

**REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST OCTOBER 2024
FOR
THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB**

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THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB TRUSTEES

31st October 2024

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Chair and Trustee

c/o The Lodge, Dingle Road, Leigh WR6 5JX

Stephen Gipson

Treasurer

Appointed 20/10/2020

c/o The Lodge, Dingle Road, Leigh WR6 5JX

Max Dean

Appointed 04/06/2019

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Samantha Wilkes

Appointed 29/01/2023

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Ashanti Brazier-Olatunde

Appointed 20/10/2020

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Appointed 02/02/21

c/o The Lodge, Dingle Road, Leigh WR6 5JX

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st October 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1160646

Principal address

The Lodge
Dingle Road
Leigh
Worcestershire
WR6 5JX

Trustees

Chair	Laura Gill
Treasurer	Stephen Gipson
Other Trustees	Alison Frost
	Max Dean
	Samantha Wilkes
	Ashanti Brazier-Olatunde

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The Monday Night Club

Chair's Report 2023–2024

Theme: Anything But Ordinary

Introduction

This year our theme has been **Anything But Ordinary** – and what an extraordinary year it's been. Every week, our members continue to amaze us with their creativity, courage and energy.

We are proud to continue offering the kind of activities that are so often missing for adults with learning disabilities – especially in the evenings and at weekends. This year we've grown, expanded our projects, and celebrated huge achievements by our members. We've also faced challenges, particularly with funding, but we are determined to keep going and to keep developing.

Objectives and Activities (Our Purpose)

The Monday Night Club exists to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities and/or autism by:

- Offering regular social, sporting, creative and healthy living activities
- Promoting confidence, friendship, wellbeing and community involvement
- Creating opportunities for volunteering, skills development and leadership
- Challenging stereotypes and raising expectations in wider society

Our weekly programme of activities is co-produced with our members and designed to be welcoming, inclusive and fun.

Achievements and Performance (Highlights of the Year)

1. Monday Nights

Monday nights are getting busier than ever – we now have over **100 people attending every week**, enjoying discos, live entertainers, karaoke nights, dancing, African drumming, musical theatre workshops and celebrations.

2. MNC Saturday Kitchen

As part of our **National Lottery Community Fund** project with C&T, we filmed **eleven of**

our favourite healthy recipes to share online. This new resource will help more people with learning disabilities eat well and live healthier lives.

We also visited **Bransford Community Farm** for a wonderful day of planting, harvesting and cooking with vegetables and produce from the farm. This visit inspired the launch of a new project, planned for summer 2025.

3. Wednesday Sports Club and MNC Football

Our Wednesday Sports Club continues at Christopher Whitehead School, with a wide variety of inclusive games and sports, led by a professional multi-sports coach.

Thanks to a **Sported grant**, we purchased new badminton equipment. We also made **six summer trips to Boughton Park Lawn Tennis Club**, part-funded by them.

Our football teams had an amazing year!

- **MNC Blues** won the Three Counties League knockout tournament in May.
- In June, at Evesham United's Disability Tournament, our **MNC Red** team won every match and took home the trophy – beating eight other Midlands teams! Our goalkeeper, Matthew, didn't concede a single goal.

4. Special Projects

- Our painted bird was featured in the **Severn Birds of Croome** Christmas trail at NT Croome
- We launched a new **public artwork** on Worcester Plinth
- Our creative project **Anything But Ordinary** ran workshops and events across the year
- We launched the **Taste Touch Smell Trail** – now permanently installed at the Museum of Royal Worcester
- We developed **Let's Walk Worcestershire** – 24 walking and listening experiences across the county
- Our **4th Summer Art Exhibition** celebrated the talent of our members

5. Volunteer and Leadership Development

Through our **Lead Together** programme, we delivered training and mentoring, including:

- A **Volunteers Away Day**
- An **Emergency First Aid at Work** course
- Training on key policies and procedures, such as fire evacuation, health and safety, confidentiality and anti-bullying

Three of our members received **High Sheriff Awards** for Volunteering this year – a huge achievement.

6. Community Events and Celebrations

We ran **two successful day trips**, our **Annual Awards ceremony**, **theatre trips**, and our own **Talent Show** and **Sports Day**, all of which were well attended and full of joy.

We received two wonderful testimonials from significant supporters after their visits to us during the year. Firstly, from the Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire, Beatrice Grant;
'The Club has such a happy feel to it and I can see why it is loved and enjoyed by so many. You allow the adults with learning disabilities and autism to be able to socialise in a safe place with much fun and music'.

And secondly from The High Sheriff of Worcestershire, Charles Moyle, after watching our Talent Show;

'The sheer life-enhancing power of what you are doing at the MNC just comes to life when I heard stories of A.... being basically mute only a short time ago – and T & M and their story....just extraordinary; there are so many! Well done Helen and Laura for all you've achieved You have created such an immensely special organisation, a centre of friendship and belonging, it really is so incredibly touching.'

Financial Review

Summary of income and expenditure

Our total income for the year was £44,606. We received grants from The National Lottery Community Fund, Sported, Bransford Trust and the High Sheriff's Fund. We also received several generous donations from private donors. This year we generated £10,271 from our activities.

Expenses incurred include the costs of putting on our activities, staff and office costs, training, venue hire, sessional staff, marketing and insurance. Our total expenditure for the year was £57,380.

