

BIRMINGHAM PLAYCARE NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1166691

Details

Other names BPCN

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [04566497](#)

Registered 2016-04-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT FOR WHICH THE COMPANY IS ESTABLISHED IS TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITHIN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY FACILITATING CONTACT, SHARING INFORMATION, OFFERING SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT, PROMOTING THE RIGHT TO PLAY OF ALL CHILDREN AND ENCOURAGING BEST PRACTICE IN CHILD-CENTRED PLAYCARE, SUPPORTING AND ENHANCING THE PROFILE OF PLAYCARE PROVISION THROUGH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, CONSULTING WITH AND ENCOURAGING THE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY ASSURANCE STANDARDS FOR PLAYCARE, OPERATING IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND INCLUSIVE PRACTICE, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLAYCARE RESOURCES, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAYCARE TRAINING RESOURCE AND ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE LINKS WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES TO FURTHER BENEFIT THE WORK OF THE COMPANY.

Activities: To enhance the development and education of children and to facilitate contact, share information, offer support and encourage, to promote the right to play of all children and to encourage best

practice in child-centre play care withing the City of Birmingham.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WITHIN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
- Birmingham City
- Coventry City
- Sandwell
- Solihull

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£328,643	£358,365	-	-
2024-03-31	£250,472	£219,039	-	-
2023-03-31	£290,096	£233,112	-	-
2022-03-31	£225,998	£191,757	-	-
2021-03-31	£113,702	£118,020	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
YVETTE HYACINTH ORUYE	Chair	1995-10-01
Harriet Sarah McCann		2024-10-07
JESSE GERALD		2016-01-01
MAXINE YVONNE MILLS		2016-01-01
SARAH ANN WOOD		1995-10-01

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31 March 2025

Birmingham Playcare Network
The Report of the trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2025

INTRODUCTION

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association. 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 2015.

The Company is exempt from Audit under section 477 of the Company Act 2006 in respect of small companies.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity, as set out in its Memorandum of Association are:

To enhance the development and education of children and to facilitate contact, share information, offer support and encourage, to promote the right to play of all children and to encourage best practice in child-centred playcare within the City of Birmingham by:-

- 1 supporting and enhancing the profile of playcare provision through events and activities
- 2 consulting with and encouraging the participation of Members
- 3 actively supporting the development of quality assurance standards for playcare
- 4 operating in an environment of equal opportunities and inclusive practice
- 5 supporting the development of playcare resources
- 6 supporting the development of a playcare training resource
- 7 establishing effective links with appropriate agencies to further benefit the work of the charity

This year, the charity provided the following services :

Play provision: 3000 craft and play packs were distributed across the city as part of the Holiday Activity and Food programmes led by Street Games on behalf of Birmingham City Council. BPCN were commissioned to create and distribute packs to children who were not able to access holiday playscheme provision to provide children with activity and play opportunities.

Workforce Development: BPCN continued to deliver a successful summer of playscheme activity at both Martineau Gardens in Edgbaston and Stockfield Park in Acocks Green. Green spaces and parks in the south of the city were offered open access schemes with trained and upskilled playworkers. Working with our local community has also provided the opportunity for volunteers to gain new skills and secure paid work.

Information and Member services: BPCN offered community groups, schools, artists, the Early Years sector and the general public access to The Birmingham Scrapstore. This is a community re-use facility that takes clean business waste that is upcycled for play and creative projects.

Quality: BPCN support and promote the importance of play in childhood. Our activities seek to ensure that playful opportunities are accessed by children across our city. These opportunities should offer choice, innovation in play and environments that promote creativity, problem solving and fun.

All of the Centre's activities are aimed at supporting quality playcare, and supporting providers of playcare across the City of Birmingham. No member of the company, including the Trustees, receive any financial benefit from their involvement with the Centre.

In developing activities and delivering services, the Trustees have taken account of the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Our key achievements over the last twelve months include:

Our key achievement has again been distributing craft and play packs as part of the Bring It On Brum campaign. We have ensured that children receiving our packs had the basic elements such as stationary, sports equipment and craft resources to provide them with activities to do during the school holidays. This project is now a much more sustainable and focused piece of work with volunteers supporting the design of activities, sessional staff supporting the collation of the packs and partner organisations supporting the design work. We still have a very strong relationship with National Literacy Trust who provide us with more than 3,000 books each year to be included in these packs.

Our location in Northfield at The Hollymoor Centre is now a 'Warm Welcome' supported by Household Support Fund and visitor numbers increase each month. We have expanded our Warm Welcome offer to include a monthly bereavement support group called 'Golden Threads' café and our bi weekly over 50's craft group is now almost self-sustaining with a waiting list. We also now offer a quarterly hoarding support group 'The Big Sort' along with our partners at Clouds End CIC to work alongside those who hoard to donate unwanted items to our scrapstore. Weekly exercise classes are also now provided as part of our Warm Welcome offer hosted at Scrapstore but delivered by our partners at Inspire Fitness.

Through our Warm Welcome offer we are trialling craft and play sessions for families who choose to home school their children. These sessions started in March 2025 and run weekly with 2 groups, one for teens and one for primary aged children.

Our relationship with local businesses and individuals is developing strongly and we are now working closely with partners at International Synergies who support SME to reduce their carbon emissions through our scrapstore facility by donating their unwanted items or resources.

Our scrapstore facility is supported by volunteers from across BPCN with the number of volunteers hours exceeding 80 hours per week.

The Momma moves programme continues to invite mothers and their babies or children under 5 to come along to gentle keep fit and play sessions based at the Hollymoor Centre. This year we have partnered with Thrive Together Birmingham and CADENT Gas to offer slow cookers and cookery sessions to share cooking on a budget tips with our families. Healthy eating and using a slow cooker for young children's meals has been very well received by our families.

BPCN continue to work with Stockfield Community Housing Association and Arts in the Yard on their Building Community project which is a five-year funded Big Lottery programme. Again this year by partnering with colleagues at Rubix Arts and Wellbeing the play in parks also received match funding from the Bring it on Brum programme. This allowed all children who attended the scheme to receive a healthy lunch as well as access to artist and more sports focussed provision. They also had healthy food activities, cold cooking opportunities and lots of free fruit and vegetables to try.

