Steve Morgan Foundation
The Thrive Network
The Tudor Trust
The Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation
Well Sefton

Unrestricted Funds

Fredmill Trust
The Betty Lawes Foundation
The Charles and Edna Broadhurst Charitable Trust
The Charles Brotherton Trust
The Christopher Home Trust
The John Rayner Charitable Trust

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07150747 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1141530

Registered office
98A Linacre Lane
Bootle
Merseyside
L20 6ES

Trustees

Company Secretary

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20.02.2023 and signed on its behalf by:

J.CRAIG
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Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ykids ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2022.

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

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FMAAT which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

David Hassall
FMAAT

Date: 21/04/2023

Ykids

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.22 Total funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		52,057	329,460	381,517	498,769
Other trading activities	2	97,250	20,894	118,144	47,645
Total		149,307	350,354	499,661	546,414
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Main Activity		155,441	378,187	533,628	445,889
Other		7,790	65,273	73,063	61,947
Total		163,231	443,460	606,691	507,836
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(13,924)	(93,106)	(107,030)	38,578
Transfers between funds	11	4,958	(4,958)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,966)	(98,064)	(107,030)	38,578
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		145,609	407,676	553,285	514,707
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		136,643	309,612	446,255	553,285

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.22 Total funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	339	253,341	253,680	281,397
Social investments	7	1	-	1	1
		340	253,341	253,681	281,398
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	8	-	-	-	2,542
Debtors	9	55,265	-	55,265	69,142
Prepayments and accrued income		-	-	-	29
Cash at bank and in hand		85,413	61,399	146,812	214,505
		140,678	61,399	202,077	286,218
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(4,375)	(5,128)	(9,503)	(14,331)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		136,303	56,271	192,574	271,887
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		136,643	309,612	446,255	553,285
NET ASSETS		136,643	309,612	446,255	553,285
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				136,643	145,609
Restricted funds				309,612	407,676
TOTAL FUNDS				446,255	553,285

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 August 2022

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 . 2 . 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Dr Jaime Craig
Chair of trustees

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Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Long Leasehold	4% SL
Plant & Machinery	25% SL
Fixtures & Fittings	33% SL
Motor Vehicles	14% SL
Computer Equipment	33% SL

Stocks
Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting
Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Charitable Revenue Generated	118,144	47,645

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	35,034	40,496

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	67,772	430,997	498,769
Other trading activities	47,645	-	47,645
Total	115,417	430,997	546,414
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Main Activity	29,375	416,514	445,889
Other	3,594	58,353	61,947
Total	32,969	474,867	507,836
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	82,448	(43,870)	38,578
Transfers between funds	(18,290)	18,290	-
Net movement in funds	64,158	(25,580)	38,578
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	81,451	433,256	514,707
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	145,609	407,676	553,285

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 September 2021	276,953	4,500	31,743
Additions	6,170	-	667
At 31 August 2022	283,123	4,500	32,410
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2021	43,347	3,626	26,781
Charge for year	12,376	841	1,362
At 31 August 2022	55,723	4,467	28,143
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2022	227,400	33	4,267
At 31 August 2021	233,606	874	4,962

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 September 2021	48,256	53,830	415,282
Additions	-	480	7,317
At 31 August 2022	48,256	54,310	422,599
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2021	27,575	32,556	133,885
Charge for year	6,893	13,562	35,034
At 31 August 2022	34,468	46,118	168,919
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2022	13,788	8,192	253,680
At 31 August 2021	20,681	21,274	281,397

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7. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Other investment £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	1
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2022	1
At 31 August 2021	1

8. STOCKS

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
Stock	-	2,542

9. DEBTORS

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	1,041	(821)
Other debtors	20	20
	1,061	(801)
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
NorthPerk Inter Comp Loan	54,204	69,943
Aggregate amounts	55,265	69,142

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,058	7,116
Social security and other taxes	6,046	6,111
Pension	1,399	1,199
Accruals and deferred income	-	(95)
	9,503	14,331

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.21	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.8.22
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	145,609	(13,924)	4,958	136,643
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	407,676	(93,106)	(4,958)	309,612
TOTAL FUNDS	553,285	(107,030)	-	446,255

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	149,307	(163,231)	(13,924)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	350,354	(443,460)	(93,106)
TOTAL FUNDS	499,661	(606,691)	(107,030)

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	81,451	82,448	(18,290)	145,609
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	433,256	(43,870)	18,290	407,676
TOTAL FUNDS	514,707	38,578	-	553,285

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	115,417	(32,969)	82,448
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	430,997	(474,867)	(43,870)
TOTAL FUNDS	546,414	(507,836)	38,578

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	81,451	68,524	(13,332)	136,643
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	433,256	(136,976)	13,332	309,612
TOTAL FUNDS	514,707	(68,452)	-	446,255

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	264,724	(196,200)	68,524
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	781,351	(918,327)	(136,976)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,046,075	(1,114,527)	(68,452)

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	29,235	33,524
Grants	352,282	465,245
	381,517	498,769
Other trading activities		
Charitable Revenue Generated	118,144	47,645
Total incoming resources	499,661	546,414
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Sundries	21,525	10,000
Salaries	352,615	298,575
Subscriptions	1,037	1,234
Artist & Performers	25,202	10,687
Community Events	13,385	-
Consumables	30,295	26,631
Equipment	8,362	26,770
K&Co Non Capital	4,353	450
K&Co Stock	10,082	5,765
Printing & Stationery	1,659	1,552
Publicity	4,617	949
Refreshments	4,824	4,016
Training	7,770	14,567
Travel	3,957	3,438
Trips	5,642	1,154
	495,325	405,788
Other		
Bank Charges	1,683	962
Cleaning	2,391	2,536
Accountancy	5,255	4,359
Depreciation	51,779	40,495
Carried forward	61,108	48,352

