

Sensory People
Unaudited Accounts
31st March 2023

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Sensory People

Accounts

Year ended 31st March 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31st March 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Sensory People
Charity registration number	1164806
Principal office	9 Rathmore Close Stourbridge West Midlands DY8 2RS
The trustees	Mrs M Rogerson Dr A Sharma (Retired 26th April 2022) Mrs C Gwilliam (Retired 19th December 2022) Mrs J Grainger Mrs J Corcoran Mrs J High
Independent examiner	Mrs R E Clarke FCCA of Griffiths & Pegg Limited 3 Hagley Court South Waterfront East Level Street Brierley Hill DY5 1XE

Structure, governance and management

Sensory People was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission on 10th December 2015 operating under charity number 1164806.

Objectives and activities

The principal objects of the charity are the relief of need and the promotion of health for persons suffering from mental or physical illness, disability, learning disability or learning difficulties, their families, educators and carers by the provision of support, advice, education, therapy, recreational and other activities or approaches designed to promote their independence and improve their conditions of life.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st March 2023

Achievements and performance

With many and different challenges facing everyone these days (post covid) there is one thing that is certain; working in the charitable sector one has to be resilient, creative and adaptable in one's approach to delivering services.

So, what's different for us this year to last?

- The cost of living has soared and many families are finding it difficult to invest in programmes for their children even if they do receive DLA.
- Our out-of-doors programme has not proved as attractive to families as Covid is not of the great concern to families that it has been in the last year or two. The rent of an indoor space is often at least three times that of renting a field.
- We are assuming that the demand on charitable trusts has soared as the costs of running organisations has also soared.
- 15 bids were submitted to charitable trusts between April 2022 to March 2023. 8 were successful, 4 said no and 3 we did not hear from.

In spite of these challenges we are pleased to report that in addition to offering 17 1:1 (Ayres) Sensory Integration Therapy (ASIT) sessions a week (8 of which have a combined Occupational Therapy/Speech and Language Therapy input); we now have 4 Saturday morning Occupational Therapy/Sensory Integration Practitioner supervised/ OT Helper run play and stay sessions which enables children who feel the need to revisit a Sensory Integration (gym) space to come and do so with their parents and out of school hours.

Cool Kids - can now provide circa 24 slots a week in the field, inside in Romsley and at a barn in Kinver. Many of these kids will require SI therapy in the future. However, we know that the Cool Kids foundation movement programme gives them an important start on their SI journey.

Parents information evening is held monthly with the aim of introducing parents to the concepts of sensory processing and sensory integration dysfunction.

A parent support evening has been held monthly during the past year and is supported by a trained counsellor - activities undertaken have included: Yoga, collage evening, felting workshop, rock painting, herb growing and herbal tea making.

We ran a Cool Kids pre-school pilot scheme in Shenley Fields Nursery during the academic year ending July 2022 with good outcomes for the children and families who took part. These group sessions were carried out by our Head Sports Coach and a Speech and Language Therapist. We then offered the same scheme to Rubery Nursery, starting sessions for 4 children and their parents from November 2022 until July 2023. Nursery staff and the families involved have been so pleased with the children's progress that they have opted to buy in the same Cool Kids package themselves for the academic year 2023-4.

In mid- June 2022 we welcomed our new part time administrator - she joined our two very part time financial support officers who between them send out invoices and oversee our financial transactions. There has been more than enough work for our new administrator to undertake including developing our web site and restructuring and keeping our data base up to date. We all feel that we are preparing for a "next stage" of the organisation's development following our successful bid to purchase a local building for our dedicated use. This purchase was made possible due to the legacy received in the prior year.

In the first quarter of 2023 we placed an advert for therapists on the Indeed web site. We had a number of responses and hope that we will be able to secure further interest from therapists interested in training in Sensory Integration Therapy in the next financial year.

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We were pleased to have a Worcester University Masters Degree student undertake her research project with 8 sets of our parents exploring how parents perceive ASI's effect upon their child's occupational performance. The three main themes emanating from this qualitative piece of work / the student's discussions with parents were:

1. **A Community of Peers** - parents reported their perception that statutory support was often ineffective and that they wanted to help their peers (other parents searching for help) when they are in the same or similar positions.
2. **Ayres Sensory Integration as a Therapeutic Space** - parents described their amazement when observing how their children (with intervention from the ASI OT and their use of clinical reasoning) would gravitate towards sensory equipment that appeared to improve their functioning.
3. **Family Quality of Life** - generally parents reported an increase in their personal occupational performance and participation based on their child's improved functional ability, development and decreased care giver needs.

Directly we know of children who for example have developed such that they:

- Have achieved their ambition of going into mainstream school;
- Done so well at kickboxing that they have jumped a grade and won all their matches in one night;
- At the end of their full term in mainstream been presented with an achievement certificate for: settling in well, getting used to the routine, new friends and new adults and taken on board teachers' feedback etc.;
- Can now wear clothes during a day;
- Are able to verbalise their feelings and wishes.

We have been equally pleased to have one of the children we treated circa 5 years ago come back as a volunteer. He's been a wonderful role model for our kids and has such fantastic insight into the challenges our children face he has been a real asset to the team. We wish him well as he goes off to do an Outward-Bound Apprenticeship.

We are very grateful to St Kenelm's Church members who have welcomed us to their church hall which we have used for our 1:1 therapy sessions during the past year.

