

AIMING HIGHER FOR THE DISABLED COMMUNITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1144664

Details

Other names	AIMING HIGHER
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2011-11-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF DISABLED PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILY AND CARERS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DETERMINE.

Activities: Provide support for families caring for disabled children and young people. Provide social and leisure activities for these families. Work with local businesses and organisation to ensure fully inclusive access. Building a network of families, a community hub so families can access information and mutual support from one another.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Blackpool
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£177,935	£193,596	-	-
2024-03-31	£263,718	£301,772	-	-
2023-03-31	£309,254	£282,638	-	-
2022-03-31	£209,616	£304,956	-	-
2021-03-31	£380,017	£344,799	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul Jebb	Chair	2022-06-06
Alison Gilmore		2015-09-10
Catherine Louisa Bell		2023-01-09
Ged Mills		2023-04-03
HILARY PATRICIA AINGE		2011-11-15
JOHN Child		2014-02-01
Jason Bailey		2022-06-06

AIMING HIGHER FOR THE DISABLED COMMUNITY

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Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024
for
Aiming Higher

CCW Limited
Chartered Accountants
295/297 Church Street
Blackpool
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for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024

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Report of the Trustees **for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To relieve the needs of disabled people and their family and carers as the trustees shall determine.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The finances are reviewed on a regular basis, at all trustee meetings and the accounts are independently examined at the end of the financial year. The Trustees constantly consider fundraising and the sustainability of the organization.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are by way of grants. The purpose of each fund, movement during the year and details of balances carried forward at 31 July 2024 are shown in note 6.

Reserves policy

The aim of the Reserves Policy remains to ensure the organization is sustainable.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are recruited from within the membership of the organization, from the local communities which Aiming Higher serves, and, as far as is practicable, recruitment is targeted to reflect both the skills that are needed and the diversity of members, member organizations and the communities they serve.

Induction and training of new trustees

Induction training is provided to all trustees on appointment to familiarize them with the work of the organization and to ensure that they are able to make an immediate contribution to its strategic management.

Key management remuneration

The charity applies salaries to all personnel commensurate with duties and that are consistent with the parameters of nationally agreed rates of pay. The charity considers its key management personnel to be the services manager.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirmed that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1144664

Principal address

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Report of the Trustees
for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024

Trustees

Mrs H P Ainge
Mrs A L Dawson
Mr J Child
Mrs A Gilmore
Mr J Bailey
Mrs F E Atherton (resigned 9.4.24)
Mr P Jebb
Mr G Mills
Mrs C L Bell

Independent Examiner

Paul Ronson FCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Mr P Jebb - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Aiming Higher

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Aiming Higher

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aiming Higher (the Trust) for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

DocuSigned by:

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Paul Ronson FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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13 June 2025

Aiming Higher**Statement of Financial Activities**
for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Period 1.4.24 to 31.7.24 Total funds £	Year Ended 31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		9,230	-	9,230	5,467
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		16,275	149,253	165,528	252,347
Investment income	2	3,177	-	3,177	5,904
Total		<u>28,682</u>	<u>149,253</u>	<u>177,935</u>	<u>263,718</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>22,578</u>	<u>78,289</u>	<u>100,867</u>	<u>301,772</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	6	<u>6,104</u> <u>2,242</u>	<u>70,964</u> <u>(2,242)</u>	<u>77,068</u> <u>-</u>	<u>(38,054)</u> <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		8,346	68,722	77,068	(38,054)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>72,762</u>	<u>43,765</u>	<u>116,527</u>	<u>154,581</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>81,108</u></u>	<u><u>112,487</u></u>	<u><u>193,595</u></u>	<u><u>116,527</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 July 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.7.24 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	5,912	-	5,912	-
Cash at bank and in hand		75,194	112,489	187,683	116,527
		<u>81,106</u>	<u>112,489</u>	<u>193,595</u>	<u>116,527</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>81,106</u>	<u>112,489</u>	<u>193,595</u>	<u>116,527</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>81,106</u>	<u>112,489</u>	<u>193,595</u>	<u>116,527</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>81,106</u></u>	<u><u>112,489</u></u>	<u><u>193,595</u></u>	<u><u>116,527</u></u>
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				81,106	72,762
Restricted funds				112,489	43,765
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>193,595</u></u>	<u><u>116,527</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Mr P Jebb - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Period	Year Ended
	1.4.24	31.3.24
	to	£
	31.7.24	£
Rents received	2,620	4,560
Deposit account interest	557	1,344
	3,177	5,904
	3,177	5,904

Aiming Higher**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 July 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 July 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	5,467	-	5,467
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	34,824	217,523	252,347
Investment income	5,904	-	5,904
Total	<u>46,195</u>	<u>217,523</u>	<u>263,718</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	37,686	264,086	301,772
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Transfers between funds	8,509	(46,563)	(38,054)
	<u>(2,242)</u>	<u>2,242</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	6,267	(44,321)	(38,054)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	66,496	88,085	154,581
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>72,763</u></u>	<u><u>43,764</u></u>	<u><u>116,527</u></u>

Aiming Higher**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024**5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.7.24	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,912	-
	<u>5,912</u>	<u>-</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.7.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	72,762	6,102	2,242	81,106
Restricted funds				
Lancashire magazine	997	(899)	-	98
Vera wolstencroft	-	13,755	-	13,755
True colours	4,000	(1,350)	-	2,650
Bruce wake	2,500	-	-	2,500
DWF charitable grant	18	(18)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	11,726	13,408	-	25,134
The alan halsall foundation	11,528	(5,726)	-	5,802
Zochonis	2,108	-	-	2,108
Payback time	931	22	-	953
Eric Wright	-	10,000	-	10,000
Trust House	-	17,192	(2,242)	14,950
A Team	5,103	4,132	-	9,235
Jeanette Dervish	1,400	(192)	-	1,208
Family Support	2,568	(399)	-	2,169
Skelton	386	(386)	-	-
Rotary Club	500	(500)	-	-
National Lottery Awards For All	-	15,566	-	15,566
A Team Funding	-	197	-	197
Cost of Living - Blackpool Council	-	4,164	-	4,164
Glasdon A Team	-	2,000	-	2,000
	<u>43,765</u>	<u>70,966</u>	<u>(2,242)</u>	<u>112,489</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>116,527</u>	<u>77,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193,595</u>

Aiming Higher**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024**6. 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	28,682	(22,580)	6,102
Restricted funds			
Lancashire magazine	-	(899)	(899)
Vera wolstencroft	13,755	-	13,755
True colours	-	(1,350)	(1,350)
DWF charitable grant	-	(18)	(18)
National Lottery Community Fund	50,763	(37,355)	13,408
The alan halsall foundation	-	(5,726)	(5,726)
Payback time	2,000	(1,978)	22
Eric Wright	10,000	-	10,000
Trust House	33,333	(16,141)	17,192
A Team	11,805	(7,673)	4,132
Jeanette Dervish	-	(192)	(192)
Family Support	-	(399)	(399)
Skelton	-	(386)	(386)
Rotary Club	-	(500)	(500)
National Lottery Awards For All	19,600	(4,034)	15,566
A Team Funding	197	-	197
Cost of Living - Blackpool Council	5,400	(1,236)	4,164
Swales	400	(400)	-
Glasdon A Team	2,000	-	2,000
	<u>149,253</u>	<u>(78,287)</u>	<u>70,966</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>177,935</u></u>	<u><u>(100,867)</u></u>	<u><u>77,068</u></u>

Aiming Higher**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	66,496	8,508	(2,242)	72,762
Restricted funds				
Young Peoples Activities	6,746	(6,746)	-	-
Lancashire magazine	2,260	(1,263)	-	997
Percy bilton	32	(32)	-	-
True colours	-	4,000	-	4,000
Alchemy	472	(472)	-	-
Arnold clarke	464	(464)	-	-
Bruce wake	298	2,202	-	2,500
DWF charitable grant	636	(618)	-	18
National Lottery Community Fund	12,032	(306)	-	11,726
The alan halsall foundation	13,246	(1,718)	-	11,528
Zochonis	1,640	468	-	2,108
Jack bell	2,762	(2,762)	-	-
Payback time	1,950	(1,019)	-	931
Anton Jurgens	180	(180)	-	-
Eric Wright	9,635	(9,635)	-	-
The Grocer's Charity	844	(844)	-	-
Trust House	9,206	(11,448)	2,242	-
Children in Need 2023	17,635	(17,635)	-	-
A Team	1,487	3,616	-	5,103
Cost of Living Grant	570	(570)	-	-
Groundworks	990	(990)	-	-
Jeanette Dervish	4,000	(2,600)	-	1,400
Hedley	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Family Support	-	2,568	-	2,568
Skelton	-	386	-	386
Rotary Club	-	500	-	500
	<u>88,085</u>	<u>(46,562)</u>	<u>2,242</u>	<u>43,765</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>154,581</u>	<u>(38,054)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,527</u>

Aiming Higher**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024**6. 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	46,195	(37,687)	8,508
Restricted funds			
Young Peoples Activities	-	(6,746)	(6,746)
Lancashire magazine	1,500	(2,763)	(1,263)
Percy bilton	-	(32)	(32)
True colours	4,000	-	4,000
Alchemy	-	(472)	(472)
Arnold clarke	-	(464)	(464)
Bruce wake	2,500	(298)	2,202
DWF charitable grant	-	(618)	(618)
National Lottery Community Fund	99,945	(100,251)	(306)
Souter	2,000	(2,000)	-
The alan halsall foundation	14,000	(15,718)	(1,718)
Zochonis	3,500	(3,032)	468
Jack bell	1,000	(3,762)	(2,762)
Payback time	4,000	(5,019)	(1,019)
Anton Jurgens	-	(180)	(180)
Eric Wright	-	(9,635)	(9,635)
The Grocer's Charity	-	(844)	(844)
Trust House	41,140	(52,588)	(11,448)
Children in Need 2023	-	(17,635)	(17,635)
A Team	25,972	(22,356)	3,616
Cost of Living Grant	-	(570)	(570)
Groundworks	-	(990)	(990)
Jeanette Dervish	-	(2,600)	(2,600)
Hedley	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Bowie Blast	3,504	(3,504)	-
Family Support	12,500	(9,932)	2,568
Skelton	1,462	(1,076)	386
Rotary Club	500	-	500
	<u>217,523</u>	<u>(264,085)</u>	<u>(46,562)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>263,718</u></u>	<u><u>(301,772)</u></u>	<u><u>(38,054)</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 July 2024.

