

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024
FOR
PARENTS OPENING DOORS (PODS)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. 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.
- o Holiday activities to enable year-round support.
- o A safe and accessible one stop shop for information and advice.

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.

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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 headed up by our own qualified counsellor and 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.

This past year has seen the introduction of a new role a Perinatal & Infant disability support worker, whose aim is to support parents who are expecting a disabled baby or families with children aged 2 or under with a disability.

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. Enabling those children that struggle to access mainstream clubs/activities the opportunity to take part in appropriate sessions designed around their needs.

We have continued delivering our holiday scheme, enabling many families to enjoy day trips and events, making lasting memories during school holidays.

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. We are continuing to work towards our 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.

Some highlights and achievements from the past 12 months

- Supported 100's of families to access days out.
- Introduction of a Perinatal & Infant disability support worker
- 2 Coaches full of families were taken for a fun day out at Rhyd.
- Meet with the Queen.
- Our biggest ever Picnic in the Park, the event that just keeps growing!
- Delivered 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.
- Created SEND specific toileting workshops.
- Continued to give a voice to families within the NHS, Social Care and Local Authority.

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Befriender Scheme

I would like to start the Befriending Scheme update by thanking our incredible volunteers who make the Befriending Scheme possible, our wonderful PODS Befrienders. Their commitment to enriching the lives of other parent carers is the driving force behind the success of the Befriending Scheme. Each story shared, each smile exchanged, and every moment of companionship created through their efforts all helps to make a difference in our family's lives.

Each of our Befrienders are parent carers themselves, they all have the relevant lived experience to enable them to understand and empathise with families during the challenges faced by having a child with a disability or additional needs. Our Befrienders are dedicated and committed to supporting others, we meet monthly as a team to discuss how we can support our families further.

In a world that often seems to move at an ever-accelerating pace, it's comforting for our families to know that there are spaces like PODS where genuine connections are made. Our Befriending Scheme stands as a testament to the power of friendship, kindness, and the shared desire to create a more compassionate community.

We work hard to match parent carers with common interests and experiences, to ensure that the bond they form becomes a lifeline of support and understanding.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the parent carers who have opened their hearts to us, that have shared some of their most difficult moments with us and that we have seen grow in confidence. Your courage in seeking support is truly inspiring, and we hope that the bonds formed through the Befriending Scheme bring you the warmth and comfort that everyone deserves.

Our PODS Befriending Scheme Family Groups have now joined up with PODS General Family Groups to create PODS newly named PODS Social Support Groups. The groups have been very well attended and success, with some lovely supportive conversations happening. Our Befrienders also offer support at those groups too, if you would like to have a chat with a Befriender at the groups, please let me know.

As we look forward to the upcoming months, we will continue to support our families in any way we can, whether that's a call every week, a catch up at PODS Hub with a cuppa, a chat at Social Support Group or even just a call when you need someone to talk too. Please remember we are here for you, in the heart of PODS, you are never alone, you are part of a kind and caring community that values each member. To find out more email kerrie@podstelford.org or call: 07309 753044.

Social Support Groups

PODS Social Support Groups continue 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.

The Social Support Group at Blists Hill has continued to be popular giving an opportunity for the parents/carers to enjoy the outdoors and catchup over coffee whilst the children are at school. This is one of the groups our new parent carers like to attend which helps them to know more about PODS and meet other families.

This year, we celebrated the Carers Day by hosting a Pamper Event for the parents/carers to join us in a bit of self-pamper/care and feel relaxed. The event was organised during both day and evening times to enable more families to attend.

We have also had Mental Health Drop-in sessions, in which the parents/carers have enjoyed colouring tiles thereby helping them feel relaxed and calm in a non-judgemental environment.

For the Christmas session this year the parent carers enjoyed decorating cupcakes based on Christmas themes.

This past year we established our new dad's group, MenSpace, where male carers have a friendly and confidential space in which to share their concerns and experiences. The monthly meetings have been growing in popularity and have helped fathers understand their children's conditions and receive some much-needed peer support.

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Funding

We would like to start by saying thank you to each one of PODS Volunteers, for their continued loyalty, 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 donators who 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, several local Freemasons Masonic Lodges Foundations, Rehire UK and many other donators.

Without support and crucial income via grants, donations, 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 organizing 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 get in touch with events@podstelford.org

We hold regular online raffles with some wonderful prizes to suit all ages, 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. We never miss a chance for a raffle at our in-house events and coach trips, remember you have to be in it for a chance to win it.

Some other ways that money has been raised this year has been through our members kindly donating gifts and their valuable time to us, our annual fun-packed Picnic in the Park, a dazzling and very entertaining Bingo and Quiz night. Our energetic PODS Staff and supporters took part in the Kick Ass Endurance Run at Weston Park, well done to all involved in that. Also, we had some parents that took the extra step, literally by climbing Snowdon in aid of raising funds for PODS, Thank you, Emma and Rachel.

All money raised from events and fundraising is used to help with further events, trips, activities, and support for our PODS families. Thank you to all who have supported us and or took part.

There will be further fundraising events throughout 2024-2025 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 2024

2,438 On our database
3,213 Facebook likes
1,941 Have attended our inclusive events
318 Families have attended our Family groups
38 Individuals have volunteered to help support us
314 Have attended our workshops
1,383 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.