And so, as 2022-2023 / the old year comes to a close and the new financial year starts we have just received £4,910 from the Sports England Together Fund - Health Exchange to support sessions for those who could be financially excluded from our services without financial support and who have a disability /long term condition. A great end to a busy year and the start of what looks like being another busy one!

Financial review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £60,607 and are detailed in the financial statements.

Financially the net result for the period 2022-2023 was an excess of receipts over payments of £9,573.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 23rd December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mrs M Rogerson
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sensory People

Year ended 31st March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sensory People ('the charity') for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Mrs R E Clarke FCCA of
Griffiths & Pegg Limited
Independent Examiner

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23rd December 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31st March 2023

		Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
	Note				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	19,712	—	19,712	753,821
Charitable activities	5	36,087	—	36,087	24,665
Investment income	6	4,808	—	4,808	146
Total income		<u>60,607</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>60,607</u>	<u>778,632</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	51,034	—	51,034	39,844
Total expenditure		<u>51,034</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>51,034</u>	<u>39,844</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>9,573</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>9,573</u>	<u>738,788</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		29,555	740,000	769,555	30,767
Total funds carried forward		<u>39,128</u>	<u>740,000</u>	<u>779,128</u>	<u>769,555</u>

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

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Statement of Financial Position
31st March 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	12	4,715		480	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>778,546</u>		<u>772,661</u>	
		783,261		773,141	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(4,133)</u>		<u>(3,586)</u>	
Net current assets			779,128		769,555
Total assets less current liabilities			779,128		769,555
Net assets			779,128		769,555
Funds of the charity					
Restricted funds (property fund)			740,000		740,000
Unrestricted funds			39,128		29,555
Total charity funds	14		779,128		769,555

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 23rd December 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mrs M Rogerson
Trustee

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Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 31st March 2023

1. General information

The charity is registered in England and Wales as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). The address of the principal office is 9 Rathmore Close, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 2RS.

2. Statement of compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

- (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the charity.
- (b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

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. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	16,710	—	16,710
Gift aid	3,002	—	3,002
Legacies			
Legacies	—	—	—
	<u>19,712</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>19,712</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	13,821	—	13,821
Gift aid	—	—	—
Legacies			
Legacies	—	740,000	740,000
	<u>13,821</u>	<u>740,000</u>	<u>753,821</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Therapy fees and services	<u>36,087</u>	<u>36,087</u>	<u>24,665</u>	<u>24,665</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>4,808</u>	<u>4,808</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>146</u>

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7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Sensory People	50,314	—	50,314
Support costs	720	—	720
	<u>51,034</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>51,034</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Sensory People	35,244	4,000	39,244
Support costs	600	—	600
	<u>35,844</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>39,844</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Sensory People - Interventions	50,314	—	50,314	39,244
Governance costs	—	720	720	600
	<u>50,314</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>51,034</u>	<u>39,844</u>

9. Independent examination fees

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the accounts	<u>720</u>	<u>600</u>

10. Staff costs and emoluments

There were no staff costs or employee benefits for the reporting period.

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

12. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	<u>4,715</u>	<u>480</u>

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year ended 31st March 2023

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,533	2,986
Accruals and deferred income	600	600
	<u>4,133</u>	<u>3,586</u>

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1st April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2023 £
General funds	29,555	60,607	(51,034)	—	39,128
Expansion of services fund	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>29,555</u>	<u>60,607</u>	<u>(51,034)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>39,128</u>

	At 1st April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2022 £
General funds	11,767	38,632	(35,844)	15,000	29,555
Expansion of services fund	15,000	—	—	(15,000)	—
	<u>26,767</u>	<u>38,632</u>	<u>(35,844)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>29,555</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1st April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2023 £
Spring/summer 2021 Cool Kids projects	—	—	—	—	—
Property Fund	740,000	—	—	—	740,000
	<u>740,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>740,000</u>

	At 1st April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2022 £
Spring/summer 2021 Cool Kids projects	4,000	—	(4,000)	—	—
Property Fund	—	740,000	—	—	740,000
	<u>4,000</u>	<u>740,000</u>	<u>(4,000)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>740,000</u>

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current Assets	43,261	740,000	783,261
Creditors less than 1 year	(4,133)	—	(4,133)
Net assets	<u>39,128</u>	<u>740,000</u>	<u>779,128</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Current Assets	33,141	740,000	773,141
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,586)	—	(3,586)
Net assets	<u>29,555</u>	<u>740,000</u>	<u>769,555</u>

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Management Information
Year ended 31st March 2023

The following pages do not form part of the accounts.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

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	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	16,710	13,821
Gift aid	3,002	—
Legacies	—	740,000
	<u>19,712</u>	<u>753,821</u>
Charitable activities		
Treatment fees and services	36,087	24,665
	<u>36,087</u>	<u>24,665</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	4,808	146
	<u>4,808</u>	<u>146</u>
Total income	<u>60,607</u>	<u>778,632</u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Staffing, leader fees	25,616	18,711
Rent	5,875	3,546
Equipment	1,734	3,556
Insurance	2,412	3,403
Administrative support costs (including clinical administration)	13,664	6,899
Legal and professional fees	720	600
IT assistance	45	113
Stationery and office costs	16	99
Education and clinical training costs	850	120
ICO, DBS and assessments	102	467
Sundry expenses	—	66
Cost of premises relocation	—	2,264
	<u>51,034</u>	<u>39,844</u>
Total expenditure	<u>51,034</u>	<u>39,844</u>
Net income	<u>9,573</u>	<u>738,788</u>