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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (EXAMINED BUT UNAUDITED)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2024

Charity No: 1144821

Company Registration No: 07720385

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registered charity name	DONNINGTON DOORSTEP
Charity number	1144821
Company registration number	07720385
Principal & registered office address	Donnington Doorstep Family Centre Townsend Square Oxford OX4 4BB
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law (referred to as trustees throughout), present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company (referred to as the Charity throughout) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

INTRODUCTION FROM CHAIR

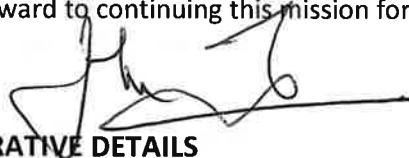
Donnington Doorstep has been dedicated to serving the communities of East Oxford and beyond for 40 years. The importance of a family and children's centre that responds to local needs and is accessible to all has never been more evident. During the 2023/24 financial year, we have addressed the cost-of-living challenges by providing warm, balanced meals from our kitchen alongside a warm place to be.

Our Director, Audrey Irons, has excelled in leading our dedicated staff, promoting Doorstep's mission, and securing new funding sources. We have expanded the hours of our family drop-in service, extended our youth programs, and reopened our refurbished garden. We are also delighted to welcome Professor Danny Dorling as our first honorary President.

At Doorstep, we believe that everyone may need support in raising children at some point. Parenting is both one of the most rewarding and challenging endeavours. For instance, Danny first came to Doorstep as a teenager to benefit from our youth programs and is now a respected academic at Oxford University.

Doorstep has been a constant presence through various changes in public policy. Regardless of future developments, Donnington Doorstep remains committed to supporting local young people, children, parents, and caregivers, and we look forward to continuing this mission for many more years to come.

John Tanner, Chair of Trustees



10/9/24

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of general information on page 2 of the financial statements.

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the charity during the year are shown on page 2.

OBJECTIVES, OVERVIEW AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

Donnington Doorstep is an independent, community-based family centre delivering a range of universal and specialist services. Set up in 1984 by local parents who knew that caring for children can be hard - we're a supportive, nurturing and inclusive centre for children, young people and their families as well as a hub for local community activity. From our purpose-built centre in East Oxford our activities focus on play, learning, support, and youth and community development.

Our Vision: Children, young people and families are safe, happy and thriving as part of their local community

Our Mission: Donnington Doorstep provides holistic support that is co-created with children, young people and families through building relationships, creating safe spaces and opportunities for development & growth.

Our aims:

- Increased happiness and emotional wellbeing for local children, young people and their families
- Improved mental and physical health for local children, young people and their families
- Improved life chances for socially excluded children and young people to enable them to realise their full potential
- A stronger, safer and more integrated community in Donnington and the surrounding areas.

In 2012 we became a registered charitable company. Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are:

- To provide facilities and support for families living in the city of Oxford and its surrounding areas ("the area of benefit") to help relieve need, hardship and distress including the hardship and distress caused by the breakup of relationships and families
- To provide educational opportunities for children and young people living in the area of benefit and their families and carers
- To provide facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for children, young people and their families living in the area of benefit with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

We create a culture of respect and acceptance so that children, young people and adults feel physically and emotionally safe. There is a warm welcome for anyone who walks through the doors and everyone is treated with respect and without judgement.

Our values:

- **Welcoming:** Everyone is welcome at Donnington Doorstep. We provide a consistent, safe, supportive space for people to connect with one another to build relationships, to learn, and to grow.
- **Relational:** We build compassionate relationships, we listen, we care and we work collaboratively with people, communities and partners.
- **Empowering:** Providing opportunities for people to develop confidence and autonomy as individuals and communities.
- **Adaptable:** We listen, we hear and we respond to individuals and our community, providing creative, flexible and innovative support.
- **Inclusive:** We take action to remove barriers to participation in our services, we treat people fairly and respectfully, we celebrate difference and strive towards ensuring equity for all.

