

**Charity number: 1145960**  
**Company number: 05957488**  
**(England and Wales)**

**Hackney Play Association**  
**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**Hackney Play Association**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Background Hackney Play Association was founded in 1972 to campaign for improved play provision for children and young people in the London Borough of Hackney and was registered as a charity in 1977. Set up and managed by local people, Hackney Play Association evolved in direct response to local needs. The original charity ceased operations on 31 March 2012 and its net assets were transferred to a new charitable company with the same name.

Objects - The objects of the Charity, as set out in its Memorandum of Association, are the provision of facilities for the recreation and other leisure time occupations for children and young people primarily resident in the London Borough of Hackney and neighbouring areas but otherwise resident in the United Kingdom, being facilities: a) of which such children and young people have need by reason youth or social and economic circumstances and b) which will improve the conditions of life for such children and young people by promoting their physical, mental and spiritual well-being, through play.

Aims - Hackney Play Association's aim is to make Hackney a great place for play - particularly for children facing barriers due to poverty, disability, gender and race.

We aim to: · Create better play opportunities for children and young people · Support play provision in Hackney, including adventure playgrounds, play streets, play in schools and play in parks and public spaces · Increase public support for play and reduce barriers to play · Support development of a Child-Friendly Borough in furtherance of its objects.

Hackney Play Association provides:

- Free after school and holiday play and youth clubs for children and young people at Homerton Grove Adventure Playground, and at Pearson Street Adventure Playground.
- Training for trustees and young people · Information and advice on all aspects of play provision ·
- Advocacy for quality play and play provision ·
- Support for disabled children (and their parents) to participate in play provision

Quality and Awards. The achieving of Silver Youth mark, a quality mark for the running of youth provision.

Hackney Play Association is well known for its work in how to run successful adventure playgrounds, for its Training in Playwork, running Play Streets and supporting other playgrounds, settings and sites to maintain good quality Play provision. The Staff Director is a member of the International Play Association, London Play, Play England. She has been a keynote speaker at national and international play conferences; Hackney Play was shortlisted at the London Play Adventure Playground Award last year.

**Statement on public benefit**

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

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**Social investments**

In planning to meet the objectives we are satisfied that the activities fulfil the public benefit requirement referred to in the Charity Commission's general guidance. As well as benefit to the individuals concerned there is a broader gain for the public. Every year thousands of children and young people in Hackney benefit, as a result of Hackney Play Association's work. Children benefit from improved opportunities for play in adventure playgrounds, schools, streets, parks and public spaces.

Children and young people benefit from:

- improved health and wellbeing for local children who benefit from being outdoors and active;
- development of skills and learning through participation in projects like cooking, gardening, construction, using tools, project planning;
- safe places to be with their friends, supported by trained playworkers and youth workers, away from gangs and knife crime in the local area;
- development of creativity, problem solving skills and resilience, through arts, music, self-directed play and opportunities to experience risk and challenge;
- inclusion of disabled children in mainstream play services; · increased cultural awareness as a result of bringing children from different backgrounds together to play; · increased opportunities for children from low income families to participate and develop a wider range of interests, skills, experiences and aspirations. Local families benefit from:
  - free access to, after school and holiday activities that enable parents to work, study and have respite care, especially parents from low income families. Local residents benefit from:
    - greater community cohesion, as a result of bringing residents together for play streets and play activities throughout Hackney;
    - increased skills and employment opportunities through Playwork training and work experience placements.

**Volunteers**

Hackney Play Association appreciates and benefits from over a thousand hours of volunteering a year.

Hackney Play Association also worked closely with Young Hackney to host regular placements for 50 young offenders taking part in community reparation schemes. These young people benefit from skills development and reintegration into the community in a friendly and supportive environment.