Aiming Higher**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**
for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024

	Period 1.4.24 to 31.7.24 £	Year En ded 31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	9,230	5,467
Investment income		
Rents received	2,620	4,560
Deposit account interest	557	1,344
	<u>3,177</u>	<u>5,904</u>
Charitable activities		
Fundraising and event fees	16,275	34,820
Support for families	-	4
Grants	149,253	217,523
	<u>165,528</u>	<u>252,347</u>
Total incoming resources	177,935	263,718
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	64,440	180,172
Building costs including rent	5,759	22,572
Business rates	769	1,302
Insurance	3,314	2,610
Utilities	1,038	10,179
Telephone	1,128	1,679
Office costs	4,689	18,384
Activity costs	9,987	48,284
Professional fees	610	1,929
Fundraising costs	9,133	14,463
Gift and donations	-	198
	<u>100,867</u>	<u>301,772</u>
Total resources expended	<u>100,867</u>	<u>301,772</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>77,068</u></u>	<u><u>(38,054)</u></u>

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Aiming Higher for the Disabled Community Trustee Report April 2023 to March 2024

The team at Aiming Higher continued to provide the much-needed support, both through our family support service and our family and under 5's activities. Our soft play and sensory centre on the ground floor of our building in central Blackpool, was opened for group activities, ensuring a safe space for families with disabled children and young people to meet, play and get much needed peer support from other families. The positive impact this had on the families we support continues to be evident, and we have made this more accessible with the new ramp that has been installed.

Our Board of Trustees, consisting of a wide range of experience from local health care leaders, business leaders and finance experts alongside parent/carers, continued to support our staff team, enabling them to provide quality services, offering strong governance, bringing their business expertise to the board as well as the lived experience of the challenges and problems faced when caring for and raising a disabled child.

During this year, we were able to continue supporting our families through our Resilience Project, funded by The Big Lottery Community Foundation Grant and our Early years Children in Need Grant. We also provided a range of social activities to young people with ASD, funded by Blackpool Council.

Families continued to request help with housing benefits, health, education, and social care and were supported, both virtually and face to face during the on ongoing cost of living crisis and we have engaged the local MP to raise the issues the families we support are facing on a day to day basis.

Blackpool continues to be recognised as an area where social and financial deprivation are prevalent. Our staff team have continued to offer the vital support that our families have come to rely on. It continues to sadden us that we have to run a waiting list, with self-referrals, as well as referrals from Social Services, Education, other third sector organisations and word of mouth. This constant stream of referrals is proof that Aiming Higher needs to continue its work across the communities we support, especially during cost of living crisis.

Fundraising continues to be a challenge, however thanks to our grant writing team, we have been fortunate to have received funds and grants from various sources, to enable us to continue supporting the families that rely on us so much.

However, during this financial year, for the first time since COVID, we held our fundraising ball and our thanks go to the hard work, support and determination of everyone involved.

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Glasdon, , The Buffaloes, Lancashire Magazine, Jack Bell Ladies Lunch, Billy Fury, Burtons Biscuits, The Darts League, Bowie Blast, Northern Trains, PHH Solicitors, and Blackpool Rotary Club, to name a few, generously supported us with donations, we are thankful to everyone who donates, no matter how much.

In addition, , Payback Time, The Alan Halsall Foundation, Bruce Wake, The Souter Foundation, True Colours, Trust House Charitable Foundation, Skelton Bounty, Zochonis, and Blackpool Council's Household Support Fund all gave us grants to support the various activities and services Aiming Higher provides

The Big Lottery funding enabled us to continue with our targeted Family Support Services. We were commissioned by Blackpool Council to provide The A-Team Service, a social provision for young people with s diagnosis of ASD.

Lancashire Magazine continues to be an amazing support to us. In addition to regular financial donations, the magazine publishes a monthly feature, keeping the readership updated with our activities and fundraising opportunities and our gratitude goes to Natalie Christopher for facilitating this and continuing to support us in her role as Patron. We also had support from Matt Ryder and the team at Lakes and Mountains with Matt who led us on a charity walk in the lakes, which we hope will turn into an annual event, to get people supporting us, exploring the great outdoors and making new connections and friendships.

Our thanks go to everyone who has given us the support needed through continued challenging times. This support has enabled us to provide the much-needed services and activities that our families have relied on and continue to do so.

We must give special acknowledgement to our amazing staff and volunteer team, who continue to surprise us with the incredible outcomes they achieve. In addition, their ongoing support and commitment to the families that Aiming Higher supports, often facing challenging situations, is an indication of their dedication to the charity.

In addition, we acknowledge that without all who give their time by providing maintenance to our building, volunteering their time freely and supporting us in a variety of other ways, Aiming Higher would struggle to deliver the vital services and help to families in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

Aiming Higher will continue to provide the services that families so desperately need to help them face their challenges, no matter what the future holds, with the on-going support from our Trustee Board, Patron and local businesses and organisations, with funding from grants, sponsorship, donations, and fundraising.



On behalf of our families, our staff team, volunteers and Board of Trustees, thank you to all who help us make such a difference to the lives of families caring for disabled children and young people in the local area

**Paul Jebb
Chair, Board of Trustees**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'P' followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1144664

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Aiming Higher

CCW Limited
Chartered Accountants
295/297 Church Street
Blackpool
Lancashire
FY1 3PJ

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To relieve the needs of disabled people and their family and carers as the trustees shall determine.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The finances are reviewed on a regular basis, at all trustee meetings and the accounts are independently examined at the end of the financial year. The Trustees constantly consider fundraising and the sustainability of the organization.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are by way of grants. The purpose of each fund, movement during the year and details of balances carried forward at 31 March 2024 are shown in note 6.

Reserves policy

The aim of the Reserves Policy remains to ensure the organization is sustainable.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are recruited from within the membership of the organization, from the local communities which Aiming Higher serves, and, as far as is practicable, recruitment is targeted to reflect both the skills that are needed and the diversity of members, member organizations and the communities they serve.

Induction and training of new trustees

Induction training is provided to all trustees on appointment to familiarize them with the work of the organization and to ensure that they are able to make an immediate contribution to its strategic management.

Key management remuneration

The charity applies salaries to all personnel commensurate with duties and that are consistent with the parameters of nationally agreed rates of pay. The charity considers its key management personnel to be the services manager.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirmed that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1144664

Principal address

231/23 Church Street
Blackpool
Lancashire
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Trustees

Mrs H P Ainge
Mrs A L Dawson
Mr J Child
Mrs A Gilmore
Mr N T Ascroft (resigned 2.10.23)
Mr J A Wareing (resigned 3.7.23)
Mr J Bailey
Mrs F E Atherton (resigned 9.4.24)
Mr P Jebb
Mr G Mills (appointed 3.4.23)
Mrs C L Bell

Independent Examiner

Paul Ronson FCA
CCW Limited
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on20.01.2025..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr P Jebb - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Aiming Higher

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Aiming Higher

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aiming Higher (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 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 England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Paul Ronson FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 21-1-2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		5,467	-	5,467	11,034
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		34,824	217,523	252,347	293,516
Investment income	2	5,904	-	5,904	4,704
Total		<u>46,195</u>	<u>217,523</u>	<u>263,718</u>	<u>309,254</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>37,686</u>	<u>264,086</u>	<u>301,772</u>	<u>282,638</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	5	<u>8,509</u> <u>(2,242)</u>	<u>(46,563)</u> <u>2,242</u>	<u>(38,054)</u> <u>-</u>	<u>26,616</u> <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>6,267</u>	<u>(44,321)</u>	<u>(38,054)</u>	<u>26,616</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>66,496</u>	<u>88,085</u>	<u>154,581</u>	<u>127,965</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>72,763</u></u>	<u><u>43,764</u></u>	<u><u>116,527</u></u>	<u><u>154,581</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		72,762	43,765	116,527	154,581
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>72,762</u>	<u>43,765</u>	<u>116,527</u>	<u>154,581</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		72,762	43,765	116,527	154,581
NET ASSETS		<u>72,762</u>	<u>43,765</u>	<u>116,527</u>	<u>154,581</u>
FUNDS	5				
Unrestricted funds				72,762	66,496
Restricted funds				43,765	88,085
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>116,527</u>	<u>154,581</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20.01.25 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr P Jebb - Trustee



