

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023
FOR
PARENTS OPENING DOORS (PODS)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission and is run in accordance with the constitution adopted on 9 July 2012 and as amended on the following dates 11 January 2013, 2 November 2015 and 17 June 2016.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed by the Committee. The Committee actively seek out Trustees from suitably experienced members of the wider community. They serve a period of one year and are either allowed to stand down or be voted back on board as trustees for another year.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Charity are to relieve the needs of children and young people, including their parents, carers and wider family, who have disabilities and/or special educational needs in the Telford and Wrekin area, to improve their quality of life, promote their inclusion in their local communities and to help and support them to reach their full potential.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Charity carries out these objectives by running family groups, offering opportunities for participation and involvement, training and development, information and communication, the Befriending emotional support service and Inclusive events and sessions and ongoing support in numerous other ways, including social media, telephone and emails.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Our outcomes for this past year have all been met with support from our Trustees, Committee, partners, volunteers and of course our wider parent carer network across Telford & Wrekin:

- o Families will be given opportunities to access emotional, practical and social support.
- o Families will feel less isolated and increase their sense of wellbeing.
- o Befriender, Parent Rep and Fundraising recruitment to support the charity.
- o Families given opportunity to participate in joint decision making.
- o Participation of families and involvement in strategic planning across all SEND work.
- o Delivery of training/workshops to families and wider organisations.
- o Increased knowledge, empowerment and understanding of SEND legislation.
- o Harder to reach and working families will increase knowledge and access our charity.
- o Children/young people given the opportunity to engage with their peers.
- o Sessions to enable children/young people to access appropriate activities.

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Update

As a grassroots, peer led charity our staff and volunteers have 'real life' experience, which gives great insight to the challenges faced by the families we support. This enables us to provide vital and appropriate support to families who have a child with a disability or additional need (aged 0 - 25 years) when they need it the most. We do this in a variety of ways, through our forum and parent voice, befriending scheme, family groups and support sessions, children's clubs and sessions, inclusive events and activities, key worker support, sleep support sessions, sign posting and weekly information ebulletins, coffee mornings with schools, workshops, and a training offer to other organisations on disability and inclusion.

Our charity has grown and evolved from the Parent Carer Forum it once was, into an award-winning charity with an array of services and support options. However, parent/carer participation remains at its heart, it is vitally important to us that parent carers voices are heard at the highest level possible. This in turn enables professionals to improve how services are delivered, ensuring they better meet the needs of families. The parent carer voice is fed in via our steering group which is made up of a range of volunteer parent representatives (Reps) covering knowledge and experience on a wide range of additional needs and disabilities. The Reps all undergo an inhouse specialised training program to develop their confidence and ability to both share experiences and challenge services in a professional and appropriate manner during strategic meetings.

We also host a befriending scheme which has grown and developed over the years into a critical lifeline, providing 1-1 peer-led support. This service is particularly important to families who have a newly diagnosed child and/or in times of crisis and transition. The service is delivered by trained volunteers, who have both the empathy and knowledge to support the family as a whole, preventing them from putting a strain on already stretched services and providing vital support at a time of crisis or uncertainty.

Complementing the forementioned areas are our inclusive events and activities, family groups, 'Pears' activity sessions for the children, Lego Therapy, coding club, sensory sessions, sleep support workshops, challenges at home support sessions and many ad hoc workshops.

Throughout the year we have a fun packed schedule of inclusive events for the whole family, be it a local activity session or day trip. Our inclusive events are a fantastic way of bringing the community together and reducing the social isolation many of our members feel. It offers the opportunity for families to make memories in a non-judgemental and supportive environment.

Our family groups provide a lifeline to many of our members giving them the opportunity to meet families who face the same daily challenges and reduce the isolation they feel. It allows them to develop lasting friendships and support networks with their peers whilst gathering useful tips and information in a relaxed welcoming setting.