We have this year expanded our project funded by BCC though the Household support fund to address issues of bed poverty in children under 5. This scheme is called 'Safe Sleep Scheme' and provides cots, moses baskets and other sleeping equipment to families who are referred to us through the Birmingham Forward Steps Children Centre Network. A pilot scheme ran last year only in the north of the city but this year these scheme is now available city wide. Referrals have come from Midwives, Health Visitors, Birmingham Children's Trust as well as community partners. This scheme continues to shine a light on child poverty in our city and highlight the need for a city wide baby bank to support the most vulnerable children in society. During this financial year 722 individual families have received new sleeping equipment for their children as well as bulk orders of essential equipment (stair gates, sterilizers, pottys, changing mats) being sent to Family Hubs and Children's Centres across the city.

We have worked collaboratively with a range of partners including:

Stockfield Community Housing Association, Arts in the Yard, Thrive Together Birmingham, Edgbaston Foundation, Northfield NNS, In Kind Direct, Warm Welcome Network, Clarion Housing, 3c Solutions, Martineau Gardens, Incredible Surplus, Rubix Arts and Wellbeing, Clouds End Hoarding Support, Early Years Alliance, Birmingham Forward Steps, Big Lottery, International Synergies, Birmingham City Council, The National Literacy Trust, Westborn Ltd, Street Games, Jerico ReUsers, Digikick, Building Community Together, Longbridge Childcare Strategy, Northfield Community Partnership, Inspire Fitness, BCAT, and The Reuseful Network.

The Trustees would therefore like to thank our dedicated staff team, our volunteers, our partners and funders for their support over the year, enabling us to positively change the lives of so many children.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overall there was a deficit in Unrestricted funds of £6,072 reducing our Unrestricted reserves to £78,779.

This year we secured new funding from Clarion Futures Essentials and Resilience funds, as well as continued support from Stockfield Building Community Together consortium, Street Games BCC Household Support Fund and Northfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Where grants are given for specific purposes, they are treated as Restricted Funds. In the year to 31 March 2025, there were 7 restricted funds and 1 designated fund, and tracking and managing these funds is an important part of the charity's financial management. We are grateful to all our funders for their valuable support.

In the year to 31 March 2025 25% of the expenditure went on staff salaries and employer costs, and 66% on the direct costs of the charity's activities. The remaining 9% was spent on premises, overheads and governance.

The Trustees have adopted a policy on reserves. Due to uncertainties and the short term nature of much of the charity's funding, the aim is to hold sufficient reserves in the Unrestricted Fund to allow it to operate for a period of 6 months and/or to meet redundancy costs for posts that cannot be sustained. The current free reserves of 78,779 will cover this amount,

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The company is constituted as a not for profit Company Limited by Guarantee having no share capital. It was registered as a charity in April 2016. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the policies made from time to time by its Directors, who are also the trustees of the charity. The members have not required an audit.

Every Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, the Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Company.

The Company is entitled to exemption from Audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

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Trustees
Yvette Oruye
Maxine Yvonne Mills
Sarah Ann Wood
Jesse Gerald
Harriet McCann (appointed 7 October 2024)

Key personnel
Day to day Management is devolved to the Business Development Manager, who regularly reports to the Board of Trustees

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to :

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on its behalf by:

Trustee
Harriet McCann
Date: 4 December 2025

Birmingham Playcare Network Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Birmingham Play Care Network

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Birmingham Play Care Network for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity 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 financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act ; or
the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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22 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Current Year 2025 Unrestricted Fund	Current Year 2025 Designated Fund	Current Year 2025 Restricted Fund	Current Year 2025 Total Funds	Prior Year 2024 Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from						
Charitable Activities		54,292	9,660	259,773	323,725	247,509
Investment Income	4	4,918	-	-	4,918	2,963
Total		<u>59,210</u>	<u>9,660</u>	<u>259,773</u>	<u>328,643</u>	<u>250,472</u>
Expenditure						
Raising Funds	5	5,685	-	-	5,685	5,685
Charitable Activities	5	58,196	70,712	223,772	352,680	213,354
Net Income / (Expenditure)		<u>63,881</u>	<u>70,712</u>	<u>223,772</u>	<u>358,365</u>	<u>219,039</u>
Reconciliation of Funds		(4,672)	(61,052)	36,002	(29,722)	25,749
Total funds brought forward		84,851	56,494	24,587	165,932	140,183
Transfer between Funds		(1,400)	1,400	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>78,779</u>	<u>(3,158)</u>	<u>60,589</u>	<u>136,210</u>	<u>165,932</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

* Please see note 13 for prior year comparative

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Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	10,278	2,064	
Cash at bank and in hand	160,250	167,995	
	<u>170,528</u>	<u>170,059</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	(34,318)	(4,127)	
Net current assets		<u>136,210</u>	<u>165,932</u>
Net assets			
All funds		<u>136,210</u>	<u>165,932</u>
Unrestricted Funds		78,779	84,851
Designated Funds		(3,158)	56,494
Restricted Funds		60,589	24,587
Total Funds		<u>136,210</u>	<u>165,932</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts .

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Trustee

Harriet McCann

Issued by the Trustees 4 December 2025

Birmingham Playcare Network
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 General Information

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 2015)', 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.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will continue to operate. The validity of this assumption is dependent upon the continuance of support from the Company's key grant funders and in response to the progress made by the Company in pursuing a viable budget including the obtaining of further grants and other funds. The Company's current business plan shows that the Company will be able to operate in the foreseeable future. Based on this understanding, the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments, which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life (assets with a cost below £1,000 are not capitalised) :

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	-25% per annum straight line
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Income

"Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

"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 classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise staff costs and other direct costs involved in the raising of funds for the charity;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the direct costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support & governance costs.
- Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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. From 2023 it has been decided by the Trustees Play Advocacy as a designated fund rather than Unrestricted.

Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

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

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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.