Mrs H P Ainge - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Rents received	4,560	4,444
Deposit account interest	1,344	260
	<u>5,904</u>	<u>4,704</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	11,034	-	11,034
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	28,825	264,691	293,516
Investment income	4,704	-	4,704
Total	<u>44,563</u>	<u>264,691</u>	<u>309,254</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>36,874</u>	<u>245,764</u>	<u>282,638</u>
NET INCOME	7,689	18,927	26,616
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	58,806	69,159	127,965
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>66,495</u></u>	<u><u>88,086</u></u>	<u><u>154,581</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	66,496	8,508	(2,242)	72,762
Restricted funds				
Young Peoples Activities	6,746	(6,746)	-	-
Lancashire magazine	2,260	(1,263)	-	997
Percy bilton	32	(32)	-	-
True colours	-	4,000	-	4,000
Alchemy	472	(472)	-	-
Arnold clarke	464	(464)	-	-
Bruce wake	298	2,202	-	2,500
DWF charitable grant	636	(618)	-	18
National Lottery Community Fund	12,032	(306)	-	11,726
The alan halsall foundation	13,246	(1,718)	-	11,528
Zochonis	1,640	468	-	2,108
Jack bell	2,762	(2,762)	-	-
Payback time	1,950	(1,019)	-	931
Anton Jurgens	180	(180)	-	-
Eric Wright	9,635	(9,635)	-	-
The Grocer's Charity	844	(844)	-	-
Trust House	9,206	(11,448)	2,242	-
Children in Need 2023	17,635	(17,635)	-	-
A Team	1,487	3,616	-	5,103
Cost of Living Grant	570	(570)	-	-
Groundworks	990	(990)	-	-
Jeanette Dervish	4,000	(2,600)	-	1,400
Hedley	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Family Support	-	2,568	-	2,568
Skelton	-	386	-	386
Rotary Club	-	500	-	500
	<u>88,085</u>	<u>(46,562)</u>	<u>2,242</u>	<u>43,765</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>154,581</u>	<u>(38,054)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,527</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5. 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	46,195	(37,687)	8,508
Restricted funds			
Young Peoples Activities	-	(6,746)	(6,746)
Lancashire magazine	1,500	(2,763)	(1,263)
Percy bilton	-	(32)	(32)
True colours	4,000	-	4,000
Alchemy	-	(472)	(472)
Arnold clarke	-	(464)	(464)
Bruce wake	2,500	(298)	2,202
DWF charitable grant	-	(618)	(618)
National Lottery Community Fund	99,945	(100,251)	(306)
Souter	2,000	(2,000)	-
The alan halsall foundation	14,000	(15,718)	(1,718)
Zochonis	3,500	(3,032)	468
Jack bell	1,000	(3,762)	(2,762)
Payback time	4,000	(5,019)	(1,019)
Anton Jurgens	-	(180)	(180)
Eric Wright	-	(9,635)	(9,635)
The Grocer's Charity	-	(844)	(844)
Trust House	41,140	(52,588)	(11,448)
Children in Need 2023	-	(17,635)	(17,635)
A Team	25,972	(22,356)	3,616
Cost of Living Grant	-	(570)	(570)
Groundworks	-	(990)	(990)
Jeanette Dervish	-	(2,600)	(2,600)
Hedley	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Bowie Blast	3,504	(3,504)	-
Family Support	12,500	(9,932)	2,568
Skelton	1,462	(1,076)	386
Rotary Club	500	-	500
	<u>217,523</u>	<u>(264,085)</u>	<u>(46,562)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>263,718</u>	<u>(301,772)</u>	<u>(38,054)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	58,806	7,690	66,496
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	57	(57)	-
Children in need	6,529	(6,529)	-
Young Peoples Activities	3,906	2,840	6,746
Lancashire magazine	3,684	(1,424)	2,260
Crowd funder	257	(257)	-
Rank covid recovery	44	(44)	-
Percy bilton	-	32	32
Time to shine	273	(273)	-
Vera wolstencroft COVID	341	(341)	-
Alchemy	728	(256)	472
Arnold clarke	844	(380)	464
Aspired futures	1,433	(1,433)	-
Boshier	954	(954)	-
Bruce wake	2,500	(2,202)	298
Clothworkers	2,070	(2,070)	-
DCMF	172	(172)	-
DWF charitable grant	1,440	(804)	636
Garfield weston	17,063	(17,063)	-
Lennox hannay	1,000	(1,000)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	5,930	6,102	12,032
Souter	1,331	(1,331)	-
The alan halsall foundation	9,822	3,424	13,246
The prince's trust	3,167	(3,167)	-
The swallowdale trust	1,740	(1,740)	-
Zochonis	3,674	(2,034)	1,640
Glasdon	200	(200)	-
Jack bell	-	2,762	2,762
Payback time	-	1,950	1,950
Anton Jurgens	-	180	180
Eric Wright	-	9,635	9,635
The Grocer's Charity	-	844	844
Trust House	-	9,206	9,206
Children in Need 2023	-	17,635	17,635
A Team	-	1,487	1,487
Cost of Living Grant	-	570	570
Groundworks	-	990	990
Jeanette Dervish	-	4,000	4,000
Hedley	-	1,000	1,000
	<u>69,159</u>	<u>18,926</u>	<u>88,085</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued			
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>127,965</u>	<u>26,616</u>	<u>154,581</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5. 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	44,563	(36,873)	7,690
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	-	(57)	(57)
Children in need	9,958	(16,487)	(6,529)
Young Peoples Activities	21,250	(18,410)	2,840
Lancashire magazine	-	(1,424)	(1,424)
Crowd funder	-	(257)	(257)
Rank covid recovery	-	(44)	(44)
Percy bilton	3,143	(3,111)	32
Time to shine	-	(273)	(273)
Vera wolstencroft COVID	-	(341)	(341)
Alchemy	-	(256)	(256)
Arnold clarke	-	(380)	(380)
Aspired futures	-	(1,433)	(1,433)
Boshier	-	(954)	(954)
Bruce wake	-	(2,202)	(2,202)
Clothworkers	-	(2,070)	(2,070)
DCMF	-	(172)	(172)
DWF charitable grant	-	(804)	(804)
Garfield weston	-	(17,063)	(17,063)
Lennox hannay	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
National Lottery Community Fund	97,867	(91,765)	6,102
Souter	-	(1,331)	(1,331)
The alan halsall foundation	14,000	(10,576)	3,424
The prince's trust	-	(3,167)	(3,167)
The swallowdale trust	-	(1,740)	(1,740)
Zochonis	-	(2,034)	(2,034)
Glasdon	-	(200)	(200)
Jack bell	3,500	(738)	2,762
Payback time	3,500	(1,550)	1,950
Anton Jurgens	1,800	(1,620)	180
Eric Wright	10,000	(365)	9,635
The Grocer's Charity	1,434	(590)	844
Trust House	33,323	(24,117)	9,206
Children in Need 2023	40,333	(22,698)	17,635
A Team	7,083	(5,596)	1,487
Cost of Living Grant	6,500	(5,930)	570
Groundworks	1,000	(10)	990
Little Boost	5,000	(5,000)	-
Jeanette Dervish	4,000	-	4,000
Hedley	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>264,691</u>	<u>(245,765)</u>	<u>18,926</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

TOTAL FUNDS	<u>309,254</u>	<u>(282,638)</u>	<u>26,616</u>
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A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	58,806	16,198	(2,242)	72,762
Restricted funds				
Saturday activities	57	(57)	-	-
Children in need	6,529	(6,529)	-	-
Young Peoples Activities	3,906	(3,906)	-	-
Lancashire magazine	3,684	(2,687)	-	997
Crowd funder	257	(257)	-	-
Rank covid recovery	44	(44)	-	-
Time to shine	273	(273)	-	-
Vera wolstencroft COVID	341	(341)	-	-
True colours	-	4,000	-	4,000
Alchemy	728	(728)	-	-
Arnold clarke	844	(844)	-	-
Aspired futures	1,433	(1,433)	-	-
Boshier	954	(954)	-	-
Bruce wake	2,500	-	-	2,500
Clothworkers	2,070	(2,070)	-	-
DCMF	172	(172)	-	-
DWF charitable grant	1,440	(1,422)	-	18
Garfield weston	17,063	(17,063)	-	-
Lennox hannay	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	5,930	5,796	-	11,726
Souter	1,331	(1,331)	-	-
The alan halsall foundation	9,822	1,706	-	11,528
The prince's trust	3,167	(3,167)	-	-
The swallowdale trust	1,740	(1,740)	-	-
Zochonis	3,674	(1,566)	-	2,108
Glasdon	200	(200)	-	-
Payback time	-	931	-	931
Trust House	-	(2,242)	2,242	-
A Team	-	5,103	-	5,103
Jeanette Dervish	-	1,400	-	1,400
Family Support	-	2,568	-	2,568
Skelton	-	386	-	386
Rotary Club	-	500	-	500
	<u>69,159</u>	<u>(27,636)</u>	<u>2,242</u>	<u>43,765</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>127,965</u>	<u>(11,438)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,527</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5. **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	90,758	(74,560)	16,198
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	-	(57)	(57)
Children in need	9,958	(16,487)	(6,529)
Young Peoples Activities	21,250	(25,156)	(3,906)
Lancashire magazine	1,500	(4,187)	(2,687)
Crowd funder	-	(257)	(257)
Rank covid recovery	-	(44)	(44)
Percy bilton	3,143	(3,143)	-
Time to shine	-	(273)	(273)
Vera wolstencroft COVID	-	(341)	(341)
True colours	4,000	-	4,000
Alchemy	-	(728)	(728)
Arnold clarke	-	(844)	(844)
Aspired futures	-	(1,433)	(1,433)
Boshier	-	(954)	(954)
Bruce wake	2,500	(2,500)	-
Clothworkers	-	(2,070)	(2,070)
DCMF	-	(172)	(172)
DWF charitable grant	-	(1,422)	(1,422)
Garfield weston	-	(17,063)	(17,063)
Lennox hannay	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
National Lottery Community Fund	197,812	(192,016)	5,796
Souter	2,000	(3,331)	(1,331)
The alan halsall foundation	28,000	(26,294)	1,706
The prince's trust	-	(3,167)	(3,167)
The swallowdale trust	-	(1,740)	(1,740)
Zochonis	3,500	(5,066)	(1,566)
Glasdon	-	(200)	(200)
Jack bell	4,500	(4,500)	-
Payback time	7,500	(6,569)	931
Anton Jurgens	1,800	(1,800)	-
Eric Wright	10,000	(10,000)	-
The Grocer's Charity	1,434	(1,434)	-
Trust House	74,463	(76,705)	(2,242)
Children in Need 2023	40,333	(40,333)	-
A Team	33,055	(27,952)	5,103
Cost of Living Grant	6,500	(6,500)	-
Groundworks	1,000	(1,000)	-
Little Boost	5,000	(5,000)	-
Jeanette Dervish	4,000	(2,600)	1,400
Hedley	1,000	(1,000)	-
Bowie Blast	3,504	(3,504)	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued			
Family Support	12,500	(9,932)	2,568
Skelton	1,462	(1,076)	386
Rotary Club	500	-	500
	<u>482,214</u>	<u>(509,850)</u>	<u>(27,636)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>572,972</u>	<u>(584,410)</u>	<u>(11,438)</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	5,467	11,034
Investment income		
Rents received	4,560	4,444
Deposit account interest	1,344	260
	<u>5,904</u>	<u>4,704</u>
Charitable activities		
Fundraising and event fees	34,820	23,296
Support for families	4	5,529
Grants	217,523	264,691
	<u>252,347</u>	<u>293,516</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>263,718</u>	<u>309,254</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	180,172	174,524
Building costs including rent	22,572	21,498
Business rates	1,302	1,093
Insurance	2,610	2,288
Utilities	10,179	8,062
Telephone	1,679	2,392
Office costs	18,384	13,706
Activity costs	48,284	48,107
Professional fees	1,929	234
Fundraising costs	14,463	10,680
Gift and donations	198	54
	<u>301,772</u>	<u>282,638</u>
Total resources expended	<u>301,772</u>	<u>282,638</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(38,054)</u>	<u>26,616</u>