We believe that our children deserve the same opportunities and access to activities as their peers, for this reason we run a selection of clubs/sessions, ranging from Lego therapy through to coding and crafts, with a Minecraft club coming soon. Enabling those children that struggle to access mainstream clubs/activities the opportunity to take part in appropriate sessions designed around their needs.

In response to the current Cost of Living Crisis, we have created additional events and have hosted a Telford and Wrekin warm hub, for the wider community. Ensuring as many people as possible are getting the support they require when they need it the most.

Following Covid we are continuing to see huge increase in demand for our services and are taking steps to ensure we can continue to support each and every family. One step we have taken is to move into new premises enabling us to be more accessible and on hand 5 days a week, with larger capacity for sessions and our own sensory room. One of our main aims moving forward though, is to work on a sustainability strategy which takes us away from relying on large funding grants to give us greater security and ensure we are here for many years to come.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the organisations that have supported and worked with us over the last 12 months and especially to those that have provided the financial backing to enable us to support more families than ever.

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Some highlights and achievements from the past 12 months

- Supported 100's of families to access days out.
- Been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary services.
- 2 Coaches full of families were taken for a fun day out at Rhyl.
- Our biggest ever Picnic in the Park.
- Deliver the Happy Healthy Holiday scheme, giving children the same opportunities as their peers.
- Themed Christmas, Halloween and Easter activity sessions.
- Supported families through our Befriending scheme.
- Delivered Sleep support training to families.
- Disability Awareness training to organisations.
- Hosted an Afternoon Tea to celebrate the King Coronation.
- Worked with the LA on the Voices project and compiling the Working Together Charter and seeing it through to full sign off.

Participation Activity

As an introduction to the Strategic Co-ordinator Role. The role is to ensure that the wider parent carer voice is heard across services - that's education, health, social care and our voluntary partners. We recognise that a parent carer and wider family takes on many forms and it's important to us to reach out to as many as possible.

As an introduction to parent carer participation: "Parent carers can often pinpoint problems frequently experienced by families with disabled children. This knowledge is useful to professionals as they plan services to meet disabled children's needs. Parent carer participation is when parents and professionals work together, recognising each other's expert knowledge, to design, develop and improve services for disabled children in the local area" Extract from Contact, National Charity.

Over the last couple of years we have been working on the 'Voices' project which would create a working together charter. The charter demonstrates a commitment to embed co-production principles at the heart of any services developed for our families with SEND in Telford & Wrekin.

Parent Reps

We work across the whole range of services including health, education, social care, and alongside our voluntary sector partners - at a local, regional and national level. We are also members of the National Network of Parent Carer Forum.

As the Strategic Co-ordinator my role is to involve and support parent carers and families who have a child and young person aged 0-25 years to have their voice heard in service development. PODS is a representative body that attends strategic meetings, meetings with commissioners, operational leads, Directors and service leads, providers of services etc.

I am supported in this work with a team of parent reps who each have an area of work they are interested in and support me with, albeit this is not exclusive, and anyone can feed into any area of work at any time.

Karen Hale-Jones has been a key parent rep in the work around adults and her experiences of working with young people at college has been very valuable. Karen also has a lot of experience around housing and specialist placements.

Keiron Warr has been with us for many years and is Chair of Carers Partnership Board. Keiron brings a wealth of experience from his working life and special schools and supports with the Joint Commissioning meetings.

Liz Bickford-Smith has been involved with transition to adulthood and employment and is very passionate about community inclusion. Liz is also a co-founder of the Newport Hub Café and Funky Friday Disco's.

Simon Buckley-Robins has always had an interest in the work around Short Breaks and supports me with this, and transition/adult world and specialist college placements, moving into adulthood, with knowledge and experiences shared around social care.

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Tina Lowe focus when working with me has been around Early Years, working with Child Development Centre, and more recently the Speech and Language Therapy pathway. Tina also runs the Shining Stars 0-5 playgroup and links into the hospital communication meetings.

Cas Lake is one of very newest recruited Reps and her area will focus on Short Breaks for children, picking up the key work for 0-18 years, and she will work with Tina on this going forward.