Creditors

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.

Pension Costs

The Company operates a money purchase pension scheme for employees. Employer contributions are charged as an expense in the period to which they relate and are allocated to activities in line with the related salary cost.

3 Restricted Grants Income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Stockfield BIG	9,852	24,970
Northfield NNS	783	4,540
Eveson Trust	-	2,252
Brummie Mummies	-	10,500
Martineau PIP	4,857	3,928
Safe Sleep Scheme	233,881	55,500
Warm Welcome	10,400	3,000
Clarion Resilience Grant	-	9,619
	<hr/> 259,773	<hr/> 114,309
Designated Fund Income	<hr/> 9,660	<hr/> 74,740
Income from Charitable activities		
Scrapstore	51,816	52,902
Other income	7,394	5,558
	<hr/> 59,210	<hr/> 58,460
	<hr/> 328,643	<hr/> 247,509

4 Investment Income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank account interest	4918	2963

5 Direct costs of charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	86,886	79,397
Staff training & travel	590	312
Premises & office costs	22,198	23,095
Central function costs	8,989	8,527
Direct cost of activities	234,017	107,158
Independent Examiner's Fee		550
	<hr/> 352,680	<hr/> 219,039

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Raising funds:	£	£
Staff costs	5,285	5,285
Other direct costs	400	400
	<u>5,685</u>	<u>5,685</u>
	<u>358,365</u>	<u>219,039</u>

6 Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	90,586	83,097
Employer costs - National Insurance	-	-
Pension costs	1,585	1,585
	<u>92,171</u>	<u>84,682</u>

The average number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

2025	2024
3.0	3.0

There were no trustees remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

There were no trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

7 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	10,278	2,064
	<u>10,278</u>	<u>2,064</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	33,999	3,287
Income tax and social security	-	491
Accrued expenses	319	349
	<u>34,318</u>	<u>4,127</u>

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9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2025	2024
	Total & Unrestricted Funds	Total & Unrestricted Funds
Fixed Assets		
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)	136,210	165,932
	136,210	165,932

10 Movement in Funds

	Opening Balance	Movement in fund	Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	84,851	(6,072)	78,779
	84,851	(6,072)	78,779
Designated Funds			
General Fund	56,494	(59,652)	(3,158)
	56,494	(59,652)	(3,158)
Restricted Funds			
Northfield NNS	4,515	(2,855)	1,660
Stockfield BIG	2,413	(3,691)	(1,278)
Brummie Mummies	7,300	(7,354)	(54)
Martineau PIP	(4)	-	(4)
Safe Sleep Scheme	744	57,632	58,376
Warm Welcome	-	1,889	1,889
Clarion Resilience Grant	9,619	(9,619)	-
	24,587	36,002	60,589
	165,932	(29,722)	136,210

NNS - This is a club developed for local women over 50 to deliver craft sessions and a selection of crafty trips and events. The workshop were delivered at our scrapstore facility with the group showcasing their talents and leading the workshops. We also showcased healthy lifestyles with our partners at Cuppa Squad to reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes.

Building Communities Together – This is a five year Big Lottery funded programme that BPCN deliver along with partners Stockfield Community Housing Association and Arts in the Yard. Based in the Stockfield area of Acocks Green the project aims to reduce isolation, provide play opportunities and increased access to the arts

Clarion Essentials Fund – Brummie Mummies this scheme is to support local mothers and their young babies to access keep fit, cookery sessions and access to household essentials to combat the cost of living crisis. The group meeting weekly during term time and are now a strong independent support to each other.

Clarion Resilience Fund – Governance review. Money received this year to be spent in the new financial year 24 – 25 to run a governance review and strengthen the sustainability of the organisation.

BCC household support Fund – Safe Sleep Scheme, a pilot scheme to address issues of bed poverty in children under 5.

Warm Welcome – BCC Household Support Fund – to provide refreshments to our visitors along with a warm, friendly welcome from our staff and volunteers along with the opportunity to signpost for support if needed.

Martineau Gardens – this is a 2 week summer playscheme for children living in the Edgbaston District and also those from temporary accommodation across the city. Free play along with healthy meals and snacks are provided for up to 50 children every day for 2 weeks.

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11 Related Party Transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year or previous year that require disclosure in these accounts.

12 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is wholly under the control of the board of Trustees.

13 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations & legacies					
Charitable activities	3	58,460	74,740	114,309	247,509
Investment income	4	2,963	-	-	2,963
TOTAL INCOME		<u>61,423</u>	<u>74,740</u>	<u>114,309</u>	<u>250,472</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	5	5,685			5,685
Charitable Activities	5	44,028	80,184	94,827	213,354
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>49,713</u>	<u>80,184</u>	<u>94,827</u>	<u>219,039</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>11,710</u>	<u>-5,444</u>	<u>19,483</u>	<u>25,749</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		85,084	48,481	6,618	140,183
Transfer between Funds		-11,943	13,457	-1,514	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>84,851</u>	<u>56,494</u>	<u>24,587</u>	<u>165,932</u>

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The Company is exempt from Audit under section 477 of the Company Act 2006 in respect of small companies.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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To enhance the development and education of children and to facilitate contact, share information, offer support and encourage, to promote the right to play of all children and to encourage best practice in child-centred playcare within the City of Birmingham by:-

- 1 supporting and enhancing the profile of playcare provision through events and activities
- 2 consulting with and encouraging the participation of Members
- 3 actively supporting the development of quality assurance standards for playcare
- 4 operating in an environment of equal opportunities and inclusive practice
- 5 supporting the development of playcare resources
- 6 supporting the development of a playcare training resource
- 7 establishing effective links with appropriate agencies to further benefit the work of the charity

This year, the charity provided the following services :

Play provision : 3000 craft and play packs were distributed across the city as part of the Holiday Activity and Food programmes lead by Street Games on behalf of Birmingham City Council. BPCN were commissioned to create and distribute packs to children who were not able to access holiday playscheme provision to provide children with activity and play opportunities.