The net income at the end of the year was – £12,774. We have £23,612 in total funds at the end of the financial year.

Our reserves policy states: The amount held in the Reserves bank account should be equal to, or greater than, the amount required to continue core activities and cover running costs for six months with no further funding.

So, we will start this next year with a small financial risk, but we are confident that the grant applications already applied for, and interim payments due, will soon bring in more funds. The trustees review the financial position at every meeting and can take quick action to reduce costs.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Monday Night Club is a registered charity governed by a board of trustees. Day-to-day operations are led by the CEO, with support from volunteers, sessional workers and project leaders.

We are proud of how much we achieve with a small team: currently just two part-time staff members. We rely on grants, donations and the dedication of our volunteers and supporters to keep delivering and growing our work.

Challenges and Resilience

Like all small charities, we are facing increasing difficulty raising funds. With only two part-time staff running everything, the workload is intense.

However, thanks to funds carried over from previous years, we ended 2023–24 in **a comfortable financial position**.

Our CEO will now focus on **fundraising and grant applications** to secure our future activities. Despite the challenges, we are resilient – and committed to continuing our work for the community we serve.

Thanks and Acknowledgements

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers, trustees, and staff team. I'd like to thank:

- Our **brilliant members**, who inspire us every day
 - Our **sessional workers and project leaders**, who deliver engaging and inclusive activities
 - Our **funders and donors** – your support is vital and deeply appreciated
 - Our **partner organisations and venues** – thank you for working with us
 - Our **volunteers, carers and families**
 - And the **support companies** that bring the people they care for to our activities – thank you for investing in our work
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Plans for Future Periods (Looking Ahead)

Our theme for 2025 is **Assume That I Can**.

Low expectations create barriers for people with learning disabilities and/or autism. These barriers limit opportunities – in school, at work, in friendships and in life.


Assume That I Can is a challenge to those low expectations. It's about believing in potential, raising aspirations and opening doors.

Assume That I Can – and Maybe I Will!

Next year, we are planning a new Saturday project, **Farm to Fork**, working more closely with Bransford Community Farm. We are currently applying for funding to make this happen.

We also look forward to **Year 3 of our National Lottery Community Fund project**, with a focus on sport and digital engagement – including a new digital activity co-produced with our creative partners, **C&T**.

Signed:



Laura Gill

Chair of Trustees

The Monday Night Club

Date:

30th June 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st October 2024 set out on pages six to ten.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to ensure a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Income from activities		10,271	-	10,271	10,349
Grants and donations		31,598	2,000	33,598	52,421
Activities for generating funds	(2)	-	-	-	393
Investment income	(3)	<u>737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>737</u>	<u>540</u>
Total incoming resources		42,606	2,000	44,606	63,703
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Activity costs	(4)	24,213	2,635	26,848	28,266
Charitable activities					
Wages		23,311	-	23,311	21,371
Marketing		1,682	-	1,682	641
Supports costs		3,422	-	3,422	4,807
Training		<u>2,117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,117</u>	<u>1,165</u>
Total resources expended		<u>30,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,532</u>	<u>27,984</u>
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(12,139)	(635)	(12,774)	7,453
Gross transfers between funds	(5)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		<u>(12,139)</u>	<u>(635)</u>	<u>(12,774)</u>	<u>7,453</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>35,751</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>36,386</u>	<u>28,933</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>23,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,612</u>	<u>36,386</u>

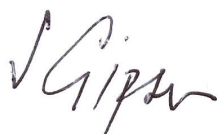
The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
		£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand	(6)	<u>24,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,866</u>	<u>36,916</u>
		24,866	-	24,866	36,916
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors Account		<u>(1,254)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,254)</u>	<u>(530)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>23,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,612</u>	<u>36,386</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>23,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,612</u>	<u>36,386</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>23,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,612</u>	<u>36,386</u>
		=====	=====	=====	=====
FUNDS	(7)				
Unrestricted funds				23,612	35,751
Restricted funds				<u>-</u>	<u>635</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>23,612</u>	<u>36,386</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
were signed on its behalf by:

and



Mr. S. Gipson - Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 105 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to Micro-entities; Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and with Charities Act 2011.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

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.

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. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	393
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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest	737	540
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024

4. ACTIVITY COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Monday Night	7,255	8,195
Football Club	5,656	5,674
Art Class	3,009	1,670
Talent Show	1,440	1,900
Day Trips	2,959	3,150
Happy Confident Me	-	28
Wednesday Sports Club	3,613	2,668
Christmas Tree Festival	462	387
Saturday Kitchen	2,217	4,459
Taking Control	<u>237</u>	<u>135</u>
	£ 26,848	£ 28,266

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Restricted	General	2024	2023
	Fund	fund	Total	Total
	£	£	funds	funds
Cash in hand	-	66	66	1,041
Bank Account	<u>-</u>	<u>24,800</u>	<u>24,800</u>	<u>35,875</u>
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>24,866</u>	<u>24,866</u>	<u>36,916</u>
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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024**

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.11.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.10.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	35,751	(12,139)	-	23,612
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	<u>635</u>	<u>(635)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,386</u>	<u>(12,774)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,612</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	42,606	54,745	12,139
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,635</u>	<u>(635)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>44,606</u>	<u>57,380</u>	<u>(12,774)</u>