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AIMING HIGHER FOR THE DISABLED COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1144664

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1144664

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Aiming Higher

CCW Limited
Chartered Accountants
295/297 Church Street
Blackpool
Lancashire
FY1 3PJ

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To relieve the needs of disabled people and their family and carers as the trustees shall determine.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The finances are reviewed on a regular basis, at all trustee meetings and the accounts are independently examined at the end of the financial year. The Trustees constantly consider fundraising and the sustainability of the organization.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are by way of grants. The purpose of each fund, movement during the year and details of balances carried forward at 31 March 2022 are shown in note 6.

Reserves policy

The aim of the Reserves Policy remains to ensure the organization is sustainable.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are recruited from within the membership of the organization, from the local communities which Aiming Higher serves, and, as far as is practicable, recruitment is targeted to reflect both the skills that are needed and the diversity of members, member organizations and the communities they serve.

Induction and training of new trustees

Induction training is provided to all trustees on appointment to familiarize them with the work of the organization and to ensure that they are able to make an immediate contribution to its strategic management.

Key management remuneration

The charity applies salaries to all personnel commensurate with duties and that are consistent with the parameters of nationally agreed rates of pay. The charity considers its key management personnel to be the services manager.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirmed that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1144664

Principal address

231/23 Church Street
Blackpool
Lancashire
FY1 3PB

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Trustees

Mrs H P Ainge
Mrs A L Dawson
Mr J Child
Mrs A Gilmore
Mr N T Ascroft (resigned 2.10.23)
Mr J A Wareing (resigned 3.7.23)
Mr J Bailey (appointed 6.6.22)
Mrs F E Atherton (appointed 3.10.22)
Mr P Jebb (appointed 6.6.22)
Mr G Mills (appointed 3.4.23)
Mrs C L Bell (appointed 9.1.23)

Independent Examiner

CCW Limited
Chartered Accountants
295/297 Church Street
Blackpool
Lancashire
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on08-01-2024..... and signed on its behalf by:



Mr P Jebb - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Aiming Higher

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Aiming Higher

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aiming Higher (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

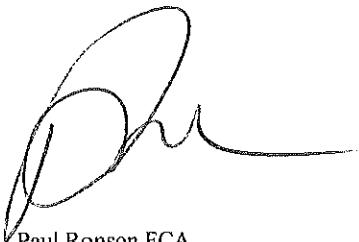
Independent examiner's statement

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 ****ERROR - relevant professional body must be completed****, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Paul Ronson FCA

CCW Limited
Chartered Accountants
295/297 Church Street
Blackpool
Lancashire
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Date: 8-1-24

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		11,034	-	11,034	4,676
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		28,825	264,691	293,516	201,852
Investment income	2	4,704	-	4,704	3,088
Total		<u>44,563</u>	<u>264,691</u>	<u>309,254</u>	<u>209,616</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>36,874</u>	<u>245,764</u>	<u>282,638</u>	<u>304,956</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		7,689	18,927	26,616	(95,340)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		58,806	69,159	127,965	223,305
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>66,495</u></u>	<u><u>88,086</u></u>	<u><u>154,581</u></u>	<u><u>127,965</u></u>


The notes form part of these financial statements

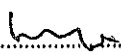
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Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		66,496	88,085	154,581	127,965
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>66,496</u>	<u>88,085</u>	<u>154,581</u>	<u>127,965</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>66,496</u>	<u>88,085</u>	<u>154,581</u>	<u>127,965</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>66,496</u>	<u>88,085</u>	<u>154,581</u>	<u>127,965</u>
FUNDS	5				
Unrestricted funds				66,496	58,806
Restricted funds				88,085	69,159
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>154,581</u>	<u>127,965</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 08.01.2024
and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr P Jebb - Trustee


.....
Mrs H P Ainge - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Rents received	4,444	3,075
Deposit account interest	260	13
	<u>4,704</u>	<u>3,088</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	4,676	-	4,676
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	5,627	196,225	201,852
Investment income	3,088	-	3,088
Total	<u>13,391</u>	<u>196,225</u>	<u>209,616</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>28,833</u>	<u>276,123</u>	<u>304,956</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(15,442)	(79,898)	(95,340)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	74,249	149,056	223,305
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>58,807</u></u>	<u><u>69,158</u></u>	<u><u>127,965</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1,4,22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	58,806	7,690	66,496
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	57	(57)	-
Children in need	6,529	(6,529)	-
Young Peoples Activities	3,906	2,840	6,746
Lancashire magazine	3,684	(1,424)	2,260
Crowd funder	257	(257)	-
Rank covid recovery	44	(44)	-
Percy bilton	-	32	32
Time to shine	273	(273)	-
Vera wolstencroft COVID	341	(341)	-
Alchemy	728	(256)	472
Arnold clarke	844	(380)	464
Aspired futures	1,433	(1,433)	-
Boshier	954	(954)	-
Bruce wake	2,500	(2,202)	298
Clothworkers	2,070	(2,070)	-
DCMF	172	(172)	-
DWF charitable grant	1,440	(804)	636
Garfield weston	17,063	(17,063)	-
Lennox hannay	1,000	(1,000)	-
National Lottery Community Fund (Resilience project)	5,930	6,102	12,032
Souter	1,331	(1,331)	-
The alan halsall foundation	9,822	3,424	13,246
The prince's trust	3,167	(3,167)	-
The swallowdale trust	1,740	(1,740)	-
Zochonis	3,674	(2,034)	1,640
Glasdon	200	(200)	-
Jack bell	-	2,762	2,762
Payback time	-	1,950	1,950
Anton Jurgens	-	180	180
Eric Wright	-	9,635	9,635
The Grocer's Charity	-	844	844
Trust House	-	9,206	9,206
Children in Need 2023	-	17,635	17,635
A Team	-	1,487	1,487
Cost of Living Grant	-	570	570
Groundworks	-	990	990
Jeanette Dervish	-	4,000	4,000
Hedley	-	1,000	1,000
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	69,159	18,926	88,085
TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	127,965	26,616	154,581

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5. 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	44,563	(36,873)	7,690
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	-	(57)	(57)
Children in need	9,958	(16,487)	(6,529)
Young Peoples Activities	21,250	(18,410)	2,840
Lancashire magazine	-	(1,424)	(1,424)
Crowd funder	-	(257)	(257)
Rank covid recovery	-	(44)	(44)
Percy bilton	3,143	(3,111)	32
Time to shine	-	(273)	(273)
Vera wolstencroft COVID	-	(341)	(341)
Alchemy	-	(256)	(256)
Arnold clarke	-	(380)	(380)
Aspired futures	-	(1,433)	(1,433)
Boshier	-	(954)	(954)
Bruce wake	-	(2,202)	(2,202)
Clothworkers	-	(2,070)	(2,070)
DCMF	-	(172)	(172)
DWF charitable grant	-	(804)	(804)
Garfield weston	-	(17,063)	(17,063)
Lennox hannay	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
National Lottery Community Fund (Resilience project)	97,867	(91,765)	6,102
Souter	-	(1,331)	(1,331)
The alan halsall foundation	14,000	(10,576)	3,424
The prince's trust	-	(3,167)	(3,167)
The swallowdale trust	-	(1,740)	(1,740)
Zochonis	-	(2,034)	(2,034)
Glasdon	-	(200)	(200)
Jack bell	3,500	(738)	2,762
Payback time	3,500	(1,550)	1,950
Anton Jurgens	1,800	(1,620)	180
Eric Wright	10,000	(365)	9,635
The Grocer's Charity	1,434	(590)	844
Trust House	33,323	(24,117)	9,206
Children in Need 2023	40,333	(22,698)	17,635
A Team	7,083	(5,596)	1,487
Cost of Living Grant	6,500	(5,930)	570
Groundworks	1,000	(10)	990
Little Boost	5,000	(5,000)	-
Jeanette Dervish	4,000	-	4,000
Hedley	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>264,691</u>	<u>(245,765)</u>	<u>18,926</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued			
	TOTAL FUNDS	309,254	(282,638)	26,616

