

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024
FOR
FRIENDS AND PLACES TOGETHER

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 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 aim of the charity is:

To relieve need because of disability and ill health among young disabled people and their families and or carers by:

- a) providing friendship groups to support and enable young disabled people to maximise social inclusion opportunities.
- b) raising public awareness of the issues affecting young people, their families and carers.
- c) providing workshops, forums, advocacy and general support for young disabled people, their families and carers.
- d) providing out of school/holidays facilities and opportunities for young disabled people, their families and carers.

Significant activities

During the year the charity offered the following actions to meet its activities:

- a) providing personal assistance services to young adults to assist them to gain independent skills, confidence, assertive skills.
- b) training and pre-employment experiences for several service users.
- c) offering several short holiday breaks for service users.
- d) offering community building and inclusion.

Public benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance in the Charities Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

The Trustees always consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set for the charity.

In consideration of the significant activities stated the Trustees are satisfied the Charity meets all requirements for the provision of providing a Public Benefit.

Grantmaking

The charity does not make grants to other persons or organisations.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable / fundraising activities

- a) We are now operating back to full capacity and have regained all our previous clients pre covid.
- b) We have new referrals from social services and from Essex County Council as well as Southend Local Authority.
- c) Clients are using their direct payment hours to pay for our services.
- d) We have reviewed our hourly rate on all group activities and have reduced £8.00 per hour to make services more affordable to clients who do not receive direct payments.
- e) Clients are using one to one hours even if they are meeting up with their friends during daytime activities this was agreed by social services to enable us to financially manage the services and core costs.
- f) Our core model has been clear that we only offer friendship to small groups, and we provide a limited number of gatherings.
- g) We have been successful in small bids which has helped cover some of the costs for work carried out by the coordinator. We have some bids agreed for activities to reduce cost to the clients. This has come about due to the cost-of-living crisis.
- h) We have managed to increase the pay to our staff and we have maintained a healthy reserves to meet future challenges.
- i) The CEO has managed to negotiate several rental agreements of the head office to cover some of its running costs through sub-letting and hiring. We rented out office space to another group for £240 a month.
- j) We have been successful in increasing our direct payments through small friendship groups for the last year.
- k) We have successfully provided a number of community fundraising activities to raise money to celebrate our 10 year anniversary in December 2024.
- l) We have updated all our support plans and back up information for all our clients as well as keeping our processes and procedures that govern us and keeps the service within set boundaries.
- m) We now have regular monthly activities for over 25 year old groups and looking at more activities that the community can attend.
- n) We have set up regular monthly groups in the evenings and weekends which has been successful and sustainable. We have now 10 groups that meet at the weekend over the month.
- o) We have recruited a business administrator in April 2023 which has helped with the growth and expansion of the service. This has taken off some of the administration so that more referrals can be assessed and processed.
- p) We are expanding our social media presence and marketing our services to potential customers.
- q) We have brought in new referrals due to our work in schools and colleges and raising awareness.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity aims to hold cash reserves of £25,000 within the bank account in order to cover expenses required in a period of wind down or reduced funding. The charity is pleased to report it currently meets this target and continues to monitor the level of reserve funds required.

Funds in deficit

No funds were in deficit during the year or at the year end.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity sources trustees with the skills required to fill skills gaps in the charity from advertisements with local voluntary services associations and by current trustees approaching suitable persons. The charity is currently recruiting new trustees.

Organisational structure

Chief Executive Officer - Denise Nygate

Coordinator - Michelle Thompson

The officers above manage and coordinate the day to day operation of the staff and volunteers of the charity to perform the activities of the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

The charity has in place an induction and training programme for new trustees to ensure they gain an understanding of the board's activities, responsibilities and undertakings while ensuring their compliance to prevailing rules and regulations.

Related parties

The charity maintains a register of business interests of which any possible related party transactions are brought to the attention of the trustees at a meeting and adequate procedures followed.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08554307 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1159584

Registered office

Turnpike House
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Trustees

W M Bennett
S Raviraj
I Jones
C J Woollard
J Spencer (appointed 26.4.24)
J M Jackson (appointed 7.3.24)

Independent Examiner

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



S Raviraj (Mar 20, 2025 10:32 GMT)

S Raviraj - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FRIENDS AND PLACES TOGETHER

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of FRIENDS AND PLACES TOGETHER ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Stephen Pearce
Stephen Pearce (Mar 20, 2025 12:26 GMT)