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
Other		
Brought forward	61,108	48,352
Equipment Lease	2,750	2,810
Fundraising Cost	2,434	2,989
Staff Health & Wellbeing	1,727	1,830
Staff Training	1,743	3,200
Other Staff Cost	1,657	1,299
Travel	1,644	1,467
	73,063	61,947
Support costs		
Management		
Sundry Cost	844	(101)
Equip Non Cap	431	806
Marketing	188	1,653
Telephone	1,567	1,401
Postage and stationery	2,139	2,347
Professional Fees	6,462	16,495
Subscription & Membership	757	-
	12,388	22,601
Information technology		
Repairs and renewals	3,363	2,867
Other		
Rent	2,313	-
Insurance	3,925	3,328
Gas & Electric	12,343	6,882
Water Rates	2,305	1,332
Other Premises Cost	276	374
Repairs & Maintenance	1,390	2,717
	22,552	14,633
Total resources expended	606,691	507,836
Net (expenditure)/income	(107,030)	38,578

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England & Wales - Charity number 1141530

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07150747 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1141530

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

for

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

2020-21 has been another interesting and challenging year as we continued to manage our activities and benefit our community throughout the Covid 19 Pandemic. This report outlines our aims and objectives as a charity and how we implemented these during both 6 months lockdown, and six months with some restrictions still in place. This report also briefly outlines our community impact, as we sought to alleviate increased need and demand during unprecedented times.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Ykids is a charity working to bring hope to at risk and vulnerable children and young people and their families. While our base and primary focus is Bootle, Merseyside, we have a wider remit to impact children and young people across the region.

Our vision is to raise World Changers - equipping young people to believe that they can, and then do make a difference. We want children and young people to feel safe, loved and lead happy and productive lives, making a positive impact in their own lives and in the lives of those around them. This is particularly important in areas of deprivation where children often lack opportunity, face increased challenges and have low aspirations.

Aims:

Make Change: To equip young people to cope with whatever life throws at them, have plans and hopes for their future and skills to make their dreams a reality.

Be Change: To encourage young people to 'be the change they want to see' in their community

Champion Change: To enable our community, families and institutions to make change to nurture young people in an environment where they can thrive.

Objectives

As a result of their involvement with Ykids, children and young people will:

- Have increased emotional resilience
- Engage in social action, volunteering, community events and have a voice for change
- Feel nurtured, valued and flourish
- Have greater aspirations for themselves and others resulting in community transformation

Historically, Ykids has offered a variety of activities to turn these aims into reality. They centre around:

- **Youth & Children** - we offer multiple regular groups aimed at children 5-17 years focussed on wellbeing, mentoring, citizenship, belonging, skills development and fun. These include one off events and activities, as well as short and longer-term programmes.
- **Families** - we offer support and promote family cohesion through family projects, peer mentoring and training, one-to-one support and practical help such as court and hospital visits, food through our community pantry and crisis intervention.
- **Wellbeing** - addressing physical and emotional wellbeing through cooking, nutrition, sport, and early intervention projects.
- **Training** - we offer apprenticeships, work placements, an intern programme, work experience, bespoke and accredited training opportunities.
- **Enterprise** - Ykids aims to be a more self-sustaining charity. We do this through social enterprise business. Kingsley & Co is our Victorian Explorer themed children's bookshop and literacy project which aims to support children and family wellbeing through story and generate some income for the charity.
- **Community** - we host community events including the Believe Awards, Bootle Children's Literary Festival, fun days, community art projects and social action involving multiple partners and the wider community.

• **Education** - we work in primary and secondary schools to deliver assemblies, self-esteem programmes and extracurricular activities, building relationships, mentoring and offering curricular enhancing projects.

• **Faith** - Ykids has a Christian ethos and therefore some of our work is with local churches. We work in partnership with churches, support employment, deliver training and activities to promote effective outreach in deprived communities. We also deliver in house projects such as Monday Night Live for young people who wish to explore aspects of the Christian faith.

Our charity's purposes, as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of Association, are:

"To advance the Christian religion and to advance the education of children by providing educational and recreational activities to develop their mental, emotional and spiritual capacities so that their quality of life may be improved for the public benefit."

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Covid Response

During the Covid 19 pandemic it has been necessary to adapt our delivery in order to adhere to government guidelines and restrictions while still delivering our core work. During the first half of the academic year the Liverpool city region saw increasing rates of infection which led us to the decision to keep our core children's and youth projects online for consistency. This proved to be the correct decision as Liverpool became the first area to be' locked down' again after a fairly restriction free summer. This lockdown then continued for over 5 months.

In order to meet the growing needs of our community during this time we responded by:

• Delivering multiple age appropriate weekly themed Zoom groups for children and teens similar to our face to face projects. This included delivering weekly project packs containing resources and snack to children's homes to help them fully engage.
• Offering support through online mentoring and a dedicated phone line.
• Sending out monthly activity packs with crafts, games and books to 250 children.
• Setting up a digital loan scheme for those struggling to access online
• Delivering a birthday present to every child who was on our free membership list.
• Opening a community pantry offering £30 worth of fresh food for £3.50 to families of children who were members.
• Delivering a Christmas club that worked in a similar way to Pantry but offered new toys for parents to choose, paying only weekly membership.
• Family Zoom quiz nights attended by 70 plus people each time.
• Family support via a helpline, Facebook group and individual mentoring.
• Virtual walks engaging both children and parents who counted steps and gained medals on completion.
• Socially distanced events such as activity trails.
• Parents online book club
• Creating entertaining online content and a dedicated website full of ideas for activities to do at home.

We also became an Arts Award centre and delivered an online arts programme for children, developed a Horrid History Map of Bootle with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, delivered online lessons in schools and set up a volunteer reading and mentoring project.