Our Play Ethos informs our work:

- Focus on fun and play
- Be warm, friendly and welcoming
- Be child-centred so flexible and responsive to the needs of children and young people
- Encourage free choice, independence and risk taking within safe limits
- Know when to stand back and let children lead their own play
- Take a holistic approach working with the values/culture/family setup of individual children, young people and families
- Value and respect everyone and encourage children and young people to welcome, value and respect others
- Support children and young people to stretch themselves and experience life to the full

- Foster individuality and so strengthen independence and self-esteem
- Dedicate time to talk and listen
- Be free to all to enable children from all backgrounds to participate equally
- Offer outdoors activities as well as indoor, whatever the weather
- Value and respect the environment - treading lightly
- Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

Our **youth work ethos** ensures that we offer young people safe spaces to explore their identity, experience decision-making, increase their confidence, develop inter-personal skills and think through the consequences of their actions. Engagement in the youth work process is absolutely voluntary. We believe in the 4 R's –

- Resilience - children will persist with their activities and ideas when challenge occurs
- Resourcefulness - children are capable of solving their own problems using their own resources, they may seek help from peers and adults
- Responsibility - children can identify the consequences of their actions and recognise their feelings and the feelings of others
- Relating - children will treat each other with respect and kindness and adults will model respect and kindness with children

Who uses and benefits from our services?

Doorstep is used by families, children and young people from all over Oxford and beyond. The local community includes families in emergency, temporary and hostel accommodation as well as a large number of families who are refugees, seeking asylum, living below the poverty line, working poor, or lone carers. Doorstep's immediate community includes the three most deprived neighbourhood areas for the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index in Oxford, Littlemore, Blackbird Leys and Rose Hill & Iffley where 39%, 38%, and 34% of children are living below the poverty line, respectively. Our organisation has grown and developed to meet the needs of the community for 40 years. Our work is place-based, people-centred, relational and co-creative and naturally includes a strong service user lead.

Doorstep provides a mixture of open access and targeted services bringing together families from a wide range of backgrounds – ethnic, social, economic and cultural - to pool support and resources and maximise social capital for the benefit of all. This model has been successful for 40 years. The approach to open access services has a strong sense of ownership amongst the community and generations of families who have accessed services. Specialist and targeted services support the most vulnerable and isolated people in our community in a profound way, complementing statutory services with a long term holistic approach. Services for families affected by child exploitation are positioned strategically across the county.

Positive changes for the community, families and young people we work with are individualised and strength based and can include: reduced isolation; positive parenting and happier, healthier independent families; increased access to health and specialist support services for disengaged families; a stronger community; children's health and wellbeing improved; reduction in online risk; improved awareness of protective behaviours and healthy and consensual relationships; increased school attendance, attainment and reduced risk of permanent exclusion; children remaining in care of parents. The atmosphere and warm welcome is created by a strong staff team, clear safeguarding procedures and a person centred approach.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE, FUNDING, AND RISK ASSESSMENT

Doorstep Management Team cover the following areas, Family Drop In and Early Years, Family Support and Outreach, Youth Work, Operations and Finance.

Donnington Doorstep 2023-24

As the Director of Donnington Doorstep, it is my privilege to reflect on the past year and share our achievements, challenges, and vision for the future. Our centre continues to thrive as a sanctuary of hope, support, and growth for families in our community, and this progress is made possible through the unwavering dedication of our team, volunteers, donors, and partners.

Celebrating Our Achievements

Over the past year, we have seen remarkable success in our services and initiatives. Our early childhood drop in service has nurtured the minds and spirits of hundreds of young children, equipping them with the skills and confidence to flourish. Our after-school programs have provided a safe and enriching environment for school-aged children, fostering academic growth and personal development.

We have expanded our family support service, offering workshops, and resources that address the unique challenges faced by modern families. Our outreach programs have connected with underrepresented and marginalized communities, ensuring that no family is left behind.

Overcoming Challenges

Like many organizations, we have faced significant challenges, particularly in the wake of ongoing economic uncertainties. Funding and resource allocation have required careful planning and innovative solutions. Despite these obstacles, our commitment to our mission has never wavered. We have reviewed our budget without compromising the quality of our services and have explored new fundraising avenues to ensure the sustainability of our programs.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our mission to support and empower families. We have ambitious plans to expand our facilities, increase our offerings, and deepen our impact within the community.

We are also committed to strengthening our partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and government entities. Collaboration is key to addressing the complex issues facing families today, and together, we can create a stronger, more resilient community.