In 2024-25 we hosted regular corporate volunteering days at Homerton Grove and Pearson Street Adventure Playgrounds. Hundreds of corporate volunteers (20-30 volunteers per week during the summer months) have helped to maintain the playground, to build new equipment and to get the playground ready for holiday play and our term time provision. Corporate volunteering days take place as part of corporate social responsibility schemes.

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Measuring Impact - In 2024-25, we continued to carry out regular surveys of children who attended our play services.

Children were asked what they gain from attending the play services: -

- 85 % Felt Happy
- 81% Felt they have Freedom
- 69 % get to meet and make new friends.

Children were asked what the best thing was about accessing our plays services was: -

- 'I love this place because it's fun coming. I would love coming here daily and it's amazing!'
- 'Best thing is making new friends, learnt to be grateful for what you have and if you're ever scared you should talk to someone'
- 'I like that my friends are always here and I get to make new friends, I always get to experience new things'
- 'I like meeting new people; I like the exercise around the playground'.

**Good for Girls (Pearson Street Adventure Playground Youth Session) and boys youth group.**  
**Spotlight on Young Person Aged 10**

She has attended the Good for Girls sessions each and every week without fail; she is committed to the project and participates in her own particular way, she has been quite shy, a little reluctant to speak her mind, or share what might be worrying her, at the beginning she had anxiety about the welcoming circle, a fear that she would be put on the spot and made to speak. She missed one session, and we were a little perplexed as to why she didn't attend this session. Talking with her she explained to us that she was very nervous about speaking and was afraid that she would be made to speak and that the others would make fun of her. This was a turning point, as we could explain to her that the welcoming circle is about sharing our thoughts, feelings, fears, joys - that is, if we want to say something, emphasising that also listening is a way we participate in a group and that the group is there to support each one in their particular individuality.

This gave her reassurance - the following week as she was leading the session with one of her peer's - she stood up to speak in front of everyone, introduced the structure of the evening session, that is, welcoming circle, ice breaker game, dish to cook and a crafts activity. You could see that she was nervous in her speaking, but she kept very near to her feelings and spoke well, asking each one, one by one to "Share three fun things about themselves" going around the circle. The glow and smile on her face - she became animated, and one could see how proud she was/is of herself. She was delighted by the groups clapping as she sat down.

She is now far more present within the group, speaks more freely in the welcoming circle and understands that she can talk to the group or the staff if she feels uncomfortable about something, or worried or if she wants to share some wonderful things with the group. She does say that she now feels supported and more confident, making new friends and enjoys participating in all the activities including standing up to speak. She is glowing with an inner confidence - which she didn't have before.

"I feel like I have overcome my fear of speaking in front of people, and I also feel that I can trust the people around and make new friends"

Our participants are highly diverse and reflect the local demographic well, bringing together young people from different ethnicities and backgrounds including Black, White, Traveller, Eastern European and Turkish children. We have welcomed many visitors and local partners over the course of the year including Young Hackney, the Challenge Network and the Orthodox Jewish community.

Both our playgrounds offer a 6 day inclusive FREE open access service, Monday-Saturday across the year.

**Pearson Street Adventure Playground** We continued to offer free play and youth clubs throughout the year at Pearson Street Playground in 2024-25. The playground is located in Haggerston, the ward with the highest level of child poverty in Hackney, where 1 in 2 children (48.5%) are growing up in poverty. We are delighted that over 520 children and young people registered during the year at Pearson Street (1700 are registered currently). We delivered 625 play and youth club sessions with over 10,000 attendances over the course of the year.

**Homerton Grove Adventure Playground**

In 2024-25, Homerton Grove Adventure Playground continued to provide free, open access, after school and holiday play schemes, with over 800 children and young people registered during the year. We delivered 612 sessions, with attendances of over 6,000. The playground is located adjacent to local housing estates, which are in the bottom 20% in the country for income deprivation. More than 75% of children attending Homerton Grove are from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.