Digital skills

Thanks to support from the Steve Morgan Foundation, DCMS, Liverpool City Region and John Moores Foundation, we were able to replace our digital equipment and develop our digital skills and qualifications. This has proved invaluable and greatly enhanced our offer and efficiency both during lockdowns and now as we move forward.

Faith

As a Christian Ethos organisation some aspects of our work are focused on the Christian faith. During lockdown we sent out a message of encouragement every Sunday which was well received and developed a youth church project called Monday Night Live for young people who wished to explore faith. These monthly online events were very popular and it is hoped that they will develop as we deliver them in person from October 2021.

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Due to restrictions our usual support with the Liverpool Diocese leavers services went online, with Ykids helping to create action song videos and supporting editing so that the service could go out to hundreds of schools across Merseyside reaching over 6000 year 6 children. We also had the opportunity to make a radio programme for All Stars Kids Club who were streaming programmes across the UK and USA during Easter. The programme featured quizzes, games, news and stories from our interns.

This year we also took on 4 faith interns who supported every aspect of Ykids work while exploring a calling to children and youth work. All interns grew in confidence and skills with all 4 moving on to higher education once they had finished. The interns all brought their own skills, vitality and ideas to Ykids offer and very much enhanced what we were able to offer.

Outcomes:

• As a result of our work we found that we did not have a significant drop off of members and groups remained at 90% attendance most weeks despite being online.
• We built stronger relationships with whole families.
• We were more trusted which meant that more children and families opened up to us about their mental health, wellbeing, financial and other challenges.
• Parents, children and young people told us that our work had enabled them to cope, manage their wellbeing, feel less isolated and for some, even thrive, through a difficult year.
• Our reputation increased across the community and as restrictions lifted we saw a large increase both in need and demand for our services. This evidenced our success in responding to our community effectively over the long lockdown months but also raised issues around capacity.

Unfortunately we were not able to open our Kingsley and Co project properly or at all for almost 6 months. We therefore had no income and were unable to deliver face to face projects or community events due to the nature of lockdowns. We did however find creative ways to promote literacy and a joy of story through socially distanced events, online projects, online lessons, pre-recorded messages and stories from authors and by giving away 1,200 books.

April 2021 - restrictions easing

We were able to deliver face to face work again from April but the use of face masks hampered the work considerably. Groups of children/ young people returned to pre pandemic numbers but we were unable to deliver the variety and complexity of projects we would have done formerly. We did however note the increase in anxiety and mental health related issues among young people and families, and as expected the increased financial challenges families were facing.

Most restrictions were lifted as schools broke up for the summer. We were aware that many local families were unable to take their children on holiday both because of affordability and due to restrictions and that many were unable to even take their children away for day trips. We therefore put together a summer programme of FREE activities to bring some joy and normal socialisation back into young people's lives. This included:

• 6 x family themed fun days attended by 10 - 15 families each time - around 60 people. Unfortunately we still needed to be cautious around over populating a building and so we had to turn away just as many families each week as we could not expand our capacity.
• Youth and children's day trips

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• Summer activity packs to 250 children
• Free x 6 weeks of community Pantry ensuring low income families were able to feed their children well.
• Story workshops at Kingsley and Co
• 3 week Dino Dig, featuring a giant sand pit filled with fossils, crafts, dinosaur keeper training workshops, dinosaur experts, comedy cavemen and an animatronic dinosaur. Over 6,500 people attended over the 3 weeks and feedback was exceptional. 85% of those who attended were from deprived neighbourhoods in Merseyside and 55% were on free school meals.

Outcomes

The sheer numbers of people attending projects evidence that people felt starved of community and enjoyed the opportunity to get together and for their children to engage with free fun and educational opportunities.

15 young people gave up their summer holidays to volunteer working in the bookshop, café, with family fun days and events.

We saw an increase in the way in which parents valued our services and staff and began to offer to get involved and volunteer themselves.

We saw an increased interest in all our projects and activities and from Sept 21 have seen group numbers increase dramatically, challenging our staffing and space capacity to the point when group sizes and dynamics have had to be changed and we are seeking funding for additional staff to bring down waiting lists.
Families valued the impact having free pantry membership had on them over the summer - particularly as the majority were on free school meals.

Post Covid - challenges and our response

There are a few key areas that we wish to address during this coming year where we have identified need post pandemic. This is in addition to the current ongoing needs of the community due to poverty and disadvantage. They include:

Children's mental health - there has been a significant increase in the number for children exhibiting low to medium mental health issues such as anxiety, fear and worry. Waiting lists for support are 2 years long so we need to address issues as soon as they are identified with the hope that early intervention will prevent later escalation. We will be delivering more 'Giant Slayers' programmes to help children to underst and how their body works and give them tools to address their anxiety.

Food poverty - our pantry now has 45 members who regularly use the project. We have to limit this as we do not have the room to expand and we do not wish to become a food focused charity however currently we are able to manage all those who ask to join.

Parental support and well being - the pandemic has also adversely affected the mental wellbeing of many parents. We are therefore putting into place a number of projects to support them including a 'Calm and Create' space during the day where parents can drop in chat, do craft, etc. as well as continuing the book club, and r estarting our parent training drop in on a Friday morning.

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Children's behaviour and socialisation - many younger children have missed most of 2 years at school and as a result are behind in their socialisation. Being able to share, play fairly, take turns, sit still, listen to others and participate in teamwork, are skills they are lacking. To this end we are delivering projects which promote thes e essential life skills and help children catch up.

Educational Catch up - Bootle is an area ranked in the bottom 6% in the UK for literacy. In order to promote literacy through a joy of engaging with literature we intend to deliver the 3rd Bootle Children's Literary Festival based out of Kingsley & Co in the Bootle Strand, working with over 20 schools and 20 artists and authors. We also plan to deliver a wide range of activities from Kingsley & Co to continue to promote literacy including school visits, workshops, story and rhyme and a 2 week summer pirate event. Our current classroom will be converted into a discovery room and we plan to expand into the shop unit next door to create a larger classroom.

