

BOLTON TOGETHER

England & Wales · Charity number 1163466

Details

Other names	BETTER BOLTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08730010
Registered	2015-09-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (1)The promotion of social inclusion for children, parents and carers, who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society. (2)The advancement of health of children, young people and parents/carers of children/young people and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or any other disadvantage of children and parents/carers of children/young people. Activities in furtherance of this will include: Building partnerships between voluntary, community and social enterprise and public sectors on relevant issues to support the advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families, children and young people in need.

Activities: Advancement of education in the subject of service provision for children, young people and families with a view to improving their care and quality of life.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Bolton
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,337,033	£1,466,830	£488,798	5
2024-03-31	£1,758,446	£1,269,586	£618,595	4
2023-03-31	£1,202,358	£1,180,930	£129,733	3
2022-03-31	£768,211	£697,167	£108,305	0
2021-03-31	£285,058	£279,509	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bashir Aideed		2023-04-13
Beverley Clare Matta		2021-02-11
Dr GILL SMALLWOOD MBE		2015-09-09
Elliot Armstrong		2025-09-12
Emma Hutchinson		2024-01-22
Lindsey Darley		2021-04-15
Martin Needham		2023-04-03
Philip John McFarlane		2025-01-07
Wahab Shahbaz		2026-02-23

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Accounts

Bolton Together

Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Registered Charity Number 1163466.

Company Number 08730010

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Legal and Administrative Details

Name:	Bolton Together	
Charity Number:	1163466	
Company Number:	08730010	
Registered Office:	From: 13 January 2025 c/o Beyond Profit Bolton Arena Arena Approach Horwich Bolton BL6 6LB	To: 13 January 2025 18 Spa Road Bolton BL1 4AG
Trustees/Directors:	L J Darley (Chair) B J Aideed N A Hutchinson B C Matta M Needham J A Robinson G Smallwood MBE A Warbrick P McFarlane	Resigned 31 March 2025 Resigned 31 August 2024 Appointed 7 January 2025
Secretary:	A Warbrick (to 31 August 2024) K Fletcher (from 30 October 2025)	
Chief Executive Officer:	Louise McDade	
Bankers:	NatWest 24 Deansgate Bolton BL1 1BN	
External Auditors:	SCCA Ltd T/A Stafford & Co. 3 The Studios 320 Chorley Old Road Bolton BL1 4JU	

Structure, Governance and Management

Status and Charity Number

Bolton Together is a registered charity (charity number 1163466) and a company limited by guarantee (company number 08730010).

Governing Document

The governing document of Bolton Together is a memorandum and articles of incorporation dated 14 October 2013, revised 9 April 2022.

The Trustees, who are also directors under company law, are appointed by ordinary resolution passed at a general meeting.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 March 2025 was eight.

The key management personnel are identified as the Trustees and Chief Executive Officer.

Trustees and Officers

Details of the Trustees and Chief Executive Officer can be found on page 3.

Recruitment and Training of Trustees

We recruit Trustees to ensure a fair representation of our community and our membership, through open recruitment and an expression of interest. Following receipt of an Expression of Interest the Chair and Chief Executive Officer meet with the prospective Trustee to determine suitability and discuss the role further.

A Trustee induction programme is in place and subject to review through consultation with the existing Board and Chief Executive Officer. All members are required to undertake training relevant to their adopted role and to increase their own awareness and knowledge of issues relating to the charity's objectives.

Organisational Management

The day to day management of organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

Committees of the Board

The Board of Trustees have the following committees:

HR Sub Committee: Martin Needham and Gill Smallwood
Finance Sub Committee: Neil Hutchinson, Lindsey Darley and Phil McFarlane
Membership Sub Committee Emma Hutchinson and Gill Smallwood

Public Benefit

The objects of the charity are:

1. The promotion of social inclusion for children, parents and carers, who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society.
2. The advancement of health of children, young people and parents/carers of children/young people and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or any other disadvantage of children and parents/carers of children/young people. Activities in furtherance of this will include: Building partnerships between voluntary, community and social enterprise and public sectors on relevant issues to support the advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families, children and young people in need.

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 and setting the grant making policy for the period.

Related Party Transactions

Services provided by Bolton Together respond to both local and regional strategies and we continue to be a key member of strategic partnerships within Bolton and Greater Manchester. Our association with other voluntary organisations through collaborative partnership working continues and we have undertaken joint training and delivery of programmes and aim to develop and strengthen this further in the immediate and long-term future.

Conflicts of interest were managed through the Conflict of Interests Policy. For further details of related party transactions please see Note 8.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

A remuneration review policy is adopted to review pay on an annual basis connected to the appraisal process. A recommendation is made by the HR subcommittee to the Board and to the wider Board for their approval. Responsibilities and alignment with other charity Chief Executive Officer roles and other roles within the organisation is taken into consideration alongside the budget available.

Trustee's report

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 31 March 2025. 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).

Objects and Activities

Charitable Objectives

Vision

By working together collaboratively we will improve the quality of life for communities.

Mission

Through voluntary sector led collaboration, delivering high quality cost effective integrated services for children, young people and their families in Bolton, we will utilise existing resource more effectively and generate new funds and resources.

We have continued to build on the success of recent years and have further increased the investment secured and distributed to our members. The Family Hub voluntary sector delivery programme has been successfully implemented with an additional year of funding secured till September 2026. We also continued our ongoing successful programmes including our IThrive mental health provision for 2 – 19 years (25 with SEND) and Holiday Activity and Food Delivery. We have been responsive to the needs of the charity, our members and children and young people as the investment we secure and distribute, and co-ordinate has grown further. We continue to work closely with our statutory partners including Greater Manchester NHS Integrated Care, Bolton Council Bolton NHS Foundation Trust and Schools.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Key Achievements

- Creation and delivery of our first ever Members Awards and Celebration Event at the Albert Halls in Bolton in February '25
- Receiving the Bolton Quality Mark
- Securing funding for the Standing Together Youth Against Violence Project
- Becoming a representative on the GM VCSE Mental Health Leadership Group
- Securing the Partnership Lottery Funding for Thrive Plus, with 4 member partners
- Enabling a member of staff to take on a secondment to develop skills and experience and progress in their career
- Establishing and leading the Multiagency mental health referral huddle for children and young people
- Securing the extension of the VCSE Family Hub delivery for a further year
- Securing the Million Hours Lottery funding to increase youth work hours in key areas
- Securing non recurrent funds of £130,000 to extend the IThrive 2-11 years delivery whilst other funding sources were explored.
- Creating and embedding the Bolton Together Waiting Well Approach alongside young person focused resources
- Adapting and developing the VCSE Family Hub Offer in Bolton to meet needs and improve outcomes
- Advocating for the VCSE sector and influencing service provision for children and families within Bolton.
- Growing our membership

Membership

Nine Bolton Based organisations joined the consortium over the year meaning we had a total of **44** members during this timeframe.

64% of Members were awarded funding
4 new members joined us
£967,205 distributed to members

Governance

We had 8 Board members with 1 new Trustee joining the Board during the year and one Trustee resigning.

We have been driving forward the implementation of our Strategy for 2024 – 2027 throughout the year, adapting our Board reporting processes to align with the objectives within the Strategy and to enable the CEO and Board to monitor progress against this.

We continue to review our risk register as part of our robust governance and scenario plan for the next two years, reviewing our reserves policy and implementing a new organisational structure with delegated responsibilities for our Programme Manager as part of our retention and succession planning, alongside planning for the direct employment the IThrive Programme Manager who had previously been a secondment role.

Our Programme Manager for Children and Families took on the role of Company Secretary. We continue to review options for recruiting younger Trustees including the development of a youth focused Young Trustee advert and recruitment pack. The creation of a new paid role within Bolton Together of a Project Officer for Membership and Engagement, will include engagement with young people and youth voice and influence and enable a stronger focus on the recruitment of a Youth Advisory Board and Young Trustees.

Develop financial stability and a robust infrastructure to grow the consortium

Alongside our charity specialist accountants we reviewed our payment processes for members and moved to scheduled payments to providers rather than invoicing. This streamlined the process, ensured timely payments and relieved the pressure on smaller organisations struggling with capacity and cash flow. We agreed an IT contract for three years including ongoing IT support for the team and gained the cyber essentials accreditation supporting our data compliance for all contracts in particular our NHS contract. We received the Bolton Quality Mark following completion of a robust health check process in key strands of delivery and providing clear evidence for each area.

Develop the Voice and Influence of Individuals Accessing Our Services

We have established clear feedback mechanisms to families for the Family Hub Delivery Programme including regular 'This is the change you have made' updates in different formats. Their input directly shaped service offers, such as the introduction of Saturday cooking classes, an extended carpark, modernised Family Hub spaces and efforts to expand SEND services. We have advocated for the voice of the child/young person in strategic settings including the Safeguarding Effectiveness sub group of the Children's Safeguarding

Partnership, with the child/young person's voice now a regular agenda item at each meeting. The development of My IThrive Journey resource was co-designed with parents and children and young people and supports children through their journey to and through support, embedding our waiting well approach when we cannot offer support immediately.

327 parents engaged at events and community settings ***8 Early Years Parent Panels held***

Increase and maintain investment and collaboration across our members to improve outcomes for children and young people

We have been successful in securing additional funding for our members over the year, including Lottery funding to extend our mental health offer and increase the youth work that our members are able to delivery for young people in Bolton. In addition we have continued to facilitate the successful existing IThrive and Family Hub partnership programmes. The Standing Together funding from Bolton Council and Bolton CVS has enabled a strong partnership to be developed focusing on Youth Against Violence. We have continued to invest in our members through distributing the Holiday Activity and Food Programme funding. Below is further details on this partnership delivery:

IThrive Provision for 2 – 25 years and IThrive Referral Hub

The IThrive Hub continues to receive referrals from a range of statutory sources and parents via an online form. Referrals are triaged and allocated to the most appropriate provider alongside providing information and advice and signposting. The Hub worked closely with the Children Adolescent Mental Health Service, via a seconded role into Bolton Together and establishment of clear communication and referral pathways.

This programme offers support to children experiencing challenges with their mental health and emotional wellbeing. Our 9 providers offer one to one and group support including counselling and SEND specific provision.

1,017 referrals were received into the IThrive Hub
1,460 CYP received ongoing support with their mental health
717 parents provided with support

IThrive Parent Peer Support Programme

We secured extension funding for this valuable delivery. As the need for parents to receive support when their child experiences mental health challenges increased we reviewed the delivery partners to ensure parent needs were being met. This led to a new expression of interest process being opened and a new delivery partner being awarded funding to meet evolving needs of parents, with their delivery starting from April 2025. Breaking Barriers continued to deliver much valued support for parents of children with additional needs.

219 parents/carers supported

Early Years and Family Hub Programme

Our Family Hub programme provides a range of support for children under five and their parents, working with our statutory partners to deliver co-ordinated support and learning opportunities. Nine providers deliver this offer.

Over the year the programme has gone from strength to strength, with numbers supported significantly increasing and a diverse range of parents accessing support. We were able to extend capacity for successful delivery and introduce new support via an Expression of Interest process to engage with Dads. We have reviewed what has worked well and where there are still gaps to shape the additional year of funding from September 2025.

123 parents have taken part in a series of structured Solihull parenting sessions

Through 689 group attendances.

740 parents have received support with infant feeding

1597 Mums have received peer support on the wards at Bolton Hospital

430 parents have received support with their mental health

1617 parents have attended Stay and Play Sessions

Youth Against Violence Programme

This is a new partnership with The Flowhession Foundation, BSCA and Urban Outreach, supporting young people at risk of antisocial behaviour or offending through mentoring, raising awareness, one to one support and delivery of diversionary activities. This delivery only started in February '25 but already 46 young people have been supported over less than two months.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Easter, Summer and Winter Provision

The provision of diverse activities and food over the school holidays for children and young people in receipt of free school meals through our members.

This delivery continued with increased partnerships with schools and Bolton Council and Bolton Together supporting the HAF Park events during the summer. Expression of Interest processes were facilitated for each delivery period with a panel making the final decisions. This opportunity enables children to access information on food nutrition, and to try new creative and physical activities in a safe environment.

***409 Young People accessing Easter HAF
702 Young People accessing Summer HAF
332 Young People accessing Winter HAF***

Measuring Our Performance

At Bolton Together we have a culture of continuous improvement. We evaluate all of our delivery programmes through questionnaires, outcomes measures, and satisfaction questionnaires alongside collating a bank of case studies evidencing the difference made. There is a small sample of this below. We complete robust quarterly reporting that is reviewed with our providers, commissioners and Board and used to share intelligence on the need and gaps in services, to share good practice, to celebrate the VCSE delivery and to ensure we continue to sustain, develop and improve our services.

***100% felt listened to
100% improved confidence in Breastfeeding
82% said the help they received was excellent
100% felt their worries were taken seriously
96% rated sessions as excellent***

Young Person and Parent/Carer Feedback:

"I contacted the team in the middle of the night and got such a quick reply in the morning with everything I needed to know. Put it into practise and breastfeeding became easier again. The team are just amazing and genuinely want to help. Can't recommend them enough".

"Since the walking groups have stopped, I have continued to go for a walk after Horwich Group each Monday. Thank you for helping'

"Life is chaos, my bucket gets full from all the noise, this space allows me time to empty that to help prepare for the week".

"I've improved in controlling my behaviour at school and am able to manage my anger at home. I finally felt able to talk about grief." Young Person

"I feel I understand my emotions better and I no longer become upset when discussing autism. I also feel more able to work out what kind of things help me manage my difficulties surrounding my autism"

Facilitate the delivery of high-quality services

We have further strengthened our quality assurance processes, strengthening and extending quality visit processes for our members delivering key programmes. We continue to embed robust monitoring and reporting processes, with providers adopting key outcome measures to track programmes and measure impact across our delivery.

***90% of young people supported via IThrive
met their goal***

63% recorded an improvement in the ORS outcome measures

100% reported improved outcomes in infant feeding

***83% of parents accessing peer support with their perinatal
mental health felt more confident***

84% felt they had a better relationship with their baby

1/Improved quality of life of children and young people through delivery of tailored services to diverse communities

An example of this:

740 parents were supported through 2,082 contacts to breastfeed their children through one to one and group peer support in their homes and within the community.

2/ Increased the capacity of the voluntary sector to deliver support to children, young people and families:

An example of this

Million Hours Lottery funding secured to deliver One Life – additional youth work and outreach to 453 young people.

3/Increased awareness and understanding of the value of voluntary sector provision in Bolton:

An example of this:

CEO role on the VCSE GM Mental Health Leadership Group, sharing intelligence at a GM level of the needs and gaps and the delivery of the VCSE and advocating for their value with statutory partners.

4/Increased collaboration between voluntary sector and statutory partners

An example of this:

Creation of the IThrive Multiagency Referral Huddle reviewing referrals for young people to access the right support at the right time leading to a better experience for young people.

5/Retained local investment supporting the local economy through securing investment in local organisations

An example of this:

Renewal of IThrive contract for 11 – 19 years (25 with SEND) supporting 5 VCSE local members to deliver high quality support for children and young people to support their mental health

6/Increased joint working within the children and young people voluntary sector in Bolton for improved outcomes for children and young people:

An example of this:

The Youth Against Violence project has enabled three members, BSCA, The Flowhesion Foundation Urban Outreach, to work together on a new project supporting young people at risk and providing opportunities for them to reach their potential, sharing resources and approaches.

Plans for the Year Ahead

- Review and develop our current contract documentation with providers
- Develop a new membership agreement
- Recruit to new positions for the IThrive Referral Hub and the Project Officer role for Engagement and Membership
- Explore further income generation options
- Shape and support the development of a parenting strategy for Bolton and parenting interventions to support the new family help offer in Bolton
- Strengthen our mechanisms for involving young people and parents in our governance and decision making
- Explore partnership bids with members to address inequalities and support Bolton's young people and families
- Increasing engagement across all of our membership

Risk Management

A risk register is regularly updated and reviewed by the Chief Executive Officer and the Board outlining key risks to the organisation, rag rated and with mitigations in place.