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**Inclusive Play**

In 2024-25 we were able to offer Inclusive play opportunities at Pearson Street throughout the year, with the inclusion of disabled young people from 'The Garden school, Hackney, who have been using our Forest School for inclusive play sessions. Disabled young people are attending all of our services across Pearson Street, Homerton Grove, with over 170 young Disabled people attending across the year.

**Pearson Street NHS sessions: (Nature project)**

We have this year, introduced a new outdoor nature session, funded through the NHS, with groups of school refusers, using sessions during the day on our adventure playground at Pearson Street. The initial group has had incredible success; with over 50% of the young people feeling able to return to school after the initial project of 16 weeks. We have been successful in getting refunded to continue with further groups of children across 2024-25 and this session continues to develop.

**Playwork Training**

We continued to deliver a Playwork training programme, with regular training sessions taking place during term time helping play service staff to develop skills and qualifications in first aid, safeguarding, health & safety, Playway course (accredited playwork course by the University of Gloucestershire), diversity and inclusion. In addition to this we have delivered training on the impact of trauma on children and in recognising mental health issues in young people, LGBTQ+ training, Teenage suicide awareness, working with young people around the awareness of vaping and substance misuse, reflective playwork practice, the importance of recycling and sustainable playgrounds. Using power tools safely was a course delivered by Hackney Play at a council run playground, Hackney Marsh. We run regular courses for playworkers in Conflict resolution and Behaviour management on adventure playgrounds.

**Infrastructure Support**

Hackney Play Association worked closely with local adventure playgrounds, mobile play providers and voluntary and community sector play organisations, providing information and training, funded as part of our contract with Hackney Council. During 2024-25, we attended trustee meetings and provided information, advice and support to strengthen governance. We also provided training for staff with the focus on improving playwork practice and quality of local play services. We have worked closely with all adventure playgrounds in the borough to organise a play parade from all the playgrounds to central Hackney for National Playday, that attracted over 300 children/young people. We continued to support the Local authority and other voluntary sector playgrounds, by providing staff to them, to cover their shortfall. The first International Day of Play was held on 11th June 2024, with a children's march from parliament square, along Whitehall to Downing Street, where we organised all groups from Hackney to take part.

Hackney Play Association convenes and hosts Hackney Play Providers' Network providing a forum for information sharing and problem solving for play organisations throughout Hackney. Meetings of Hackney Play Providers' Network take place each half term. Debates and agenda items have ranged from fundraising to safeguarding, volunteering and working with trustees, and reflect the diverse issues and challenges facing local play organisations. We also supported other play providers through the Hackney Council tendering process by offering a series of online information workshops, training and one to one support.

We are currently working with other playgrounds to start developing a play plan, which will form a new play strategy for Hackney.

**Other Funded Projects 2024-25**

Holiday Activities and Food Fund - secured funding that ensured we could offer FREE lunches for the children and young people, additional enriching activities and trips out, alongside our regular holiday playscheme programme. Pearson Street Adventure Playground and Homerton Adventure Playground offered the HAF opportunities during Easter, Summer, and winter of 2024.

Children & Young People: (Hackney Community Grant) - secured funding to train 2 young trainee playworkers (aged 16+), offer further volunteering opportunities (with Hackney Play Association) for 15-20 young people age 11+ and signpost to other organisations offering volunteering and employment.

**Partnership working**

We also continue to work with a wide range of other organisations including Young Hackney, Museum of the home, Hackney City Farm, Hackney Quest, Laburnum Boat Club, Hoxton Hall, Immediate Theatre, Hackney Empire, Hackney Cycle Network, Hackney Libraries, Hackney Museum, Lollard Street adventure playground, London Play, ELBA (East London Business Alliance), HCVS and other adventure playgrounds in Hackney and across London.

We have also developed a partnership with corporate sponsor, Arch Insurance last year, which will be at least a three-year commitment, enabling us to fund new projects and sustain some of our existing services.