Gratitude and Acknowledgments

Our successes would not be possible without the incredible support of our community. To our dedicated staff and volunteers, your passion and commitment are the heartbeat of our centre. To our donors and partners, your generosity fuels our mission and enables us to reach new heights. And to the families we serve, thank you for trusting us and inspiring us with your resilience and strength.

In closing, I am filled with optimism and hope for the future of Doorstep. Together, we will continue to build a nurturing, inclusive, and supportive environment where all families can thrive. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

Organisational updates



The summer of 2023 saw the long-awaited garden project taking place, where funds raised in our 4 days, 400kms, £4000 cycling campaign the previous year along with funding from the Tambour Foundation and the Bernard Sunley Foundation were used to make significant improvements in the garden space. The whole space was flattened out, including the paved area outside the exit from the building to ensure that the whole of the garden became an accessible space. The sandpit, which had been un-usable for months due to the wooden surround rotting was replaced with a new sandpit area, positioned further out of the garden to allow for a larger green space – making the garden more suitable for the Youth Club as well as Early Years. We were delighted to have a party to mark the re-opening of the garden after the work was completed, and the feedback has been fantastic.

Inside the building, we've made some big changes too. The old downstairs office space has been transformed into a library – we've got a cosy area where parents and their children can spend some quiet time out of the drop-in space enjoying reading together. It has been a great addition to our offering.



We made some significant improvements to our IT and Communications infrastructure towards the end of this financial year. We started to use Bluespires as our IT support provider, and with their support have transitioned from the old physical server in the office (which was reaching it's 'end of life' where it would no longer be supported for maintenance and upgrades) to a cloud-based Microsoft SharePoint server. This has removed the risk of us losing our data should the old server have failed, and future proofed the organisation. Additionally, our telephone lines were upgraded from the copper-based broadband line to full-fibre digital technology, called Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) in advance of the replacement of this old technology nationwide.

Family Drop In

The Family Drop-In is an open access service for parents and carers with children in their early years (ages 0 – 5). Our service offers exciting learning and play opportunities for early years' children and support, advice and signposting for parents and carers.



Play improves the cognitive, physical, social and emotional well-being of children and young people. Through play, children learn about the world and themselves. They also learn skills they need for relationships, future study and work.



'Drop-in' has been focussing its activities on events and celebrations from around the world. Activities for Passover, Eid, Vaisakhi and St Patricks day

have been in the mix. We are keen for our activities to provide purposeful play whilst being engaging and supporting the theme of the event in hand.

Purposeful Play is a broad term for making playtime more effective for children. If you organize the right types of play, you can help a child develop. This play can range from physical activities to mental activities. The Early Years team have excelled their creativity and are always adapting and finding new exciting ways to keep our families engaged and to provide a high quality of learning through play.



Drop In has welcomed the 'Story Museum', 'Early Years Project' and the 'Sweet Zombie Horse' this year and we have also been able to take 29 families over three visits to The Story Museum itself.

Our sessions are inclusive to everyone regardless of their disability, gender, race, income or skill level. We have condensed our offer for 'Drop in' from 4 days to 3 to enable us to open at the early time of 9:30am and close at the later time of 2:30pm. This has worked particularly well for parents who also have school aged children as they can come to 'Drop in' straight from their school runs and leave in time to collect.

Since September 2023 we have implemented a different way of collecting data by asking attendees to fill out a registration form. Since then, we have delivered 85 sessions 'Drop in' has seen 1,654 adults bringing along 2,173 children. 168 registration forms have been completed.

After School Club

ASC has been growing in numbers this year, we have a group of regular families attending. The children and adults are learning to understand and respect different perspectives, develop empathy, and build strong social connections with their peers. This happens through planned engaging activities and our family dining serving of food. Everyone is encouraged to eat together where possible. This is a great social experience and a great way to have meaningful conversations.

2023/2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Totals
ASC Adults	40	66	76	57	239
ASC children	97	80	155	123	455

We have delivered 31 After School sessions to 239 adults and 455 children.

Family Outreach

Family Support has been ongoing through all sectors of the organisation this year. Staff have been working hard to support everyone who requires any level of support or help. Staff are working together to promote a nurturing, empathetic and supporting environment to encourage positive engagement from all our families in need. This support can be anything from delivering a food parcel to outreach visits in their homes.

Our outreach worker has identified families who feel excluded from the community because of barriers such as EAL (English as an Additional Language) or Mental Health illnesses. We visit these families in their own homes (outreach) to ensure all their needs are met regardless of their disability, gender, race, income or skill level.