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	74,249	(15,443)	58,806
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	3,261	(3,204)	57
Children in need	9,547	(3,018)	6,529
Young Peoples Activities	11,518	(7,612)	3,906
Bauer radio	82	(82)	-
The big lottery community fund	86,858	(86,858)	-
Lancashire magazine	5,462	(1,778)	3,684
Crowd funder	516	(259)	257
Rank covid recovery	5,093	(5,049)	44
Big lottery COVID	7,234	(7,234)	-
Time to shine	11,019	(10,746)	273
Vera wolstencroft COVID	3,420	(3,079)	341
Vera wolstencroft Ipads	1,795	(1,795)	-
TK max	455	(455)	-
True colours	2,721	(2,721)	-
Heinz	75	(75)	-
Alchemy	-	728	728
Arnold clarke	-	844	844
Aspired futures	-	1,433	1,433
Boshier	-	954	954
Bruce wake	-	2,500	2,500
Clothworkers	-	2,070	2,070
DCMF	-	172	172
DWF charitable grant	-	1,440	1,440
Garfield weston	-	17,063	17,063
Lennox hannay	-	1,000	1,000
National Lottery Community Fund (Resilience project)	-	5,930	5,930
Souter	-	1,331	1,331
The alan halsall foundation	-	9,822	9,822
The prince's trust	-	3,167	3,167
The swallowdale trust	-	1,740	1,740
Zochonis	-	3,674	3,674
Glasdon	-	200	200
	<u>149,056</u>	<u>(79,897)</u>	<u>69,159</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>223,305</u>	<u>(95,340)</u>	<u>127,965</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	74,249	(7,753)	66,496
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	3,261	(3,261)	-
Children in need	9,547	(9,547)	-
Young Peoples Activities	11,518	(4,772)	6,746
Bauer radio	82	(82)	-
The big lottery community fund	86,858	(86,858)	-
Lancashire magazine	5,462	(3,202)	2,260
Crowd funder	516	(516)	-
Rank covid recovery	5,093	(5,093)	-
Big lottery COVID	7,234	(7,234)	-
Percy bilton	-	32	32
Time to shine	11,019	(11,019)	-
Vera wolstencroft COVID	3,420	(3,420)	-
Vera wolstencroft Ipads	1,795	(1,795)	-
TK max	455	(455)	-
True colours	2,721	(2,721)	-
Heinz	75	(75)	-
Alchemy	-	472	472
Arnold clarke	-	464	464
Bruce wake	-	298	298
DWF charitable grant	-	636	636
National Lottery Community Fund (Resilience project)	-	12,032	12,032
The alan halsall foundation	-	13,246	13,246
Zochonis	-	1,640	1,640
Jack bell	-	2,762	2,762
Payback time	-	1,950	1,950
Anton Jurgens	-	180	180
Eric Wright	-	9,635	9,635
The Grocer's Charity	-	844	844
Trust House	-	9,206	9,206
Children in Need 2023	-	17,635	17,635
A Team	-	1,487	1,487
Cost of Living Grant	-	570	570
Groundworks	-	990	990
Jeanette Dervish	-	4,000	4,000
Hedley	-	1,000	1,000
	<u>149,056</u>	<u>(60,971)</u>	<u>88,085</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>223,305</u>	<u>(68,724)</u>	<u>154,581</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5. 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	13,391	(28,834)	(15,443)
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	-	(3,204)	(3,204)
Children in need	39,833	(42,851)	(3,018)
Young Peoples Activities	12,540	(20,152)	(7,612)
Bauer radio	-	(82)	(82)
The big lottery community fund	4,742	(91,600)	(86,858)
Lancashire magazine	1,201	(2,979)	(1,778)
Crowd funder	-	(259)	(259)
Rank covid recovery	-	(5,049)	(5,049)
Big lottery COVID	-	(7,234)	(7,234)
Time to shine	8,310	(19,056)	(10,746)
Vera wolstencroft COVID	-	(3,079)	(3,079)
Vera wolstencroft Ipads	-	(1,795)	(1,795)
TK max	-	(455)	(455)
True colours	-	(2,721)	(2,721)
Heinz	-	(75)	(75)
Alchemy	1,099	(371)	728
Arnold clarke	1,000	(156)	844
Aspired futures	15,000	(13,567)	1,433
Boshier	1,728	(774)	954
Bruce wake	2,500	-	2,500
Clothworkers	2,070	-	2,070
DCMF	30,595	(30,423)	172
DWF charitable grant	1,440	-	1,440
Garfield weston	20,000	(2,937)	17,063
Lennox hannay	1,000	-	1,000
National Lottery Community Fund (Resilience project)	24,338	(18,408)	5,930
Souter	1,331	-	1,331
The alan halsall foundation	10,000	(178)	9,822
The prince's trust	5,000	(1,833)	3,167
The swallowdale trust	2,500	(760)	1,740
Zochonis	3,674	-	3,674
Glasdon	600	(400)	200
Asda	975	(975)	-
The duchy of lancaster	1,000	(1,000)	-
Skelton	750	(750)	-
Jack bell	999	(999)	-
Payback time	2,000	(2,000)	-
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	196,225	(276,122)	(79,897)
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TOTAL FUNDS	209,616	(304,956)	(95,340)
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5. 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	57,954	(65,707)	(7,753)
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	-	(3,261)	(3,261)
Children in need	49,791	(59,338)	(9,547)
Young Peoples Activities	33,790	(38,562)	(4,772)
Bauer radio	-	(82)	(82)
The big lottery community fund	4,742	(91,600)	(86,858)
Lancashire magazine	1,201	(4,403)	(3,202)
Crowd funder	-	(516)	(516)
Rank covid recovery	-	(5,093)	(5,093)
Big lottery COVID	-	(7,234)	(7,234)
Percy bilton	3,143	(3,111)	32
Time to shine	8,310	(19,329)	(11,019)
Vera wolstencroft COVID	-	(3,420)	(3,420)
Vera wolstencroft Ipads	-	(1,795)	(1,795)
TK max	-	(455)	(455)
True colours	-	(2,721)	(2,721)
Heinz	-	(75)	(75)
Alchemy	1,099	(627)	472
Arnold clarke	1,000	(536)	464
Aspired futures	15,000	(15,000)	-
Boshier	1,728	(1,728)	-
Bruce wake	2,500	(2,202)	298
Clothworkers	2,070	(2,070)	-
DCMF	30,595	(30,595)	-
DWF charitable grant	1,440	(804)	636
Garfield weston	20,000	(20,000)	-
Lennox hannay	1,000	(1,000)	-
National Lottery Community Fund (Resilience project)	122,205	(110,173)	12,032
Souter	1,331	(1,331)	-
The alan halsall foundation	24,000	(10,754)	13,246
The prince's trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
The swallowdale trust	2,500	(2,500)	-
Zochonis	3,674	(2,034)	1,640
Glasdon	600	(600)	-
Asda	975	(975)	-
The duchy of lancaster	1,000	(1,000)	-
Skelton	750	(750)	-
Jack bell	4,499	(1,737)	2,762
Payback time	5,500	(3,550)	1,950
Anton Jurgens	1,800	(1,620)	180
Eric Wright	10,000	(365)	9,635
The Grocer's Charity	1,434	(590)	844

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Trust House	33,323	(24,117)	9,206
Children in Need 2023	40,333	(22,698)	17,635
A Team	7,083	(5,596)	1,487
Cost of Living Grant	6,500	(5,930)	570
Groundworks	1,000	(10)	990
Little Boost	5,000	(5,000)	-
Jeanette Dervish	4,000	-	4,000
Hedley	1,000	-	1,000
	460,916	(521,887)	(60,971)
TOTAL FUNDS	518,870	(587,594)	(68,724)

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	11,034	4,676
Investment income		
Rents received	4,444	3,075
Deposit account interest	260	13
	<hr/> 4,704	<hr/> 3,088
Charitable activities		
Fundraising and event fees	23,296	3,635
Support for families	5,529	1,992
Grants	264,691	196,225
	<hr/> 293,516	<hr/> 201,852
Total incoming resources	309,254	209,616
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	174,524	206,057
Building costs including rent	21,498	37,707
Business rates	1,093	1,562
Insurance	2,288	2,084
Utilities	8,062	6,869
Telephone	2,392	1,625
Office costs	13,706	2,806
Activity costs	48,107	41,507
Professional fees	234	4,029
Fundraising costs	10,680	581
Gift and donations	54	129
	<hr/> 282,638	<hr/> 304,956
Total resources expended	282,638	304,956
Net income/(expenditure)	<hr/> <hr/> 26,616	<hr/> <hr/> (95,340)

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Aiming Higher for the Disabled Community Trustee Report April 2022 to March 2023

The staff team at Aiming Higher continued to provide the much-needed support, both through our family support service and our family and under 5's activities. Our soft play and sensory centre on the ground floor of our building in central Blackpool, was opened for group activities, ensuring a safe space for families with disabled children and young people to meet, play and get much needed peer support from other families. The positive impact this had on the families we support was evident, as we continue to see the impact of the Covid 19 restrictions and lockdown which resulted in further isolation of these families, who already at times feel isolated and alone.

Our Board of Trustees, consisting of a wide range of experience from local health care leaders, business leaders and communication experts alongside parent/carers, continued to support our staff team, enabling them to provide quality services, offering strong governance, bringing their business expertise to the board as well as the lived experience of the challenges and problems around raising a disabled child.

During this year, we were able to continue supporting our families through our Resilience Project, funded by The Big Lottery Community Foundation Grant and our Early years Children in Need Grant. We also provided a range of social activities to young people with ASD, funded by Blackpool Council.

Families continued to request help with housing, benefits, health, education, and social care and were supported, both virtually and face to face during the on ongoing cost of living crisis and we have engaged the local MP to raise the issues the families we support are facing on a day to day basis.