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**Future Plans**

During the coming year Hackney Play Association plans to continue to work closely in partnership with local voluntary and community sector play organisations and with statutory and voluntary partners in Hackney and neighbouring boroughs, including: London play, (based at Pearson Street), Homerton Grove and Pearson Street Adventure Playgrounds. We want work with the other play organisations to ensure the importance of play is at the centre of local authority and national government agendas. We led a group of young people to march on Parliament in June 2025, to raise awareness of the rights of children to get access to play (UNCRC Article 31), as part of the first International day of play.

The trustees are currently focused on raising funds for the organisation and on developing sustainable, ongoing partnerships with corporate sponsors to enable us to continue, and to develop our work going forward.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Significant events**

Total net expenditure for the year was £29,304 (2024 net expenditure £61,278) . Of the total, £11,929 was net expenditure for unrestricted funds (2024 was net expenditure £58,028) and £17,375 was net expenditure for restricted funds (2024 net expenditure of £3,250).

**Reserves**

The balance of unrestricted funds carried forward includes a General Reserve of £70,751 (2024: £82,680). This was equivalent to just under 5 months of total expenditure for the year.

We have carefully considered the Charity's needs to hold reserves for dealing with unforeseen circumstances and, to the extent that further funds permit, for investment in future activities. Hence, in light of increased uncertainty over most sources of income available to us, we have decided that a target level for the General Reserve should be the equivalent of between 3 to 6 months of total annual expenditure.

**Going concern**

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the reasons detailed in Note 1(b) to the Accounts.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

Hackney Play Association was incorporated on 5 October 2006 as a Company Limited by Guarantee without a Share Capital and registered as a charity on 17 February 2012. It commenced operations on 1 April 2012, from which date the net assets of its predecessor charity with the same name were transferred to the charitable company.

It is governed by its Articles of Association, under which each Member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the liabilities of the Charity in the event of it being wound up whilst they are Members, or within one year of their ceasing to be Members.

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**Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

Management of the Charity is vested in a Board of Directors. The Directors are also the Trustees of the Charity. Trustees are elected at each Annual General Meeting and may co-opt further Trustees as set out in the Articles of Association.

**Induction and Training of Trustees**

All new Trustees are given induction information, which includes the latest annual report and accounts, current policies, operational plans and financial forecasts. They are also given opportunities to meet other Trustees and senior staff, to provide further insight into the management and operations of the Charity. Senior staff are present at Trustees' meeting to provide information and support.

**Organisational Structure**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall financial control, direction and work of the Charity. It meets approximately six times per year with the Staff Director and with ad hoc advisers, who have no voting rights. Day-to-day responsibilities are delegated to the Staff Director within a framework of approved policies and operational plans, who manages the staff listed below.

Trustees (Board of Directors)  
Staff Director (non-voting)  
Training Manager  
Finance Officer  
Senior Playworkers  
Sessional Workers  
Volunteers  
Project Staff

**Risk Review**

Hackney Play Association has carried out a risk assessment in relation to funding and resulting potential risks to our funding base and those arising from both known and potential liabilities. This is reviewed on an ongoing basis. The overall strategy is to continue to diversify funding sources, develop long-term relationships with key funders and strategic partners, and continue to build a reasonable level of operating reserves. Through the systematic review of these risks, the Trustees aim to mitigate the major risks to which the Charity is exposed.

**Internal Controls**

The Trustees have prepared a Financial Control Policy to document procedures in place to ensure all staff working in the Charity, especially those involved in the accountancy operation, correctly adhere to such controls. This should ensure that an audit trail can be followed and that allocation of costs have been properly ascertained and properly recorded. All transactions are recorded in proprietary accounting software, enabling a tracking of all transactions and monthly bank reconciliations to be carried out.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Name of Charity</b>	Hackney Play Association
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1145960
<b>Company registration number</b>	05957488
<b>Principal address</b>	Homerton Grove Adventure Playground Wardle Street London E9 6BX



