



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Universal Board Games

On accounts for the year
ended

31st July 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1150917

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

16th December 2025

Name:

Niketha Gamage-Watson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow and Member In Practice of CIMA Accredited Tax Advisor by Institute of Financial Accountants

Address:

26, Weetmans Drive, Colchester, CO4 9EA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

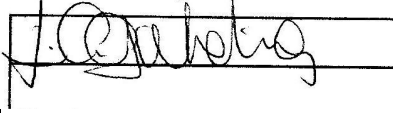


Universal Board Games		1150917		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01-Aug-24	To	31-Jul-25	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
LB Hackney		17,783	-	17,783	-
PP Avondale		650	-	650	-
NHSH	-	12,000	-	12,000	-
Playbus		6,000	-	6,000	-
QCCA	-	400	-	400	-
CAF		54	-	54	-
STJoJ		850	-	850	-
SHPC		10,000	-	10,000	-
Dolphins Everywhere		3,870	-	3,870	-
ASDA		1,000	-	1,000	-
donation		106	-	106	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)		52,713	-	52,713	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	52,713	-	52,713	-
A3 Payments					
Educational workshops design delivery	-	17,568	-	17,568	-
UBG Admin	752	-	-	752	-
Events Delivery	-	20,349	-	20,349	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	752	37,917	-	38,669	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	752	37,917	-	38,669	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 752	14,796	-	14,044	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	889	45,825	-	46,714	-
Cash funds this year end	137	60,621	-	60,758	-

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 £
B1 Cash funds		137	60,621	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	137	60,621	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Leroy Golding	18/12/2025	



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	Aug	2024		31	July	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Universal Board Games

Other names charity is known by n/a

Registered charity number (if any) 1150917

Charity's principal address 36 ferry House

Harrington hill

London

Postcode

E5 9HD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Chappell	Chair		Membership at AGM
2	Keyo Yendi	Secretary		
3	Leroy Golding	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution adopted 3 February 2012

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Unincorporated Association

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by members at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

UBG have all the necessary safeguarding in place:

- Enhanced CRB Checks for facilitators
- Child protection and vulnerable adults training
- First aid trained facilitators
- Risk assessment for projects and workshops
- Public Liability Insurance for public events

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1) To advance the education of the general public in particular but not exclusively by providing workshops, developing and producing games.

2) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them through creative design and play to integrate into society.

For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being

excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one of more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

Through the year and especially during planning meetings the trustees have taken into account the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit (ref. Charities and public benefit – January 2008, as amended December 2011).

Projects in 2024-25

1. **Play Banks-** continued a two year project to deliver Play events alongside Food banks to decrease the feeling of dependency and increase the positive nourishment from play and learning for young people and families who are struggling economically.
2. **Hackney** - UBG delivered events across estates with the resident participation team team to build community support structures, initiate gardening schemes and give young people opportunities to get involved in improving their estates.
3. **Hackney Playbus** – third year of partnering with Hackney Playbus summer programme across estates and parks in Hackney. Huge success each event attracting and engaging 50 families who are all telling similar stories, need for more in person activities for children and young people outside of school, help with accessing services and more opportunities for intergenerational inter-cultural play, just relaxed fun social interaction helps solve many ‘problems’ before they get overwhelming. This year UBG continued to support Playbus at Clapton Commons on Jewish holidays to provide engaging activities for thr older siblings, very positive feedback UBG will continue to support.
4. **Homerton TLSS games on the wards-**collaborative weekly events with Homerton Occupational Therapists mental health team to provide engaging challenging social games sessionson the wards. Supported by local NHS.
5. **Creating a Culture of Play-** funded by South Hackney parochial Charity UBG are working with St John of Jerusalem Primary school to develop the skills of all the children, parents and staff so that they can incorporate game playing into the school life, using a range of game from the world to connect with the diverse cultures of the children and families who attend the school. Game playing is also helping with the high ratio of SEN students offering alternative ways to learn and grow skills.In 2025 UBG also ran a weekly afterschool games club with pupils from across the school offering a safe place to learn and play together and develop game playing and life skills.
6. **Own Your crown coproduction game design-** UBG ran design workshops in youth clubs, therapy units and schools across hackney to research and design a game to enable young people express their cultural identity and concerns about how they wear their hair. The game design was funded by Hackney and the game was played in youth clubs and schools. The project will continue next year with workshops using the game in schools and clubs across hackney. UBg worked with Ghanain artist Jess Nash

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

to illustrate the game.

7. **Dolphins Everywhere-** A project with a UEL alumni student to codesign an interactive social game to enable frank discussions around wellbeing and work life balance. The design was tested by young volunteers across Hackney who are just beginning the life of work and are juggling to keep their health and make enough money.
8. **Hackney Libraries-**UBG once again delivered a series of successful summer workshops in Libraries for families to play and learn together reigniting our connections with local communities that were severed with the first Covid lockdown. Excellent feedback from all sessions and UBG hope to continue next year.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteers have played a huge role in delivering our projects in 2024-25. UBG are committed to Equal opportunities for our volunteers and signposting them to supportive organisations.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Gratefully received donations from the public.

Thanks to the Charities Aid Foundation, Hackney, The National Lottery, South Hackney parochial Charity, Hackney resident participation team, Homerton TLSS, Hackney Libraries and Hackney Playbus.

UBG achievements in 2024-25

1. This year UBG have continued to build on projects piloted and successfully run in 2024, improving and developing the projects by learning from evaluation and feedback.
2. UBG have been able to develop a strategy for future funding and donation appeals to keep building on our positive feedback from events and projects.
3. UBG trustees continue to implement a 5 year plan for the charity to generate funding and support to build towards providing more opportunities for more communities and build our network of positive supporters.
4. UBG are steadily building a strong database of community volunteers to get engaged and be part of our community projects delivery.
5. UBG are building a strong network of partnership organisations to enable us to reach a wider target audience with focused projects. UBG worked hard to keep in touch with local networks during the lockdowns so we are ready to come back stronger. This hard work is now beginning to create opportunities for UBG to build strong cultures of Play.
6. Our world Too is a culmination of 20 years of listening and developing young person led designs. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and the game is even more needed in these times of lockdown and social division for example Black lives Matter actions. OWT continues to be an effective tool for change and critical thinking for young people and we are working with universities to use it in their teaching.
7. Training and networking for sustainable future. UBG have made use of the break in project delivery to develop existing networks and create new links to organisation that share our vision.
8. Partnership with Hackney Playbus are planning to come together to provide events for families from 0 to 100 and continue developing online surveys together.
9. UBG have partnered with NHS mental health team at Homerton and plan to run joint play/information workshops in 2024.
10. UBG have built partnerships with University of East London running trial workshops with students and staff to focus on mental wealth. And are developing a partnership with UCL Community Research Initiative to academically assess the benefits of our co-design projects.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the end of the financial year there was £60758 in the bank. In line with our Reserves Policy, during 2024/25 reserves are being accumulated to ensure the running costs of the organisation can be met up to one year in advance. This allows us to offer certain events on a 'donation only' basis which opens access to all.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

Leroy Golding	
Treasurer	