Finance Review

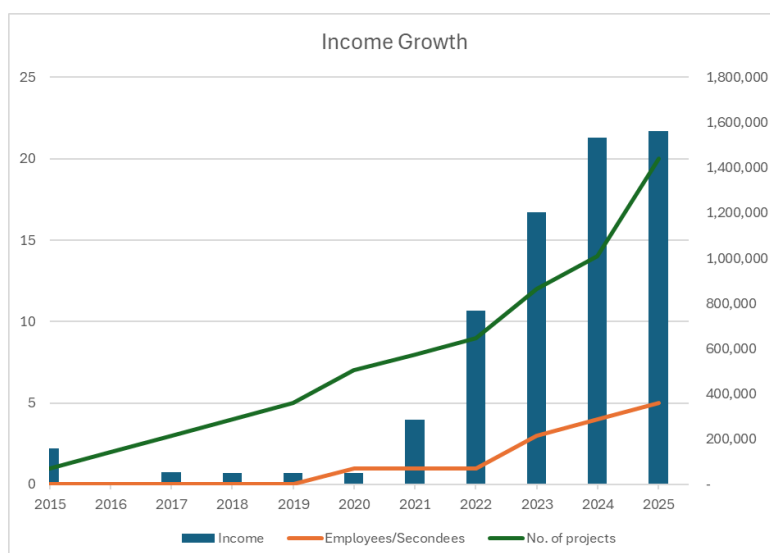
During the year total income of £1,337,033 was received (2024: £1,758,446) with total expenditure being £1,466,830 (2024: £1,268,986). As a result of this net expenditure for the year was £129,797 (2024: net income £488,860). This excess of expenditure over income was covered by the funds brought forward from the previous financial year and was planned.

Whilst income appears to have decreased from 2024 by £421,412, £223,936 was received in March 2024 where the expenditure was not incurred until the 2024/25 financial year. In line with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) this income could not be deferred at the end of the 2023/24 financial year. When this is taken into account there is actually an increase year on year of £26,459.

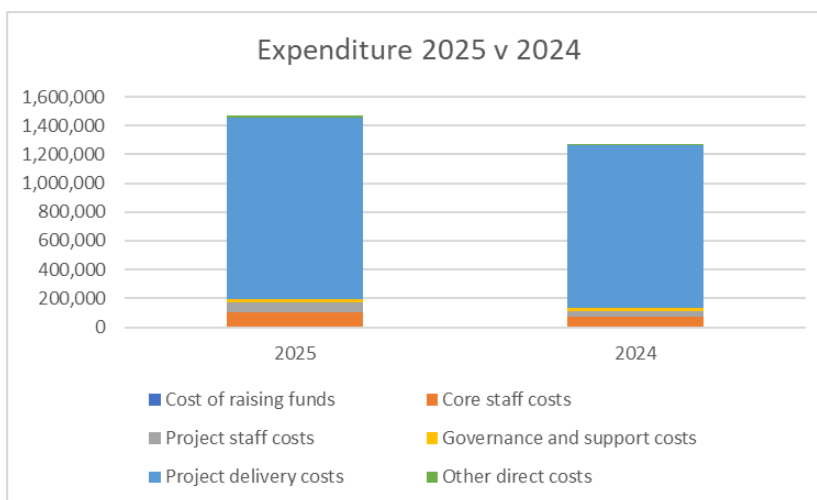
During the 2024/25 financial year Bolton Together have also successfully increased their unrestricted income with £115 from donations and £11,181 from other sources including secondment and advisory income.

The principal funding sources for the Charity are currently by way of grants and contract income received.

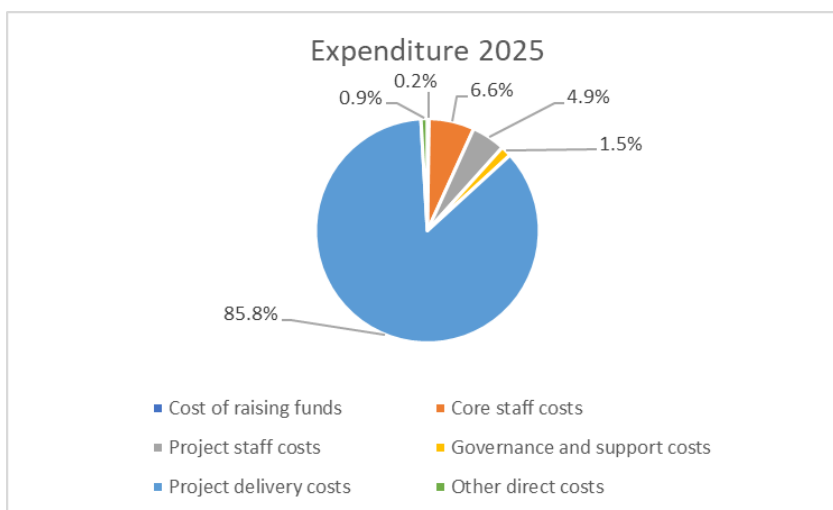
The graph below shows the income growth of the charity since its inception in 2015, adjusted as outlined above:



The graphs below show the expenditure for the current year versus the previous year:



The graph below shows the breakdown of the expenditure in the year:



Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees has established a reserves policy which appropriately reflects the risks to which the Charity is exposed. In compliance with such policy, it will review regularly both the sum it wishes to hold in unrestricted reserves and the basis for that figure. The reserves policy considers ongoing fixed costs, excludes variable costs and does not consider expenditure which is linked to restricted projects and therefore covered by restricted funds.

The Board has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets are designated for a specific purpose. Our policy is to have reserves of a minimum of £150,000 to enable the core functions and staff costs not accounted for in restricted funds to be covered for a one-year period. At this level, the Board feels that they would be able to continue the current core activities of the charity

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in the event of a significant drop in funding or other significant issue. This period would allow the Board to consider how the funding would be replaced or the activities changed.

At the 31 March 2025, unrestricted free reserves were £116,871. This is calculated as follows:

	£
Total unrestricted funds:	268,496
Less fixed assets	1,625
Less designated funds	150,000
Unrestricted free reserves	<u>116,871</u>

The designated funds of the charity are held for a specified purpose and can be undesignated by the Board as they see fit.

In July 2025 the Board reviewed both its reserves policy and designated funds. Following this they determined that £150,000 was still an appropriate figure to cover 6 months running costs and any costs incurred should the organisation need to close. The designated funds level would be reduced to £112,445.

Going Concern

For the period ending March 2025 the charity total funds of £488,798 (2024: £618,595). Of this £268,496 is unrestricted and £220,302 is restricted (2024: £203,919 unrestricted and £414,676 restricted).

Based on an assessment of future budgets and liquidity of assets, the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements

The trustees (who are also directors of Bolton Together for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on the 18th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


Lindsey Darley (Sep 20 2025 17:47:54 GMT+1)

Lindsey Darley
Chair of Trustees

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees and Members of Bolton Together

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bolton Together (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud and error and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charitable company and group operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be

fundamental to the charitable company's and the group's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charitable company and the group for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Anti-fraud, bribery and corruption legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of income and the override of controls by management, including estimates and judgments. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance and Trustee Committees about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined below to detect material misstatement due to fraud:

- Matters are discussed amongst the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud
- Identifying and assessing the design and effectiveness of controls that management have in place to prevent and detect fraud
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud following discussions with management and enquiring as to whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditors responsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Robert Stafford BA (Hons) FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of SCCA Ltd T/a Stafford & Co
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 29/09/25

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025, including the Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	TOTAL 2025 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	TOTAL 2024 £
INCOME FROM:							
Donations and legacies		115	-	115	-	-	-
Charitable activities	2	13,850	1,323,068	1,336,918	-	1,758,446	1,758,446
TOTAL INCOME		13,965	1,323,068	1,337,033	-	1,758,446	1,758,446
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Raising funds		3,492	-	3,492	600	-	600
Charitable activities	3	132,708	1,330,630	1,463,338	105,492	1,163,494	1,268,986
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		136,200	1,330,630	1,466,830	106,092	1,163,494	1,269,586
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(122,235)	(7,562)	(129,797)	(106,092)	594,952	488,860
Transfer between funds		186,812	(186,812)	-	180,276	(180,276)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		64,577	(194,374)	(129,797)	74,184	414,676	488,860
Fund balances brought forward		203,919	414,676	618,595	129,735	-	129,735
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		268,496	220,302	488,798	203,919	414,676	618,595

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

Company number: 08730010

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	9	1,625	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	193,934	98,784
Cash at bank and in hand	11	642,326	834,941
		836,260	933,725
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	12	(349,087)	(315,130)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		487,173	618,595
NET ASSETS		488,798	618,595
FUNDS			
Unrestricted: General	14	118,496	203,919
Unrestricted: Designated	14	150,000	-
Restricted	14	220,302	414,676
TOTAL FUNDS		488,798	618,595

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies but as this company is a charity, it is subject to independent examination under the Charities Act 2011. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with SORP FRS102.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 18th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


 Lindsey Darley (Sep 25 2025 17:47:54 GMT+1)

Lindsey Darley, Chair of Trustees

Statement of cashflows as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	13	(190,803)	31,495
CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of equipment		(1,812)	-
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(1,812)	-
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(192,615)	31,495
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE START OF PERIOD		834,941	803,446
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF PERIOD		642,326	834,941
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CONSISTS OF:			
Cash at bank and in hand		642,326	834,941

Notes to the accounts

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are follows:

a. Basis of Preparing Financial Statements

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019 (SORP FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice that is SORP FRS102.

Bolton Together meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. In the Trustees opinion there are no judgements other than those disclosed in the policies below.

c. Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going

The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

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d. Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Contract income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are

e. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

f. Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual 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.

All expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

j. Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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k. Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l. Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m. Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

n. Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

o. Corporation tax and VAT

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity. Bolton Together is not VAT registered and as such all expenditure is shown inclusive of applicable VAT

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2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	TOTAL 2025 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Project Delivery	2,506	1,316,853	1,319,359	-	1,758,446	1,758,446
Other income	11,344	6,215	17,559	-	-	-
	<u>13,850</u>	<u>1,323,068</u>	<u>1,336,918</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,758,446</u>	<u>1,758,446</u>

Government Grant Income:

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	TOTAL 2025 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Bolton Council	-	415,819	415,819	-	958,046	958,046
Bolton NHS Foundation Trust	-	253,832	253,832	-	253,832	253,832
NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group	-	321,396	321,396	-	406,179	406,179
NHS Greater Manchester	-	121,000	121,000	-	96,000	96,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,112,047</u>	<u>1,112,047</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,714,057</u>	<u>1,714,057</u>

3. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Staff costs	Governance & Support costs	Other Direct costs	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Core activities	96,326	22,711	13,671	132,708
Project delivery	71,471	-	1,259,159	1,330,630
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	167,797	22,711	1,272,830	1,463,338

Previous reporting period

	Staff costs	Governance & Support costs	Other Direct costs	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Core activities	72,455	24,304	8,733	105,492
Project delivery	37,257	-	1,126,237	1,163,494
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	109,712	24,304	1,134,970	1,268,986

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4. GRANTS TO INSTITUTIONS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Action for Children Services Ltd	30,957	36,126
Baby Basics	2,593	7,500
Believe Achieve CIC	17,603	15,929
Bolton Lads and Girls Club	112,618	117,276
Bolton Middlebrook Leisure Trust Limite	18,400	12,275
Bolton Solidarity Community Associatio	12,000	9,290
Bolton Trampoline Club	-	1,780
Bolton Toy Library	100,534	94,916
Bolton Wanderers Community Trust	48,067	96,758
Bolton Wanderers Disability FC	1,802	-
Breaking Barriers	72,052	59,988
Breastfeeding Together	124,890	124,892
Child Action Northwest	-	45,210
Friends of Green Fold	-	1,000
Fortalice	107,577	144,395
The Flowhession Foundation	48,754	38,343
Harmony Youth Project	12,720	-
Homestart Host	70,171	89,473
The Hub at Westhoughton	7,162	4,375
Lancashire Outdoor Activities Initiative	2,450	-
The Lancashire Wildlife Trust	13,410	22,380
Little Bats Learning CIC	38,947	22,959
MHIST	22,190	26,020
New Bury Boxing	6,991	-
Proud 2B Parents	6,835	9,100
The Proud Trust	7,291	2,750
The Great Lever and Farnworth Voice	5,300	-
Raise the Youth Foundation CIC	21,373	27,642
Urban Outreach	54,518	68,456
Youth Leads	-	3,336
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>967,205</u>	<u>1,082,169</u>

5. ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

	Total allocated £	2025 Core activities £	Project delivery £	Basis of apportionment
Governance costs	22,711	22,711	-	Core costs only
	<u>22,711</u>	<u>22,711</u>	<u>-</u>	

Previous reporting period

	Total allocated £	2024 Core activities £	Project delivery £	Basis of apportionment
Governance costs	24,304	24,304	-	Core costs only
	<u>24,304</u>	<u>24,304</u>	<u>-</u>	

Governance costs	£
Auditors remuneration	7,440
Insurance	3,696
Accountancy fees	11,373
Professional fees	202
	<u>22,711</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging

	2025	2024
	£	£
Auditors remuneration	7,440	7,200

7. STAFF COSTS AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	132,546	87,648
Social security costs	7,541	739
Pension costs	7,396	4,885
	<u>147,483</u>	<u>93,272</u>

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

The average number of staff employed during the period was 5 (2024: 4)

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and the CEO. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity are shown below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	48,000	44,450
Social security costs	5,369	2,223
Pension costs	2,374	4,879
	<u>55,743</u>	<u>51,552</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES, AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period (2024:£nil).

No trustees' were paid expenses for the period (2024: £nil)

The trustees have indemnity cover.

The following were related parties during the period:

N Hutchinson (Trustee) is the Managing Director of Bolton Middlebrook Leisure Trust who received grants from the charity for the delivery of services. The value of these grants in the year was £18,400 (2024: £12,275), see note 4.

G Smallwood (Trustee) is the Chief Executive of Fortalice who received grants from the charity for the delivery of services. The value of these grants in the year was £107,577 (2024: £144,395), see note 4.

E Hutchinson (Trustee) and J Robinson (Trustee) are the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Finance, respectively, at Bolton Lads and Girls Club who received grants from the charity for the delivery of services. The value of these grant in the year were £112,618 (2024: £117,276), see note 4. Bolton Lads and Girls Club administer the staff Healthcare Plan which is recharged to the charity at cost alongside meeting room hire.

Bashir Aideed is a Development Worker at Bolton Solidarity Community Association. Bolton Solidarity Community Association receive grants from the charity for the delivery of services. During the year the value of the grant was £12,000 (2024: £9,290), see note 4.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost :		
At 1 April 2024	-	-
Additions	1,812	1,812
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,812</u>	<u>1,812</u>
Depreciation :		
At 1 April 2024	-	-
Charge for the year	187	187
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>187</u>	<u>187</u>
NBV at 31 March 2025	<u>1,625</u>	<u>1,625</u>
NBV at 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Net book value at 31 March 2025 represents fixed assets used for charitable purposes.

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10. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	134,179	-
Prepayments	59,755	98,784
Accrued income	-	-
	<u>193,934</u>	<u>98,784</u>

11. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	642,326	834,941
	<u>642,326</u>	<u>834,941</u>

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12. CREDITORS : Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	5,545	72,998
Social security and other taxes	3,003	5,513
Other creditors	64,872	26,555
General accruals	7,440	18,018
Deferred income	268,227	192,046
	349,087	315,130

Deferred income is for income received from contracts during the period that relates to future periods.

