

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
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Lancashire
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 08.01.2024 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.

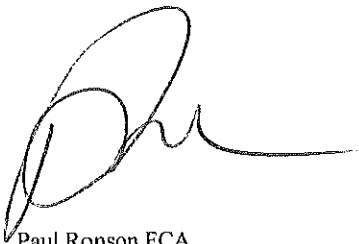
Independent examiner's statement

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
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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

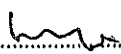
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Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	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:


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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

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

	31.3.23	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
	<u>69,159</u>	<u>18,926</u>	<u>88,085</u>
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 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
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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
	149,056	(79,897)	69,159
TOTAL FUNDS	223,305	(95,340)	127,965

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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)
TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	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
	<u>460,916</u>	<u>(521,887)</u>	<u>(60,971)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>518,870</u>	<u>(587,594)</u>	<u>(68,724)</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

Aiming Higher

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

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