Blackpool continues to be recognised as an area where social and financial deprivation are prevalent. Our staff team have continued to offer the vital support that our families have come to rely on. Unfortunately we always have a waiting list, with self-referrals, as well as referrals from Social Services, Education, other third sector organisations and word of mouth. This constant stream of referrals is proof that Aiming Higher needs to continue its work across the communities we support.

Fundraising continues to be a challenge, however thanks to our grant writing team, we have been fortunate to have received funds and grants from various sources, to enable us to continue supporting the families that rely on us so much.

However, during this financial year, for the first time since COVID, we held our fundraising ball. Thanks to the hard work, support and determination of everyone involved we raised almost £ 10,000.

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Slater Gordon, Glasdon, Carlos Newman, PJB Accounting, Jeanette Dervish, Asda, The Buffaloes, Lancashire Magazine, One Fylde, Jack Bell Ladies Lunch, Katie Peplow, Fylde Ladies Bowling, Fylde Netball League, Billy Fury, Queen's Hotel and Fylde Country Dancing, to name a few, generously supported us with donations.

In addition, The Co-Operative, Payback Time, The Alan Halsall Foundation, The Charity's Trust, The Grocers Charity, Anton Jurgen, Groundworks and Hedley Foundation all gave us grants to support the various activities and services Aiming Higher provides

The Children in Need and Big Lottery funding enabled us to continue with our targeted Family Support and pre-school Direct Services. We were commissioned by Blackpool Council to provide The A-Team Service, a social provision for young people with a diagnosis of ASD.

We were also fortunate to receive some funding from Blackpool Council to assist our families directly with the Cost of Living Crisis that was, and still is, having a massive impact.

Lancashire Magazine continues to support us. In addition to regular financial donations, the magazine publishes a monthly feature, keeping the readership updated with our activities and fundraising opportunities and our gratitude goes to Natalie Christopher for facilitating this and continuing to support us in her role as Patron. Our Ambassador scheme continues to develop and the support the ambassadors give us enable new avenues of fundraising to be opened, including new adventures in our great outdoors with the Snowden Challenge, we must thank Jason Rawles of Aspire Adventures for his continued support.

Our thanks go to everyone who has given us the support needed through continued challenging times. This support has enabled us to provide the much-needed services and activities that our families have relied on and continue to do so.

We must give special acknowledgement to our amazing staff team, who continue to surprise us with the incredible outcomes they achieve. In addition, their ongoing support and commitment to the families that Aiming Higher supports, often facing challenging situations, is an indication of their dedication to the charity.

In addition, we acknowledge that without all who give their time by providing maintenance to our building, volunteering their time freely and supporting us in a variety of other ways, Aiming Higher would struggle to deliver the vital services and help to families in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

Aiming Higher will continue to provide the services that families so desperately need to help them face their challenges, no matter what the future holds, with the on-going support from our Trustee Board, Patron and local businesses and organisations, with funding from grants, sponsorship, donations, and fundraising.



On behalf of our families, our staff team, volunteers and Board of Trustees, thank you to all who help us make such a difference to the lives of families caring for disabled children and young people in the local area

**Paul Jebb
Chair, Board of Trustees**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'P' followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

AIMING HIGHER FOR THE DISABLED COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1144664

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Aiming Higher for the Disabled Community Trustee Report April 2021 to March 2022

The continued restriction around COVID-19 continued to impact Aiming Higher during the year 2021 to 2022. Although restrictions were completely lifted on 19th July 2021, due to health vulnerabilities of some of the families we support, as well as the anxieties and mental health resulting from lock down, it continued to be a challenging time.

However, our staff team continued to provide the much-needed support, both through our family support service and our family and under 5's activities, when restrictions allowed us to do so. Our soft play and sensory centre on the ground floor of our building in central Blackpool, was opened for group activities, always considering the COVID guidelines, ensuring a safe space for families with disabled children and young people. The positive impact this had on the families we support was evident, as lockdown had resulted in the isolation these families usually experience, increase massively.

Our Board of Trustees, consisting of local business leaders and parent/carers, continued to support our staff team, enabling them to provide quality services, offering strong governance, bringing their business expertise to the board as well as the lived experience of the challenges and problems around raising a disabled child.

During this year, we were able to continue supporting our families through our Resilience Project, funded by The Big Lottery Community Foundation Grant and our Early years Children in Need Grant. We also provided a range of social activities to young people with ASD, funded by Blackpool Council.

Families continued to request help with housing, benefits, health, education, and social care and were supported, both virtually and face to face, even during lockdown, as our staff are classed as frontline workers. This support was carried out following COVID regulations relevant to the restrictions at the time.

Blackpool continues to be recognised as an area where social and financial deprivation are prevalent, and COVID increased the issues many of our families face. Our staff team have continued to offer the vital support that our families have come to rely on. We always have a waiting list, with self-referrals, as well as referrals from Social Services, Education, other third sector organisations and word of mouth. This constant stream of referrals is proof of how much help is needed.

As last year, our fundraising abilities have been curtailed. However, thanks to our grant writing team, we have been fortunate to have received funds and grants from various sources, to enable us to continue supporting the families that rely on us so much.



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John Child

Chair of Aiming Higher

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1144664

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
Aiming Higher

CCW Limited
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To relieve the needs of disabled people and their family and carers as the trustees shall determine.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The finances are reviewed on a regular basis, at all trustee meetings and the accounts are independently examined at the end of the financial year. The Trustees constantly consider fundraising and the sustainability of the organization.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are by way of grants. The purpose of each fund, movement during the year and details of balances carried forward at 31 March 2022 are shown in note 6.

Reserves policy

The aim of the Reserves Policy remains to ensure the organization is sustainable.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are recruited from within the membership of the organization, from the local communities which Aiming Higher serves, and, as far as is practicable, recruitment is targeted to reflect both the skills that are needed and the diversity of members, member organizations and the communities they serve.

Induction and training of new trustees

Induction training is provided to all trustees on appointment to familiarize them with the work of the organization and to ensure that they are able to make an immediate contribution to its strategic management.

Key management remuneration

The charity applies salaries to all personnel commensurate with duties and that are consistent with the parameters of nationally agreed rates of pay. The charity considers its key management personnel to be the services manager.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirmed that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1144664

Principal address

231/23 Church Street
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Trustees

Mrs H P Ainge
Mrs A L Dawson
Mr J Child
Mrs A Gilmore
Mr N T Ascroft
Mr J A Wareing
Mr J Bailey (appointed 6.6.22)
Mrs F E Atherton (appointed 3.10.22)
Mr P Jebb (appointed 6.6.22)

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25.01.2023 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr J Child - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Aiming Higher

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Aiming Higher

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aiming Higher (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Paul Ronson FCA
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
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Date: 26-1-23

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		4,676	-	4,676	9,314
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		5,627	196,225	201,852	366,404
Investment income	2	3,088	-	3,088	4,301
Total		<u>13,391</u>	<u>196,225</u>	<u>209,616</u>	<u>380,019</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		28,833	276,123	304,956	345,262
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(15,442)	(79,898)	(95,340)	34,757
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		74,249	149,056	223,305	188,548
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>58,807</u></u>	<u><u>69,158</u></u>	<u><u>127,965</u></u>	<u><u>223,305</u></u>

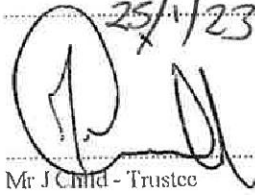
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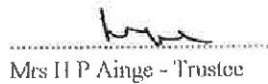
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Balance Sheet
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		58,806	69,159	127,965	223,305
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>58,806</u>	<u>69,159</u>	<u>127,965</u>	<u>223,305</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>58,806</u>	<u>69,159</u>	<u>127,965</u>	<u>223,305</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>58,806</u>	<u>69,159</u>	<u>127,965</u>	<u>223,305</u>
FUNDS	5				
Unrestricted funds				58,806	74,249
Restricted funds				<u>69,159</u>	<u>149,056</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>127,965</u>	<u>223,305</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25/1/23 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr J Child - Trustee


Mrs H P Ainge - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Rents received	3,075	4,261
Deposit account interest	13	40
	<u>3,088</u>	<u>4,301</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

3. **TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

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

Trustees' expenses

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

4. **COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	9,314	-	9,314
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	14,738	351,666	366,404
Investment income	4,301	-	4,301
Total	<u>28,353</u>	<u>351,666</u>	<u>380,019</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	19,551	325,711	345,262
NET INCOME	8,802	25,955	34,757
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	65,448	123,100	188,548
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>74,250</u>	<u>149,055</u>	<u>223,305</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	74,249	(15,443)	58,806
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	3,261	(3,204)	57
Children in need	9,547	(3,018)	6,529
The A team	11,518	(7,612)	3,906
Bauer radio	82	(82)	-
The big lottery community fund	86,858	(86,858)	-
Lancashire magazine	5,462	(1,778)	3,684
Crowd funder	516	(259)	257
Rank covid recovery	5,093	(5,049)	44
Big lottery COVID	7,234	(7,234)	-
Time to shine	11,019	(10,746)	273
Vera wolstencroft COVID	3,420	(3,079)	341
Vera wolstencroft lpads	1,795	(1,795)	-
TK max	455	(455)	-
True colours	2,721	(2,721)	-
Heinz	75	(75)	-
Alchemy	-	728	728
Arnold clarke	-	844	844
Aspired futures	-	1,433	1,433
Boshier	-	954	954
Bruce wake	-	2,500	2,500
Clothworkers	-	2,070	2,070
DCMF	-	172	172
DWF charitable grant	-	1,440	1,440
Garfield weston	-	17,063	17,063
Lennox hannay	-	1,000	1,000
Resilience project	-	5,930	5,930
Souter	-	1,331	1,331
The alan halsall foundation	-	9,822	9,822
The prince's trust	-	3,167	3,167
The swallowdale trust	-	1,740	1,740
Zochonis	-	3,674	3,674
Glasdon	-	200	200
	<u>149,056</u>	<u>(79,897)</u>	<u>69,159</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>223,305</u>	<u>(95,340)</u>	<u>127,965</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