Financial poverty - while we cannot give financial advice we will be working with partner organisations to bring in debt advisors, deliver money courses and teach children key financial skills. Our ongoing Pantry and Christmas Club also contribute to helping families to budget and make the most of what they have.

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Ykids approach

We operate from an Asset Based Community Development perspective, recognising the strengths and positives in every person. We seek to build on these strengths to enable individuals to discover what their own gifts, talents and interests are and to encourage them in these fields.
The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Who Benefits from Ykids?

Children, young people, families and the wider community, predominantly in Bootle but also in other areas across Merseyside.
Bootle as an area is often characterised by gangs, drug use and poverty.
In our immediate area:
• 46% of children live in poverty
• 36% of all adults are out of work and 47% of houses are owned by social landlords
• 42% of working age adults have no qualifications
• 48% of children are growing up in lone parent families
• Life expectancy for girls is 69; 11 years below the national average
• Life expectancy for boys is 77; 7 years below the national average and a huge 20 years lower than in the UK's most affluent areas
• Literacy levels are in the bottom 6% in the UK
• On average approximately 200 crimes are committed each month within a mile radius of our building.

According to the indices of multiple deprivation, the areas in which we work are in the 'most deprived' in the UK. Poverty is not just a lack of money. It also affects education, attainment but most of all it affects people's view of themselves, giving a message that they are not as valuable as someone who has more money.
Ykids is based in Bootle and we desire to see change in this area. As such, our immediate beneficiaries are children, young people and families living in Bootle and the surrounding area who can directly access our face-to-face projects and activities. For larger events and activities such as the Dino Dig, Believe Awards and Bootle Children's Literary Festival, Ykids has a regional reach. Children and young people are always our priority.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

STATS

Ykids Delivery - Sept 2020 to Aug 2021

- 14 children gaining Arts awards
- 40 Christmas hampers distributed
- 30 families regularly attending the community pantry
- 58 summer holiday sessions
- 120 Zoom group meetings
- 350 Christmas gifts distributed through Christmas Club
- 1,500 activity packs distributed
- 2,000 Horrid History Maps and interactive website created.
- 6,000 children experiencing Liverpool Diocese Leavers service online
- 6,500 people attending the 3 week Dino Dig in Bootle Strand
- 37,440 meals distributed through pantry
- Many children, worldwide, listening to our radio show.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE
Internal and external factors
What people say:

"I just can't thank you enough for this, we weren't going to have a proper Christmas dinner, just basic as we just couldn't afford it. This year has been awful for my family trying to make ends meet. People think if you work...you are ok, well we are not. This is going to make a huge difference to us, I just cannot thank you enough."

Parent and member of Community Pantry on receiving a Christmas Hamper thanks to the support of the Albert Gubay Foundation

'[Giant Slayers has] helped me a lot. Now I am not as afraid to tell my parents how I feel. Also, the [gratitude] jar and bin have helped me a lot because the bin has actually made my worries go away! I also enjoyed it because when we did the pit and the peak and that stuff, when it was my turn, I wasn't as afraid to show how I felt.'

Child aged 8 attending the Giant Slayers programme

Absolutely fantastic, outstanding, fab, fab, fab. Thank you so so much. Staff really friendly and my son has a disability

Parent after family attended the summer Dino Dig Project in the local shopping centre.

Best shop EVER. Brilliant books, magical and fun. This is better than any book shop. I would recommend this for anyone who is inspired by books. Thank you for inspiring more people.

Child aged 9 visiting Kingsley and Co

Simply boss! One of a kind-shop, just what Bootle needs, life and culture!! P.S Staff are brilliant and so interactive. Love and Respect Peter.

Visitor to Kingsley and Co

How our activities deliver public benefit
Our main activities and who we help with are described above. All our charitable activities focus on enhancing the lives of children and young people, promoting self-esteem, positive mindsets, mental wellbeing, health, emotional resilience, skills, employment and raising aspirations and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. They have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. Budgeted expenditure for 2020-21 excluding capital was £472,000 and therefore the target is £75,000 to £150,000 in general funds.

While this is the Trustees intention, the present level of reserves fall significantly short of this target level. This is due in part to a loss in earned income during the pandemic and the need for urgent community needs to be met in a time of crisis. We end the year however in a healthier position and have begun to build some reserves again.

Although the strategy is to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses, in the short term the trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should such circumstances arise.

Principal Funding Sources

Ykids is seeking to continue to diversify its funding sources and decrease its reliance on grant making trusts. In 2020-21 our income was made up of:-

Type of income	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 year target
Grants and Trusts	77%	70%	65%	72%	40%
Lottery	0%	1%	9%	5%	0%
		Earned Income			
SLA's/ Contracts	19%	10%	15%	14%	20%
Earned income	2%	4%	5%	3%	20%
Individual		Donations			
giving	2%	5%	6%	5%	10%
Corporate Giving	0%	10%	0%	1%	10%

NB: A large proportion of trust and grant funding was towards capital refurbishment in 2017-19.
While our income increased due to emergency Covid support grants, our targets to increase our diversification of income were impacted by the pandemic.