Workforce Development: BPCN continued to deliver a successful summer of playscheme activity at both Martineau Gardens in Edgbaston and Stockfield Park in Acocks Green. Green spaces and parks in the south of the city were offered open access schemes with trained and upskilled playworkers. Working with our local community has also provided the opportunity for volunteers to gain new skills and secure paid work.

Information and Member services: BPCN offered community groups, schools, artists, the Early Years sector and the general public access to The Birmingham Scrapstore. This is a community re-use facility that takes clean business waste that is upcycled for play and creative projects.

Quality: BPCN support and promote the importance of play in childhood. Our activities seek to ensure that playful opportunities are accessed by children across our city. These opportunities should offer choice, innovation in play and environments that promote creativity , problem solving and fun.

All of the Centre's activities are aimed at supporting quality playcare, and supporting providers of playcare across the City of Birmingham. No member of the company, including the Trustees, receive any financial benefit from their involvement with the Centre.

In developing activities and delivering services, the Trustees have taken account of the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Our key achievements over the last twelve months include:

Our key achievement has again been distributing craft and play packs as part of the Bring It On Brum campaign. We have ensured that children receiving our packs had the basic elements such as stationary, sports equipment and craft resources to provide them with activities to do during the school holidays. This project is now a much more sustainable and focused piece of work with volunteers supporting the design of activities, sessional staff supporting the collation of the packs and partner organisations supporting the design work. We still have a very strong relationship with National Literacy Trust who provide us with more than 3,000 books each year to be included in these packs.

Our location in Northfield at The Hollymoor Centre is now a 'Warm Welcome' supported by Household Support Fund and visitor numbers increase each month. Our relationship with local businesses and individuals is developing strongly and we are now working closely with partners at International Synergies who support SME to reduce their carbon emissions. Our scrapstore facility is supported by volunteers from across BPCN with the number of volunteers hours exceeding 70 hours per week.

The Momma moves programme continues to invite mothers and their babies or children under 5 to come along to gentle keep fit and play sessions based at the Hollymoor Centre. This year we have partnered with the National Literacy Trust programme 'First Words Together' to provide mothers with free books along with hints and tips on communication and language development with their babies. These sessions were extremely well received and the feedback from those who attended was great.

BPCN continue to work with Stockfield Community Housing Association and Arts in the Yard on their Building Community project which is a five-year funded Big Lottery programme. The tea dances and play in parks elements of the project are run by BPCN and this year the play in parks also received match funding from the Bring it on Brum programme. This allowed all children who attended the scheme to receive a healthy lunch as well as access to artist and more sports focussed provision. They also had healthy food activities, cold cooking opportunities and lots of free fruit and vegetables to try.

BPCN continues to run workshops for local residents in Northfield as part of our Create Craft Share project funded by the Network Neighbourhood Scheme. This supports older women to address issues of loneliness through craft and friendship and we had an amazing trip to the NEC with over 50 residents and volunteers to the craft show.

We have this year run a pilot scheme funded by BCC through the Household support fund to address issues of bed poverty in children under 5. This scheme is called 'Safe Sleep Scheme' and provides cots, Moses baskets and other sleeping equipment to families who are referred to us through the Birmingham Forward Steps Children Centre Network. The pilot has run between January and March 2024 and has focussed on the North of Birmingham. We hope this pilot will shine a light on child poverty in our city and highlight the need for a city wide baby bank to support the most vulnerable children in society.

We have worked collaboratively with a range of partners throughout the year bringing in valuable specialist services to our local community. Our partners have included:
Sport Birmingham, Stockfield Community Housing Association, Arts in the Yard, Thrive Together Birmingham, Edgbaston Foundation, Heart of England Foundation, Big Lottery, Northfield NNS, The Eveson Trust, Clarion Housing, Martineau Gardens, Bring it on Brum and Street Games, BCC and the household support fund, The Warm Welcome Network, In Kind Direct, Giving World, Longbridge Childcare Strategy, The National Literacy Trust, and The Reuseful Network.

The Trustees would therefore like to thank our dedicated staff team, our volunteers, our partners and funders for their support over the year, enabling us to positively change the lives of so many children.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overall there was a surplus in Unrestricted funds of £ 31,995 increasing our Unrestricted reserves to £85,124

This year we secured new funding from Eveson Trust, Street Games BCC Household Support Fund and Clarion, as well as continued support from Stockfield Building Community Together consortium.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Where grants are given for specific purposes, they are treated as Restricted Funds. In the year to 31 March 2024, there were 8 restricted funds and 1 designated fund, and tracking and managing these funds is an important part of the charity's financial management. We are grateful to all our funders for their valuable support.

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In the year to 31 March 2024 37% of the expenditure went on staff salaries and employer costs, and 48% on the direct costs of the charity's activities. The remaining 15% was spent on premises, overheads and governance.

The Trustees have adopted a policy on reserves. Due to uncertainties and the short term nature of much of the charity's funding, the aim is to hold sufficient reserves in the Unrestricted Fund to allow it to operate for a period of 6 months and/or to meet redundancy costs for posts that cannot be sustained. The current free reserves of £85,124 will cover this amount,

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The company is constituted as a not for profit Company Limited by Guarantee having no share capital. It was registered as a charity in April 2016. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the policies made from time to time by its Directors, who are also the trustees of the charity. The members have not required an audit.

Every Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, the Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Company.