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For the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Trustees**

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Miss Jackie Hopfinger  
Mrs Frances Cherry  
Mrs Marcella Meclean  
Mrs Kam Dhami  
Mrs Louise Erskine  
Miss Patricia Walsh  
Mr Alastair Wainwright  
Ms Viviana Nalin

**Senior management**

Kay O'Brien

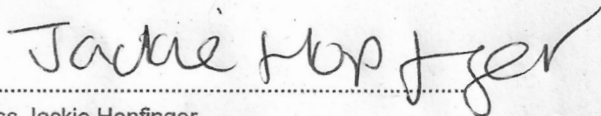
**Independent examiner**

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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



Miss Jackie Hopfinger

9/12/25

**Hackney Play Association**  
**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

**Independent examiners statement**

Since the Charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000, your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by virtue of my membership of Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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



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**Hackney Play Association**  
**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	63,749	39,619	103,368	56,563
Charitable activities	3	220,786	7,180	227,966	265,572
<b>Total</b>		<b>284,535</b>	<b>46,799</b>	<b>331,334</b>	<b>322,135</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	4	-	-	-	(1,350)
Charitable activities	5/6	(296,464)	(64,174)	(360,638)	(382,063)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(296,464)</b>	<b>(64,174)</b>	<b>(360,638)</b>	<b>(383,413)</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>		<b>(11,929)</b>	<b>(17,375)</b>	<b>(29,304)</b>	<b>(61,278)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		82,680	17,375	100,055	161,333
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>70,751</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,751</b>	<b>100,055</b>

**Hackney Play Association**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	13	2,024	26,166
Cash at bank and in hand		76,508	84,750
		<b>78,532</b>	<b>110,916</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	(7,781)	(10,862)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>70,751</b>	<b>100,054</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>70,751</b>	<b>100,054</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>70,751</b>	<b>100,054</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted income funds	15	-	17,375
Unrestricted income funds	15	70,751	82,680
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>70,751</b>	<b>100,055</b>

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

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

*Jackie Hopper*

JACKIE HOPFINGER

9/12/25

**Hackney Play Association**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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**1. Accounting Policies**

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and 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 (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Hackney Play Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

**Going concern**

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

**Funds**

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above.

**Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be reliably measured.

Income from government and other grants, whether for capital or revenue purposes, is recognised in accordance with the above policy except where amounts have appropriately been deferred.

Donations are recognised in full when receivable and there is unconditional entitlement.

Income from charitable activities is recognised when the related services and goods have been provided.

Investment income is recognised when receivable.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured.

Expenditure includes VAT that cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure is allocated between the categories in the Statement of Financial Activities on the basis of how the resources are used. Expenditure relating to a particular activity is allocated directly to that activity. Other expenditure is included under support costs, which is then apportioned to activities on the basis of staff time spent per activity.

Charitable activities comprise expenditure incurred on providing training and qualification courses in playwork for staff, volunteers and trustees, introduction to playwork for young people, information and advice on all aspects of play, and the promotion of quality and advocacy in play provision. It includes the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.

Governance costs are the costs incurred on overall governance of the Charity. As such, they are mainly associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, such as independent examination fees and costs incurred on strategic management.

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**Taxation**

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Plant and machinery	25% Reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	33% Straight line

**Pensions**

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees under auto-enrolment regulations.