WHAT'S NEXT

During 2021-22 Ykids hopes to deliver a range of activities in response to need and to benefit our community. These include:

• Recruiting additional staff in order to expand our capacity so that children are not put on waiting lists
• Developing and rolling out the teen version of Giant Slayers created in consultation with young people
• Resuming our schools work once again
• Bootle Children's Literary Festival themed 'The Time Machine'
• Expanding the work of Kingsley & Co including developing a number of events, regular workshops and projects that promote a joy of story through the arts and literature.
• Explore options for adding a green roof to our current building and address current roof repairs.
• Develop Monday Night Live as a regional event
• Developing a new church partnership with The Kings Church by training and supporting a worker
• 2 week summer pirate festival
• Parent Calm and create programme, training and book club
• Recruiting and training more volunteers
• Continuing our intern programme
• The Believe Awards – a regional event celebrating remarkable children and young people
• Commissioning an external audit to evidence the long term impact Ykids is having in order to celebrate 20 years as a charity in Bootle in early 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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The board of trustees are elected on a three year cycle with nominations for presentation to the AGM. The induction is carried out by Claire Morgans. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

Board of Trustees

We have an excellent board of active Trustees comprising of:

• Dr Jaime Craig - (Chair) consultant clinical psychologist specialising in children and families and child and adolescent mental health
• Mr Roy Coleman - retired with a background in insurance and HR
• Mr Kevin Thomas - HR and financial management for the RNLI
• Mr Steve Matthews - local planning manager at Sefton Council
• Mr Peter Morgan - businessman, finance expert, part of St James Place Wealth Management.
• Mrs Andrea Parry - retired former Finance Officer

The Board of Trustee meets a minimum of 4-6 times a year and as well as being the accountable body, board members also support special events and activities. During the pandemic, meetings have been more frequent.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Staffing

2019-20 was a lean year for Ykids and as a result we had to make a number of staff redundant, or staff chose to move on. In Jan 2020 our staff team dropped to just 7 members. We had no idea that we were about to enter into a pandemic. However, funders across the UK recognised the value of the third sector and its ability to act quickly to respond to need and many of the arduous processes of applying for funding were simplified and tight restrictions lifted. We benefited from this change and were able to respond quickly to the needs of children and the community. We continued to work throughout the pandemic and were able to secure additional funds for staffing. In September 2020 we were able to appoint 3 new staff - A Story Keeper and Project Manager for Kingsley & Co and a Faith based youth and children's worker for our faith projects. We also secured a year placement on the Rank Aspire Programme and employed a former volunteer, and another placement on the Rank Time to Shine Programme, employing a former parent/service user.

We reopened our Intern programme and took on 3 interns and later in the year appointed 3 young people on the Kickstart programme, one of whom we went on to employ full time.

Our staff structure at Ykids is purposefully designed to give lead members of staff the authority and scope to develop their own projects autonomously while also working under the CEO to ensure all work stays true to Ykids core values and our strategic direction. Our key staff include:

Management Team:
- Claire Morgans - CEO
- Darran Draper - Deputy CEO
- Beth Armstrong - Finance Officer and Administrator
- Neil Hayes - Youth Work Manager Project Leads
- Anne Woodruff - Family Worker
- Louisa Wanless - Children's and Family Worker
- Lucia Miller - Media and Marketing Manager
- Liz Jones - Kingsley and Co Manager
- Kat Bent - Story Keeper
- Luke Meehan - Christian Youth and Children's Worker

Interns and Trainees
We also took on
- 3 full time interns for the year
- 2 Rank Foundation Year placements
- 3 kickstarters - 6 month placements

Everyone works towards their own delivery plan targets and outcomes under the overall leadership of Claire Morgans, Ykids CEO and founder. Claire is the link between the day-to-day work of Ykids and the board of trustees who have ultimate accountability.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Thank you

Ykids entered this pandemic with some uncertainty. All of our earned income disappeared over night meaning that key salaries and core costs were now unfunded.

Thanks to the support of our many funders we were able to move forward confidently.
As restrictions and lock downs continued into a second year we have adapted and developed new ways to successfully reach our community.

On behalf of our community, volunteers, staff and trustees we want to say a huge thank you for your invaluable support which has helped us to be there for our community and continue to change lives in very challenging situations. We move forward into a time of further uncertainty and increased demand but aim to continue to meet challenges head on as we work alongside those who have been so profoundly impacted by poverty and the pandemic.

Thank you for journeying with us.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07150747 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1141530

Registered office
99a Linacre Lane
Bootle
Merseyside
L20 6ES

Trustees

Company Secretary

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26.04.22 and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee J. CRAIG

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of YKids ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2021.

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

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

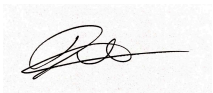
Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FMAAT which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

David Hassall
FMAAT



Date: .....

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		67,769	431,000	498,769	386,551
Other trading activities	2	47,645	-	47,645	54,833
Total		115,414	431,000	546,414	441,384
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Main		32,897	432,000	464,897	351,402
Other		40	42,279	42,319	48,124
Total		32,937	474,279	507,216	399,526
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		82,477	(43,279)	39,198	41,858
Transfers between funds	12	(18,290)	18,290	-	-
Net movement in funds		64,187	(24,989)	39,198	41,858
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		81,419	432,668	514,087	472,229
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		145,606	407,679	553,285	514,087

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	300	281,097	281,397	298,026
Social investments	7	1	-	1	1
		301	281,097	281,398	298,027
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	8	-	2,542	2,542	-
Debtors	9	70,619	480	71,099	107,445
Prepayments and accrued income		29	-	29	-
Cash at bank and in hand		77,550	136,973	214,523	112,793
		148,198	139,995	288,193	220,238
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,890)	(13,416)	(16,306)	(4,178)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		145,308	126,579	271,887	216,060
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		145,609	407,676	553,285	514,087
NET ASSETS		145,609	407,676	553,285	514,087
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				145,609	81,419
Restricted funds				407,676	432,668
TOTAL FUNDS				553,285	514,087

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 August 2021

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26.04.22 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

J. CRAIG

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Stock
Stock are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Charitable Revenue Generated	47,645	54,833