The Company is entitled to exemption from Audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

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Trustees
Yvette Oruye
Maxine Yvonne Mills
Sarah Ann Wood Jesse
Gerald

Key personnel

Day to day Management is devolved to the Business Development Manager, who regularly reports to the Board of Trustees

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to :

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless inappropriate to presume - that the company will continue in
business.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on its behalf by:

Trustee
Yvette Oruye
Date: 28th September 2024



YVETTE ORUYE

Birmingham Playcare Network
Independent Examiners Report to the trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2024

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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

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

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

RB Welch
Retired Qualified Accountant
Polkadot Accountants Ltd
173 Church Road
Northfield
Birmingham
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28th September 2024

		Current Year	Current Year	Current Year	Current Year	Prior Year
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
		Fund	Fund	Fund		
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from						
Charitable Activities	3	58,460	74,740	114,309	247,509	289,284
Investment Income	4	2,963	-		2,963	812
		<u>61,423</u>	<u>74,740</u>	<u>114,309</u>	<u>250,472</u>	<u>290,096</u>
Expenditure						
Raising Funds	5	5,685	-	-	5,685	7,300
Charitable Activities	5	44,028	80,184	94,827	213,354	225,812
		<u>49,713</u>	<u>80,184</u>	<u>94,827</u>	<u>219,039</u>	<u>233,112</u>
Net Income / (Expenditure)						
Reconciliation of Funds		11,710	(5,444)	19,483	25,749	56,984
Total funds brought forward		85,084	48,481	6,618	140,183	83,199
Transfer between Funds		<u>(11,943)</u>	<u>13,457</u>	<u>(1,514)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>84,851</u>	<u>56,494</u>	<u>24,587</u>	<u>165,932</u>	<u>140,183</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

* Please see note 13 for prior year comparative

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Balance Sheet for the year ended 31
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	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Current assets			

Debtors	2,064	2,238	
Cash at bank and in hand	167,995	142,555	
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		165,932	140,183
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	170,059	144,793	<u>140,183</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(4,127)	(4,610)	
Net current assets			
Net assets			
All funds			
Unrestricted Funds	84,851	85,084	
Designated Funds	56,494	48,481	
Restricted Funds	24,587,685	6,6187,300	
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Total Funds	<u>165,932</u>	140,183	<hr/>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

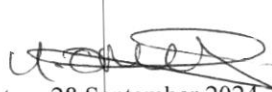
The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts .

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Trustee

Yvette Oruye

 YVETTE ORUYE

Issued by the Trustees 28 September 2024

1 General Information

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 2015)', 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.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will continue to operate. The validity of this assumption is dependent upon the continuance of support from the Company's key grant funders and in response to the progress made by the Company in pursuing a viable budget including the obtaining of further grants and other funds. The Company's current business plan shows that the Company will be able to operate in the foreseeable future. Based on this understanding, the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments, which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life (assets with a cost below £1,000 are not capitalised) :

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	-25% per annum straight line
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Income

"Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and - the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

"Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable

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. From 2023 it has been decided by the Trustees Play Advocacy as a designated fund rather than Unrestricted.

Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

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

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.

Creditors

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.

Pension Costs

The Company operates a money purchase pension scheme for employees. Employer contributions are charged as an expense in the period to which they relate and are allocated to activities in line with the related salary cost.

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3 Restricted Grants Income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stockfield BIG	24,970	22,287
Tesco	-	992
Northfield NNS	4,540	4,920
Harry Payne Foundation		1,000
NDSU		2,500
Commonwealth Games Creative City		10,150
Commonwealth Games Celebrating Comms		6,445
Legacy Fund Stronger Comms		1,000
Eveson Trust	2,252	-
Brummie Mummies	10,500	-
Martineau PIP	3,928	-
Safe Sleep Scheme	55,500	-
Warm Welcome	3,000	-
Governance Review	9,619	-
	<u>114,309</u>	<u>49,294</u>
Designated Fund Income	74,740	
Income from Charitable activities		
Scrapstore	52,902	46,904
Training	-	700
Play Advocacy - From 2023 Treated as a Designated Fund Other income	-	187,095 5,336
	<u>5,558</u>	
	<u>58,460</u>	<u>240,035</u>
	<u>247,509</u>	<u>289,329</u>

4 Investment Income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank account interest	2963	812
	<u>2963</u>	<u>812</u>

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5 Direct costs of charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	79,397	84,021
Staff training & travel	312	163
Premises & office costs	23,095	26,303
Central function costs	8,527	5,238
Direct cost of activities	107,158	109,547
Independent Examiner's Fee	550	540
	<u>219,039</u>	<u>225,812</u>
	£	£
Raising funds:		
Staff costs	5,285	6,900
Other direct costs	400	400
	<u>5,685</u>	<u>7,300</u>

6 Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	83,097	85,514
Employer costs - National Insurance	-	1,555
Pension costs	1,585	2,291
	<u>84,682</u>	<u>89,360</u>

The average number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	3.0	3.0

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

There were no trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

7 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Debtors	2,064	2,238
	<u>2,064</u>	<u>2,238</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,287	2,109

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	Income tax and social security	491	1,961
	Accrued expenses	349	540
		<u>4,127</u>	<u>4,610</u>
9	Analysis of net assets between funds	2024	2023
		Total & Unrestricted Funds	Total & Unrestricted Funds
	Fixed Assets		
	Net Current Assets/(liabilities)	165,932	140,183
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

73,142	11,709	84,851
61,938	(5,444)	56,494
<u>61,938</u>	<u>(5,444)</u>	<u>56,494</u>
318	(318)	-
(2,252)	2,252	-
3,538	977	4,515
3,500	(1,087)	2,413
-	7,300	7,300
-	(4)	(4)
-	744	744
-	-	-
<u>-</u>	<u>9,619</u>	<u>9,619</u>
5,104	19,483	24,587
<u>140,184</u>	<u>25,748</u>	<u>165,932</u>
	165,932	140,183

10	Movement in Funds	Opening Balance	Movement in fund	Closing Balance
	Unrestricted Funds General Fund	73,142	11,709	84,851
	Designated Funds General Fund			-
	Restricted Funds			

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Tesco
Eveson Trust
Northfield NNS
Stockfield BIG
Brummie Mummies
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Safe Sleep Scheme
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Governance Review

Tesco – Funds to provide social activities for older residents in Birmingham promoting gentle exercise and dance.

Eveson - Financial support to replace and update IT equipment Funding

NNS - This is a club developed for local women over 50 to deliver craft sessions and a selection of crafty trips and events. The workshop were delivered at our scrapstore facility with the group showcasing their talents and leading the workshops. We also showcased healthy lifestyles with our partners at Cuppa Squad to reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes.

