

# CRACKERJACKS CHILDREN'S TRUST



## TRUSTEES REPORT AND INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR END 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

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# Members of the Board and Professional Advisers

## REGISTERED CHARITY NAME & ADDRESS

Crackerjacks Children's Trust  
24A Worcester Street,  
Kidderminster,  
Worcestershire,  
DY10 1ED

## CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1146586

## TRUSTEES

Name	Role	Length of Service
Mark Dearden	Chair for Trustees	15 Years
Jay Cartwright	Trustee	15 Years
Paulina Lipiec	Trustee	4 Years
Pauline Arnold	Trustee	1 Year
Ruth Hopkins	Trustee	1 Year

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## SENIOR ADVISORY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Terry Bull  
John Bacon

Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer.  
Co-Founder Retired

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## Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and independently examined financial statements of the charity for year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 1.

### THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Mark Dearden	Appointed 2019	Re-elected 2022
Jay Cartwright	Appointed 2019	Re-elected 2022
Paulina Lipiec	Appointed 2020	Re-elected 2023
Pauline Arnold	Appointed 2024	Term 3 Years
Ruth Hopkins	Appointed 2024	Term 3 Years

### PATRON

The charity is very proud to have the following Patron:

Claire Cashmore MBE

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The trust was established under a Trust Deed, dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and registered with the Charity Commission on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

The Trustees have been listed above, and the organisational structure is such that the Trustees are officers of the trust/charity.

There are seven part-time staff paid employees of the charity, and no full time employees, the charity also has a small team of six volunteers

No single employee is salaried over £60,000 per annum.

The trust has no relationship with any other Charity.

The power of appointing Trustees rests with the current Trustees.

The Trustees have express their desire not to recruit any further Trustee for the next accounting period, giving the total number of Trustees to five.

The Trustees would like to thank our patron, Claire Cashmore MBE for her continued support and are currently seeking another patron to give the charity stability within its profile.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable objectives of the Trust, as approved by the Charity Commission, are to relieve the charitable needs of children diagnosed and suffering from a disability, and support their families and carers in such ways as the trustees in their absolute discretion see fit.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS PERFORMANCE & ACTIVITIES

Once again, the charity has performed in line with its objectives for 2022-2023. The charity have been actively organising projects, events, working with nurseries and pre-schools whilst applying for grants from Trusts & Foundations to increase its income for this current accounting period. In return, the amount of grants and respite breaks at our respite holiday home have increased, and for this reason the trust purchased a second respite home (pictured right) to ensure that more disabled children will benefit from the Crackerjacks work and its facilities.



Some of the grants we have made during this financial period included:

- Respite Breaks (51)
  - Soft Playgroup Mats
  - KFN New Explorer Pushchair
  - Special adapted child's swivel car seat
  - Specialist adapted wheelchairs
  - Special Customized Trikes
  - Solar projector
  - Special adapted wet rooms
  - Funding towards new respite home to be based in the midlands
  - Sensory Toys: Dark Dens, Tactile Sensory Bags, Glow-in-the-Dark sensory bags
- A Soft Play Room & Sensory Mood Shapes

Crackerjacks Children's Trust objective for the 2023/24 is to, continue to promote our supporting services to young people and their families in and around the UK. We will continue to try where possible to help even more disabled children to relieve the pressures from the effect of a disability.

Our respite home at Brean Sands, Somerset, has generated a source of income through private rental during the school holiday period. This income has allowed us to pay the pitch fees, also known as ground rent and support some of the other required cost. A continuous steady flow of income from donors and sponsors around the country allow the trust to meet all the other cost that come with running a respite home. We do not get any financial support from the government or lottery funding; we solely rely on individuals and organisations for their kind and generous donations.

Plans for the coming year is to refurbish the garden sleepers maintain the garden, replace fences and treat, deep clean the patio, replace broken slabs, new drive gates, bed mattresses to be replaced, wheelchair decking access structure checked and cleaned, and a full valet/deep clean on respite home.

2022/24 the Respite home needed to be partly refurbished due to wear and tear, new carpets were installed, new bedding, blinds and curtains, cutlery, a new dining table replaced and maintenance repairs to the surrounding fences. Next year our respite home will have been in use for five years and further refurbishments will be required along with external maintenance. The new project is to be started in 2022 to fund a new respite holiday home to be based somewhere around the midlands, this will supply essential respite breaks to families from the north of the UK. This project was completed in January 2024 at a cost of £42,000 along with a further £7000 for a full garden refurbishment to make the area safe.

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Throughout 2022/2023 the charity, where possible, tried to continue raising funds for its cause and continued with our Crisis Appeal to our donors which is proving successful and helping the charity to survive. It is the opinion of the trustees that this successful appeal has proven invaluable to the charity and its future after the devastation caused by covid-19

During this period, our total income had raised by £19,511. Throughout this accounting period the charity has experienced many difficulties, however towards the end of this accounting period improvements have been made which is showing positive interest for our next accounting period. The outstanding efforts from the Crackerjacks staff, management and the trustees has been exceptional during these hard times. The trustees would like to thank all the staff for all their hard efforts during these hard times, we now look forward to a prosperous accounting period for 2023/24.