We have worked closely with the community aiming to encourage more participation from those from the most disadvantaged communities. We supported visits to The Story Museum and have been as inclusive as possible, organising engaging activities to celebrate as many different cultural celebrations/events as we can.

Doorstep Kitchen

Doorstep's kitchen changed its dynamic slightly this year. Our Christmas Intergenerational celebration and meal with the Over 50's Club based at Donnington Community Centre marked the last day for our chef and we welcomed OCA (Oxford Community Action) to our space for three months.

Oxford Brookes University came to visit one of our family style dining lunches in June and were impressed with the levels of engagement between our service users.

Our partnership with the OX4 food crew is still ongoing and enables us to gain a broader insight into what food provision is happening in the OX4 area.

As always, the amazing chefs/cooks create the most amazing nutritious meals for our families. This is done using surplus food delivered to us via Oxford Food Hub on Mondays and Wednesdays. Our kitchen is open during every session and has produced 2370 meals from July 2023 to March 2024. 424 meals have been served free to low-income families.

Youth Club

Donnington Doorstep offers universally accessible youth services for children and young people aged 8 – 12 years (juniors) and 12 – 18 years (seniors/girls' group). Youth clubs are open two evenings a week, 48 weeks of the year and offer a safe haven and an inclusive supportive environment for children to play and for young people to access information and support. These opportunities serve our local children and young people, they are consistent, and they are greatly valued by our community. We have experienced and skilled staff to deliver the sessions and through our partnership work invited partner agencies to deliver sessions to our young people.

The team ensure that the work is consistently delivered to a high standard and that needs are identified, and appropriate programmes are developed to support those needs. We ensure that we are open week on week and that the young people are offered reliable and quality services. We also offer holiday provision for all youth members in collaboration with East Oxfordshire Youth Partnership.

During the reporting period we have seen the youth club evolve with new fresh faces to the staffing team and new young people sign up throughout the year. We have also established the long-awaited Girls Group, to

offer a safe space for young women to express themselves, develop confidence and a strong sense of agency. We have delivered a HAF holiday programme for all major school holidays during the year (summer, winter, and spring). The young people enjoyed day trips such as: Oxford Youth Festival, City Farm, Jump Trampoline Park and The Roller Disco. We re-kindled some exciting connections with local services such as: St Lukes Church, Boundary Brook Nature Reserve and The East Oxford Youth Partnership.

The Junior Youth Club is growing rapidly, with new young people starting to attend and relationships developed with them and their families. Sessions have focused on personal and social development activities meeting identified needs in a creative informal, educative way. We have a total of 32 Junior members registered to date (23 members signed up between 2023 to 2024) and have developed relationships with local primary schools and community to encourage and support new members to join the Youth club. The team also started to go out on detached work on a regular basis, which also saw a rise in junior members.

"I usually feel really stressed after school, doing homework and stuff... and I didn't have much to look forward to after school and now every Wednesday after school I'm like Yey! I have youth club afterwards"
– Page 11

We have created opportunities for young people to become actively involved in the design and delivery of programmes and activities. The Girls Group has been a success and has enabled the young women to attend youth club amongst peers, developing a sense of sisterhood and ownership. The young women in seniors often said they felt they could not express themselves around the young men and asked for a separate group. This group has growing numbers with 12 registered young people since opening the sessions in March 2024. The group enjoy cooking and baking, discussions about life, social political challenges and prospects for the future. The young women are keen to learn new skills and express their creative side, with music and dance.

"I love how peaceful this group is without all the noise" – T, age 10

Over the course on the year, the Senior Youth club was well attended, again with new members and a varied offer, including opportunities for the development of new skills. The existing members have encouraged their peers to attend, and we are supporting young people who we may not have otherwise reached without peer support. There are 40 registered young people in total (16 new members between 2023 to 2024) who take part in activities that focus on personal and social development and receive support on mental health and wellbeing, healthy relationships and education, employment and training. We have seen a decline in senior attendees, since changing the senior sessions from a Thursday to a Tuesday, however we expect this number to rise as several Juniors are to transition to senior group. We also found that the senior young women preferred the girl's group to attend and started coming to that instead. We have hopes to develop a focus group to help and support young people of the older age bracket with exams, revision and work experience/training.