**Operating leases**

Costs of operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Irrecoverable VAT**

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the Statement of Financial Activities, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

**2. Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations received	63,749	-	63,749	13,832
Grants received	-	39,619	39,619	42,731
	<b>63,749</b>	<b>39,619</b>	<b>103,368</b>	<b>56,563</b>

**Analysis of grants received**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Big Lottery	19,923	-
Kings Park Moving Together	9,896	14,984
LBH Community Grant (Children and Young People)	-	17,551
London Borough of Hackney	-	8,196
London Youth	-	2,000
NHS Pearson	9,800	-
	<b>39,619</b>	<b>42,731</b>

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**3. Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<i>Provision of leisure facilities for young people</i>				
Core work contract	220,786	7,180	227,966	265,572

**4. Expenditure on generating donations and legacies**

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations	-	1,350
	<b>-</b>	<b>1,350</b>

**5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Direct cost	24,514	64,174	88,688	31,728
Staff costs - wages & salaries	201,077	-	201,077	258,699
Staff costs - social security costs	11,223	-	11,223	29,652
Staff costs - pension contributions	9,482	-	9,482	9,827
Depreciation - owned assets	-	-	-	450
Subcontractors	9,623	-	9,623	16,760
	<b>255,919</b>	<b>64,174</b>	<b>320,093</b>	<b>347,116</b>
Overhead costs	14,522	-	14,522	14,649
Premises costs	22,679	-	22,679	9,442
Governance costs	1,944	-	1,944	2,266
Accountancy fees	1,400	-	1,400	1,400
Legal fees	-	-	-	7,190
	<b>40,545</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,545</b>	<b>34,947</b>
	<b>296,464</b>	<b>64,174</b>	<b>360,638</b>	<b>382,063</b>

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**6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type**

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>				
<b>Provision of leisure facilities for young people</b>				
Provision of leisure facilities for young people	88,688	39,145	127,833	58,085
Staff costs - wages & salaries	201,077	-	201,077	258,699
Staff costs - social security costs	11,223	-	11,223	29,652
Staff costs - pension contributions	9,482	-	9,482	9,827
Accountancy fees	-	1,400	1,400	1,400
Legal fees	-	-	-	7,190
Depreciation - owned assets	-	-	-	450
Subcontractors	9,623	-	9,623	16,760
	<b>320,093</b>	<b>40,545</b>	<b>360,638</b>	<b>382,063</b>
	<b>320,093</b>	<b>40,545</b>	<b>360,638</b>	<b>382,063</b>

**7. Analysis of support costs**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Provision of leisure facilities for young people</b>		
Overhead costs	14,522	14,649
Premises costs	22,679	9,442
Governance costs	3,344	10,856
	<b>40,545</b>	<b>34,947</b>



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**8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	-	450
Accountancy fees	1,400	1,400
Staff pension contributions	9,482	9,827
	<u>9,482</u>	<u>9,827</u>

**9. Staff costs and emoluments**

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 March 2025 were:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries and wages	201,077	258,699
Social security costs	11,223	29,652
Pension costs	9,482	9,827
	<u>221,782</u>	<u>298,178</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2024 nil).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £69,166 (2024: £125,873).

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Full time equivalent	18	20
	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>

**10. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions**

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2024:£nil).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024: £nil).

Trustees' expenses represents the payment or reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs totalling £nil (2024:£nil).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of the Charity's business and no restricted donations from related parties.

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**11. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	33,383	23,180	56,563
Charitable activities	248,021	17,551	265,572
<b>Total</b>	<b>281,404</b>	<b>40,731</b>	<b>322,135</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	(1,350)	-	(1,350)
Charitable activities	(338,082)	(43,981)	(382,063)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(339,432)</b>	<b>(43,981)</b>	<b>(383,413)</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<b>(58,028)</b>	<b>(3,250)</b>	<b>(61,278)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	140,708	20,625	161,333
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>82,680</b>	<b>17,375</b>	<b>100,055</b>

**12. Tangible fixed assets**

Cost or valuation	Fixtures and fittings £
At 01 April 2024	14,316
At 31 March 2025	<b>14,316</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 01 April 2024	14,316
At 31 March 2025	<b>14,316</b>
<b>Net book values</b>	
At 31 March 2025	-
At 31 March 2024	-

**13. Debtors**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	1,141	25,283
Prepayments and accrued income	883	883
	<b>2,024</b>	<b>26,166</b>