Deferred income

Balance at 1 April 2024	192,046
Movement in the year	76,181
Balance at 31 March 2025	268,227

13. CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income for the year	(129,797)	488,860
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	187	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(95,150)	20,334
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	33,957	(477,699)
	(190,803)	31,495

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Apr 24 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2025 £
Restricted Funds					
<i>Bolton Council</i>					
Family Hubs	274,137	182,166	(339,418)	(27,697)	89,188
HAF	62,839	165,440	(184,400)	(22,740)	21,139
Early years, Stay, Play, Learn	16,044	68,213	(63,063)	(8,188)	13,006
Internet safety	9,610	-	(6,790)	(2,820)	-
PFA Send	3,438	-	-	(3,438)	-
<i>Bolton NHS Foundation Trust</i>					
Emotional health and wellbeing	4,895	253,832	(225,000)	(33,727)	-
<i>National Lottery Community Fund</i>					
Thrive Plus	-	120,960	(84,673)	(9,720)	26,567
One Million Hours	-	81,760	(48,000)	(6,507)	27,253
<i>NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group (ICB)</i>					
Thrive Alliance	3,829	107,214	(94,046)	(16,997)	-
IThrive Parent Peer Support Programme	-	75,627	(68,620)	(7,007)	-
Referral Hub & Increase to Perinatal offer	31,410	138,555	(105,922)	(20,894)	43,149
<i>NHS Greater Manchester</i>					
I Thrive Counselling	8,474	-	-	(8,474)	-
I Thrive Counselling (new)	-	121,000	(106,480)	(14,520)	-
<i>Salford CVS</i>					
GM Walking Fund	-	4,706	(4,218)	(488)	-
<i>Bolton CVS</i>					
Youth Against Violence	-	3,595	-	(3,595)	-
Total Restricted Funds	414,676	1,323,068	(1,330,630)	(186,812)	220,302
Unrestricted Funds					
General	53,919	13,965	(136,200)	186,812	118,496
Designated	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Total Unrestricted Funds	203,919	13,965	(136,200)	186,812	268,496
Total Funds	618,595	1,337,033	(1,466,830)	-	488,798

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,625	-	1,625
Net current assets/(liabilities)	261,361	220,302	481,663
	<u>262,986</u>	<u>220,302</u>	<u>483,288</u>
	<u><u>262,986</u></u>	<u><u>220,302</u></u>	<u><u>483,288</u></u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Previous reporting period

	Balance at 1 Apr 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
Restricted Funds					
<i>Bolton Council</i>					
Family Hubs	-	549,166	(250,795)	(24,234)	274,137
HAF	-	267,033	(180,162)	(24,032)	62,839
Early years, Stay, Play, Learn	-	85,266	(60,934)	(8,288)	16,044
Internet safety	-	29,108	(15,123)	(4,375)	9,610
PFA Send	-	27,473	(22,005)	(2,030)	3,438
<i>Bolton NHS Foundation Trust</i>					
Emotional health and wellbeing	-	253,832	(223,937)	(25,000)	4,895
<i>National Lottery Community Fund</i>					
Thrive Plus	-	44,389	(12,881)	(31,508)	-
<i>NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group</i>					
Thrive Alliance	-	205,539	(174,942)	(26,768)	3,829
IThrive Parent Peer Support Programme	-	70,640	(65,699)	(4,941)	-
Referral Hub & Increase to Perinatal offer	-	130,000	(79,090)	(19,500)	31,410
<i>NHS Greater Manchester</i>					
IThrive Counselling	-	96,000	(77,926)	(9,600)	8,474
Total Restricted Funds	-	1,758,446	(1,163,494)	(180,276)	414,676
Unrestricted Funds					
General	129,735	-	(106,092)	30,276	53,919
Designated	-	-	-	150,000	150,000
Total Unrestricted Funds	129,735	-	(106,092)	180,276	203,919
Total Funds	129,735	1,758,446	(1,269,586)	-	618,595

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	203,919	414,676	618,595
	<u>203,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>618,595</u>

Description of restricted funds

Bolton Council

Family Hubs

Delivering the Family Hub voluntary sector offer, providing a range of early years interventions.

HAF

Provision of food and activities for those eligible for free school meals during the school holidays.

Early years, Stay, Play, Learn

Stay and Play sessions via our members to provide connections to the community and support development and parents confidence.

Internet safety

Development of resources and workshops to support children and parents to increase their knowledge and improve online safety.

PFA Send

Identifying areas of good practice in Farnworth and Rumworth and identifying gaps and finding out the barriers to young people with SEND accessing services, making recommendations based on these findings.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)

Bolton NHS Foundation Trust
Emotional health and wellbeing

A comprehensive offer of support via our members as part of the 0-19 service in Bolton to support children 2 – 11 years and their parents through mentoring, home visits, one to one support and group work.

National Lottery Community Fund
Thrive Plus

Group work, one to one delivery and drops in for young people aged 11 – 19 (25 with SEND) across four partners to support improving mental health and well being.

One Million Hours

This project increases the capacity of four members to deliver increased youth work and outreach, engaging and supporting young people to direct them away from anti-social behaviour and to recognise the power of their own life and potential.

NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group
Thrive Alliance

A comprehensive offer of support for 11 – 19 (25 yrs. with SEND) of mental health support through one to one and group delivery, via four providers

Referral Hub & Increase to Perinatal offer

A point of access for referrals into our IThrive provision and access to the wider VCSE offer via our online referral form. Triage, liaison with referrers and young people and parents and allocation to providers takes place. Supports strong pathways with CAMHS and other services.
Peer Support groups delivered to support parents who are feeling anxious and experiencing low mood pre-birth or following the birth of a child.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)

NHS Greater Manchester

I Thrive Counselling

Counselling support via two providers for children and young people – aged 8 – 19 yrs. (25 with SEND). Up to 12 sessions provided

I Thrive Counselling (new)

Two members deliver counselling to young people referred via our IThrive Referral Hub for up to 12 sessions delivered within schools and community settings to support young people aged 11 plus who are experiencing challenges with their mental health and emotional wellbeing. A third member delivers tailored one to one bespoke and tailored support for young people 11 plus with SEND who are experiencing challenges with their mental health.

Salford CVS

GM Walking Fund

The 'Bumps, Boobs and Buggies' project delivers walking and wheeling sessions for breastfeeding mums. Encouraging mums with breastfeeding babies and toddling siblings, to get active, build confidence in breastfeeding outdoors, increasing long term breastfeeding which reduces the chance of children becoming obese later in life, and reducing social isolation by creating a supportive community.

Bolton CVS

Youth Against Violence

Three members working together to reduce antisocial behaviour, providing protective factors for young people at risk of youth violence developing their skills and providing new opportunities. Diversionary activities, mentoring and workshops to build aspirations and support young people to reach their potential.

Annual Report for Bolton Together FYE 31 March 2025 for signing

Final Audit Report

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England & Wales - Charity number 1163466

Accounts

Bolton Together

Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Registered Charity Number 1163466.

Company Number 08730010

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Legal and Administrative Details

Name: Bolton Together

Charity Number: 1163466

Company Number: 08730010

Registered Office: 18 Spa Road
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BL1 4AG

Trustees/Directors:	L J Darley (Chair)	
	B J Aideed	Appointed 13 April 2023
	N A Hutchinson	
	B C Matta	
	M Needham	Appointed 3 April 2023
	J A Robinson	
	G Smallwood MBE	
	A Warbrick	
	E Hutchinson	Appointed 22 January 2024

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Chief Executive Officer: Louise McDade

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Structure, Governance and Management

Status and Charity Number

Bolton Together is a registered charity (charity number 1163466) and a company limited by guarantee (company number 08730010).

Governing Document

The governing document of Bolton Together is a memorandum and articles of incorporation dated 14 October 2013, revised 9 April 2022.

The Trustees, who are also directors under company law, are appointed by ordinary resolution passed at a general meeting.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 March 2024 was ten.

The key management personnel are identified as the Trustees and Chief Executive Officer.

Trustees and Officers

Details of the Trustees and Chief Executive Officer can be found on page 3.

Recruitment and Training of Trustees

We recruit Trustees to ensure a fair representation of our community and our membership, through open recruitment and an expression of interest. Following receipt of an Expression of Interest the Chair and CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER meet with the prospective Trustee to determine suitability and discuss the role further.

A Trustee induction programme is in place and subject to review through consultation with the existing Board and Chief Executive Officer. All members are required to undertake training relevant to their adopted role and to increase their own awareness and knowledge of issues relating to the charity's objectives.

Organisational Management

The day to day management of organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

Committees of the Board

The Board of Trustees have the following committees:

HR Sub Committee: Martin Needham and Gill Smallwood
Finance Sub Committee: Neil Hutchinson, Lindsey Darley and Jackie Robinson
Membership Sub Committee Adam Warbrick and Jackie Robinson

Public Benefit

The objects of the charity are:

1. The promotion of social inclusion for children, parents and carers, who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society.
2. The advancement of health of children, young people and parents/carers of children/young people and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or any other disadvantage of children and parents/carers of children/young people. Activities in furtherance of this will include: Building partnerships between voluntary, community and social enterprise and public sectors on relevant issues to support the advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families, children and young people in need.

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 and setting the grant making policy for the period.

Related Party Transactions

Services provided by Bolton Together respond to both local and regional strategies and we continue to be a key member of strategic partnerships within Bolton and Greater Manchester. Our association with other voluntary organisations through collaborative partnership working continues and we have undertaken joint training and delivery of programmes and aim to develop and strengthen this further in the immediate and long-term future.

Conflicts of interest were managed through the Conflict of Interests Policy. For further details of related party transactions please see Note 8.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

A remuneration review policy is adopted to review pay on an annual basis connected to the appraisal process. A recommendation is made by the HR subcommittee to the Board and to the wider Board for their approval. Responsibilities and alignment with other charity Chief Executive Officer roles and other roles within the organisation is taken into consideration alongside the budget available.

Trustee's report

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 31 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).

Objects and Activities

Charitable Objectives

Vision

By working together collaboratively we will improve the quality of life for communities.

Mission

Through voluntary sector led collaboration, delivering high quality cost effective integrated services for children, young people and their families in Bolton, we will utilise existing resource more effectively and generate new funds and resources.

We have continued to build on the success of recent years and have further increased the investment secured and distributed to our members. The Family Hub voluntary sector delivery programme began in September '24 and we recruited to the post of Project Co-ordinator to support the delivery of this innovative large new programme. We also continued our ongoing successful programmes including our IThrive mental health provision for 2 – 19 years (25 with SEND) and Holiday Food and Activity Delivery. We have been responsive to the needs of the charity, our members and children and young people as the investment we secure and distribute, and co-ordinate has grown further. We continue to work closely with our statutory partners including Greater Manchester NHS Integrated Care, Bolton Council Bolton NHS Foundation Trust and Schools.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Key Achievements

- Continued Delivery of IThrive to 2 – 19 years (25 with SEND)
- Enhanced support for the IThrive providers with a programme of training sessions and good practice guides produced.
- Production of self-help resources for young people
- Distribution of funds and delivery of the new Bolton Together Family Hub Programme.
- Recruitment to our IThrive Hub Co-ordinator role and a new Early Years Project Co-coordinator role
- Production and dissemination of the Preparing For Adulthood SEND Community Inclusion Final Report and Videos
- Continued delivery of the Internet Safety My First Phone Project, delivering in school and community settings and to the workforce.
- Securing recurrent funding for the IThrive counselling provision and SEND specific provision which was initially ending on the 31st March 2024.
- Securing an extension to the current 0-19 Subcontract for a final year of delivery on the current contract.
- Increasing our representation at a strategic level with a seat on the newly refreshed Children and Young People's Board and the Children and Young People's Safeguarding Partnership Board.
- Bolton Together CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER being appointed as the Chair of the Safeguarding Effectiveness Subgroup.

Membership

Of the 1,672 community and voluntary sector organisations in Bolton. 24% specifically focus on supporting children and young people. Our membership ranges from smaller to larger organisations who when coming together reach our diverse communities in Bolton and enable services to be designed and delivered according to need. Demand for services has increased significantly over the year as has the complexity of the needs of our Bolton families who are experiencing multiple challenges.

Nine Bolton Based organisations joined the consortium over the year meaning we had a total of **40** members during this timeframe.

***55% of Members were awarded funding from the
consortium this year
9 new members
£1,336,097 distributed to members***

Governance

We have 9 Board members with 3 new Trustees joining the Board during the year.

We have designed and implemented comprehensive quality assurance processes including robust reporting, review meetings, partnerships, meetings and quality visits

Our agreement for IThrive provision moved over to an NHS contract and we completed a robust process of due diligence as part of this including the production of new policies required for this specific delivery and the development of a comprehensive Staff Handbook.

We completed the NHS Safeguarding Audit and the NHS Data Security and Protection Toolkit Self-Assessment for the first time.

In March the Board and staff team came together to discuss our plans and what we needed to do to achieve these. From this and our membership discussions, we now have a new Strategy for 2024 – 2027 which we have shared with our members and stakeholders.

Strengthening the Voice of Children and Young People and Parents/Carers

We engaged via our members with young people and parents during the Preparing for Adulthood SEND Community Inclusion Programme, and as part of the Family Hub delivery.

We commissioned our members Bolton Toy Library to facilitate a parent panel and engage with wider parents and carers regarding what support they require and their experience of local services. During the year 14 parents were recruited to the panel with 12 attending.

***332 parents engaged at events and community settings
26 young people with SEND and 53 parents of a child with
SEND engaged regarding what community activities they
access and what they would like to see in their
neighborhood.***

On World Mental Health Day we participated in an event organised by Bolton Council to celebrate the 'Be Kind to Your Mind School Champions and the CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER was a panel member responding to questions from young representations.

Our Annual Review held in November with our members focused on how the voice of the young person and their experience should impact our delivery and the decisions we make.

Communications and Engagement

We held our third annual event for members, funders and partners showcasing achievements and partnership working. This year the event held in November focused on the voice of the young person. We have developed a suite of consistent branded flyers for events and new services and a credit card sized contact card to distribute to those attending events. The quarterly members news update has continued to be produced with a Family Hub Newsletter and IThrive Referrer Newsletter also produced to support clear communication and engagement. The IThrive Provision and Family Hub Programme now have their own Padlet which is regularly updated for our providers, staff team and wider partners.

We have increased our presence on LinkedIn and continue to raise our profile and communicate our services and the difference made via different social media platforms.

IThrive Provision – Supporting 2 – 19 years (25 with SEND)

This programme offers support to children experiencing challenges with their mental health and emotional well being. Our 9 providers offer one to one and group support including counselling and SEND specific provision.

***1,154 CYP supported through the IThrive programme
2 – 19 years***

88% of young people met their goal

***63% in the 2-11 years provision recorded an
improvement in CORs and 55% in the ORS outcome
measures***

***76% demonstrated an improvement in the ORS and
57% in the CORs of the 11 – 19 (25 with SEND)***

Development of the IThrive Hub

The IThrive hub receives referrals from a range of statutory sources and parents via an online form. Referrals are triaged and allocated to the most appropriate provider alongside providing information and advice and signposting. The Hub works closely with the Children Adolescent Mental Health Service, via a seconded role into Bolton Together and establishment of clear communication and referral pathways.

1043 referrals were received into the IThrive Hub

This year several development sessions have been arranged for our IThrive partners including awareness raising on eating disorders, mindfulness, and trauma-informed practice. Workbooks for young people have been produced to support young people and parents in developing self-help strategies for their well-being. Guidance has been developed for referrers on how to engage to enable young people's voices to be present in the referral process and form and guidance on how and when to refer. This guidance has led to more suitable referrals being made ensuring support is provided to the right people at the right time.

Family Hub Delivery Programme

Our Family Hub programme provides a range of support for children under five and their parents, working with our statutory partners to deliver co-ordinated support and learning opportunities. Nine providers deliver this offer.