5. **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	13,391	(28,834)	(15,443)
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	-	(3,204)	(3,204)
Children in need	39,833	(42,851)	(3,018)
The A team	12,540	(20,152)	(7,612)
Bauer radio	-	(82)	(82)
The big lottery community fund	4,742	(91,600)	(86,858)
Lancashire magazine	1,201	(2,979)	(1,778)
Crowd funder	-	(259)	(259)
Rank covid recovery	-	(5,049)	(5,049)
Big lottery COVID	-	(7,234)	(7,234)
Time to shine	8,310	(19,056)	(10,746)
Vera wolstencroft COVID	-	(3,079)	(3,079)
Vera wolstencroft lpads	-	(1,795)	(1,795)
TK max	-	(455)	(455)
True colours	-	(2,721)	(2,721)
Heinz	-	(75)	(75)
Alchemy	1,099	(371)	728
Arnold clarke	1,000	(156)	844
Aspired futures	15,000	(13,567)	1,433
Boshier	1,728	(774)	954
Bruce wake	2,500	-	2,500
Clothworkers	2,070	-	2,070
DCMF	30,595	(30,423)	172
DWF charitable grant	1,440	-	1,440
Garfield weston	20,000	(2,937)	17,063
Lennox hamay	1,000	-	1,000
Resilience project	24,338	(18,408)	5,930
Souter	1,331	-	1,331
The alan halsall foundation	10,000	(178)	9,822
The prince's trust	5,000	(1,833)	3,167
The swallowdale trust	2,500	(760)	1,740
Zochonis	3,674	-	3,674
Glasdon	600	(400)	200
Asda	975	(975)	-
The duchy of lancaster	1,000	(1,000)	-
Skelton	750	(750)	-
Jack bell	999	(999)	-
Payback time	2,000	(2,000)	-
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	196,225	(276,122)	(79,897)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>209,616</u>	<u>(304,956)</u>	<u>(95,340)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,448	8,801	74,249
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	3,682	(421)	3,261
Children in need	11,637	(2,090)	9,547
The A team	-	11,518	11,518
Bauer radio	-	82	82
The big lottery community fund	91,149	(4,291)	86,858
Respite association COVID	(443)	443	-
Lancashire magazine	4,737	725	5,462
Crowd funder	-	516	516
Rank covid recovery	-	5,093	5,093
Lancashire foundation	3,488	(3,488)	-
Big lottery COVID	-	7,234	7,234
Time to shine	-	11,019	11,019
Vera wolstencroft COVID	-	3,420	3,420
Vera wolstencroft lpads	-	1,795	1,795
Vera wolstencroft	105	(105)	-
TK max	500	(45)	455
True colours	8,051	(5,330)	2,721
Warm bed grant	119	(119)	-
Heinz	75	-	75
	<u>123,100</u>	<u>25,956</u>	<u>149,056</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>188,548</u>	<u>34,757</u>	<u>223,305</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

5. **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	28,353	(19,552)	8,801
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	12,646	(13,067)	(421)
Children in need	37,841	(39,931)	(2,090)
The A team	18,616	(7,098)	11,518
Bauer radio	700	(618)	82
The big lottery community fund	168,695	(172,986)	(4,291)
Children in need booster	2,104	(2,104)	-
Children in need next steps	6,706	(6,706)	-
Respite association COVID	5,023	(4,580)	443
CVS	5,000	(5,000)	-
Lancashire magazine	1,000	(275)	725
Crowd funder	516	-	516
Rank covid recovery	24,213	(19,120)	5,093
Lancashire foundation	1,916	(5,404)	(3,488)
Big lottery COVID	34,600	(27,366)	7,234
NHS baking project	2,500	(2,500)	-
Percy bilton	500	(500)	-
Screwfix	4,530	(4,530)	-
The glass floor	300	(300)	-
Time to shine	12,465	(1,446)	11,019
Vera wolstencroft COVID	10,000	(6,580)	3,420
Vera wolstencroft Ipads	1,795	-	1,795
Vera wolstencroft	-	(105)	(105)
TK max	-	(45)	(45)
True colours	-	(5,330)	(5,330)
Warm bed grant	-	(119)	(119)
	<u>351,666</u>	<u>(325,710)</u>	<u>25,956</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>380,019</u>	<u>(345,262)</u>	<u>34,757</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

5. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,448	(6,642)	58,806
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	3,682	(3,625)	57
Children in need	11,637	(5,108)	6,529
The A team	-	3,906	3,906
The big lottery community fund	91,149	(91,149)	-
Respite association COVID	(443)	443	-
Lancashire magazine	4,737	(1,053)	3,684
Crowd funder	-	257	257
Rank covid recovery	-	44	44
Lancashire foundation	3,488	(3,488)	-
Time to shine	-	273	273
Vera wolstencroft COVID	-	341	341
Vera wolstencroft	105	(105)	-
TK max	500	(500)	-
True colours	8,051	(8,051)	-
Warm bed grant	119	(119)	-
Heinz	75	(75)	-
Alchemy	-	728	728
Arnold clarke	-	844	844
Aspired futures	-	1,433	1,433
Boshier	-	954	954
Bruce wake	-	2,500	2,500
Clothworkers	-	2,070	2,070
DCMF	-	172	172
DWF charitable grant	-	1,440	1,440
Garfield weston	-	17,063	17,063
Lennox hannay	-	1,000	1,000
Resilience project	-	5,930	5,930
Souter	-	1,331	1,331
The alan halsall foundation	-	9,822	9,822
The prince's trust	-	3,167	3,167
The swallowdale trust	-	1,740	1,740
Zochonis	-	3,674	3,674
Glasdon	-	200	200
	<u>123,100</u>	<u>(53,941)</u>	<u>69,159</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>188,548</u>	<u>(60,583)</u>	<u>127,965</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

5. **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	41,744	(48,386)	(6,642)
Restricted funds			
Saturday activities	12,646	(16,271)	(3,625)
Children in need	77,674	(82,782)	(5,108)
The A team	31,156	(27,250)	3,906
Bauer radio	700	(700)	-
The big lottery community fund	173,437	(264,586)	(91,149)
Children in need booster	2,104	(2,104)	-
Children in need next steps	6,706	(6,706)	-
Respite association COVID	5,023	(4,580)	443
CVS	5,000	(5,000)	-
Lancashire magazine	2,201	(3,254)	(1,053)
Crowd funder	516	(259)	257
Rank covid recovery	24,213	(24,169)	44
Lancashire foundation	1,916	(5,404)	(3,488)
Big lottery COVID	34,600	(34,600)	-
NHS baking project	2,500	(2,500)	-
Percy bilton	500	(500)	-
Screwfix	4,530	(4,530)	-
The glass floor	300	(300)	-
Time to shine	20,775	(20,502)	273
Vera wolstencroft COVID	10,000	(9,659)	341
Vera wolstencroft Ipads	1,795	(1,795)	-
Vera wolstencroft	-	(105)	(105)
TK max	-	(500)	(500)
True colours	-	(8,051)	(8,051)
Warm bed grant	-	(119)	(119)
Heinz	-	(75)	(75)
Alchemy	1,099	(371)	728
Arnold clarke	1,000	(156)	844
Aspired futures	15,000	(13,567)	1,433
Boshier	1,728	(774)	954
Bruce wake	2,500	-	2,500
Clothworkers	2,070	-	2,070
DCMF	30,595	(30,423)	172
DWF charitable grant	1,440	-	1,440
Garfield weston	20,000	(2,937)	17,063
Lemox hannay	1,000	-	1,000
Resilience project	24,338	(18,408)	5,930
Souter	1,331	-	1,331
The alan halsall foundation	10,000	(178)	9,822
The prince's trust	5,000	(1,833)	3,167
The swallowdale trust	2,500	(760)	1,740
Zochonis	3,674	-	3,674
Glasdon	600	(400)	200
Asda	975	(975)	-
The duchy of lancaster	1,000	(1,000)	-
Skelton	750	(750)	-
Jack bell	999	(999)	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued			
Payback time	2,000	(2,000)	-
	<u>547,891</u>	<u>(601,832)</u>	<u>(53,941)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>589,635</u>	<u>(650,218)</u>	<u>(60,583)</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	4,676	9,314
Investment income		
Rents received	3,075	4,261
Deposit account interest	13	40
	<u>3,088</u>	<u>4,301</u>
Charitable activities		
Fundraising and event fees	3,635	971
Premises hire	-	40
Support for families	1,992	6,087
Student placement fees	-	7,640
Grants	196,225	351,666
	<u>201,852</u>	<u>366,404</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>209,616</u>	<u>380,019</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	206,057	203,174
Building costs including rent	37,707	18,822
Business rates	1,562	1,434
Insurance	2,084	1,913
Utilities	6,869	6,498
Telephone	1,625	1,571
Office costs	2,806	4,073
Activity costs	41,507	100,528
Professional fees	4,029	6,930
Fundraising costs	581	263
Gift and donations	129	56
	<u>304,956</u>	<u>345,262</u>
Total resources expended	<u>304,956</u>	<u>345,262</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(95,340)</u>	<u>34,757</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Aiming Higher

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Aiming Higher

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aiming Higher (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Date: 26-1-23

AIMING HIGHER FOR THE DISABLED COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1144664

Accounts



Aiming Higher
231/233 Church Street
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Aiming Higher for the Disabled Community Trustee Report April 2020 to March 2021

The year 2020 to 2021, has been an extremely challenging year for Aiming Higher. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on every part of society.