Between 2023 to 2024, we started delivering more detached and outreach work. We went out into the local community, approached Larkrise Primary School, local business and members of the community to advertise our sessions, delivering flyers and speaking to people about Donnington Doorstep and the services it provides. We often bumped into the families and young people that attend our youth club and enabled us to gain feedback for our senior sessions and find out how best to help and support some of the older young people who expressed they are currently swamped with exams, revision, college and worries of the future.

We have learned the importance (where appropriate and safe to do so) of working with the whole family and their individual family contexts. This ensures that their experience of Donnington Doorstep services, both universal and targeted is unique and individual to them. Working compassionately and tenaciously, offering flexibility and building on strengths of the young people and their families provides opportunities for growth and development. Long term relationship-based work is key to supporting young people and their families to become confident, independent and empowered members of their community.

Doorstep Pre-School

Since November 2020 Donnington Doorstep have worked in partnership with Little Treasure who deliver a nursery for children from 3 months to 5 years old at our site.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £204,401 (2023: £380,061) and total expenditure for the year was £229,454 (2023: £358,561). There was an overall deficit for the year of £25,053 (2023: surplus of £21,500).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Donnington Doorstep for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

Sheila Parry FCCA of SPX Oxford Ltd will be considered for re-appointment at the next trustees' meeting as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheila Parry', written over a dotted line.

Date10/9...../2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DONNINGTON DOORSTEP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out in pages 15 – 26.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the directors of Donnington Doorstep for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

Having satisfied myself that the company is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Sheila Parry

Date 8/10 / 2024

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	12,025	1,749	13,774	12,802	460	13,262
Charitable activities	3	43,144	115,211	158,355	58,332	281,796	340,128
Other trading activities	4	28,853	-	28,853	25,277	-	25,277
Investments		3,419	-	3,419	1,394	-	1,394
Total income		87,441	116,960	204,401	97,805	282,256	380,061
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	31,449	23,291	54,740	27,323	14,777	42,100
Charitable activities	6	17,544	157,170	174,714	10,291	306,170	316,461
Total expenditure		48,993	180,461	229,454	37,614	320,947	358,561
Net income / -expenditure		38,448	- 63,501	- 25,053	60,191	- 38,691	21,500
Transfers between funds		- 52,159	52,159	-	- 29,670	29,670	-
Net movement in funds		- 13,711	- 11,342	- 25,053	30,521	- 9,021	21,500
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forwards		294,644	119,594	414,238	264,123	128,615	392,738
Total funds carried forward		280,933	108,252	389,185	294,644	119,594	414,238

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 17 to 26 form part of these financial statements

DONNINGTON DOORSTEP

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024 COMPANY NUMBER 07720385

		2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	11		179,258		201,321
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	4,531		7,455	
Cash at bank		267,563		271,885	
		<u>272,094</u>		<u>279,340</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13	- 62,167		- 66,423	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS			209,927		212,917
NET ASSETS			<u>389,185</u>		<u>414,238</u>
FUNDS					
INCOME FUNDS					
Unrestricted Income funds	15		280,933		294,644
Restricted income funds	16		108,252		119,594
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TOTAL INCOME FUNDS			<u>389,185</u>		<u>414,238</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

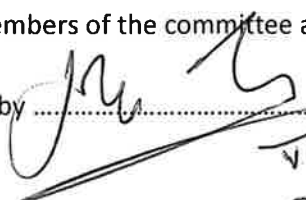
Trustees responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on

.....10/9 / 2024 and are signed on their behalf by


JOHN TANNER
CHAIR

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (2019 SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are used as requested by the funder and the expenditure is shown against each separate restricted fund.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income is received by way of grants donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets (excluding investments) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

- Buildings – 5% straight line
- Equipment – 20% straight line

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs 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. Expenditure represents amounts invoiced, including value added tax.

