



**Aiming Higher**  
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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
	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
<b>Income from Charitable Activities</b>				
Event Fees	652.00		652.00	1,859.10
Premises Hire	40.00		40.00	2,840.00
<b>Resources from Generated Funds</b>				
Grants and Restricted Funds <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>				
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	
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Bank Interest	39.85		39.85	57.82
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>28,351.53</b>	<b>351,665.95</b>	<b>380,017.48</b>	<b>318,974.82</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
Activity Costs <sup>2</sup>	13,828.25	305,681.03	317,254.30	280,393.25
Other Costs <sup>2</sup>	1,430.00	5,500.00	7,289.00	170.95
Building Costs <sup>2</sup>	4,291.97	14,530.00	20,255.57	25,816.08
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>19,550.22</b>	<b>325,711.03</b>	<b>344,798.87</b>	<b>306,380.28</b>

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	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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**Aiming Higher Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Cash Balance</b>	74,248.92	149,054.80	223,303.72	188,147.49
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>				400.00
<b>Net Assets</b>	<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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>74,248.92</u>	<u>149,054.80</u>	<u>223,303.72</u>	<u>188,547.49</u>
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**Detail notes as indicated. 1**

	<b>Restricted 2021 £</b>
<b>Income from Grants &amp; Restricted Funds</b>	
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
<b>Total amounts received</b>	<b>351,665.95</b>

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Detail notes as indicated. 2

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	2020
Resources Expended	£	£	£	£
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>325,711.03</u>	<u>19,550.22</u>	<u>345,261.25</u>	<u>306,380.28</u>



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Detail notes as indicated. 3

	£
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>149,054.80</u></u>

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## **Statement of Financial Activities Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

### **Notes to the Accounts Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Statement 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**

**2021**

**£**

Bank Interest Received

39.85

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### **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
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:

*28<sup>th</sup> January 2022*