As a charity, supporting extremely vulnerable families caring for disabled children, our staff team have been outstanding, creatively finding solutions to enable Aiming Higher to continue delivering services and activities to the Disabled Community of Blackpool and the Fylde Coast. Our soft play and sensory centre on the ground floor of our building in central Blackpool, became a distribution hub for resources that were distributed to families, (following COVID strict regulations), to enable them to join in virtual activities. This made a huge difference to the mental health, social isolation and many other negative issues that have surfaced as a result of COVID.

Our Board of Trustees, consisting of local business leaders and parent/carers, continued to support our staff team, enabling them to provide quality services, offering strong governance, bringing their business expertise to the board as well as the lived experience of the challenges and problems around raising a disabled child.

During this time, we were able to continue supporting our families through our Transformation Project, funded by The Big Lottery Community Foundation Grant and our Early years Children in Need Grant.

Families requesting help with housing, benefits, health, education and social care were supported, both virtually and, where absolutely necessary, face to face, allowed, as our staff are classed as frontline workers. Once again, all our support was carried out following COVID regulations. Blackpool is recognised as an area where social and financial deprivation are prevalent, and COVID has increased the issues many of our

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families experienced and continue to do so. Through all this, our staff team have offered vital support that families have come to rely on, and our waiting list has increased significantly, an indicator of how much help is needed.

During this year, our fundraising abilities have been curtailed. However, we have been fortunate to have received funds from various sources, some targeted at supporting families during this time of crisis.

To name a few, Beaverbrooks, Slater Gordon, Glasdon and Asda all gave us donations. Bauer Radio, Vera Wolstencroft, The Respite Association. Lancashire Community Foundation, NHS Community Gift and TEMAX all helped to fund the extra support needed to help families and support the work of Aiming Higher.

In addition, Children in Need and The Big Lottery awarded us additional funding, specifically recognizing the additional needs of so many during these unusual circumstances. We were also awarded grants from the Rank Covid Recovery and Time to Shine funding.

Lancashire Magazine continues to support us. In addition to regular financial donations, the magazine publishes a monthly feature, keeping the readership updated with our activities and our gratitude goes to Natalie Christopher for facilitating this and continuing to support us in her role as Patron.

Our thanks go to everyone who has given us the support needed, that has enabled us to provide the much-needed services and activities that our families have relied on, even more than during “normal times”. In addition, we acknowledge that without all who give their time by providing maintenance to our building, volunteering their time freely and supporting us in a variety of other ways, Aiming Higher would struggle to deliver the vital services and help to families in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

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At the end of this financial year, we are still facing the uncertainties and impact that COVID-19 will bring in the coming year.

However, our dedicated staff team and volunteers will continue to assist the families that rely on our charity, delivering on the outcomes that we are committed to. With on-going support from our Trustee Board and local businesses and organisations, with funding from grants, sponsorship, donations and fundraising, Aiming Higher will provide the services that families so desperately need to help them face their challenges, no matter what the future holds.

On behalf of our families, our staff team, volunteers and Board of Trustees, thank you to all who help us make such a difference to the lives of families caring for disabled children and young people in the local area.

John Child

Chair of Aiming Higher

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Statement of Financial Activities Year Ending 31st March 2021



Detail Notes as Indicated.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2020
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Income from Charitable Activities				
Event Fees	652.00		652.00	1,859.10
Premises Hire	40.00		40.00	2,840.00
Resources from Generated Funds				
Grants and Restricted Funds ¹	0.00	351,665.95	351,665.95	268,040.90
Donations	9,313.10		9,313.10	9,849.74
Fundraisers	604.93		604.93	5,701.77
Support for Families	6,086.88		6,086.88	6,305.49
Activities for Generating Funds				
Flat Rental	4,260.71		4,260.71	6,590.00
Spring Ball	-400.00		-400.00	17,730.00
Student Placement Fees	7,640.00		7,640.00	0.00
On Line Auction	114.06		114.06	
Investment Income				
Bank Interest	39.85		39.85	57.82
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>28,351.53</u>	<u>351,665.95</u>	<u>380,017.48</u>	<u>318,974.82</u>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2020
	£	£	£	£
Resources Expended				
Activity Costs ²	13,828.25	305,681.03	317,254.30	280,393.25
Other Costs ²	1,430.00	5,500.00	7,289.00	170.95
Building Costs ²	4,291.97	14,530.00	20,255.57	25,816.08
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>19,550.22</u>	<u>325,711.03</u>	<u>344,798.87</u>	<u>306,380.28</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities Year Ending 31st March 2021



	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£		
Net Incoming Resources	8,801.31	25,954.92	34,756.23	16,828.23
Fund Balances as at 1st April 2020	65,447.61	123,099.88	188,547.49	171,719.26
TOTAL 31st MARCH 2021	<u>74,248.92</u>	<u>149,054.80</u>	<u>223,303.72</u>	<u>188,547.49</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities Year Ending 31st March 2021



Aiming Higher Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Cash Balance	74,248.92	149,054.80	223,303.72	188,147.49
Accounts Receivable				400.00
Net Assets	<u>74,248.92</u>	<u>149,054.80</u>	<u>223,303.72</u>	<u>188,547.49</u>
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Unrestricted Funds	74,248.92		74,248.92	65,447.61
Restricted Funds		149,054.80	149,054.80	123,099.88
TOTALS	<u>74,248.92</u>	<u>149,054.80</u>	<u>223,303.72</u>	<u>188,547.49</u>
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Statement of Financial Activities Year Ending 31st March 2021



Detail notes as indicated. 1

	Restricted 2021 £
Income from Grants & Restricted Funds	
Saturday Activities	12,646.00
Children in Need	37,841.35
The A Team	18,615.88
Bauer Radio	700.00
The Big Lottery Community Fund	168,695.00
Children in Need Booster	2,104.06
Children in Need next Steps	6,705.91
Respite Association COVID	5,023.07
CVS	5,000.00
Lancashire Magazine	1,000.00
Crowd Funder	516.00
Rank Covid Recovery	24,213.00
Lancashire Foundation	1,916.00
Big Lottery COVID	34,599.68
NHS Baking Project	2,500.00
Percy Bilton	500.00
Screwfix	4,530.00
The Glass Floor	300.00
Time to Shine	12,465.00
Vera Wolstencroft COVID	10,000.00
Vera Wolstencroft IPADS	1,795.00
Total amounts received	<u>351,665.95</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities Year Ending 31st March 2021



Detail notes as indicated. 2

Resources Expended	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	2020
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities				
Activity Costs	100,240.24	287.69	100,527.93	54,818.55
Volunteer Expenses	0.00		0.00	123.40
Office Costs	2,557.62	1,514.65	4,072.27	3,927.95
Utilities	6,136.95	360.95	6,497.90	6,486.22
Telephone/Broadband	1,571.63		1,571.63	1,071.46
Staff Costs	195,174.59	7,999.93	203,174.52	201,186.49
Business Rates		1,433.60	1,433.60	1,411.20
Insurance		1,912.87	1,912.87	1,871.27
Professional Fees	5,500.00	1,430.00	6,930.00	147.00
Building Costs inc. Rent	14,530.00	4,291.97	18,821.97	24,404.88
Fundraising Costs		262.56	262.56	10,907.91
Gifts and Donations		56.00	56.00	23.95
TOTAL				
Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	<u>325,711.03</u>	<u>19,550.22</u>	<u>345,261.25</u>	<u>306,380.28</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities Year Ending 31st March 2021



Detail notes as indicated. 3

	£
Restricted Funds	
Crowd Funder	516.00
Heinz	75.00
Lancashire Magazine	4,461.63
Lancashire magazine Activities	1,000.00
Saturday Activities	3,260.65
A Team	11,518.41
Bauer Radio	81.89
Big Lottery COVID	7,233.60
Big Lottery Community Fund	86,858.15
Children in Need	9,546.87
Vera Wolstencroft COVID	3,420.21
I.T/Health & Safety	5,093.00
Time to Shine	11,018.66
TK Max	455.00
True Colours	2,720.73
Vers Wolstencroft Ipads	1,795.00
TOTAL	<u><u>149,054.80</u></u>

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Statement of Financial Activities Year Ending 31st March 2021

Notes to the Accounts Year Ended 31st March 2021

1. Accounting Policies

- a) The Financial statements have been prepared and follow the recommendations in “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” (SORP) issued in March 2005.
- b) Voluntary Income is received by way of donations and is included in full in the State of Financial Activities when received. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.
- c) Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities
- d) Restricted Funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets this criteria is identified.
- e) Unrestricted Funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- f) Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its’ estimated useful life, which, in all cases is set at three years.

2. Turnover

The turnover and surplus are attributable to the promotion of any charitable purpose for the benefit of the charity in the local authority districts of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

3. Operating Surplus

This is as stated.

4. Interest Received

Bank Interest Received

2021

£

39.85

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Statement of Financial Activities Year Ending 31st March 2021

5. Taxation

As a registered charity with charitable status granted there is no liability for Corporation Tax on its' Charitable Activities.

6. Staff Numbers

Eight members of staff were employed during the year, two Project Managers, three Family Support Workers, one Administrator, one Development Worker and a Sessional Worker and another position, funded through Time to Shine. All staff positions were grant funded. In addition to these staff positions, a Charity Manager, was contracted to the charity.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Aiming Higher for the Disabled Community**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Aiming Higher for the Disabled Community

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aiming Higher for the Disabled Community (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

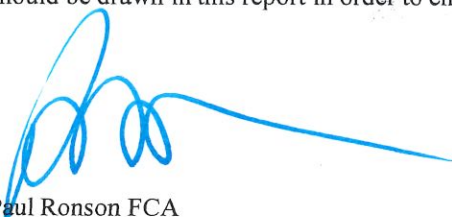
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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Date:

28th January 2022