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	40,495	36,275

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	76,252	310,299	386,551
Other trading activities	52,054	2,779	54,833
Total	128,306	313,078	441,384
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Main	118,212	233,190	351,402
Other	1,628	46,496	48,124
Total	119,840	279,686	399,526
NET INCOME	8,466	33,392	41,858
Transfers between funds	436	(436)	-

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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Net movement in funds	8,902	32,956	41,858
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	72,518	399,711	472,229
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	81,420	432,667	514,087

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 September 2020	276,953	4,500	31,403
Additions	-	-	340
At 31 August 2021	276,953	4,500	31,743
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2020	32,279	2,760	18,126
Charge for year	11,068	866	8,655
At 31 August 2021	43,347	3,626	26,781
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2020	244,674	1,740	13,277
At 31 August 2021	233,606	874	4,962

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 September 2020	48,256	30,303	391,415
Additions	-	23,526	23,866
At 31 August 2021	48,256	53,829	415,281
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2020	20,681	19,543	93,389
Charge for year	6,894	13,012	40,495
At 31 August 2021	27,575	32,555	133,884
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2020	27,575	10,760	298,026
At 31 August 2021	20,681	21,274	281,397

7. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Other investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021	1
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2020	1
At 31 August 2021	1

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8. STOCK

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Stock	2,542	-

9. DEBTORS

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	1,136	3,079
Other debtors	20	-
	1,156	3,079
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
NorthPerk Inter Comp Loan	69,943	104,366
Aggregate amounts	71,099	107,445

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 11)	0	0
Trade creditors	1,900	2,885
Social security and other taxes	6,111	3,656
Pension	1,199	739
Accruals and deferred income	(95)	(29)
	16,306	94,431

11. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	0	0

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	81,419	82,480	(18,290)	145,609
Restricted funds				
Rank Foundation - RAP Project	-	3,530	(2,545)	985
Children In Need	272	(272)	-	-
Rank Foundation - CAP Project	-	290	(290)	-
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation - Capital	43,474	-	(43,474)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	19,291	3,460	-	22,751
Rank Foundation - TTS Project	-	2,137	-	2,137
Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund	2,645	4,679	-	7,324
The Heritage Lottery Fund	9,919	(8,252)	-	1,667
Burbo Bank Orsted Community Fund	1,250	(1,250)	-	-
The UK Youth Fund	19,808	(19,022)	-	786
St James's Place Charitable Foundation	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
The Steve Morgan Foundation - Covid	3,170	(3,334)	164	-
Tilotson Bradbery Charitable Trust	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
LCR Cares	9,298	(9,298)	-	-
The Rank Foundation - Resilience Fund	12,966	(11,766)	-	1,200
The Beatrice Laing Trust	7,230	(4,254)	-	2,976
Arts Council England	15,098	(15,098)	-	-
The Fore's Raft Fund	2,045	(2,045)	-	-
Children In Need (Booster Grant)	2,990	(1,248)	-	1,742
The Liverpool One Foundation	-	6,750	-	6,750
The Tudor Trust	-	3,390	(75)	3,315
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Capital Assets	240,212	(36,282)	64,674	268,604
Curious Minds	-	(150)	-	(150)
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	-	5,000	-	5,000
All Churches Trust - Kingsley & Co	25,000	-	-	25,000
Sefton CVS - Community Champions	-	2,500	-	2,500
Ironmongers Company	-	5,656	-	5,656
John Moores Foundation	-	3,194	-	3,194
Julia & Hans Rausing Trust	-	8,843	-	8,843
Kickstart Scheme	-	(907)	-	(907)
Living Well Sefton	-	2,900	-	2,900
The Siobhan Dowd Trust	-	10,000	-	10,000

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The Steve Morgan Foundation (Salary)	-	757	(164)	593
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	24,587	-	24,587
Well Sefton - SPHL	-	223	-	223
	432,668	(43,282)	18,290	407,676
TOTAL FUNDS	514,087	39,198	-	553,285

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	115,414	(32,934)	82,480
Restricted funds			
Rank Foundation - RAP Project	22,502	(18,972)	3,530
Children In Need	31,200	(31,472)	(272)
Rank Foundation - CAP Project	720	(430)	290
Cargill - Kingsley & Co	3,955	(3,955)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	23,000	(19,540)	3,460
Rank Foundation - TTS Project	12,413	(10,276)	2,137
Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund	15,000	(10,321)	4,679
The 23 Foundation	1,000	(1,000)	-
The Heritage Lottery Fund	1	(8,253)	(8,252)
Burbo Bank Orsted Community Fund	3,750	(5,000)	(1,250)
The UK Youth Fund	(1)	(19,021)	(19,022)
St James's Place Charitable Foundation	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
The Steve Morgan Foundation - Covid	(1)	(3,333)	(3,334)
Tilotson Bradbery Charitable Trust	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
LCR Cares	-	(9,298)	(9,298)
The Rank Foundation - Resilience Fund	-	(11,766)	(11,766)
The Beatrice Laing Trust	5,000	(9,254)	(4,254)
National Lottery Community Fund	30,000	(30,000)	-
Arts Council England	2,500	(17,598)	(15,098)
The Fore's Raft Fund	-	(2,045)	(2,045)
Children In Need (Booster Grant)	1	(1,249)	(1,248)
The Liverpool One Foundation	6,750	-	6,750
All Churches Trust	15,200	(15,200)	-
The Tudor Trust	28,000	(24,610)	3,390
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Capital Assets	-	(36,282)	(36,282)
Violence Reduction Partnership	6,425	(6,425)	-
Curious Minds	900	(1,050)	(150)
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Christopher Home Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
Sefton CVS - Community Champions	2,500	-	2,500