Building Communities Together – This is a five year Big Lottery funded programme that BPCN deliver along with partners Stockfield Community Housing Association and Arts in the Yard. Based in the Stockfield area of Acocks Green the project aims to reduce isolation, provide play opportunities and increased access to the arts

Clarion Essentials Fund – Brummie Mummies this scheme is to support local mothers and their young babies to access keep fit, cookery sessions and access to household essentials to combat the cost of living crisis. The group meeting weekly during term time and are now a strong independent support to each other.

Clarion Resilience Fund – Governance review. Money received this year to be spent in the new financial year 24 – 25 to run a governance review and strengthen the sustainability of the organisation.

BCC household support Fund – Safe Sleep Scheme, a pilot scheme to address issues of bed poverty in children under 5.

Warm Welcome – BCC Household Support Fund – to provide refreshments to our visitors along with a warm, friendly welcome from our staff and volunteers along with the opportunity to signpost for support if needed.

11 Related Party Transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year or previous year that require disclosure in these accounts.

12 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is wholly under the control of the board of Trustees.

INCOME FROM:

Donations & legacies	3	52,940	187,095	49,249	289,284
Charitable activities	4	812			812
Investment income					

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TOTAL INCOME 53,752

EXPENDITURE ON:

Raising funds	5	7,300			7,300
Charitable Activities	5	14,497	138,614	72,701	225,812

13 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted Notes Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
	<u>21,797</u>	<u>138,614</u>	<u>72,701</u>	<u>233,112</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>21,797</u>	<u>138,614</u>	<u>72,701</u>	<u>233,112</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>31,955</u>	<u>48,481</u>	<u>-23,452</u>	<u>56,984</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds bought forward	<u>53,129</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,070</u>	<u>83,199</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>85,084</u>	<u>48,481</u>	<u>6,618</u>	<u>140,183</u>

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Achievement and performance

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Our key achievement has been distributing craft and play packs as part of the Bring It On Brum campaign. We have ensured that children receiving our packs had the basic elements such as stationary, sports equipment and craft resources to provide them with activities to do during the school holidays.

Our new location in Northfield at The Hollymoor Centre has proved to be an excellent location and the community has really welcomed our scrapstore facility with great enthusiasm. Visitor numbers increase each month and it is a fantastic resource working with local businesses and individuals to donate their waste or surplus to be upcycled for creative play, community events, crafting and school support. Our scrapstore facility is supported by volunteers from across BPCN with the number of volunteers hours exceeding 60 hours per week.

In July 2022 we offered a new group programme - Momma moves which invited mothers and their babies or children under 5 to come along to gentle keep fit and play sessions. Based at the Hollymoor Centre these sessions proved to be extremely well received and the feedback from those who attended was great. These sessions continued to be offered by BPCN.

BPCN continue to work with Stockfield Community Housing Association and Arts in the Yard on their Building Community project which is a five-year funded Big Lottery programme. The tea dances and play in parks elements of the project are run by BPCN and have been extremely well attended by residents.

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Financial review

For the year to March 2023 it has been Decided by the Trustees to treat Play Advocacy income and expenditure as Designated Funds. In this year there were incoming resources of £187,095 and net expenditure of £138,614 leaving a balance on the fund at 31st March 2023 of £48,481.25. Previous years have not been restated to include this change.

Overall there was a surplus in Unrestricted funds of £ 31,995 increasing our Unrestricted reserves to £85,124. This year we secured new funding from Big Lottery, Street Games BCC Commonwealth activity, as well as continued support the Stockfield Building Community Together consortium.

Where grants are given for specific purposes, they are treated as Restricted Funds. In the year to 31 March 2023, there were 7 restricted funds, and tracking and managing these funds is an important part of the charity's financial management. We are grateful to all our funders for their valuable support.

In the year to 31 March 2023 37% of the expenditure went on staff salaries and employer costs, and 48% on the direct costs of the charity's activities. The remaining 15% was spent on premises, overheads and governance.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

The Trustees have adopted a policy on reserves. Due to uncertainties and the short term nature of much of the charity's funding, the aim is to hold sufficient reserves in the Unrestricted Fund to allow it to operate for a period of 6 months and/or to meet redundancy costs for posts that cannot be sustained. The current free reserves of £85,124 will cover this amount,

Birmingham Playcare Network
The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

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04566497

Registered Charity number
1166691

Registered office
Hollymoor Centre
8 Manor Park Grove
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Trustees
Yvette Oruye
Maxine Yvonne Mills
Sarah Ann Wood
Jesse Gerald

Key personnel
Day to day Management is devolved to the Business Development Manager, who regularly reports to the Board of Trustees

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on its behalf by:

Trustee
Yvette Oruye
Date: 28th September 2023



**Independent Examiner' Report to the Trustees of
Birmingham Playcare Network
Accounts to 31st March 2023**

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act,
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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Chartered Accountant
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28th September 2023

Birmingham Playcare Network
Statement of Financial Activities
Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ending 31 March 2023

	Note	Current Year 2023 Unrestricted Fund	Current Year 2023 Designated Fund	Current Year 2023 Restricted Fund	Current Year 2023 Total Funds	Prior Year 2022 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from						
Charitable Activities	3	52,940	187,095	49,249	289,284	225,955
Investment Income	4	812	-	-	812	43
Total		<u>53,752</u>	<u>187,095</u>	<u>49,249</u>	<u>290,096</u>	<u>225,998</u>
Expenditure					7,300	7,887
Raising Funds	5	7,300	-		225,812	183,870
Charitable Activities	5	14,497	138,614	72,701		
Net Income / (Expenditure)		<u>21,797</u>	<u>138,614</u>	<u>72,701</u>	<u>233,112</u>	<u>191,757</u>
Reconciliation of Funds		31,955	48,481	(23,452)	56,984	34,241
Total funds brought forward		53,129	-	30,070	83,199	48,958
Transfer between Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>85,084</u>	<u>48,481</u>	<u>6,618</u>	<u>140,183</u>	<u>83,199</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

* Please see note 13 for prior year comparative

**Birmingham Playcare Network
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors		2,238	175
Cash at bank and in hand		142,555	86,940
		<u>144,793</u>	<u>87,115</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(4,610)	(3,916)
Net current assets		<u>140,183</u>	<u>83,199</u>
Net assets		<u>140,183</u>	<u>83,199</u>
All funds			
Unrestricted Funds		85,084	53,130
Designated Funds		48,481	-
Restricted Funds		6,618	30,069
Total Funds		<u>140,183</u>	<u>83,199</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts .

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Trustee



Date:

28/09/23

Birmingham Playcare Network
Notes to the Accounts
Year Ending 31 March 2023

1 General Information

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 2015)', 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.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will continue to operate. The validity of this assumption is dependent upon the continuance of support from the Company's key grant funders and in response to the progress made by the Company in pursuing a viable budget including the obtaining of further grants and other funds. The Company's current business plan shows that the Company will be able to operate in the foreseeable future. Based on this understanding, the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments, which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life (assets with a cost below £1,000 are not capitalised) :

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	-25% per annum straight line
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Income

*Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

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Expenditure

*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 classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise staff costs and other direct costs involved in the raising of funds for the charity;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the direct costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support & governance costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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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. From 2023 it has been decided by the Trustees Play Advocacy as a designated fund rather than Unrestricted.

Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

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

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.

Creditors

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.

Pension Costs

The Company operates a money purchase pension scheme for employees. Employer contributions are charged as an expense in the period to which they relate and are allocated to activities in line with the related salary cost.

3 Restricted grants:	2023	2022
	£	£
Awards for All		9,982
Sport Birmingham		6,800
Stockfield BIG	22,287	25,418
Tesco	992	
Govt Job Retention Scheme		3,019
Northfield NNS	4,920	
Harry Payne Foundation	1,000	
NDSU	2,500	
Sutton NNS		5,170
Commonwealth Games Creative City	10,105	6,736
Commonwealth Games Celebrating Comms	6,445	
Legacy Fund Stronger Comms	1,000	4,000
Connecting Comms		1,996
Income from Charitable activities	<u>49,249</u>	<u>63,121</u>
Scrapstore	46,904	24,937
Training	700	4,880
Play Advocacy - From 2023 Treated as a Designated Fund	187,095	131,071
Other income	5,336	1,947
	<u>240,035</u>	<u>162,835</u>
	<u>289,284</u>	<u>225,956</u>
4 Investment Income	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank account interest	812	43
	<u>812</u>	<u>43</u>
5 Direct costs of charitable activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	84,021	68,433
Staff training & travel	163	12
Premises & office costs	26,303	22,558
Central function costs	5,238	5,434
Direct cost of activities	109,547	86,892
Independent Examiner's Fee	540	540
	<u>225,812</u>	<u>183,869</u>
Raising funds:	6,900	7,507
Staff costs	400	380
Other direct costs		
	<u>7,300</u>	<u>7,887</u>

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6 Staff costs

	2023	2022
STAFF COSTS		£
Wages and salaries	85,514	72,682
Employer costs - National Insurance	1,555	1,317
Pension costs	<u>2,291</u>	<u>1,941</u>
	<u>89,360</u>	<u>75,940</u>

The average number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
	3.0	3.0

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

7 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Debtors	2,238	175
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,238</u>	<u>175</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,109	2,109
Income tax and social security	1,961	1,267
Accrued expenses	540	540
	<u>4,610</u>	<u>3,916</u>

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9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2023	2022
	Total & Unrestricted Funds	Total & Unrestricted Funds
Fixed Assets	140,183	83,199
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)	140,183	83,199

10 Movement in Funds

	Opening Balance	Movement in fund	Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds	53,130	80,436	133,566
General Fund	53,130	80,436	133,566
Restricted Funds			
Harry Payne		-	-
Nothfield NNS		3,538	3,538
BCC Early Years		-	-
Awards for All	5,269	(5,269)	-
Sport Birmingham	6,800	(6,800)	-
Healthy Happy Holidays		-	-
Stockfield BIG	4,629	(1,129)	3,500
Tesco		330	330
Eveson Trust		(2,252)	(2,252)
Comm Game Creative City	5,740	(4,239)	1,501
Legacy Fund Stronger Comms	4,000	(4,000)	-
Connecting Communities	810	(810)	-
Sutton NNS	2,821	(2,821)	-
Total Funds	83,199	56,984	140,183

Eveson Trust

Financial support to replace and update IT equipment
 Funding was confirmed and utilised in the year cash was received after the year end

Creative City- Commonwealth

We plan to deliver community arts workshops to produce to two large scale art installations based on play and Birmingham.

Sutton NNS

Deliver a mixture of online and face to face tea dances to residents that are over 55 in Sutton Coldfield.

Legacy Fund

We plan to record and share stories of play heritage from Birmingham's diverse communities. Speaking about the connections which exist between its places, people and the effect of the Commonwealth games.

Connecting communities

Opportunities provided for the public to engage through the delivery of crafting workshops, community play sessions and volunteering opportunities.

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Awards for all

Delivery of workshops for participants based around recycling of household scrap
 Scrap Play workshops - centred on the use of scrap materials.
 Events for volunteers to attend based around the above and to promote the Scrapstore to a wider audience.

Sport Birmingham

This project is part of Sport England Tackling Inequalities fund and provides sessions for mums to access exercise and wellbeing sessions while their child is looked after with funded creche facilities. The mums and children also have access to play sessions linked to The National Literacy trust 'First Words Together' programme.

Building Communities Together

This is a five year Big Lottery funded programme that BPCN deliver along with partners Stockfield Community Housing Association and Arts in the Yard. Based in the Stockfield area of Acocks Green the project aims to reduce isolation, provide play opportunities and increased access to the arts.

Northfield NNS

This is a club developed for local women over 50 to deliver craft sessions and a selection of crafty trips and events. The workshop were delivered at our scrapstore facility with the group showcasing their talents and leading the workshops.

11 Related Party Transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year or previous year that require disclosure in these accounts.

12 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is wholly under the control of the board of Trustees.