948 parents accessed Stay and Play sessions

98% felt more confident with their child

77.5% felt they had a better relationship with their child following Perinatal Peer Support

100% reported improved outcomes in Infant Feeding

1679 Mums supported with infant feeding at Bolton Hospital

79 parents accessing Solihull Parenting courses

Parent Peer Support Programme

395 parents/carers supported.

This offer supports parents whose children are experiencing difficulties with their mental health. The Breaking Barriers SEND-specific offer is in high demand with parents reporting significant improvements due to the support provided. This offer also offers activities for the child at the same time meaning that the parent can focus on themselves for a short period knowing their children are safe and happy.

The offer has adapted over the year to meet the needs of parents, with more one-to-one support sessions provided and a walking group developed to offer further support with clear benefits from parents supporting each other.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Easter, Summer and Winter Provision

The provision of diverse activities and food over the school holidays for children and young people in receipt of free school meals.

This offer has gone from strength to strength working closely with Bolton Council – training and longer-term funding for trusted providers.

Young People accessing Easter HAF 59
Young People accessing Summer HAF 651
Young People accessing Winter HAF 312

Online Safety Programme - My First Phone

A series of posters and a social media campaign were designed with young people with engagement from 52,958 people on Snapchat and 4,674 via Snapchat via our members Youth Leads UK.

Our Members Fortalice, BWITC, and The Flowhession Foundation delivered this programme.

28 Workshops Delivered
70 professionals
590 young people engaged



Preparing for Adult – SEND Community Inclusion

A visual interactive report was produced with our final recommendations from young people, parents, and local organisations, outlining what worked well in local communities, what was on offer, and identifying the gaps and what was needed to improve accessibility. The final report can be found here:

<https://bolton-together.org.uk/send-community-inclusion/>

We also provided seed funding to 12 organisations to improve their accessibility, following the application process with parents represented on the decision panel, this funding supported training, additional hours, and sensory packs were distributed.

Measuring Our Performance

We evaluate all of our delivery programmes through questionnaires, outcomes measures, and satisfaction questionnaires alongside collating a bank of case studies evidencing the difference made. Here are some examples of this below:

IThrive Service

Young Person and Parent/Carer Feedback:

98 % completing the questionnaire would recommend the service

“She listened to me, we did activities to help me think more positively about myself”

“It helped me feel more confident to make friends with other kids. Everyone has been really helpful and kind.”

Everyone is kind, caring and open. I feel I can talk about anything, including my worries. I can have some time to see other mothers and take advice.

This group has really helped me come out of my comfort zone.

Helen is very understanding, empathetic and took all of our concerns and issues into great consideration. Following this, Helen gave great guidance into how to solve these issues and was amazing support throughout. We could not have made these positive changes without this support.

My mentor has really helped me get my focus back in school and I have gained a lot of confidence

Family Hub Programme Delivery Feedback

“My child is more confident around others. The whole session is perfect and the staff are great”. – Family Hub Delivery

“We are now happily breastfeeding and expressing without any issues and I know if anything was to pop up that the girls aren't too far away. I've said it before and I'll say it again the support is so valuable and I feel very lucky to have the support. If it wasn't for the breastfeeding together ladies I genuinely think I would've given up and wouldn't know what I know today! Angels in disguise this squad!”

The Difference We Have Made.

1/Improved quality of life of children and young people through delivery of tailored services to diverse communities

An example of this:

Our Members delivered Stay and Play sessions to 831 children through our Family Delivery Programme, increasing parents and child confidence and supporting early years development and school readiness.

2/ Increased the capacity of the voluntary sector to deliver support to children, young people and families.

An example of this

Distributing the Family Hub Funding and securing the Million Hours Lottery Funding for the One Life Delivery, 12 members benefited from this funding.

3/Increased awareness and understanding of the value of voluntary sector provision in Bolton.

An example of this:

Representation at a wide range of Family Hub delivery groups alongside our statutory partners, with a focus on joint strategy development, communication and engagement, training and quality provision.

4/Increased collaboration between voluntary sector and statutory partners

An example of this:

Training for IThrive providers from the Child, Adolescent Mental Health Service on Trauma Informed Practice and SEND Pathways and joint reviewing of referrals.

5/Retained local investment supporting the local economy through securing investment in local organisations

An example of this:

Secured recurrent IThrive counselling from the Integrated Care Board when the original budget was nonrecurrent, leading to a valuable service being retained.

6/Increased joint working within the children and young people voluntary sector in Bolton

An example of this:

Family Hub Delivery

9 members working together to support children under five and their parents, providing a new offer in Bolton and sharing good practices alongside addressing challenges together.

Plans for the Year Ahead

1. Secure funds to continue to deliver a comprehensive offer of support as part of IThrive 2-11 years.
2. Begin delivery of the One Life Million Hours Funded Programme and the Lottery Thrive Plus Funding.
3. Increase Bolton Together's Profile at a Greater Manchester level
4. Explore mechanisms for young people's involvement in decision-making processes and quality assurance.
5. Review and invest in our information systems to ensure they are fit for purpose
6. Celebrate success and impact locally within Greater Manchester and nationally
7. Develop a Funding Strategy
8. Develop clear accounting processes bespoke to our model



Risk Management

A risk register is regularly updated and reviewed by the Chief Executive Officer and the Board outlining key risks to the organisation, rag rated and with mitigations in place.

Finance Review

During the year total income of £1,758,446 was received (2023: £1,202,358) with total expenditure being £1,268,986 (2023: £1,180,930). As a result of this net income for the year was £488,860 (2023: £129,735). This increase from the prior year is due to several grants being received in March 2024 where the expenditure is due to happen in the following financial year. In line with the Charities SORP guidance these funds have not been deferred and have therefore been carried forward into the 2024/25 financial year. Further information can be found in note 13.

The principal funding sources for the Charity are currently by way of grants and contract income received.

Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees has established a reserves policy which appropriately reflects the risks to which the Charity is exposed. In compliance with such policy, it will review regularly both the sum it wishes to hold in unrestricted reserves and the basis for that figure. The reserves policy considers ongoing fixed costs, excludes variable costs and does not consider expenditure which is linked to restricted projects and therefore covered by restricted funds.

The Board has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets or designated for a specific purpose. Our policy is to have reserves of a minimum of £150,000 to enable the core functions and staff costs not accounted for in restricted funds to be covered for a one-year period. At this level, the Board feels that they would be able to continue the current core activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding or other significant issue. This period would allow the Board to consider how the funding would be replaced or the activities changed.

At the 31 March 2024, unrestricted free reserves were £203,919.

Going Concern

For the period ending March 2024 the charity total funds of £618,595. Of this £203,919 is unrestricted and £414,676 is restricted.

Based on an assessment of future budgets and liquidity of assets, the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements

The trustees (who are also directors of Bolton Together for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

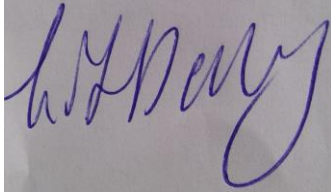
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Bolton Together

Trustees Annual Report for the financial year ending 31 March 2024

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on the 16th October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Darley', is shown on a light-colored background.

Lindsey Darley

Chair of Trustees

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees and Members of Bolton Together

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bolton Together (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud and error and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charitable company and group operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be

fundamental to the charitable company's and the group's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charitable company and the group for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Anti-fraud, bribery and corruption legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of income and the override of controls by management, including estimates and judgments. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance and Trustee Committees about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined below to detect material misstatement due to fraud:

- Matters are discussed amongst the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud
- Identifying and assessing the design and effectiveness of controls that management have in place to prevent and detect fraud
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud following discussions with management and enquiring as to whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditors responsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Robert Stafford BA (Hons) FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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Date: 16th October 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024, including the Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	TOTAL 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	TOTAL 2023 £
INCOME FROM:							
Charitable activities	2	-	1,758,446	1,758,446	-	1,202,360	1,202,360
TOTAL INCOME		-	1,758,446	1,758,446	-	1,202,360	1,202,360
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Raising funds		600	-	600	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	105,492	1,163,494	1,268,986	117,129	1,063,801	1,180,930
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		106,092	1,163,494	1,269,586	117,129	1,063,801	1,180,930
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(106,092)	594,952	488,860	(117,129)	138,559	21,430
Transfer between funds		180,276	(180,276)	-	138,559	(138,559)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		74,184	414,676	488,860	21,430	-	21,430
Fund balances brought forward		129,735	-	129,735	108,305	-	108,305
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		203,919	414,676	618,595	129,735	-	129,735

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

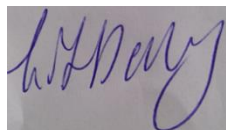
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

Company number: 08730010

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	98,784		119,117	
Cash at bank and in hand	10	834,941		803,446	
		933,725		922,563	
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	11	(315,130)		(792,830)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			618,595		129,733
NET ASSETS			618,595		129,733
FUNDS					
Unrestricted: General	13		53,919		129,735
Unrestricted: Designated	13		150,000		-
Restricted	13		414,676		-
TOTAL FUNDS			618,595		129,735

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies but as this company is a charity, it is subject to independent examination under the Charities Act 2011. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with SORP FRS102.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 16th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Lindsay Darley, Chair of Trustees

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Statement of cashflows as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	12	31,495	309,500
CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest paid		-	(3)
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		-	(3)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		31,495	309,497
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE START OF PERIOD		803,446	493,949
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF PERIOD		834,941	803,446
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CONSISTS OF:			
Cash at bank and in hand		834,941	803,446

Notes to the accounts

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are follows:

a. Basis of Preparing Financial Statements

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019 (SORP FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice that is SORP FRS102.

Bolton Together meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. In the Trustees opinion there are no judgements other than those disclosed in the policies below.

c. Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going

The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

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d. Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Contract income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are

e. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

f. Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual 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.

All expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

j. Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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k. Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l. Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m. Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

n. Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

o. Corporation tax and VAT

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity. Bolton Together is not VAT registered and as such all expenditure is shown inclusive of applicable VAT.

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2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	TOTAL 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Project Delivery	-	1,758,446	1,758,446	-	1,202,360	1,202,360
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,758,446</u>	<u>1,758,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,202,360</u>	<u>1,202,360</u>

Government Grant Income:

September 2024	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	TOTAL 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Bolton Council	-	958,046	958,046	-	323,941	323,941
Bolton NHS Foundation Trust	-	253,832	253,832	-	250,000	250,000
NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group	-	406,179	406,179	-	345,296	345,296
NHS Greater Manchester	-	96,000	96,000	-	96,000	96,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,714,057</u>	<u>1,714,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,015,237</u>	<u>1,015,237</u>

3. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Staff costs	Governance & Support costs	Other Direct costs	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Core activities	72,455	24,304	8,733	105,492
Project delivery	37,257	-	1,126,237	1,163,494
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	109,712	24,304	1,134,970	1,268,986

Previous reporting period

	Staff costs	Governance & Support costs	Other Direct costs	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Core activities	76,675	15,217	25,237	117,129
Project delivery	-	-	1,063,801	1,063,801
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	76,675	15,217	1,089,038	1,180,930

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4. GRANTS TO INSTITUTIONS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Action for Children Services Ltd	36,126	25,776
Baby Basics	7,500	8,085
Believe Achieve CIC	15,929	-
Bolton Lads and Girls Club	117,276	198,928
Bolton Middlebrook Leisure Trust Limite	12,275	10,508
Bolton Solidarity Community Associator	9,290	8,877
Bolton Trampoline Club	1,780	-
Bolton Toy Library	94,916	112,373
Bolton Wanderers Community Trust	96,758	87,780
Bolton YMCA	-	45,754
Breaking Barriers	59,988	94,554
Breastfeeding Together	124,892	-
Child Action Northwest	45,210	31,000
Friends of Green Fold	1,000	-
Fortalice	144,395	157,202
The Flowhesion Foundation	38,343	29,450
Homestart Host	89,473	73,028
The Hub at Westhoughton	4,375	-
Lancashire Outdoor Activities Initiative	-	9,822
The Lancashire Wildlife Trust	22,380	29,084
Little Bats Learning CIC	22,959	21,616
MHIST	26,020	25,050
Proud 2B Parents	9,100	-
The Proud Trust	2,750	5,500
Raise the Youth Foundation CIC	27,642	27,000
The Sycamore Project	-	3,862
Urban Outreach	68,456	28,815
Youth Leads	3,336	5,837
Zacs Youth Bar	-	23,900
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,082,169	1,063,801

5. ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

	Total allocated £	2024 Core activities £	Project delivery £	Basis of apportionment
Governance costs	24,304	24,304	-	Core costs only
	<u>24,304</u>	<u>24,304</u>	<u>-</u>	

Previous reporting period

	Total allocated £	2023 Core activities £	Project delivery £	Basis of apportionment
Governance costs	15,217	15,217	-	Core costs only
	<u>15,217</u>	<u>15,217</u>	<u>-</u>	

Governance costs	£
Auditors remuneration	7,230
Insurance	4,202
Accountancy fees	11,461
Professional fees	<u>1,411</u>
	<u>24,304</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging

	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditors remuneration	7,200	7,200

7. STAFF COSTS AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	87,648	67,294
Social security costs	739	6,364
Pension costs	4,885	3,017
	<u>93,272</u>	<u>76,675</u>

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

The average number of staff employed during the period was 4 (2022: 3)

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and the CEO. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity are shown below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	44,450	42,100
Social security costs	2,223	4,554
Pension costs	4,879	2,105
	<u>51,552</u>	<u>48,759</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES, AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period (2023:£nil).

No trustees' were paid expenses for the period (2023: £nil)

The trustees have indemnity cover.

The following were related parties during the period:

N Hutchinson (Trustee) is the Managing Director of Bolton Middlebrook Leisure Trust who received grants from the charity for the delivery of services. The value of these grants in the year was £12,275 (see note 4).

G Smallwood (Trustee) is the Chief Executive of Fortalice who received grants from the charity for the delivery of services. The value of these grants in the year was £144,395 (see note 4).

E Hutchinson (Trustee) and J Robinson (Trustee) are the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Finance, respectively, at Bolton Lads and Girls Club who received grants from the charity for the delivery of services. The value of these grant in the year were £117,276 (see note 4). Bolton Lads and Girls Club administer the staff Healthcare Plan which is recharged to the charity at cost.

Bashir Aideed is a Development Worker at Bolton Solidarity Community Association. Bolton Solidarity Community Association receive grants from the charity for the delivery of services. During the year the value of the grant was £9,290 (see note 4).

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9. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments	98,784	115,251
Accrued income	-	3,866
	<u>98,784</u>	<u>119,117</u>

10. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	834,941	803,446
	<u>834,941</u>	<u>803,446</u>

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11. CREDITORS : Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	72,998	108,303
Social security and other taxes	5,513	5,658
Other creditors	26,555	1,095
Accruals for grants payable	-	-
General accruals	18,018	59,705
Deferred income	192,046	618,069
	<u>315,130</u>	<u>792,830</u>

Deferred income is for income received from contracts during the period that relates to future periods.