This current accounting period 2023/24 shows a recorded amount of £134,731 in restricted funds, these funds are currently held within the charities grants bank account and are set aside for ongoing and current new grant applications and other projects. This amount will constantly change in line with the charities grant expenditure and incoming funds, and will be used in line with our charity activity report below.

To enable the trust to send a family on a respite break costs for the charity for utilities, maintenance, ground rent, insurance, and general upkeep totaling £1010 per visit. This amount unfortunately, due to legislation cannot be shown as a cost or as a percentage of funding given back to the families as a grant, however it does give the child and their family a well-deserved respite break that they so desperately deserve.

Our respite home in Brean, Burnham can be found listed on our accounts as a "Assets retained for the charity's own use" at a cost of £47,078. Depreciation costs will of course need to be deducted over the coming years. The current valuation of the respite home is £28,000 with decking £5000 and contents at £4200.

There are no subsidiary undertakings and the Trustees do not believe that the Charity is exposed to any major risks.

## CHARITY ACTIVITY REPORT

This current period has seen an increase in grant applications and we are pleased to say that the charity seems to be making improvements and moving forward with our objectives. We have received sixty-five new grant application for specialist equipment and sensory toys, fifty-one applications for family respite breaks at "Rays Sunshine Respite Home", this is an increase of fifteen extra grants during this accounting period. The constant flow of new grants gives the charity and its team a feel of purpose and meaning to strive on.

The new respite holiday home "Meadow Retreat" was purchased in January 2024. The home is located at Hillandale Caravan Park, Coppice Leisure, based in the beautiful surrounding countryside of Ockeridge, Worcestershire. The home sleep six and cost £42,000. The aim for the purchase of Meadow Retreat is to give disabled children and their families a relaxing, quiet and peaceful time together away from the noise and fast pace that is generated from our Burnham respite home. The respite home comes fully furnished to a very high standard and is now available and ready for our families. The location of the home is ideal, and will give our families from the north of the UK a much easier journey, we also hope that more families will apply for a respite break due to the central location.

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## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The charity's trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping legal accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Our Trustees and senior management meet several times throughout the year to discuss and agree on charity issues and grant approving, all our meetings are minuted in accordance with Charity Commission legislation.

As trustees we uphold our responsibilities to the charity and offer our help and support where possible, to enable to charity to operate within its work frame. For the next accounting period of March 2023 to February 2024 the charity will appoint two new additional trustees to bring it members up to five trustees.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Mark Deaden', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mark Deaden  
Chairperson.



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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Crackerjack's Children's Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

28 February 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1146586

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28 / 02 / 2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

In relation to the actual records for transactions occurring during the year to 28 February 2024, 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.

Signed:

Date:

28/8/24

Name:

Mrs J Boucher FCCA CTA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body :

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# CHARITY INFORMATION

## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



# CHARITY INFORMATION



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Crackerjacks Children's Trust

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/03/2023

To

28/02/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

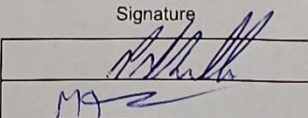
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Fundraising	236,278	-	-	236,278	68,032
Donations (net of commissions)	-	70,417	-	70,417	158,670
Gift aid receipts	14,512	-	-	14,512	10,264
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Rental income	60	-	-	60	5,095
Interest received	1,417	-	-	1,417	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>252,267</b>	<b>70,417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>322,684</b>	<b>242,061</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>252,267</b>	<b>70,417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>322,684</b>	<b>242,061</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff costs	122,974	-	-	122,974	119,421
Rent & utilities	7,468	-	-	7,468	8,085
Collection costs	59,299	-	-	59,299	53,030
Grants & donations	56,548	-	-	56,548	18,031
Administration costs	13,090	-	-	13,090	7,948
Outreach works	22,800	-	-	22,800	22,800
Respite Home Expenses	11,381	-	-	11,381	8,341
Bank loan repayments	-	-	-	-	21,600
Liability adjustments	(753)	-	-	(753)	527
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>292,807</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>292,807</b>	<b>259,783</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Office equipment	2,258	-	-	2,258	1,088
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>1,088</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>295,065</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>295,065</b>	<b>260,871</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 42,798</b>	<b>70,417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,619</b>	<b>- 18,810</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>43,426</b>	<b>- 43,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>107,740</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>108,771</b>	<b>127,581</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>1,659</b>	<b>134,731</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>108,771</b>	<b>108,771</b>

# CHARITY INFORMATION

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank balances	1,659	134,731	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>1,659</b>	<b>134,731</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
	Treasurers cash in hand	2,228	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
	Office equipment		10,313	-
	Fixtures		2,536	-
	Respite care caravan	Restricted	47,078	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
	PAYE/NIC owing		2,448	
	Payable to pension company		1,193	
	Trade creditors		19	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
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		M. DEARDEN	

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