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Sefton Council - Holiday Activity and Food Programme	18,750	(18,750)	-
Ironmongers Company	5,656	-	5,656
John Moores Foundation	5,000	(1,806)	3,194
Julia & Hans Rausing Trust	51,087	(42,244)	8,843
Kickstart Scheme	3,833	(4,740)	(907)
Living Well Sefton	2,900	-	2,900
Police Property Act	1,925	(1,925)	-
Rank Foundation - DCMS Covid-19 Recovery Fund	25,000	(25,000)	-
The Siobhan Dowd Trust	10,000	-	10,000
The Steve Morgan Foundation (Salary)	30,000	(29,243)	757
The Steve Morgan Foundation - DCMS Community Match Challenge Fund	20,001	(20,001)	-
The Steve Morgan Foundation - Community Match Challenge Fund	8,333	(8,333)	-
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	27,000	(2,413)	24,587
Tudor (Wellbeing)	2,000	(2,000)	-
Well Sefton - SPHL	2,700	(2,477)	223
	431,000	(474,282)	(43,282)
TOTAL FUNDS	546,414	(507,216)	39,198

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	72,518	8,465	436	81,419
Restricted funds				
Well Sefton	18,977	(18,977)	-	-
Rank Foundation - RAP Project	900	(900)	-	-
Children In Need	-	1,827	(1,555)	272
Rank Foundation - CAP Project	480	(480)	-	-
Cargill - Kingsley & Co	33,035	(27,111)	(5,924)	-
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation - Capital	49,474	(6,000)	-	43,474
The Henry Smith Charity	20,041	(750)	-	19,291
Rank Foundation - TTS Project	5,499	(5,499)	-	-
Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund	2,376	269	-	2,645
Environmental Improvements Fund	-	783	(783)	-
The 23 Foundation	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
The Heritage Lottery Fund	-	9,919	-	9,919
Burbo Bank Orsted Community Fund	-	1,250	-	1,250
The UK Youth Fund	-	19,808	-	19,808
St James's Place Charitable Foundation	-	10,000	-	10,000
The Steve Morgan Foundation - Covid	-	3,170	-	3,170
Tilotson Bradbery Charitable Trust	-	3,000	-	3,000
LCR Cares	-	9,298	-	9,298
The Rank Foundation - Resilience Fund	-	12,966	-	12,966
The Beatrice Laing Trust	-	7,230	-	7,230
National Lottery Community Fund	-	309	-	309
Arts Council England	-	15,098	-	15,098
The Fore's Raft Fund	-	2,045	-	2,045
Children In Need (Booster Grant)	-	2,990	-	2,990
EL Rathbone	2	(2)	-	-
The Liverpool One Foundation	440	(440)	-	-
All Churches Trust	-	25,000	-	25,000
The Tudor Trust	-	(75)	75	-
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation	-	5,000	-	5,000
Capital Assets	268,487	(38,835)	10,251	239,903

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

	399,711	33,393	(436)	432,668
TOTAL FUNDS	472,229	41,858	-	514,087

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	128,306	(119,841)	8,465
Restricted funds			
Well Sefton	(1)	(18,976)	(18,977)
Rank Foundation - RAP Project	-	(900)	(900)
Children In Need	30,600	(28,773)	1,827
Rank Foundation - CAP Project	-	(480)	(480)
Cargill - Kingsley & Co	1	(27,112)	(27,111)
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation - Capital	-	(6,000)	(6,000)
The Henry Smith Charity	22,999	(23,749)	(750)
Rank Foundation - TTS Project	-	(5,499)	(5,499)
Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund	15,001	(14,732)	269
Environmental Improvements Fund	994	(211)	783
The 23 Foundation	2,500	-	2,500
The Heritage Lottery Fund	10,000	(81)	9,919
Burbo Bank Orsted Community Fund	11,250	(10,000)	1,250
The UK Youth Fund	19,808	-	19,808
St James's Place Charitable Foundation	10,000	-	10,000
The Steve Morgan Foundation - Covid	20,001	(16,831)	3,170
Tilotson Bradbery Charitable Trust	3,000	-	3,000
LCR Cares	14,298	(5,000)	9,298
The Rank Foundation - Resilience Fund	20,000	(7,034)	12,966
The Beatrice Laing Trust	7,500	(270)	7,230
National Lottery Community Fund	30,000	(29,691)	309
Arts Council England	22,500	(7,402)	15,098
The Fore's Raft Fund	5,000	(2,955)	2,045
Children In Need (Booster Grant)	3,000	(10)	2,990
EL Rathbone	-	(2)	(2)
The Liverpool One Foundation	-	(440)	(440)
All Churches Trust	25,000	-	25,000
The Tudor Trust	-	(75)	(75)
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
Capital Assets	2,778	(41,613)	(38,835)
The Hilden Charitable Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
Violence Reduction Partnership	7,349	(7,349)	-

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Arm Trust	2,000	(2,000)	-
ASDA	500	(500)	-
Curious Minds	2,000	(2,000)	-
Sefton Supporting Familes Against Youth Crime Fund	10,000	(10,000)	-
PH Holt Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
	313,078	(279,685)	33,393
TOTAL FUNDS	441,384	(399,526)	41,858