Deferred income

Balance at 1 April 2023	618,069
Movement in the year	(426,023)
Balance at 31 March 2024	192,046

12. CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income for the year	488,860	21,428
Adjustments for:		
Interest paid		3
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	20,334	51,321
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(477,699)	236,748
	<u>31,495</u>	<u>309,500</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Apr 23 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
Restricted Funds					
<i>Bolton Council</i>					
Family Hubs	-	549,166	(250,795)	(24,234)	274,137
HAF	-	267,033	(180,162)	(24,032)	62,839
Early years, Stay, Play, Learn	-	85,266	(60,934)	(8,288)	16,044
Internet safety	-	29,108	(15,123)	(4,375)	9,610
PFA Send	-	27,473	(22,005)	(2,030)	3,438
<i>Bolton NHS Foundation Trust</i>					
Emotional health and wellbeing	-	253,832	(223,937)	(25,000)	4,895
<i>National Lottery Community Fund</i>					
Thrive Plus	-	44,389	(12,881)	(31,508)	-
<i>NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group</i>					
Thrive Alliance	-	205,539	(174,942)	(26,768)	3,829
IThrive Parent Peer Support Programme	-	70,640	(65,699)	(4,941)	-
Referral Hub & Increase to Perinatal offer	-	130,000	(79,090)	(19,500)	31,410
<i>NHS Greater Manchester</i>					
I Thrive Counselling	-	96,000	(77,926)	(9,600)	8,474
Total Restricted Funds	-	1,758,446	(1,163,494)	(180,276)	414,676
Unrestricted Funds					
General	129,735	-	(106,092)	30,276	53,919
Designated	-	-	-	150,000	150,000
Total Unrestricted Funds	129,735	-	(106,092)	180,276	203,919
Total Funds	129,735	1,758,446	(1,269,586)	-	618,595

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	203,919	414,676	618,595
	<u>203,919</u>	<u>414,676</u>	<u>618,595</u>

Previous reporting period

	Balance at 1 Apr 22 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
Restricted Funds	-	1,063,801	(925,244)	(138,557)	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	1,063,801	(925,244)	(138,557)	-
Unrestricted Funds	108,305	-	(117,129)	138,557	129,733
Total Funds	108,305	1,063,801	(1,042,373)	-	129,733

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	129,733	-	129,733
	<u>129,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,733</u>

Description of restricted funds

Bolton Council

Family Hubs

Delivering the Family Hub voluntary sector offer, providing a range of early years interventions.

HAF

Provision of food and activities for those eligible for free school meals during the school holidays.

Early years, Stay, Play, Learn

Stay and Play sessions via our members to provide connections to the community and support development and parents confidence.

Internet safety

Development of resources and workshops to support children and parents to increase their knowledge and improve online safety.

PFA Send

Identifying areas of good practice in Farnworth and Rumworth and identifying gaps and finding out the barriers to young people with SEND accessing services, making recommendations based on these findings.

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)

Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

Emotional health and wellbeing

A comprehensive offer of support via our members as part of the 0-19 service in Bolton to support children 2 – 11 years and their parents through mentoring, home visits, one to one support and group work.

National Lottery Community Fund

Thrive Plus

Group work, one to one delivery and drops in for young people aged 11 – 19 (25 with SEND) across four partners to support improving mental health and well being.

NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group

Thrive Alliance

A comprehensive offer of support for 11 – 19 (25 yrs. with SEND) of mental health support through one to one and group delivery, via four providers

IThrive Parent Peer Support Programme

For parents and carers of children who are experiencing mental health difficulties. Well being courses, one to one guidance and group sessions to provide support and guidance and prevent parents feeling isolated.

Referral Hub & Increase to Perinatal offer

A point of access for referrals into our IThrive provision and access to the wider VCSE offer via our online referral form. Triage, liaison with referrers and young people and parents and allocation to providers takes place. Supports strong pathways with CAMHS and other services.

Peer Support groups delivered to support parents who are feeling anxious and experiencing low mood pre-birth or following the birth of a child.

NHS Greater Manchester

I Thrive Counselling

Counselling support via two providers for children and young people – aged 8 – 19 yrs. (25 with SEND). Up to 12 sessions provided

BOLTON TOGETHER

England & Wales - Charity number 1163466

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Audited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
BOLTON TOGETHER

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BOLTON TOGETHER

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BOLTON TOGETHER
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 31 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

Vision

By working together collaboratively we will improve the quality of life for communities.

Mission

Through voluntary sector led collaboration, delivering high quality cost effective integrated services for children, young people and their families in Bolton, we will utilise existing resource more effectively and generate new funds and resources.

The charities objects are listed as

- The promotion of social inclusion for children, parents, and carers, who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society.
- The advancement of health of children, young people and parents/carers of children/young people and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or any other disadvantage of children and parents/carers of children/young people. Activities in furtherance of this will include Building partnerships between voluntary, community and social enterprise and public sectors on relevant issues to support the advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families, children and young people in need.

The consortium became an employer this year and now has a Chief Executive Officer in post. We have continued to build on the success of recent years and have further increased the investment secured and distributed to our members. We have co-designed the Family Hub Programme for Bolton alongside statutory partners, securing a significant investment for the voluntary sector via the consortium to deliver key elements of the Family Hub Programme from September 2023 for a two-year period. Our IThrive contracts to support children and young people and their parents with mental health have been renewed and further investment has been secured to enable to gaps to be address alongside addressing the increase in demand for this provision. We have extended our Holiday Activity and Food Programme and increased the number of members providing this offer and the number of young people benefiting.

BOLTON TOGETHER
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achievement and performance

Key Achievements

- Delivery of IThrive to 2 - 19 years (25 with SEND) and the extension of the contract for a further two years.
- Securing investment for the Preparing for Adulthood Community Inclusion Project and the online safety My First Phone Project.
- Design and delivery of the PFA and My First Phone Projects
- Strengthening joint work with CAMHS and the Early Help Service.
- Developing Robust processes for the IThrive Referral Hub
- Recruitment to a full-time position for the IThrive Referral Hub
- Co-designing the Family Hub Offer in Bolton.
- Delivery of the new counselling service as part of IThrive
- Bolton Together becoming an employer

Membership

Of the 1,672 community and voluntary sector organisations in Bolton. 24% specifically focus on supporting children and young people. Our membership ranges from smaller to larger organisations who when coming together reach our diverse communities in Bolton and enable services to be designed and delivered according to need. Demand for services has increased significantly over the year.

3 Bolton Based organisations joined the consortium with a total 32 members during this timeframe.

73% of Members were awarded funding from the consortium this year
£1,063,802 Distributed

"Increased awareness of funding and being a part of a larger contract delivery is excellent for a smaller charity striving to provide the best possible services for Children and families across Bolton. The benefits include: Increased credibility and security in numbers - strengthening our offer. Co-operation and strength in the VCSE in co- delivery of projects. Access to local funding knowledge, increased time management as Bolton Together represents us at vital meetings. Improved chances to achieve organisational goals. Grown our networking and knowledge. Expertise and leadership commitment sharing knowledge. In summary our collaboration with Bolton Together is and has been a huge benefit to our Charity. Your Leadership helps drive our organisational strategies whilst enabling our small Team to concentrate on delivering quality services for vulnerable children and their families. Being part of a strong network of non-profit organisations in Bolton to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families."

Anita Ball, Project Co-ordinator - Bolton Toy Library

Governance

We have 7 Board members with 1 new member joining the Board during the year and one existing Trustee resigning.

Our longstanding Chair, Karen Edwards stepped down from the role from April '22. A new Independent Chair, Lindsey Darley, took on the role. As the organisation now distributes larger amounts of funding the Board felt that the role of Chair should not be a provider although there is still a clear recognition of the importance of members being represented on the Board.

A further two new Trustees have been recruited to become members in the next financial year.

As a charity working for and with young people we are keen to recruit Trustees from the young demographic to ensure their perspectives are represented. We are working with Bolton University to develop a Young Trustee Recruitment Pack, and to promote the opportunity within the University and have undertaken training in the recruitment of young Trustees.

We now employ a Contracts officer who supports with ensuring we adhere to our robust due diligence processes for members and receive their updated policies during programme delivery. This post also supports with reporting and quality assurance.

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Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Strengthening the Voice of Children and Young People...

This year Bolton Together has engaged with 228 parents via Bolton Toy Library as part of the Early Years Engagement to support the development of Family Hubs. These findings reviewed the experiences of parents using the services at the Start Well Centers, what worked well and what could be improved. Parents fed back the importance of being made to feel welcome and the importance of access to consistent resources across centers.

Young People were part of our funding decision making process for the Preparing for Adulthood Project working closely with Rumworth School and a young person from the Bolton Youth Council supported us with our decision-making panel for the distribution of additional funds for the IThrive provision which will be distributed at the start of the next financial year.

BLGC and Breaking Barriers started their engagement with young people and parents as part of the PFA Community Inclusion Project during the latter part of the year engaging with 60 young people/parents about the activities they access and the barriers to access. The full report will be available in the next financial year.

Communications and Engagement

We held a successful review event in December for members, funders and partners showcasing achievements and members highlighting the positive outcomes of the support they provide to children and young people and how we have worked together as providers to deliver this.

We continued to build our social media presence, growing our Twitter profile and now have 1,513 followers. We have also built our Bolton Together LinkedIn presence sharing cases studies and key messages through this medium. The Online Safety Campaign - 'My First Phone' commissioned Youth Leads UK to develop a social media campaign with young people from Bolton and produced a range of resources for parents and children distributed widely and utilised by the providers delivering workshops as part of this programme.

We have continued to enhance the Bolton Together website with a bank of Case Studies and additional pages and improved navigation throughout the site.

Thrive Alliance - Supporting 2 - 19 years (25 with SEND)

*1,330 CYP supported through the IThrive programme
2 - 19 years*

88% of young people met their goal

80% in the 2-11 years provision recorded an improvement in ORS/CORs outcome measures

72.6% of the 11 - 19 25 with SEND) recorded an improvement in ORS/CORS measures

Development of the IThrive Hub

The IThrive Hub has strengthened its processes during the year with the development of a Standard Operating Procedure and the development of Safeguarding Responsibilities Guidance for Providers to sit alongside the requirements within each of the Service Level Agreements. The Hub received a significant increase in referrals from the previous year. We have worked closely with providers to create a streamlined triage and assessment process.

1,167 referrals have been received into the IThrive Hub

In September '22 we recruited to the role of Emotional Health and Well Being Practitioner which has created much needed capacity. This post works alongside the IThrive Co-ordinator. Young people and parents are supported to access the right support at the right time through this approach. We have continued to strengthen relationships with the CAMHS service to avoid duplication and improve navigation to the most appropriate service for the young person. Clinical Supervision is also offered to providers via CAMHS.

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Early Years Development and Perinatal Mental Health Support

We have continued to develop positive relationships with the Start Well Service and have been a key partner in shaping proposals for the Family Hubs in Bolton and working differently to improve outcomes for children and families. The Start Well commissioned stay and play sessions began in January and the providers exceeded targets during their first quarter of delivery. Members have continued to deliver perinatal support to new parents experiencing anxiety and low mood, with funding secured to extend this offer further through the Family Hub Programme.

Parent Peer Support Programme

3 providers have continued to deliver this support in the second year of delivery. The offer has been enhanced by delivery of a Nurturing Programme and a Bounce Back Programme offering structured support for parents whose children are experiencing mental health difficulties, alongside the ongoing peer support.

663 parents/carers supported.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme - Easter, Summer and Winter Provision

We have worked closely with Bolton Council to support the distribution of this funding over the Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays for the second year. We have streamlined our application process and worked closely with providers and Bolton Council to identify and address training needs including supporting providers to increase the accessibility of their offer.

Online Safety Programme - My First Phone

Alongside the development of the social media campaign following a Expression of Interest Process two members were awarded funding to deliver workshops with children and parents to support constructive and informed conversations about children at the point of having their own phone staying safe as they are exposed to an online world and the risks that this leads to.

Preparing for Adult - SEND Community Inclusion

Following an Expression of Interest Process we awarded funding to two members to undertake mapping in the Farnworth and Rumworth areas to identify accessible community activities and to engage and co-design with organisations and young people/ parents about what more could be offered and identify the barriers to this. We will also be distributing SEED funding to increase accessibility and producing a final report with key recommendations in the next financial year.

Measuring Our Performance

We have implemented robust reporting processes for all providers delivering Bolton Together programmes and this includes the compilation of case studies, and the recording of outputs and outcome measures tailored to the different areas of delivery. Feedback is gathered from those accessing the services and for our IThrive provision an End of Support Form is completed and those accessing the service encouraged to complete a Service Satisfaction Questionnaire.

100% completing the questionnaire would recommend the IThrive Service

'Definitely helped with my dad. Things are so much better with him and that side of the family is improving. -School is okay now, I don't get picked on as much anymore. -My anxiety has improved, I've gained more friends and I can talk to more people. Talking about my relationship with my dad has really helped.'

Feedback from young person being supported by one of the members.

"The sessions have been brilliant, and the staff are wonderful. Like any mother, we want the best for our children, and we want to be able to take them away on holiday and go on lots of fun days out over the summer. Unfortunately, this summer we haven't been able to go away on holiday or do much, but Oliver has loved coming here and the fact it has all been free of charge has been such a big relief for me. I can't even say thank you enough, especially for feeding him too.

Feedback from a Parent whose Child accessed the Holiday Activity and Food Programme

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The Difference We Have Made.

1/Improved quality of life of children and young people through delivery of tailored services to diverse communities

An example of this:

Delivery of new IThrive Counselling Provision for young people in Bolton

2/ Increased the capacity of the voluntary sector to deliver support to children, young people and families.

An example of this

Securing The Preparing for Adulthood Community Inclusion and the Online Safety Programme funding to be distributed to providers.

3/Increased awareness and understanding of the value of voluntary sector provision in Bolton.

An example of this:

Increased referrals into the IThrive Hub and representation on the Children's Board.

4/Increased collaboration between voluntary sector and statutory partners

An example of this:

Joint training and delivery of the Holiday Activity and Food Programme with members and Bolton Council.

5/Retained local investment supporting the local economy through securing investment in local organisations

An example of this:

Securing large commission of £728,663 for the Bolton Together VSCE Family Hub Delivery in Bolton over two years

6/Increased joint working within the children and young people voluntary sector in Bolton

An example of this:

Joint delivery of the Preparing for Adulthood Community Inclusion Project with joint training and good practice shared between delivery organisations and planning the distribution of SEED Funding to wider members.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This period has again been successful with the Charity generating a surplus of £21,428 compared with a surplus of £71,044 last year.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the Charity are currently by way of grants received.

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has established a reserves policy which appropriately reflects the risks to which the Charity is exposed. In compliance with such policy, it will review regularly both the sum it wishes to hold in unrestricted reserves and the basis for that figure. The reserves policy considers ongoing fixed costs, excludes variable costs and does not consider expenditure which is linked to restricted projects and therefore covered by restricted funds. The Board has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets or designated for a specific purpose. Our policy is to have reserves of a minimum of 100,000 to enable the core functions and staff costs not accounted for in restricted funds to be covered for a one-year period. At this level, the management committee feels that they would be able to continue the current core activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding or other significant issue. This period would allow the Board to consider how the funding would be replaced or the activities changed.

Going concern

After careful analysis of the Charity's income, expenditure and unrestricted reserves, the Trustees are confident in the Charity's

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Going concern (continued)....

ability to continue as a going concern and support improved outcomes for children, young people and families in Bolton.

Plans for the Year Ahead

- Build on the robust evaluation mechanisms for existing programmes and share the outcomes from member's delivery with commissioners and stakeholders.
- Further increase our membership to address gaps in expertise or neighbourhood coverage.
- Continue to advocate on behalf of our members with key stakeholders regarding the value and quality of our offer.
- Deliver the Family Hub commission including the recruitment to a Project Co-ordinator and distribution of funds to members via an Expression of Interest Process.
- Negotiate the continuation of the 0-19 subcontract and extension of the current IThrive delivery
- Develop clear pathways with schools, CAMHS and Social Services and the NHS Trust to ensure navigation to the correct support for young people.
- Seek and Secure additional funds to address gaps in current provision for children and young people in partnership with our members.
- Development of a clear Bolton Together five year strategy

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.

Induction and training of new trustees

A Trustee induction programme is in place and subject to review through consultation with the existing Board and Chief Executive Officer. . All members are required to undertake training relevant to their adopted role and to increase their own awareness and knowledge of issues relating to the charity's objectives.