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.

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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

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Trustees

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

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for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9th January 2025 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 2024.

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

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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9th January 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		148,056	73,043	221,099	274,306
Other trading activities	2	14,309	-	14,309	9,487
Total		<u>162,365</u>	<u>73,043</u>	<u>235,408</u>	<u>283,793</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		31	-	31	-
Charitable activities					
Involving and supporting families who have a child or young person with a disability or additional needs		175,537	78,519	254,056	207,963
Total		<u>175,568</u>	<u>78,519</u>	<u>254,087</u>	<u>207,963</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	9	(13,203) 18,967	(5,476) (18,967)	(18,679) -	75,830 -
Net movement in funds		5,764	(24,443)	(18,679)	75,830
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		120,933	24,444	145,377	69,547
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>126,697</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>126,698</u></u>	<u><u>145,377</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	3,314	-	3,314	2,070
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	9,792	-	9,792	9,721
Cash at bank and in hand		117,029	1	117,030	136,366
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		126,821	1	126,822	146,087
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,438)	-	(3,438)	(2,780)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		123,383	1	123,384	143,307
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		126,697	1	126,698	145,377
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NET ASSETS		126,697	1	126,698	145,377
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FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				126,697	120,933
Restricted funds				1	24,444
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TOTAL FUNDS				126,698	145,377
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9th January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

P Guillum - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	14,309	9,487

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

4. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Charitable Activity	8	7
	<u>8</u>	<u>7</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	149,769	124,537	274,306
Other trading activities	9,487	-	9,487
Total	<u>159,256</u>	<u>124,537</u>	<u>283,793</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Involving and supporting families who have a child or young person with a disability or additional needs	103,017	104,946	207,963
NET INCOME	56,239	19,591	75,830
Transfers between funds	7,631	(7,631)	-
Net movement in funds	63,870	11,960	75,830
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	57,063	12,484	69,547
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>120,933</u>	<u>24,444</u>	<u>145,377</u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1st April 2023	3,455
Additions	1,803
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At 31st March 2024	5,258
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DEPRECIATION	
At 1st April 2023	1,385
Charge for year	559
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At 31st March 2024	1,944
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st March 2024	3,314
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At 31st March 2023	2,070
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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Prepayments	9,792	9,721
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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade creditors	-	568
Other creditors	3,438	2,212
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	3,438	2,780
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	120,933	(13,203)	18,967	126,697
Restricted funds				
Dept for Education	-	1	-	1
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	3,442	(3,442)	-	-
Smaller Grants	21,002	(2,035)	(18,967)	-
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	24,444	(5,476)	(18,967)	1
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TOTAL FUNDS	145,377	(18,679)	-	126,698
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	162,365	(175,568)	(13,203)
Restricted funds			
Dept for Education	18,529	(18,528)	1
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	25,000	(28,442)	(3,442)
Smaller Grants	29,514	(31,549)	(2,035)
	<u>73,043</u>	<u>(78,519)</u>	<u>(5,476)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>235,408</u></u>	<u><u>(254,087)</u></u>	<u><u>(18,679)</u></u>

Comparatives for 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><u>69,547</u></u>	<u><u>75,830</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>145,377</u></u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	159,007	(102,717)	56,290
Max Cards	249	(300)	(51)
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	159,256	(103,017)	56,239
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
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	124,537	(104,946)	19,591
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>283,793</u>	<u>(207,963)</u>	<u>75,830</u>

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

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2,636	43,087	80,974	126,697
Max Cards	(265)	(51)	316	-
Stepping Stones Hub	(1)	-	1	-
Capital Grant Fund	795	-	(795)	-
Fundraising	53,898	-	(53,898)	-
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	57,063	43,036	26,598	126,697
Restricted funds				
Dept for Education	2,440	1	(2,440)	1
Big Lottery	(6,496)	-	6,496	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	9,526	(4,853)	(4,673)	-
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	-	18,967	(18,967)	-
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	12,484	14,115	(26,598)	1
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>69,547</u>	<u>57,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,698</u>

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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	321,372	(278,285)	43,087
Max Cards	249	(300)	(51)
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	321,621	(278,585)	43,036
Restricted funds			
Dept for Education	36,029	(36,028)	1
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	105,000	(109,853)	(4,853)
Smaller Grants	56,551	(37,584)	18,967
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	197,580	(183,465)	14,115
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>519,201</u>	<u>(462,050)</u>	<u>57,151</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	11,184	9,591
Grants	209,781	264,466
Sale of cards	134	249
	<hr/> 221,099	<hr/> 274,306
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	14,309	9,487
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Total incoming resources	235,408	283,793
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	31	-
Charitable activities		
Wages and pension contribution	156,518	133,354
Sundries	7,990	7,754
Training	909	2,434
Travel and meetings	2,290	4,584
Activities	33,527	31,202
Independent examiners fee	1,600	1,500
Utilities	48,703	25,901
Running costs	1,960	1,000
Depreciation of computers	559	234
	<hr/> 254,056	<hr/> 207,963
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Total resources expended	254,087	207,963
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Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(18,679)</u>	<u>75,830</u>

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