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**14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	6,382	9,463
Accruals and deferred income	1,399	1,399
	<b>7,781</b>	<b>10,862</b>

**15. Movement in funds**

**Unrestricted Funds**

	<b>Balance at 01/04/2024</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Outgoing resources</b>	<b>Balance at 31/03/2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>General</i>				
General	82,680	284,535	(296,464)	70,751
	<b>82,680</b>	<b>284,535</b>	<b>(296,464)</b>	<b>70,751</b>

**Unrestricted Funds - Previous year**

	<b>Balance at 01/04/2023</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Outgoing resources</b>	<b>Balance at 31/03/2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>General</i>				
General	140,708	281,404	(339,432)	82,680
	<b>140,708</b>	<b>281,404</b>	<b>(339,432)</b>	<b>82,680</b>

**Purpose of unrestricted Funds**

General

To hold funds for the charity's core purpose.

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**Restricted Funds**

	Balance at 01/04/2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/03/2025
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery	-	19,923	(19,923)	-
Holiday Activities and Food Fund	-	7,180	(7,180)	-
Kings Park Moving Together	4,376	9,896	(14,272)	-
LBH Community Grant (Children and Young People)	12,999	-	(12,999)	-
NHS Pearson	-	9,800	(9,800)	-
	<b>17,375</b>	<b>46,799</b>	<b>(64,174)</b>	<b>-</b>

**Restricted Funds - Previous year**

	Balance at 01/04/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£
Garfield Weston Foundation	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Holiday Activities and Food Fund	-	8,196	(8,196)	-
Kings Park Moving Together	3,927	14,984	(14,535)	4,376
LBH Community Grant (Children and Young People)	4,902	17,551	(9,454)	12,999
London Borough of Hackney - Play on Spot	405	-	(405)	-
Tesco	135	-	(135)	-
Young Hackney Youth Opportunities Fund	1,256	-	(1,256)	-
	<b>20,625</b>	<b>40,731</b>	<b>(43,981)</b>	<b>17,375</b>

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**Purpose of restricted funds**

Tesco

Article 31 Family Play Bubbles

Delivery of 10 Family Play Sessions at Homerton and Pearson Street Adventure Playgrounds

LBH Community Grant (Children and Young People)

Secured funding to train 2 young trainee playworkers (aged 16+), offer further volunteering opportunities (with Hackney Play Association) for 15-20 young people age 11+ and signpost to other organisations offering volunteering and employment.

Kings Park Moving Together

Programme to develop additional physical activities/opportunities for the families, local communities and children and young people at Homerton and Clapton Park. We are also one of the projects who will receive additional funding each year for organisational development.

Garfield Weston Foundation

Contribution towards the delivery costs of maintaining youth and play services/opportunities

Young Hackney Youth Opportunities Fund

A group of young people secured funding (with support from HPA staff) for 6 weekly one-hour boxing/kickboxing exercise sessions (non-contact) and the equipment needed.

Holiday Activities and Food Fund

FREE lunches for the children and young people, additional enriching activities and trips outs, alongside our regular holiday playscheme programme. Pearson Street Adventure Playground and Homerton Adventure Playground offered the HAF opportunities during Easter, Summer, and winter of 2023-24.

London Borough of Hackney - Play on Spot

Big Lottery

Capital funding from Big Lottery working with BuildUp to build a new structure on Homerton Grove.

NHS Pearson

Nature Connections project HPA & NHS working with 'school refusers' and 'high anxiety' young people gardening to get them back into school – this project has been highly successful.

**16. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
<i>General</i>			
General	-	70,751	70,751
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
	-	70,751	70,751

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**Previous year**

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
<i>General</i>			
General	-	82,679	82,679
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Kings Park Moving Together	-	4,376	4,376
LBH Community Grant (Children and Young People)	-	12,999	12,999
	-	<b>100,054</b>	<b>100,054</b>