Related parties

Services provided by Bolton Together respond to both local and regional strategies and we continue to be a key member of strategic partnerships within Bolton and Greater Manchester. Our association with other voluntary organisations through collaborative partnership working continues and we have undertaken joint training and delivery of programmes and aim to develop and strengthen this further in the immediate and long-term future.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurances against fraud and error. There are strict internal controls in relation to financial transactions and an annual review of external factors that may affect the Charity's viability. We continually review our policy and procedures in relation to risk factors at all levels and health and safety controls are in place throughout the organisation.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08730010 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1163466

Registered office

18 Spa Road
Bolton
BL1 4AG

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Trustees

B J Aideed	(appointed 24/5/23)
Ms C Bennett	(resigned 17/7/22)
Ms L J Darley	
Ms K D Edwards OBE	(resigned 31/3/23)
N A Hutchinson	(appointed 21/10/22)
Ms B C Matta	
M Needham	(appointed 3/4/23)
Ms J A Robinson	
Dr G Smallwood MBE	
A Warbrick	(appointed 09/05/2022)

Company Secretary

A Warbrick

Auditors

SCCA Ltd T/a Stafford & Co
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditor
3 The Studios
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Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Bolton Together for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, SCCA Ltd T/a Stafford & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 15th December 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:


Lindsey Darley (Dec 20, 2023 14:49 GMT)

Mrs L J Darley
Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Bolton Together

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bolton Together (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

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- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud and error and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charitable company and group operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charitable company's and the group's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charitable company and the group for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Anti-fraud, bribery and corruption legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of income and the override of controls by management, including estimates and judgments. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance and Trustee Committees about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined below to detect material misstatement due to fraud:

- Matters are discussed amongst the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud

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- Identifying and assessing the design and effectiveness of controls that management have in place to prevent and detect fraud
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud following discussions with management and enquiring as to whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditors responsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Robert Stafford BA (Hons) FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of SCCA Ltd T/a Stafford & Co
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 15th December 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds (Unaudited)
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	2				
Project delivery		<u>138,557</u>	<u>1,063,801</u>	<u>1,202,358</u>	<u>768,211</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
Project delivery		-	1,063,801	1,063,801	643,066
General		7,200	-	7,200	-
Prior years project delivery		16,522	-	16,522	-
Other		<u>93,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,407</u>	<u>54,101</u>
Total		<u>117,129</u>	<u>1,063,801</u>	<u>1,180,930</u>	<u>697,167</u>
NET INCOME		21,428	-	21,428	71,044
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		108,305	-	108,305	37,261
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>129,733</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>129,733</u></u>	<u><u>108,305</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 MARCH 2023**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds (Unaudited)
	Notes	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	88,456	30,661	119,117	170,438
Cash at bank		<u>191,958</u>	<u>611,488</u>	<u>803,446</u>	<u>493,949</u>
		280,414	642,149	922,563	664,387
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(150,681)	(642,149)	(792,830)	(556,082)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>129,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,733</u>	<u>108,305</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>129,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,733</u>	<u>108,305</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>129,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,733</u>	<u>108,305</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				<u>129,733</u>	<u>108,305</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>129,733</u>	<u>108,305</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15th December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


Lindsey Darley (Dec 20, 2023 14:49 GMT)

Mrs L J Darley
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

		2023	2022 (Unaudited)
	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	309,500	208,793
Interest paid		<u>(3)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>309,497</u>	<u>208,793</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		309,497	208,793
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>493,949</u>	<u>285,156</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>803,446</u>	<u>493,949</u>

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**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022 (Unaudited)
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	21,428	71,044
Adjustments for:		
Interest paid	3	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	51,321	(90,921)
Increase in creditors	<u>236,748</u>	<u>228,670</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u><u>309,500</u></u>	<u><u>208,793</u></u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>493,949</u>	<u>309,497</u>	<u>803,446</u>
	<u>493,949</u>	<u>309,497</u>	<u>803,446</u>
Total	<u><u>493,949</u></u>	<u><u>309,497</u></u>	<u><u>803,446</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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.

Grants received from local authorities are credited to income on an accruals basis.

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Expenditure 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 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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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 Project delivery	2022 Project Delivery (Unaudited)
	£	£
Grants	<u>1,202,358</u>	<u>768,211</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows

	2023 £	2022 £
Bolton Clinical Commissioning	442,295	147,501
Bolton NHS Foundation Trust	250,000	281,791
National Lottery	187,121	88,089
Bolton Council	323,942	193,476
Bolton CVS	-	27,354
GMCVO	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
	<u>1,202,358</u>	<u>768,211</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 4) £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Project delivery	-	1,063,801	-	1,063,801
General	-	-	7,200	7,200
Prior years project delivery	<u>16,522</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,522</u>
	<u>16,522</u>	<u>1,063,801</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>1,087,523</u>

4. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2023 £	2022 (Unaudited) £
Project delivery	<u>1,063,801</u>	<u>643,066</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued

	2023 Project delivery	2022 Project Delivery (Unaudited)
	£	£
Grants	<u>1,063,380</u>	<u>640,676</u>
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows	2023 £	2022 £
Action for Children	25,776	19,332
Baby Basics	8,085	-
Bolton Lads and Girls Club	198,928	121,559
Bolton Middlebrook Leisure Trust Limited	10,508	2,800
Bolton Solidarity Community Association	8,877	-
Bolton Toy Library	112,373	38,034
Bolton Wanderers Community Trust	87,780	53,292
Bolton YMCA	45,754	15,500
Breaking Barriers	94,554	39,365
Child Action Northwest	31,000	23,250
Fortalice	157,202	86,905
The Flowhession Foundation	29,451	5,300
GMMH Trust	-	26,017
Homestart Host	73,028	45,327
Lancashire Outdoor Activities Initiative	9,822	29,280
The Lancashire Wildlife Trust	29,084	25,140
Little Bats learning CIC	21,616	3,120
MHIST	25,050	3,240
The Proud Trust	5,500	5,500
Raise the youth	27,000	6,750
The Sycamore Project	3,862	66,804
Urban outreach	28,815	21,611
Youth Leads	5,837	2,550
Zacs Youth Bar	23,900	-
	<u>1,202,358</u>	<u>640,676</u>

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5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	£	costs	£
Other resources expended	85,024	366	8,017	93,407
General				
	-	-	7,200	7,200
	<u>85,024</u>	<u>366</u>	<u>15,217</u>	<u>100,607</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2023	2022
	£	(Unaudited)
Auditors' remuneration	<u>7,200</u>	<u>-</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

8. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	(Unaudited)
Wages and salaries	67,294	46,551
Social security costs	6,364	-
Other pension costs	<u>3,017</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>76,675</u>	<u>46,551</u>

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

	2023	2022
		(Unaudited)
Administration staff	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>

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

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
Project delivery	<u>125,145</u>	<u>643,066</u>	<u>768,211</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Project delivery	-	643,066	643,066
Other	<u>54,101</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,101</u>
Total	<u>54,101</u>	<u>643,066</u>	<u>697,167</u>
NET INCOME	71,044	-	71,044
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>37,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,261</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>108,305</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,305</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022 (Unaudited)
	£	£
Accrued Income	3,866	7,460
Prepayments	<u>115,251</u>	<u>162,978</u>
	<u>119,117</u>	<u>170,438</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022 (Unaudited)
	£	£
Trade creditors	108,266	31,671
Social security and other taxes	5,658	-
Other creditors	1,132	-
Deferred income	618,069	504,635
Accrued expenses	<u>59,705</u>	<u>19,776</u>
	<u>792,830</u>	<u>556,082</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	108,305	21,428	129,733
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>108,305</u>	<u>21,428</u>	<u>129,733</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	138,557	(117,129)	21,428
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	1,063,801	(1,063,801)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,202,358</u>	<u>(1,180,930)</u>	<u>21,428</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	37,261	71,044	108,305
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>37,261</u>	<u>71,044</u>	<u>108,305</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	125,145	(54,101)	71,044
Restricted funds			
Project delivery	643,066	(643,066)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>768,211</u>	<u>(697,167)</u>	<u>71,044</u>

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12. 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 £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	37,261	92,472	129,733
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>37,261</u>	<u>92,472</u>	<u>129,733</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	263,702	(171,230)	92,472
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	1,063,801	(1,063,801)	-
Project delivery	<u>643,066</u>	<u>(643,066)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,706,867</u>	<u>(1,706,867)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,970,569</u>	<u>(1,878,097)</u>	<u>92,472</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

14. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The company was controlled by the Board of Trustees throughout the year under review.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Charitable activities		
Grants	<u>1,202,358</u>	<u>768,211</u>
Total incoming resources	1,202,358	768,211
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Prior year funding expenses	16,522	-
Funding expenses	<u>1,063,801</u>	<u>643,066</u>
	1,080,323	643,066
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	67,294	46,551
Social security	6,364	-
Pensions	3,017	-
Insurance	3,509	1,699
Telephone	1,243	616
Postage and stationery	-	25
Computer expenses	2,045	2,673
Sundries	1,549	497
Bank interest	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
	85,024	52,061
Finance		
Bank charges	366	304
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	7,200	-
Accountancy fees	7,459	1,200
Legal fees	<u>558</u>	<u>536</u>
	<u>15,217</u>	<u>1,736</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,180,930</u>	<u>697,167</u>
Net income	<u><u>21,428</u></u>	<u><u>71,044</u></u>

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BOLTON TOGETHER

England & Wales - Charity number 1163466

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER 08730010 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1163466

BOLTON TOGETHER
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2022

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The directors present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Reference & Administrative Details

The Charity: BOLTON TOGETHER

Charity Number: 1163466

Company registration Number: 08730010

Address: 18 Spa Road
Bolton
BL1 4AG

TRUSTEES

Ms K D Edwards OBE
DJ Knight resigned 30.09.21
Dr G Smallwood MBE
Ms K Smith resigned 21.03.22
Ms B C Matta
Mr A Warbrick
Ms C Bennett
Ms L Darley
Ms J A Robinson

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr A Warbrick

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BOLTON TOGETHER
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees who are also directors of the charity, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022. 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

Vision

By working together collaboratively we will improve the quality of life for communities.

Mission

Through voluntary sector led collaboration, delivering high quality cost effective integrated services for children, young people and their families in Bolton, we will utilise existing resource more effectively and generate new funds and resources.

The charities objects are listed as

- The promotion of social inclusion for children, parents, and carers, who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society.
- The advancement of health of children, young people and parents/carers of children/young people and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or any other disadvantage of children and parents/carers of children/young people. Activities in furtherance of this will include Building partnerships between voluntary, community and social enterprise and public sectors on relevant issues to support the advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families, children and young people in need.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Key Achievements

- Our Annual Review Event with members and stakeholders
- Delivery of IThrive to 2 – 19 years (25 with SEND) increasing the investment to members to enhance their offer of emotional health and wellbeing to children and young people
- Developing strong relationships with local commissioners and establishing Bolton Together as the agreed route for Bolton Council commissioning of voluntary sector services for children and young people
- Establishing a strong IThrive offer for 2 – 11 years for emotional health and wellbeing and securing an additional year for the contract.
- Delivering the 0-19 Engagement Programme on behalf of Bolton Foundation Trust to influence service delivery.
- Securing new opportunities for members and contract managing delivery of the Parent Peer Support Programme, The Perinatal Mental Health Support and the Holiday Activity and Food Programme.
- Strengthening joint work with CAMHS.
- Developing partnership work with the Start Well Service as part of the development of Family Hubs and contributing to the Bolton Family Hubs proposal.
- Agreeing two short term secondments with member organisations to support with the IThrive Hub and support retention of their staff.
- Implementation of the Lamplight Database across Thrive Partners.
- Development of the counselling proposal and the SEND Community Inclusion Programme for delivery in the next financial year.
- Planning for Bolton Together to become an employer
- Planning for the creation of a Chief Executive Officer role for the organisation employed directly by Bolton Together

Membership

Of the 1,672 community and voluntary sector organisations in Bolton. 24% specifically focus on supporting children and young people. Our membership ranges from smaller to larger organisations who when coming together reach our diverse communities in Bolton and enable services to be designed and delivered according to need. Bolton Together's members continue to meet a range of challenges and have provide valuable support to children and young people over the last year.

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5 new Bolton Based organisations joined the consortium with a total of 28 members during this timeframe.

75% of Members were awarded funding from the consortium this year

£614,659 Distributed to members over the year

"As members of Bolton Together, we feel embedded within The Bolton Family. We feel that we're able to support young people to contribute to decisions that affect them. As a member, we've been able to influence commissioning, share our learning and meet other members. Bolton Together takes our needs into consideration and helps us make the case for statutory services to engage with young people in a collaborative way." –

Saeed Atcha, CEO - Youth Leads UK

Governance

We have 7 Board members with 3 of these joining the Board during the year and two existing Board members who had served for a significant amount of time, resigning.

Our longstanding Chair, Karen Edwards shared her intentions to step down from the role from April '22. This enabled a new chair recruitment plan and handover to be established with our new Chair planned to start in April 2022. Karen has agreed to stay on as a Trustee on the Board to continue to share her experience and knowledge. As the consortium grows and more funding is being distributed, we agreed that a non-member Chair would be appropriate to take the organisation into the future, still ensuring that we have member representatives on the Board.

This year we had an externally facilitated Board development session to focus on our strengths and areas for development as a Board and our vision for the future of the organisation. New Board members also participated in bespoke Trustee and Safeguarding training.

We reviewed our charity objects and adjusted them to reflect our members and Board feedback. We agreed on refreshed objects that accurately reflect the purpose and activity of the consortium. We have produced a one pager overview of our Key Priorities for 2021-2023.

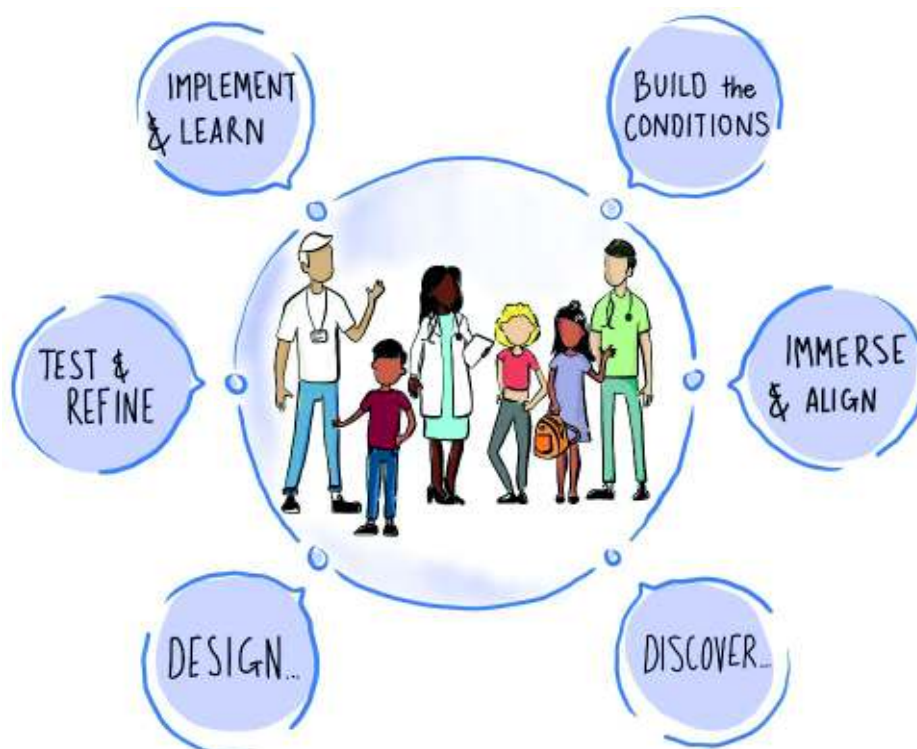
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Strengthening the Voice of Children and Young People...