Taxation

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Box donations	490	320	810	-	460	460
Individual donations	10,378	1,429	11,807	11,450	-	11,450
Corporate and group donations	1,157	-	1,157	1,352	-	1,352
	<u>12,025</u>	<u>1,749</u>	<u>13,774</u>	<u>12,802</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>13,262</u>

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Grants and contracts						
Family Drop-In, Family Support, Outreach and Parenting						
Garfield Weston	1,577	4,731	6,308	2,800	13,760	16,560
OCF	-	-	-	-	2,667	2,667
St Aldates (Family Support)	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Oxford City Council (Big Ideas)	-	7,500	7,500	945	6,555	7,500
Oxford City Council (Cllr priority fund)	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Tambour Foundation	-	21,037	21,037	862	4,850	5,712
Trusthouse	177	28,210	28,387	-	2,500	2,500
Doris Field	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
James Cowper	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
OCVA	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
Oxfordshire County Council	-	2,873	2,873	-	-	-
Bernard Sunley	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
Anthony Fitzpatrick	-	500	500	-	-	-
McGovern Plant Hire	-	500	500	-	-	-
Family Drop-In Kitchen						
PYE Trust (OMA partnership)	-	1,500	1,500	300	4,200	4,500
Oxfordshire Community Foundation	2,961	5,949	8,910	254	510	764
Lottery partnership fund (OX4 Food Crew)	-	4,500	4,500	-	2,411	2,411
Robert and Margaret Moss	-	750	750	-	-	-
Drop-In, Play Out (8-18s work)						
The Reeva and David Logan Foundation (via NEO Philanthropy)	-	6,699	6,699	3,064	18,825	21,889
Garfield Weston	-	9,462	9,462	-	3,440	3,440
Oxford City Council Impact Fund	-	900	900	-	-	-
Big Lottery Fund (Find Your Fire)	-	-	-	-	32,563	32,563
Oxford Youth Enterprise	-	2,100	2,100	-	1,143	1,143
Step Out						
Esmee Fairbairn	-	-	-	3,870	23,774	27,644

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)

Samworth	-	-	-	4,237	26,025	30,262
SAFE! (Blueprint)	-	-	-	-	10,865	10,865
Oxfordshire Youth	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Cherwell District council (MotH)	-	-	-	-	150	150
Other						
The Tudor Trust	30,000	-	30,000	42,000	-	42,000
Oxford City Council	1,500	-	1,500	-	4,500	4,500
Oxford City Council	500	-	500	-	-	-
Oxford City Council	700	-	700	-	-	-
Cooper Charitable Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
Doris Field	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford City Council (Cllr priority fund)	1,490	-	1,490	-	106,000	106,000
ASDA	500	-	500	-	-	-
People, Place & Participation Winter Appeal	1,239	-	1,239	-	1,000	1,000
Stanton Ballard Trust	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
Iffley PCC	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
Marsh Christian Trust	500	-	500	-	-	-
Big Lottery (FYF - management cost)	-	-	-	-	1,058	1,058
	<u>43,144</u>	<u>115,211</u>	<u>158,355</u>	<u>58,332</u>	<u>281,796</u>	<u>340,128</u>

4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Community kitchen	5,758	-	5,758	5,984	-	5,984
Parties and room hire	2,245	-	2,245	60	-	60
Other services	<u>20,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,850</u>	<u>19,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,233</u>
	<u>28,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,853</u>	<u>25,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,277</u>

Income from Other services includes the rental fee received from hiring out the Pre-school space for an Ofsted registered childcare setting. It is based on a long-term contract.

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5. EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	Staff costs	Other direct costs	Allocation of support costs	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Costs of other trading activities:				
Community kitchen	9,471	5,783	8,037	23,291
Independent Fundraiser	-	13,141	-	13,141
Other fundraising costs	7,457	-	10,851	18,308
	<u>16,928</u>	<u>18,924</u>	<u>18,888</u>	<u>54,740</u>

<i>Previous year</i>	Staff costs	Other direct costs	Allocation of support costs	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Costs of other trading activities:				
Community kitchen	7,104	4,515	3,158	14,777
Goods & services	6,527	-	1,774	8,301
Independent Fundraiser	-	9,490	-	9,490
Other fundraising costs	5,468	-	4,064	9,532
	<u>19,099</u>	<u>14,005</u>	<u>8,996</u>	<u>42,100</u>

6. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Staff costs	Other direct costs	Allocation of support costs	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Family Drop-In & Support Services	48,480	22,913	37,611	109,004
Drop-In, Play Out (8-18s work)	19,836	1,637	11,313	32,786
STEP OUT	2,093	- 66	1,067	3,094
Donnington Pre-School	-	619	326	945
Governance	13,804	5,114	9,967	28,885
Support costs	20,327	58,845	- 79,172	-
	<u>104,540</u>	<u>89,062</u>	<u>- 18,888</u>	<u>174,714</u>