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	72,518	90,945	(17,854)	145,609
Restricted funds				
Well Sefton	18,977	(18,977)	-	-
Rank Foundation - RAP Project	900	2,630	(2,545)	985
Children In Need	-	1,555	(1,555)	-
Rank Foundation - CAP Project	480	(190)	(290)	-
Cargill - Kingsley & Co	33,035	(27,111)	(5,924)	-
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation - Capital	49,474	(6,000)	(43,474)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	20,041	2,710	-	22,751
Rank Foundation - TTS Project	5,499	(3,362)	-	2,137
Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund	2,376	4,948	-	7,324
Environmental Improvements Fund	-	783	(783)	-
The 23 Foundation	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
The Heritage Lottery Fund	-	1,667	-	1,667
The UK Youth Fund	-	786	-	786
The Steve Morgan Foundation - Covid	-	(164)	164	-
The Rank Foundation - Resilience Fund	-	1,200	-	1,200
The Beatrice Laing Trust	-	2,976	-	2,976
National Lottery Community Fund	-	309	-	309
Children In Need (Booster Grant)	-	1,742	-	1,742
EL Rathbone	2	(2)	-	-
The Liverpool One Foundation	440	6,310	-	6,750
All Churches Trust	-	25,000	-	25,000
The Tudor Trust	-	3,315	-	3,315
Capital Assets	268,487	(75,117)	74,925	268,295
Curious Minds	-	(150)	-	(150)
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	-	5,000	-	5,000
Sefton CVS - Community Champions	-	2,500	-	2,500
Ironmongers Company	-	5,656	-	5,656
John Moores Foundation	-	3,194	-	3,194
Julia & Hans Rausing Trust	-	8,843	-	8,843
Kickstart Scheme	-	(907)	-	(907)
Living Well Sefton	-	2,900	-	2,900
The Siobhan Dowd Trust	-	10,000	-	10,000

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The Steve Morgan Foundation				
(Salary)	-	757	(164)	593
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	24,587	-	24,587
Well Sefton - SPHL	-	223	-	223
	399,711	(9,889)	17,854	407,676
TOTAL FUNDS	472,229	81,056	-	553,285

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	243,720	(152,775)	90,945
Restricted funds			
Well Sefton	(1)	(18,976)	(18,977)
Rank Foundation - RAP Project	22,502	(19,872)	2,630
Children In Need	61,800	(60,245)	1,555
Rank Foundation - CAP Project	720	(910)	(190)
Cargill - Kingsley & Co	3,956	(31,067)	(27,111)
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation - Capital	-	(6,000)	(6,000)
The Henry Smith Charity	45,999	(43,289)	2,710
Rank Foundation - TTS Project	12,413	(15,775)	(3,362)
Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund	30,001	(25,053)	4,948
Environmental Improvements Fund	994	(211)	783
The 23 Foundation	3,500	(1,000)	2,500
The Heritage Lottery Fund	10,001	(8,334)	1,667
Burbo Bank Orsted Community Fund	15,000	(15,000)	-
The UK Youth Fund	19,807	(19,021)	786
St James's Place Charitable Foundation	10,000	(10,000)	-
The Steve Morgan Foundation - Covid	20,000	(20,164)	(164)
Tilotson Bradbery Charitable Trust	3,000	(3,000)	-
LCR Cares	14,298	(14,298)	-
The Rank Foundation - Resilience Fund	20,000	(18,800)	1,200
The Beatrice Laing Trust	12,500	(9,524)	2,976
National Lottery Community Fund	60,000	(59,691)	309
Arts Council England	25,000	(25,000)	-
The Fore's Raft Fund	5,000	(5,000)	-
Children In Need (Booster Grant)	3,001	(1,259)	1,742
EL Rathbone	-	(2)	(2)
The Liverpool One Foundation	6,750	(440)	6,310
All Churches Trust	40,200	(15,200)	25,000
The Tudor Trust	28,000	(24,685)	3,315
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
Capital Assets	2,778	(77,895)	(75,117)
The Hilden Charitable Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Violence Reduction Partnership	13,774	(13,774)	-
Arm Trust	2,000	(2,000)	-
ASDA	500	(500)	-
Curious Minds	2,900	(3,050)	(150)
Sefton Supporting Familes Against Youth Crime Fund	10,000	(10,000)	-
PH Holt Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Christopher Home Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
Sefton CVS - Community Champions	2,500	-	2,500
Sefton Council - Holiday Activity and Food Programme	18,750	(18,750)	-
Ironmongers Company	5,656	-	5,656
John Moores Foundation	5,000	(1,806)	3,194
Julia & Hans Rausing Trust	51,087	(42,244)	8,843
Kickstart Scheme	3,833	(4,740)	(907)
Living Well Sefton	2,900	-	2,900
Police Property Act	1,925	(1,925)	-
Rank Foundation - DCMS Covid-19 Recovery Fund	25,000	(25,000)	-
The Siobhan Dowd Trust	10,000	-	10,000
The Steve Morgan Foundation (Salary)	30,000	(29,243)	757
The Steve Morgan Foundation - DCMS Community Match Challenge Fund	20,001	(20,001)	-
The Steve Morgan Foundation - Community Match Challenge Fund	8,333	(8,333)	-
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	27,000	(2,413)	24,587
Tudor (Wellbeing)	2,000	(2,000)	-
Well Sefton - SPHL	2,700	(2,477)	223
	744,078	(753,967)	(9,889)
TOTAL FUNDS	987,798	(906,742)	81,056

Additional unrestricted funds

The Hadley Trust
The Charles Brotherton Trust
The Alchemy Foundation
Regenerus
Made by Make Ltd
The John Rayner Charitable Trust
The ARM Trust
The Marsh Christian Trust

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13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2021.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	2	-
Donations	33,522	26,253
Grants	465,245	360,298
	498,769	386,551
Other trading activities		
Charitable Revenue Generated	47,645	54,833
Total incoming resources	546,414	441,384
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	297,874	214,804
Rates and water	1,333	1,749
Insurance	4,795	3,456
Light and heat	6,882	6,344
Telephone	1,400	1,140
Postage and stationery	2,347	2,758
Sundries	52,893	26,127
Project Costs	59,913	66,290
Computer Software	26,773	6,639
Hire & Repairs	10,687	19,509
Fund Raising Expenses	-	2,586
	464,897	351,402
Other		
Bank Charges	961	778
Redundancy Cost	-	2,384
Accountancy Fees	864	3,349
Depreciation	40,494	36,276
Fixed Asset Write Off	-	5,337
	42,319	48,124
Total resources expended	507,216	399,526
Net income	39,198	41,858