5 Members engaged with 643 children, young people and parents on the health services they receive.

We produced a partnership engagement video and report at the end of the year of engagement delivery to summarise the findings and put forward clear recommendations from young people themselves. A Youth Voice event was held to share these findings with young people, key funders, local services and stakeholders attending and committing to using the information to improve current services and shape future services. These recommendations included:

- Focusing on prevention
- Promoting services in an accessible way to young people in places they access and through social media
- Person Centred Support including developing trust and respecting confidentiality
- Supporting young people to access services through connecting with the organisations and environments that young people feel comfortable in and have already established relationships.



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Communications and Engagement

We held a successful review event in November for members, funders and partners to celebrate achievements over the year with members highlighting some of the positive outcomes of the support they have provided to children and young people and how we have worked together as providers to deliver this.

We produced the consortium's first annual review document for the previous financial year and shared this widely to increase the profile of the consortium and our joint achievements.

We have continued to build our social media presence, growing our twitter profile and now have 1,198 followers, sharing the good practice and delivery of our members and information relevant to the children and young people's agenda.

Thrive Alliance – Supporting 2 – 19 years (25 with SEND)

We expanded the offer to children and young people with Breaking Barriers joining our IThrive Offer for the 11 – 19 years providing a small scale listening service for young people with SEND. We provided additional funding to two members to deliver arts related group therapy to support with low level anxiety and depression with one provider focusing on connecting to nature and the outdoors. 4 groups were delivered in total with positive case studies and examples from this group delivery and connection to painting and creating. All participants produced final artwork which will be displayed in different venues, including the CAMHS building to provide inspiration to other young people. We awarded additional funding through for the 2 – 11 years delivery to support with demand, particularly in the 8-11 years age range, bringing in a new delivery partner and expanding the mentoring offer. The 2 – 11 years delivery is now well established with partners working together and delivering an excellent range of interventions to support children.

1,980 CYP supported through the IThrive programme 2 – 19 years

Development of the IThrive Hub

In April 2022 we established the IThrive Hub and opened to referrals into emotional health and wellbeing support for 2 – 19 years – (up to 25 with SEND), delivered by 12 of our members. The IThrive Co-ordinator began a secondment from Bolton CAMHS. During this year we have developed an online referral form and implemented a new database across all partners to ensure accurate allocation of cases, recording and reporting across partners. Referrals are received from a range of sources, with the majority being received from the CAMHS service and the Public Health Nurses.

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Certain providers still received referrals directly into their services where they already had established referral routes.

715 referrals have been received into the IThrive Hub

Our IThrive Co-ordinator triages and assesses cases for their suitability and then liaising with providers to allocate cases to receive support. We have liaised very closely with providers and referrers to improve access to services for young people and support them to get the right support at the right time using the IThrive model.

Early Years Development and Perinatal Mental Health Support

We have continued to develop positive relationships with the Start Well Service and have been a key partner in shaping proposals for the Family Hubs in Bolton and working differently to improve outcomes for children and families. We are working closely with Bolton Council to develop a voluntary sector commission for providers to deliver groups to under 2's and their parents to support with reducing isolation, improving speech and communication skills prior to attending schools as part of the school readiness agenda. Members have delivered perinatal support to new parents experiencing anxiety and low mood, in six month period four providers supported **101** parents. The success of the delivery in this short timescale led to securing further two year funding for the expansion of this project.

Parent Peer Support Programme

By working with members and Bolton CCG we were able to identify a gap in services for parents whose children are experiencing mental health difficulties. 3 providers delivered this support which is a three year contract, started in January. Providers supported parents through connection to other parents going through similar experiences and increasing parent's awareness and knowledge.

673 parents/carers supported

Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Easter, Summer and Winter Provision

We have worked closely with Bolton Council to support the distribution of this funding over the Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays. 10 providers in total have delivered activity targeting school aged children in receipt of free school meals. Diverse activities have been delivered including kayaking, raft making, bushcraft, football, gymnastics, and the arts and music activities. All children participating are provided with a free hot lunch and we have seen positive outcomes from members activity engaging with children who would not usually access activities during the holidays, trying new things, receiving support around nutrition, emotional well being and connecting and making new friendships whilst increasing their physical activity levels.

353 children participated over the Easter holidays

*1,380 children participated over the summer holidays
662 over the Christmas holidays*

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Measuring Our Performance

We continue to support providers to adopt the Bolton Together agreed outcome framework and to record young people's progression using the partnership bespoke Lamplight database. Changing the way that we record this information has been a learning curve for all partners and has been challenging due to lack of capacity and increasing demand. We have supported partners with recording of output and outcome monitoring through training sessions, one to one support from the IThrive Hub Co-ordinator and partnership meetings. We continue to see a high percentage of young people improve their well being outcomes and providers demonstrate young people's achievements and what they have overcome through diverse case studies.

*86% demonstrating an improvement in outcome
measure scores*

'The service provide for me was amazing, (workers name) is so kind and understanding. The service has given me the confidence in myself and also going out alone. I can now go on buses, walk around a park near my house by myself and talk to people. I have built confidence in the way I look and don't feel the need to cover up as much anymore.'

Feedback from young person being supported by one of the members.

The Difference we have made

1/Improved quality of life of children and young people through delivery of tailored services to diverse communities

An example of this:

Improved outcomes recorded by young people being supported across the IThrive programmes

2/ Increased the capacity of the voluntary sector to deliver support to children, young people and families.

An example of this

Securing significant investment to be distributed across members through the HAF Funding, Perinatal Mental Health Delivery and the IThrive Investment.

3/Increased awareness and understanding of the value of voluntary sector provision in Bolton.

An example of this:

Establishing the IThrive Hub and receiving 715 referrals from a range of statutory services including Public Health Nurses, Schools, and Bolton Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service

4/Increased collaboration between voluntary sector and statutory partners

An example of this:

Joint working on the Family Hubs Proposal and the Voluntary Sector Commission for the Early Years using intelligence from providers and children and parents.

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5/Retained local investment supporting the local economy through securing investment in local organisations

An example of this:

Securing an additional year of funding of £250,000 for the 0-19 subcontract and the 8 providers delivering this programme.

6/Increased joint working within the children and young people voluntary sector in Bolton

An example of this:

Joint delivery of a successful 0-19 year engagement programme, with 5 providers engaging with different groups of young people with joint recommendations.

Plans for the Year Ahead

1. Continue to co-design delivery with members to address gaps in provision and improve outcomes for children and young people.
2. Establishing Bolton Together as an employer and developing effective policies and procedures.
3. Delivery of the SEND Community Inclusion Mapping Project funded via Bolton Council
4. Development of an Internet Safety proposal in partnership with Public Health for delivery to children and parents
5. Development and delivery of the Early Years Voluntary Sector Commission.
6. Creating and recruiting to posts to support with contract management and quality assurance and the IThrive Hub to meet increased demand.
7. Liaising closely with Bolton Council and Bolton NHS Foundation Trust to inform and shape the re contracting of the 0-19 service to ensure that it is informed by the needs and strengths of young people and that the contribution of the voluntary sector is recognised and valued.
8. Continuing to support the development of clear pathways to access emotional health and wellbeing support for children and young people in Bolton across the system.
9. Supporting the co-design and co-production of the Family Hubs proposals in Bolton
10. Development of a clear Bolton Together five year strategy

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Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the company. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the directors are required to retire by rotation. Appointment of directors is by the charity in general meeting or by the directors.

Responsibilities of Directors

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue on that basis.

The Directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Directors are also responsible for safe-guarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiners

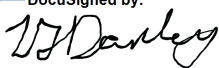
CHW Accounting Limited were appointed as the charitable company's Independent Examiners during the year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approval

This report was approved by the directors on 1/12/2022 | 7:45 PM GMT

On behalf of the Directors

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Lindsey Darley

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BOLTON TOGETHER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 12 to 19.

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.

Basis of 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 the seeking of 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 statement below.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the company required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- 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.
- 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.

DocuSigned by:
Nicola Roby
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BOLTON TOGETHER**(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022.**

	Notes	TOTAL Funds 2022 £	TOTAL Funds 2021 £
Income and endowments:			
Income from charitable activities	2	768,211	285,059
Total income and endowments		768,211	285,059
Expenditure on			
Indirect expenses		56,491	53,784
Charitable activities	3		
Project delivery		640,676	225,726
Total expenditure		697,167	279,510
Net movement in funds		71,044	5,549
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	7	37,261	31,712
Total funds carried forward		108,305	37,261

BOLTON TOGETHER
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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors	4	170,438	79,517
Cash at bank and in hand		493,949	285,156
		<u>664,387</u>	<u>364,673</u>

CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year	5	(556,082)	(327,412)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS

<u>108,305</u>	<u>37,261</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES

108,305	37,261
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NET ASSETS

<u>108,305</u>	<u>37,261</u>
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TOTAL FUNDS**6**

<u>108,305</u>	<u>37,261</u>
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For the financial year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Director's responsibilities:

- The member has not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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Approved by the board of directors on..... and signed on their behalf by:

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BOLTON TOGETHER
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	7	208,793	247,250
Cash flows from investing activities			
		-	-
Cash flows from financing activities			
		-	-
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		208,793	247,250
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		285,156	37,906
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		493,949	285,156

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with the items which are considered material to the Charity's affairs.

The accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention, as modified by the revaluation of freehold property and the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value, and in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Income received and invoiced income is accounted for on the accruals basis.

Expenditure is included in the accounts on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT.

GRANTS RECEIVED	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Bolton clinical commissioning	147,501	102,500
Bolton NHS foundation trust	281,791	59,365
National Lottery	88,089	100,694
Bolton Council	193,476	22,500
Bolton CVS	27,354	-
GMCVO	30,000	-

Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
147,501	102,500
281,791	59,365
88,089	100,694
193,476	22,500
27,354	-
30,000	-
768,211	285,059

BOLTON TOGETHER
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3 Charitable activities	2022	2021
	£	£
Action for Children	19,332	11,516
Bolton CVS	-	9,000
Bolton Lads and Girls Club	121,559	36,879
Bolton Toy Library	38,034	15,417
Bolton Wanderers Community Trust	53,292	3,636
Bolton YMCA	15,500	20,412
Breaking Barriers	39,365	8,453
Child Action North West	23,250	12,917
CommunicArt	-	700
Fortalice	86,905	46,811
Headspace	-	7,661
Homestart Host	45,327	14,027
The Proud Trust	5,500	4,385
The Sycamore Project	66,804	28,912
Youth Leads	2,550	1,250
Raise the youth	6,750	3,750
The Lancashire Wildlife Trust	25,140	-
Bolton Middlebrook Leisure Trust Limited	2,800	-
Lancashire Outdoor Activities Initiative	29,280	-
The FLOWhession Foundation	5,300	-
MHIST	3,240	-
Little Bats learning CIC	3,120	-
Urban outreach	21,611	-
GMMH Trust	26,017	-

640,676	225,726
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4 DEBTORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Accrued income	7,460	52,500
Prepayments	162,978	27,017
	170,438	79,517

BOLTON TOGETHER
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5		2022	2021
	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
	Trade Creditors	31,671	31,193
	Accruals and deferred income	524,411	296,219
		556,082	327,412

6	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	As at 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2022
	Funds	37,261	768,211	697,167	108,305
		37,261	768,211	697,167	108,305

7	Cash used in operating activities	2022	2021
		£	£
	Net movement in funds	71,044	5,549
	Add back		
	(Increase) / Decrease in debtors	(90,921)	(79,408)
	Increase / (Decrease) in creditors	228,670	321,109
		208,793	247,250

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

BOLTON TOGETHER
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:		
Grants received	768,211	285,059
Total income and endowments	768,211	285,059
Expenditure on:		
Funding expenses	640,676	245,922
Insurance	1,699	1,539
Bank charges	304	267
Recharge resource	46,551	27,710
Telephone	617	386
Sundry	522	50
Project delivery	-	240
Computer costs	2,673	2,383
Legal and professional fees	535	13
Accountancy	1,200	1,000
Marketing and advertising	2,390	
Total expenditure	697,167	279,510
Net surplus for the year	71,044	5,549

BOLTON TOGETHER

England & Wales - Charity number 1163466

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08730010 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1163466

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021
FOR
BOLTON TOGETHER

Kay Johnson Gee Limited
1 City Road East
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BOLTON TOGETHER

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The Trustees who are also Directors of the charity, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. 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

Vision

By working together collaboratively we will improve the quality of life for communities.

Mission

Through voluntary sector led collaboration, delivering high quality cost effective integrated services for children, young people, and their families in Bolton, we will utilise existing resource more effectively and generate new funds and resources.

The charities objects are listed as

For the public benefit to promote the efficient and effective use of charitable resources by charities and not-for-profit organisations working with children, young people, and families.

This has been an exciting and productive year for Bolton Together and our members, with the start of delivery of the 2 – 11years emotional health and wellbeing offer as part of the 0 – 19 service contract, enhancement of the Thrive Alliance through Thrive Plus Lottery funding and a diverse range of engagement with young people carried out by members to develop a strong voice for young people in Bolton.

The advancement of education in the subject of service provision for children, young people, and families with a view to improving care and quality of life of children, young people, and families.

Bolton Together has increased our representation on strategic boards , creating clearer pathways with partners to enable easier access to support and developing the innovative IThrive Referral Hub. Engagement and co-design with members has increased to raise awareness and further understanding of services available and highlight and address gaps in service provision.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Key Achievements

- Recruitment of a Strategic Lead for the consortium
- Facilitation of co-design with Thrive Alliance partners to identify gaps and enhance the support offered to children and young people
- Delivery of Thrive Plus with providers increasing the investment to members to enhance their offer of emotional health and wellbeing to children and young people
- Securing additional investment from The Lottery Recovery Fund to support members to continue their delivery within a challenging environment
- Enabling delivery partners to increase the accessibility of their offer
- Finalising the design of the IThrive 2 – 11 Programme and securing the investment for members
- Providing new opportunities for members to receive investment for delivery programmes
- Facilitating the development of new referral pathways with statutory partners
- Commencing delivery of the IThrive 2 – 11 years interventions to children and young people
- Development of the IThrive Referral Hub and secondment from the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service at GMMH Trust.
- Increasing the profile of Bolton Together through increasing our social media presence and refreshing our website.
- Implementation of a successful Trustee Recruitment Campaign

Recruitment of The Strategic Lead

In August 2021 we recruited a Strategic Lead to the consortium to support contract management of new programmes and focus and support the Board of Trustees to deliver a clear growth plan. The role has increased capacity within the consortium and worked closely with The Board to develop and grow the consortium.

Membership

Of the 1,561 groups and organisations in Bolton, 405 specialise in working with the 0 - 19 population (and up to 25 years old). Our membership ranges from smaller to larger organisations who when coming together reach our diverse communities in Bolton and enable services to be designed and delivered according to need. Bolton Together's members have demonstrated their adaptability and commitment to delivery of services over the year and have addressed a range of challenges to continue to support children and young people.

54% of Members have been awarded funding from the consortium this year

The funding has been awarded following robust Expression of Interest and compliance processes, including review of Safeguarding and Data Protection Policies. We have engaged with members in a number of ways, including one to one meetings and holding members briefings to strengthen relationships and support collaboration. The second briefing focused on discussions with members to shape the consortium priorities for the year ahead. All members agree to our newly created Membership Principles which act as a code of conduct within the membership and encourages transparency and positive collaboration.

Communications and Engagement

The profile of the consortium has increased significantly with the establishment of a twitter account which now has 711 followers and a significant refresh of our current website, which is now a source of up to date, engaging information for members and the wider stakeholders and partners. We send out quarterly Membership News Updates and bring members together regularly to discuss new opportunities and facilitate the co-design of programmes.

Governance

A successful Trustee Recruitment Campaign was launched in September '20 and from this 2 new Trustees recruited with a further new Trustee joining us next year. The new Trustees have brought fresh ideas and perspective to our well established and highly experienced Board.