Feedback from our families demonstrates that they value the parent carer forum and that their voices are being heard and considered in development of services, and acknowledgement from council that this is to be strengthened is welcomed. It is important for us as a forum to ensure that we are sharing appropriate and relevant links to information and we do this with due care and consideration and an understanding of the local picture.

We work with wider third sector and voluntary partners to extend the sharing of knowledge and information between ourselves.

Befriender Scheme

Kerrie is our Member Support Co-ordinator, looking after both our Member Database and the Befriending Scheme. On a personal note, the Befriending Scheme means a lot to her as she accessed the scheme early on in her daughter's diagnosis process, so she knows just how much it can help and support a family when they need it most.

We have a growing, active team of wonderful Befrienders, all of which are parent carers themselves, so they have lived experience and know what it's like to go through the diagnosis process and the challenges families can face. Befrienders support parents at time of diagnosis or during challenging times relating to their child or young person's diagnosis.

We have a Referral Form, that professionals are welcomed to complete. This helps to make the referral process easier, the form gives more detailed information on how we can help and support families.

We have recently started our new monthly Befriending Scheme Family Group, where you can meet our Befrienders who are ready to listen, in a friendly, welcoming, and non-judgemental environment. Details of the family groups are shared on our weekly Ebulletin and on PODS open Facebook page, we also have a closed Facebook group where families can ask questions, ask for advice or share tips and experiences.

If you would like to know more about accessing the Befriending Scheme or would like to become a Befriender, we would love to hear from you. You can email: kerrie@podstelford.org or call 07309 753044.

We're always here for you, whether that's through weekly calls, a one-off call when you need someone to talk to, or a chat at our family groups, we are here and ready to listen.

Family Groups

PODS continues to reach out to families who have children/young people with a disability and/ or additional need. The Family Groups aim to provide support and advice to the members in a non-judgemental friendly environment helping them understand their child's needs better and find out about the different services their child can access.

This year, the Family Groups have been well attended especially the Family Group at Blists Hill as it gives an opportunity for the parents/carers to enjoy the outdoors and catchup over coffee whilst the children are at school. We have also had a few families who Home School their children join in and enjoy craft activities and meeting other parents.

This year, in the Family Groups we celebrated the Carers Day by hosting a Mini Pamper Event for the parents/carers to join us in a bit of self-pamper/care and feel relaxed. We have also had Mindfulness colouring sessions, in which the parents/carers have enjoyed colouring thereby helping them feel relaxed and calm and we all know that as parent/carers anytime we get to destress and relax is a boon.

The Christmas crafts sessions was another well attended session, as always. The parents/carers enjoyed doing the Christmas crafts like candle jar making and basket decorating. The Family Groups continue to provide the members opportunities to discuss the challenges faced by their children and find out about the available support and advice in a friendly and relaxed environment for all the parents/carers. PODS family groups continue to provide support and advice to the members in a non-judgemental friendly environment.

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Funding

Although it has been another tough year financially for us all, we are extremely grateful for the loyalty and support from all our volunteers, supporters, and donors, and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support to PODS over the last 12 months.

We have had a fabulous increase again this year of volunteers so thank you to each and every one of them for their continued dedication and support, without them the wonderful work we do simply couldn't go ahead. Also, I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our fabulous donors that have continued to support us including, Asda in Donnington Wood, Morrisons in Lawley, County Fundraisers in Dawley, Rotary Club in Wellington, Sinclair Football Club Telford, Severn Valley Railway in Kidderminster, Wynn Foundation in Shropshire, and many other smaller donors.