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7 March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		1,055	-	1,055	936
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		159,863	-	159,863	144,379
Other trading activities	2	1,327	-	1,327	1,922
Investment income	3	476	-	476	203
Total		<u>162,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>162,721</u>	<u>147,440</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>173,699</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,699</u>	<u>146,447</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(10,978)	-	(10,978)	993
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		78,706	-	78,706	82,374
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>67,728</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>67,728</u></u>	<u><u>83,367</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	5,555	-	5,555	6,137
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	6,702	-	6,702	4,803
Cash at bank		66,252	-	66,252	82,241
		<u>72,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,954</u>	<u>87,044</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(10,781)	-	(10,781)	(9,814)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>62,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,173</u>	<u>77,230</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>67,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,728</u>	<u>83,367</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>67,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,728</u>	<u>83,367</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				67,728	83,367
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>67,728</u>	<u>83,367</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

S Raviraj
S Raviraj (Mar 20, 2025 10:32 GMT)

S Raviraj - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

Improvements to property	- 15% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation 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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,327	1,922
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	476	203
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	1,182	1,260
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2024 nor for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2024 nor for the year ended 30 June 2023.

6. STAFF COSTS

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

	2024	2023
	7	6
Direct delivery staff	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	936	-	936
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	144,379	-	144,379
Other trading activities	1,922	-	1,922
Investment income	203	-	203
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	147,440	-	147,440
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	146,447	-	146,447

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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
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NET INCOME	993	-	993
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	82,374	-	82,374
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>83,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,367</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 July 2023	11,332	446	3,192	14,970
Additions	-	-	600	600
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At 30 June 2024	11,332	446	3,792	15,570
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DEPRECIATION				
At 1 July 2023	6,304	379	2,150	8,833
Charge for year	754	17	411	1,182
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At 30 June 2024	7,058	396	2,561	10,015
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NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 June 2024	<u>4,274</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>1,231</u>	<u>5,555</u>
At 30 June 2023	<u>5,028</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>1,042</u>	<u>6,137</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	4,241	4,448
Other debtors	2,461	355
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	<u>6,702</u>	<u>4,803</u>

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	969	-
Other creditors	8,512	9,189
Accruals and deferred income	1,300	625
	<u>10,781</u>	<u>9,814</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.23	Net movement in funds	At 30.6.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	78,706	(10,978)	67,728
	<u>78,706</u>	<u>(10,978)</u>	<u>67,728</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>78,706</u>	<u>(10,978)</u>	<u>67,728</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	162,721	(173,699)	(10,978)
	<u>162,721</u>	<u>(173,699)</u>	<u>(10,978)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>162,721</u>	<u>(173,699)</u>	<u>(10,978)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.22	Net movement in funds	At 30.6.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,374	993	83,367
	<u>82,374</u>	<u>993</u>	<u>83,367</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>82,374</u>	<u>993</u>	<u>83,367</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	147,440	(146,447)	993
	<u>147,440</u>	<u>(146,447)</u>	<u>993</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>147,440</u>	<u>(146,447)</u>	<u>993</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,374	(9,985)	72,389
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>82,374</u>	<u>(9,985)</u>	<u>72,389</u>

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	310,161	(320,146)	(9,985)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>310,161</u>	<u>(320,146)</u>	<u>(9,985)</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,055	936
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	1,327	1,922
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	476	203
Charitable activities		
Activity income	139,678	126,129
Grants	20,185	18,250
	<hr/> 159,863	<hr/> 144,379
Total incoming resources	162,721	147,440
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	121,683	95,055
Social security	1,608	-
Pensions	2,007	1,634
Rent (net of subletting)	3,506	982
Light and heat	3,247	3,647
Activity costs	12,726	14,604
Printing, postage and stationery	3,255	1,110
Telephone	1,917	1,623
Consultancy fees	1,180	883
Subscriptions	3,908	3,779
Staff training	1,690	1,868
Repairs and renewals	3,330	4,217
Insurance	719	640
Advertising and promotion	1,028	1,309
General expenses	5,925	6,863
Travelling expenses	951	817
Computer software	1,146	2,183
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,182	1,261
	<hr/> 171,008	<hr/> 142,475
 Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	91	138
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,600	2,500
Carried forward	2,600	2,500

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs		
Brought forward	2,600	2,500
Legal fees	-	1,334
	<hr/> 2,600	<hr/> 3,834
Total resources expended	<hr/> 173,699	<hr/> 146,447
Net (expenditure)/income	<hr/> <hr/> (10,978)	<hr/> <hr/> 993

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