We have established clear decision making processes and refreshed and introduced new policies as the consortium grows and we increase our contract management role.

Thrive Alliance***Supporting children and young people with their emotional health and well being***

This year we have built on the previous success of the Thrive Alliance, now in our second year of the three year funding from Bolton CCG. This year The Proud Trust joined the four existing delivery partners to provide training and additional one to one support for the LGBTQ+ community

Thrive Alliance Providers have supported 1156 CYP

Emotional Health and Well Being for 2 – 11 Year Olds – IThrive Programme

Following a clear decision making process with representatives from the voluntary sector, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust and Bolton Council Public Health Team:

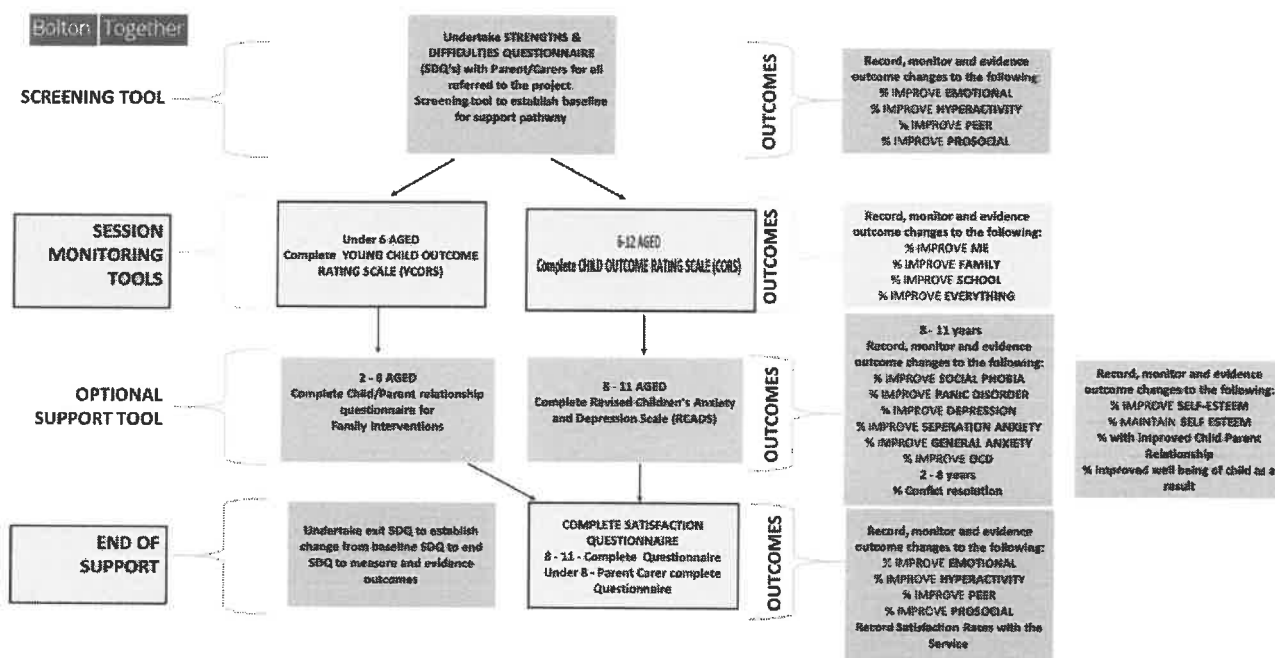
7 members were agreed as delivery partners for the 2 – 11 yrs. service

Delivery of this programme as part of the 0 – 19 service began in February '21 with **87** children supported during February and March. A range of interventions tailored to different age groups have been established and clear pathways agreed with Bolton NHS Foundation Trust. A referral from and process was co-designed with partners, funders and practitioners and promotion of the service has taken place with key teams and contacts, including Public Health Nursing Teams, Schools, and the Bolton Safeguarding Partnership.

£350,000 investment secured to the VCS to deliver emotional health and wellbeing support to 2 – 11 yrs. over 18 months

Measuring Our Performance

Bolton Together Outcome Framework



We have designed the above framework which has been adopted by all Bolton Together programmes to ensure effective performance monitoring and to capture and evidence the impact of the programmes delivered. Several training sessions have been delivered to support members with measuring outcomes and adopting the different tools.

COVID Recovery

Additional funding was secured from The Lottery Recovery Fund to support delivery partners to continue to offer support to all young people during the COVID '19 outbreak and the lockdowns. This enabled chrome books to be purchased and distributed amongst Thrive providers for use by young people, training in how to use zoom effectively to deliver emotional health and wellbeing support and production of the Covid Conversations Focus Groups. We were able to fund Breaking Barrier Northwest to deliver a Listening Service for children and young people with SEND, having identified that this group was particularly affected by COVID and lockdowns.

Strengthening the Voice of Children and Young People

Three members were awarded funding to deliver focus groups with the following groups, BAME children and young people, the LGBTQ+ community and children and young people with SEND. Young people were engaged using different mechanism to support them to express themselves and the information gathered helped to shape our services and was shared widely across services in Bolton.

3 Members engaged with 73 children and young people about the impact of COVID and how we can support them

Our Member Youth Leads UK was also awarded funding to produce three videos with different age groups of children and young people about their experience of COVID. During the year we also secured funding to deliver the 0-19 Service Engagement and will be working with the NHS Foundation Trust and delivery partners to deliver this from April '21 onwards.

Early Years Development

In partnership with Bolton CVS and supported through funding from Bolton Council Start Well Service, Bolton's VCSE Early Years Strategy and action plan has been produced, co-designed with local early years providers. This document is an innovative approach to support early years provision and includes investment in an Early Years Leadership Course, Early Years Mapping and a bespoke Early Years cross sector training programme.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Easter Provision

The consortium secured funding from The Department of Education via Bolton Council for members to deliver the Holiday and Activity Fund during the Easter holidays. 5 providers applied, all of whom were successful. This demonstrated the flexibility of the consortium and the ability to respond quickly through joint working to meet an identified need. Delivery of the programme took place in April 2021.

The Difference We Made

1/Improved the quality of life of children and young people through delivery of tailored services to diverse communities

An example of this – Extract from a Thrive Alliance Case Study

After 5 sessions Cara reports to be feeling much better and more settled, she has gone back to school after lockdown and after initially finding it stressful she is now in a much better place. Cara is currently looking after herself and managing her own wellbeing. As a result, she isn't counting calories anymore or getting stressed out about weight gain. Cara has developed better coping strategies and has really engaged and taken the work on board.

'It has been helpful to be able to talk to someone and I've realised it's good to talk about how I'm feeling rather than keeping it inside. It's also good to look at being more positive as I am a positive person normally but just went through a difficult time. 'I am not worrying as much about things, more able to cope with stress and I'm looking after myself better. I am also speaking more about how I feel and communicating better with my family.' than keeping

2/Increased the capacity for children and young people's voluntary sector through securing significant investment distributed to members

An example of this:

Secured and Distributed 'Thrive Plus' National Lottery Funding to 4 Members to increase their capacity to deliver emotional health and wellbeing support to young people over three years.

3/ Increased awareness of the offer within the community and voluntary sector for children and young people

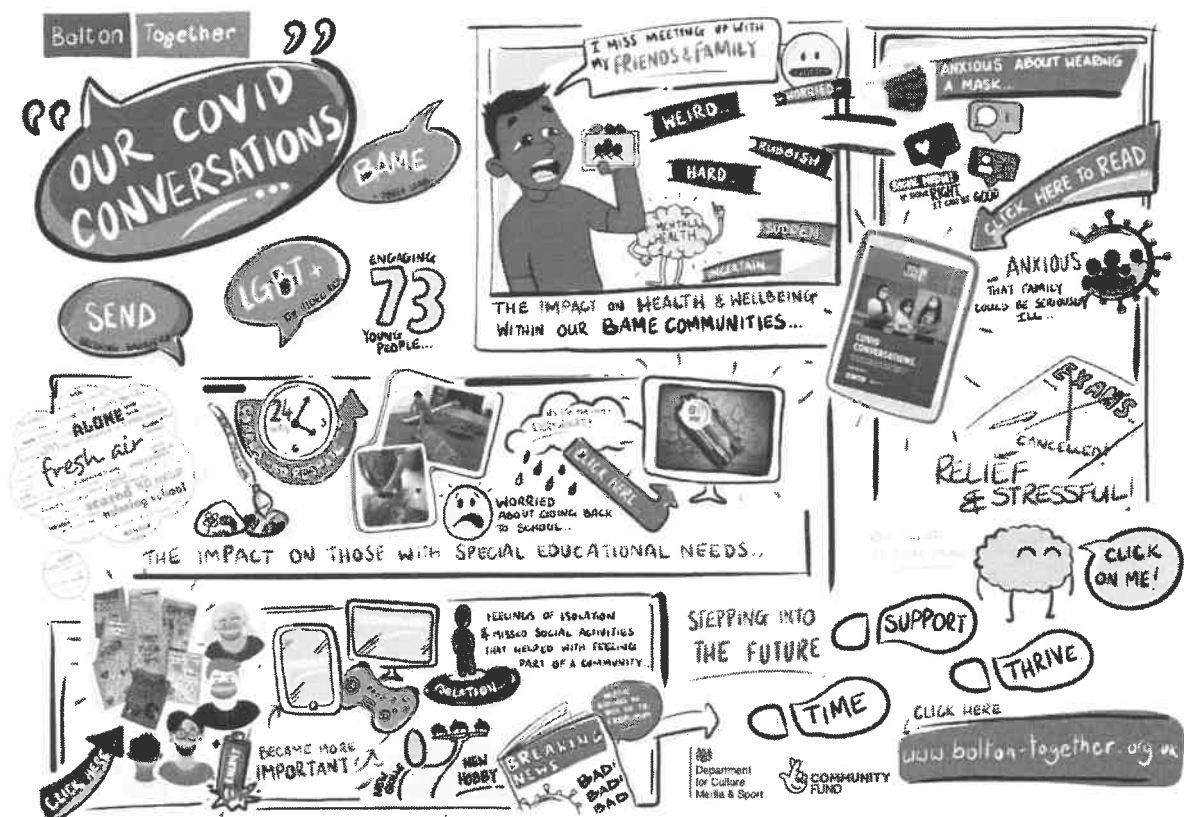
An example of this:

A big thank you! Liv and I were just reflecting today that there has been a BIG upswing in referrals to our Bolton group over the past couple of months, which is down to all the opportunities you've given us to meet with partners across the Borough, and all the work you've done in terms of promoting our offer. So, thank you so much! – The Proud Trust

4/ Increased opportunities for children and young people to share their experiences and to influence service design and delivery

An example of this:

Our members delivery of three focus groups engaging with 73 young people, with findings compiled in written reports and through the production of the interactive overview below.



5/ Increased collaboration with statutory partners and championing the role of the voluntary sector

An example of this:

Representation on the Early Help Steering Group, supporting the design of the new Early Help Assessment Form and representation on The Early Years Partnership Board. Joint work with Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group producing a training video to enable organisations to access the range of services available for children and young people

6/Supporting delivery of high quality services through robust contract management

An example of this:

A robust monitoring and reporting process which enables Bolton Together to produce and submit quarterly written reports for all programmes and to deliver presentations at a senior level to outline delivery partners performance and outcomes for children and young people.

'Wow this report is fantastic thank you Really clear and concise breakdown as to what elements have been delivered across the full Thrive programme.'

Plans for the Year Ahead

- Contract and performance management of IThrive Programme, Holiday Activities and Food Programme and Early Years Development Programmes
- Shaping the IThrive programme offer further through identifying gaps in provision and codesigning with members solutions to addresses these gaps
- Delivery of a central Hub for the IThrive 2 – 25 yrs. programme for triage and initial screening of children and young people
- Delivery of 0 – 19 Engagement Programme
- Securing further investment to be distributed to members to enable them to support more children and young people
- Recruiting new members to the consortium to address identified gaps in provision.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
08730010 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1163466

Registered office
18 Spa Road
Bolton
BL1 4AG

Trustees
Ms K D Edwards
D J Knight
Mrs G Smallwood
Ms K Smith
Ms J K Smith (resigned 17/8/20)
Ms B C Matta (appointed 11/2/21)
A Warbrick (appointed 18/2/21)
Ms C Bennett (appointed 28/6/21)
Ms L Darley (appointed 15/4/21)
Ms J A Robinson (appointed 14/7/21)

Company Secretary
Ms K D Edwards

Independent Examiner
Michael Garrett FCA
Kay Johnson Gee Limited
1 City Road East
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Bankers
National Westminster Bank PLC
24 Deansgate
Bolton
BL1 1BN

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11th November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms K D Edwards – Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BOLTON TOGETHER

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bolton Together ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2021.

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

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 registered member of _ which is one of the listed bodies.

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.



Michael Garrett FCA
Kay Johnson Gee Limited
1 City Road East
Manchester
M15 4PN

11th November 2021

BOLTON TOGETHER

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

	2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM		
Income from contracts	285,059	55,000
EXPENDITURE ON		
Indirect expenditure	53,784	4,553
Charitable activities		
Project delivery	225,726	27,217
Total	279,510	31,770
NET INCOME	5,549	23,230
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward	31,712	8,482
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	37,261	31,712

BOLTON TOGETHER

BALANCE SHEET

31st March 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	79,517	109
Cash at bank		<u>285,156</u>	<u>37,906</u>
		364,673	38,015
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(327,412)</u>	<u>(6,303)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>37,261</u>	<u>31,712</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>37,261</u>	<u>31,712</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>37,261</u>	<u>31,712</u>
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds		<u>37,261</u>	<u>31,712</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>37,261</u>	<u>31,712</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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 and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11th November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



K D Edwards - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTSfor the Year Ended 31st March 2021

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.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

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.

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.

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent Examination	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

3. INCOME FROM CONTRACTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group	102,500	-
Bolton NHS Foundation Trust	59,365	-
National Lottery	100,694	-
Bolton Council	22,500	50,000
Bolton CVS	-	5,000
	<u>285,059</u>	<u>55,000</u>

4. PROJECT DELIVERY

	2021	2020
	£	£
Action For Children	11,516	-
Bolton CVS	9,000	2,800
Bolton Lads and Girls Club	36,879	3,205
Bolton Toy Library	15,417	-
Bolton Wanderers Community Trust	3,636	-
Bolton YMCA	20,412	-
Breaking Barriers	8,453	16,212
Child Action North West	12,917	-
Communicart	700	-
Fortalice	46,811	-
Headspace	7,661	-
Homestart HOST	14,027	-
The Proud Trust	4,385	-
The Sycamore Project	28,912	5,000
The Videobox	1,250	-
Youth Leads	3,750	-
	<u>225,726</u>	<u>27,217</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

6. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Statement of Financial Activities includes income and expenditure since the formation of Bolton Together (formerly known as the Bolton Children's and Young People Forum). The income is largely represented by grant income from Bolton Council which has been used to cover the costs of running the charity.

BOLTON TOGETHER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	52,500	-
Prepayments	<u>27,017</u>	<u>109</u>
	<u>79,517</u>	<u>109</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	31,193	-
Accruals and deferred income	<u>296,219</u>	<u>6,303</u>
	<u>327,412</u>	<u>6,303</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,712	5,549	37,261
	<u>31,712</u>	<u>5,549</u>	<u>37,261</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,712</u>	<u>5,549</u>	<u>37,261</u>

BOLTON TOGETHER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

10. 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	285,058	(279,509)	5,549
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>285,058</u>	<u>(279,509)</u>	<u>5,549</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,482	23,230	31,712
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,482</u>	<u>23,230</u>	<u>31,712</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,000	(31,770)	23,230
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>55,000</u>	<u>(31,770)</u>	<u>23,230</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2021

9. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The company was controlled by the Board of Trustees throughout the period under review.