Without support and crucial income via grants, donations and fundraising and volunteering our charity simply cannot continue to fulfil the purpose it was intended and reach out and support every one of you reading this Newsletter. We are very proud of all the events and activities that we manage to put on for our families, however it takes a lot of hard work to get these off the ground and behind the scenes we have an army of dedicated volunteers and staff who work tirelessly, spending numerous hours filling in forms, attending meetings with potential funders, researching venues and events, networking and organising for all our activities and events and liaising with our dedicated supporters who are very generous with their donations. If you would like to help out with any of our fundraising, activities or events, please contact events@podstelford.org

We started our Facebook page 'PODS Fundraising Group' in the first covid lockdown and it is still running successfully 3 years on, we have regular online raffles with some wonderful prizes to suit all, such as, Chocolates and wine, perfume, children's toys and games, beauty hampers, electronic gadgets and lots of sweet treats, all proceeds of the raffles go towards the costs of PODS activities, groups and events, please take a look and take part if you can. Remember you have to be in it for a chance to win it.

We have been fortunate to hold a couple of fundraising raffle stalls throughout 2022/3, such as St Georges Primary School Summer Fete, and the Telford balloon festival, in which we took along our sensory tents to enable families to take a break and access some calming activities amongst the business of the festival. We have held raffles at our events too.

We held a fundraising fish and chip bingo evening in Dawley community centre and also a wonderful adult only crazy fun filled fundraising evening including quizzes, bingo and cheesy games at Caseys venue. All money raised from events and fundraising will be used to help with further events, trips, activities, and support for our PODS families.

Thank you to all that have supported us and or took part. There will be further fundraising events throughout 2023-2024 so please keep a look out. Remember If you have any ideas for fundraising, activities and events or want to get involved, please get in touch: events@podstelford.org

Engagement - As of 30th June 2023

1,888 On our database
2,872 Facebook likes
1385 Have attended our inclusive events
132 Families have attended our Family groups
35 Individuals have volunteered to help support us
195 Have attended our workshops
776 Children's sessions attendees

General

We would like to thank all parent carers first and foremost for your continued support alongside our Steering group members, Trustees, Befrienders, Volunteers and our supporters and key partners across Health, Social Care, Education and the voluntary sector.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

Our main source of funding continues to be the Big Lottery (Reaching Communities Grant) alongside our Department of Education Participation grant.

We have continue to try and access grants from other providers in order to become less reliant on one main source of income.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves at a level sufficient to supplement the day to day running of the Charity for a minimum of 2 months.

The restricted funds are made up of grants and are spent according to the grant requirements which assist the Charity in meeting its objectives. Any money left over at the year-end is kept in reserves to be spent in the following year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission and is run in accordance with the constitution adopted on 9 July 2012 and as amended on the following dates 11 January 2013, 2 November 2015 and 17 June 2016.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustees are appointed by the Committee (Steering Group). The Committee actively seek out Trustees from suitably experienced members of the wider community. They serve a period of one year and are either allowed to stand down or be voted back on board as trustees for another year.

Risk management

Consideration of funding requirements to ensure sustainability of the forum continues to be discussed. As part of the outcomes and indicators an Organisational Strengths Review has been carried out to support the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1150871

Principal address

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Trustees

J Mills Chair
P Guillum
N Jones (appointed 18.8.22)
A Wagstaff
S Hall (appointed 24.1.23)
K Agyemang (appointed 24.1.23)
S A Moran (appointed 18.7.23)
A R Wakeman (appointed 18.7.23)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22nd January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

P Guillum - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PARENTS OPENING DOORS (PODS)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Parents Opening Doors (PODS)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parents Opening Doors (PODS) (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Russell Ball FCA