<i>Previous year</i>	Staff costs	Other direct costs	Allocation of support costs	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Family Drop-In & Support Services	40,557	3,441	11,956	55,954
Drop-In, Play Out (8-18s work)	16,552	1,364	4,868	22,785
STEP OUT	42,624	16,349	16,026	75,000
Donnington Pre-School	-	90	24	114
Partnerships	8,416	104,260	30,620	143,296
Governance	11,632	3,554	4,127	19,313
Support costs	18,922	57,696	- 76,618	-
	<u>138,704</u>	<u>186,754</u>	<u>- 8,996</u>	<u>316,461</u>

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
The support costs comprised the following:		
Staff costs (incl management, business development, operations, administration, finance, HR, cleaning)	20,327	18,922
Premises & facilities	26,967	28,844
IT & office expenses	9,815	6,508
Depreciation	22,063	22,344
	<u>79,172</u>	<u>76,618</u>

Support costs are allocated to project activities in proportion to the direct costs for each activity.

8. NET OUTGOING/INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Directors' remuneration	-	-
Independent Examiner's remuneration	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

9. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Gross pay	122,994	153,248
Social security costs	- 3,140	2,571
Pensions	<u>1,614</u>	<u>1,982</u>
	<u>121,468</u>	<u>157,801</u>

10. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustees were reimbursed for any expenses during the year (2023: £nil).

There were no related party transactions. (2023: £nil).

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment	Building	Total
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1 April 2023	6,619	444,013	450,632
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>6,619</u>	<u>444,013</u>	<u>450,632</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	6,619	242,692	249,311
Charge for the year	-	22,063	22,063
At 31 March 2024	<u>6,619</u>	<u>264,755</u>	<u>271,374</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>179,258</u>	<u>179,258</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>201,321</u>	<u>201,321</u>

12. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,531	7,455
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>4,531</u>	<u>7,455</u>

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,029	1,373
Deferred income (grants received for use in future periods)	49,869	60,071
Accruals	2,595	2,686
PAYE and NI	2,749	40
Other creditors	<u>2,925</u>	<u>2,253</u>
	<u>62,167</u>	<u>66,423</u>

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14. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	294,644	87,441	- 48,993	- 52,159	280,933
	<u>294,644</u>	<u>87,441</u>	<u>- 48,993</u>	<u>- 52,159</u>	<u>280,939</u>

<i>Previous year</i>	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	264,123	97,805	- 37,614	- 29,670	294,644
	<u>264,123</u>	<u>97,805</u>	<u>- 37,614</u>	<u>- 29,670</u>	<u>294,644</u>

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15. RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Family Drop-In & Support Services	-	81,351	- 109,003	27,652	-
Family Drop-in Kitchen	-	12,699	- 23,291	10,592	-
Drop-In, Play Out (8-18s work)	-	19,161	- 32,786	13,625	-
STEP OUT	-	-	- 3,094	3,094	-
Donnington Pre-School	-	-	- 945	945	-
Partnerships	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	3,749	-	- 3,749	-
Building asset fund	119,594	-	- 11,342	-	108,252
Total funds	119,594	116,960	- 180,461	52,159	108,252

<i>Previous year</i>	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Family Drop-In & Support Services	-	40,333	- 55,955	15,622	-
Family Drop-in Kitchen	-	7,121	- 14,777	7,656	-
Drop-In, Play Out (8-18s work)	-	23,407	- 22,785	- 622	-
STEP OUT	-	54,949	- 74,999	20,050	-
Donnington Pre-School	-	-	- 114	114	-
Partnerships	-	149,428	- 143,296	- 6,132	-
Other (JRS, Samworth Bridging Fund, FYF mgmt cost)	-	7,018	-	- 7,018	-
Building asset fund	128,615	-	- 9,021	-	119,594
Total funds	128,615	282,256	- 320,947	29,670	119,594

The restricted fund for the building remains restricted because there is a requirement to run a pre-school in the extension built with the restricted grant.

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16. TAXATION

The charity is provisionally exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

17. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Donnington Doorstep is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