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22nd January 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		149,769	124,537	274,306	164,132
Other trading activities	2	9,487	-	9,487	6,870
Total		<u>159,256</u>	<u>124,537</u>	<u>283,793</u>	<u>171,002</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Involving and supporting families who have a child or young person with a disability or additional needs		<u>103,017</u>	<u>104,946</u>	<u>207,963</u>	<u>164,382</u>
NET INCOME		56,239	19,591	75,830	6,620
Transfers between funds	9	<u>7,631</u>	<u>(7,631)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		63,870	11,960	75,830	6,620
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>57,063</u>	<u>12,484</u>	<u>69,547</u>	<u>62,927</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>120,933</u></u>	<u><u>24,444</u></u>	<u><u>145,377</u></u>	<u><u>69,547</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	2,070	-	2,070	550
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	9,721	-	9,721	-
Cash at bank and in hand		111,922	24,444	136,366	79,078
		<u>121,643</u>	<u>24,444</u>	<u>146,087</u>	<u>79,078</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,780)	-	(2,780)	(10,081)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>118,863</u>	<u>24,444</u>	<u>143,307</u>	<u>68,997</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>120,933</u>	<u>24,444</u>	<u>145,377</u>	<u>69,547</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>120,933</u>	<u>24,444</u>	<u>145,377</u>	<u>69,547</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				120,933	57,063
Restricted funds				<u>24,444</u>	<u>12,484</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>145,377</u>	<u>69,547</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22nd January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

P Guillum - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	9,487	6,870
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Charitable Activity	7	6
	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	52,279	111,853	164,132
Other trading activities	4,870	2,000	6,870
Total	<u>57,149</u>	<u>113,853</u>	<u>171,002</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Involving and supporting families who have a child or young person with a disability or additional needs	17,084	147,298	164,382
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	40,065	(33,445)	6,620
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	16,998	45,929	62,927
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>57,063</u>	<u>12,484</u>	<u>69,547</u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Fixtures
and
fittings
£

COST

At 1st April 2022

1,701

Additions

1,754

At 31st March 2023

3,455

DEPRECIATION

At 1st April 2022

1,151

Charge for year

234

At 31st March 2023

1,385

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31st March 2023

2,070

At 31st March 2022

550

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

31.3.23

31.3.22

£

£

Prepayments

9,721

-

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

31.3.23

31.3.22

£

£

Trade creditors

568

-

Other creditors

2,212

10,081

2,780

10,081

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2,636	56,290	62,007	120,933
Max Cards	(265)	(51)	316	-
Stepping Stones Hub	(1)	-	1	-
Capital Grant Fund	795	-	(795)	-
Fundraising	53,898	-	(53,898)	-
	<u>57,063</u>	<u>56,239</u>	<u>7,631</u>	<u>120,933</u>
Restricted funds				
Dept for Education	2,440	-	(2,440)	-
Big Lottery	(6,496)	-	6,496	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	9,526	(1,411)	(4,673)	3,442
Big Lottery - Emergency Grant	717	-	(717)	-
Pears Foundation Grant	16	-	(16)	-
Dawley Hamlets Parish Grant	130	-	(130)	-
NHS Commissioned Support Work	4,066	-	(4,066)	-
Tesco / Asda Christmas Fund	85	-	(85)	-
Queens Platinum Jubilee	2,000	-	(2,000)	-
Smaller Grants	-	21,002	-	21,002
	<u>12,484</u>	<u>19,591</u>	<u>(7,631)</u>	<u>24,444</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>69,547</u>	<u>75,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,377</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	159,007	(102,717)	56,290
Max Cards	249	(300)	(51)
	<u>159,256</u>	<u>(103,017)</u>	<u>56,239</u>
Restricted funds			
Dept for Education	17,500	(17,500)	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	80,000	(81,411)	(1,411)
Smaller Grants	27,037	(6,035)	21,002
	<u>124,537</u>	<u>(104,946)</u>	<u>19,591</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>283,793</u>	<u>(207,963)</u>	<u>75,830</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,687	-	2,687
Max Cards	(66)	(250)	(316)
Stepping Stones Hub	(1)	-	(1)
Capital Grant Fund	795	-	795
Fundraising	13,583	40,315	53,898
	<u>16,998</u>	<u>40,065</u>	<u>57,063</u>
Restricted funds			
Dept for Education	87	2,353	2,440
Big Lottery	28,771	(35,267)	(6,496)
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	9,526	-	9,526
Big Lottery - Emergency Grant	2,099	(1,382)	717
Pears Foundation Grant	176	(160)	16
Dawley Hamlets Parish Grant	130	-	130
NHS Commissioned Support Work	5,055	(989)	4,066
Tesco / Asda Christmas Fund	85	-	85
Queens Platinum Jubilee	-	2,000	2,000
	<u>45,929</u>	<u>(33,445)</u>	<u>12,484</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,927</u>	<u>6,620</u>	<u>69,547</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Max Cards	50	(300)	(250)
Fundraising	57,099	(16,784)	40,315
	<u>57,149</u>	<u>(17,084)</u>	<u>40,065</u>
Restricted funds			
Dept for Education	19,453	(17,100)	2,353
Big Lottery	82,500	(117,767)	(35,267)
Big Lottery - Emergency Grant	-	(1,382)	(1,382)
Pears Foundation Grant	9,900	(10,060)	(160)
NHS Commissioned Support Work	-	(989)	(989)
Queens Platinum Jubilee	2,000	-	2,000
	<u>113,853</u>	<u>(147,298)</u>	<u>(33,445)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>171,002</u>	<u>(164,382)</u>	<u>6,620</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2,687	56,290	62,007	120,984
Max Cards	(66)	(301)	316	(51)
Stepping Stones Hub	(1)	-	1	-
Capital Grant Fund	795	-	(795)	-
Fundraising	13,583	40,315	(53,898)	-
	<u>16,998</u>	<u>96,304</u>	<u>7,631</u>	<u>120,933</u>
Restricted funds				
Dept for Education	87	2,353	(2,440)	-
Big Lottery	28,771	(35,267)	6,496	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	9,526	(1,411)	(4,673)	3,442
Big Lottery - Emergency Grant	2,099	(1,382)	(717)	-
Pears Foundation Grant	176	(160)	(16)	-
Dawley Hamlets Parish Grant	130	-	(130)	-
NHS Commissioned Support Work	5,055	(989)	(4,066)	-
Tesco / Asda Christmas Fund	85	-	(85)	-
Queens Platinum Jubilee	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Smaller Grants	-	21,002	-	21,002
	<u>45,929</u>	<u>(13,854)</u>	<u>(7,631)</u>	<u>24,444</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,927</u>	<u>82,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,377</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	159,007	(102,717)	56,290
Max Cards	299	(600)	(301)
Fundraising	57,099	(16,784)	40,315
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	216,405	(120,101)	96,304
Restricted funds			
Dept for Education	36,953	(34,600)	2,353
Big Lottery	82,500	(117,767)	(35,267)
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	80,000	(81,411)	(1,411)
Big Lottery - Emergency Grant	-	(1,382)	(1,382)
Pears Foundation Grant	9,900	(10,060)	(160)
NHS Commissioned Support Work	-	(989)	(989)
Queens Platinum Jubilee	2,000	-	2,000
Smaller Grants	27,037	(6,035)	21,002
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	238,390	(252,244)	(13,854)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>454,795</u>	<u>(372,345)</u>	<u>82,450</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

11. FUNDS

The main funds are:

- Dept of Education, is "contract" based funding provided to give financial support to parent care forums.
- Big Lottery, is from the Reaching Communities team and its purpose is to support disadvantaged people who are facing challenges and to help reduce isolation and integration into the wider community.
- Smaller Grants, the charity benefits from a number of smaller grants whose funds are for a specific use. The individuals grants do not warrant specific reference but are ring fenced in this fund to identify the amounts that are being carried forward to the following year.
- General Fund, is maintained in line with the reserves policy in the Trustees Report.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	9,591	7,502
Grants	264,466	156,580
Sale of cards	249	50
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	274,306	164,132
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	9,487	6,870
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Total incoming resources	283,793	171,002
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages and pension contribution	133,354	112,197
Sundries	7,754	9,686
Training	2,434	317
Travel and meetings	4,584	2,715
Activities	31,202	28,888
Independent examiners fee	1,500	1,250
Utilities	25,901	9,191
Running costs	1,000	-
Depreciation of computers	234	138
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	207,963	164,382
Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	207,963	164,382
Net income	<hr/>	<hr/>
	75,830	6,620