13 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations & legacies				
Charitable activities	3	162,834	63,121	225,955
Investment income	4	43		43
TOTAL INCOME		162,877	63,121	225,998
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	5	7,887		7,887
Charitable Activities	5	147,544	36,326	183,870
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		155,431	36,326	191,757
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		7,446	26,795	34,241
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		45,683	3,275	48,958
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		53,129	30,070	83,199

BIRMINGHAM PLAYCARE NETWORK

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Birmingham Playcare Network

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31 March 2022

Birmingham Playcare Network
The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

Introduction

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association. 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 2015.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity, as set out in its Memorandum of Association are:

To enhance the development and education of children and to facilitate contact, share information, offer support and encourage, to promote the right to play of all children and to encourage best practice in child-centred playcare within the City of Birmingham by:-

- 1 supporting and enhancing the profile of playcare provision through events and activities
- 2 consulting with and encouraging the participation of Members
- 3 actively supporting the development of quality assurance standards for playcare
- 4 operating in an environment of equal opportunities and inclusive practice
- 5 supporting the development of playcare resources
- 6 supporting the development of a playcare training resource
- 7 establishing effective links with appropriate agencies to further benefit the work of the charity

This year, the charity provided the following services :

Play provision : A total of 4500 craft play and physical activite packs were produced on behalf of Street Games as part of the HAF programme for Birmingham City Council. These packs were targetted to children and families who were unable to attend holiday playscheme provision.

Workforce Development: BPCN offered online play training to upskill playworkers operationg HAF provision. BPCN was also commissioned by Sport Birmingham to deliver face-to-face Activites Communities Parent Champion Training in inner-city Birmingham schools.

Information and Member services: BPCN offered community groups, schools, artists, the Early Years sector and the general public access to The Birmingham Scrapstore. This is a community re-use facility that takes clean business waste that is upcycled for play and creative projects.

Quality: BPCN support out of school clubs, breakfast clubs and holiday playschemes around the quality, environment and sustainability of their provision.

All of the Centre's activities are aimed at supporting quality playcare, and supporting providers of playcare across the City of Birmingham. No member of the company, including the Trustees, receive any financial benefit from their involvement with the Centre.

In developing activities and delivering services, the Trustees have taken account of the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievement and performance

Our key achievements over the last twelve months include:

Our key achievement has been distributing craft and play packs as part of the Bring It On Brum campaign. We have ensured that children receiving our packs had the basic elements such as stationary, sports equipment and craft resources to keep them occupied and playing.

In June 2021 BPCN moved from our office base and both scrapstore facilities to our new location in Northfield at The Hollymoor Centre. This has proved to be an excellent decision and the community has really welcomed our scrapstore facility with great enthusiasm. We officially opened our store at the beginning of October 21 and visit numbers increase week on week. It's a fantastic resource working with local businesses to donate their waste or surplus to be upcycled for creative play,community events, crafting and school support.

Coming out of Covid, BPCN has been able to offer many more opportunities. Our volunteer team in this financial year has increased to more than 30 regular individuals. Our volunteers are multi-generational and come from a range of backgrounds and cultures. The all bring valuable skills, abilities and knowledge to BPCN.

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The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (contd)

BPCN continue to work with Stockfield Community Housing Association and Arts in the Yard on their Building Community project which is a five-year funded Big Lottery programme. The tea dances and play in parks elements of the project are run by BPCN and have been extremely well attended by residents.

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Financial review

Overall there was a small surplus in Unrestricted funds of £7,446 increasing our Unrestricted reserves to £53,129. This year we secured new funding from Big Lottery, Street Games BCC Commonwealth activity, as well as continued support the Stockfield Building Community Together consortium.

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Birmingham Playcare Network
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Registered office

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Key personnel

Birmingham Playcare Network
The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

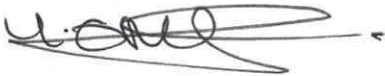
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on its behalf by:

Trustee
Yvette Oruye
Date:



19.1.23

**Independent Examiner' Report to the Trustees of
Birmingham Playcare Network**

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[DATE]

19th January 2023

Birmingham Playcare Network
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ending 31 March 2022

		Current Year 2022 Unrestricted Fund	Current Year 2022 Restricted Fund	Current Year 2022 Total Funds	Prior Year 2021 Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from					
Charitable Activities	3	162,834	63,121	225,955	113,654
Investment Income	4	43	-	43	48
Total		<u>162,877</u>	<u>63,121</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>113,702</u>
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	5	7,887	-	7,887	7,671
Charitable Activities	5	147,544	36,326	183,870	110,349
Net Income / (Expenditure)		<u>155,431</u>	<u>36,326</u>	<u>191,757</u>	<u>118,020</u>
Reconciliation of Funds		7,446	26,795	34,241	- 4,318
Total funds brought forward		45,683	3,275	48,958	53,276
Total funds carried forward		<u>53,129</u>	<u>30,070</u>	<u>83,199</u>	<u>48,958</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

* Please see note 13 for prior year comparative

**Birmingham Playcare Network
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	175	13,315	
Cash at bank and in hand	86,940	43,581	
	<u>87,115</u>	<u>56,896</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	(3,916)	(7,938)	
Net current assets		<u>83,199</u>	<u>48,958</u>
Net assets			
All funds		<u>83,199</u>	<u>48,958</u>
Unrestricted Funds		53,129	45,683
Restricted Funds		30,070	3,275
Total Funds		<u>83,199</u>	<u>48,958</u>

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved onby the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee



Date:

19.1.23

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Notes to the Accounts
Year Ending 31 March 2022

Expenditure

"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 classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise staff costs and other direct costs involved in the raising of funds for the charity;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the direct costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support & governance costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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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 the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

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

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.

Creditors

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.

Pension Costs

The Company operates a money purchase pension scheme for employees. Employer contributions are charged as an expense in the period to which they relate and are allocated to activities in line with the related salary cost.

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3 Restricted grants:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Awards for All	9,982	
Sport Birmingham	6,800	
Stockfield BIG	25,418	33,057
Tesco		1,497
Heart of England CF x2		10,500
CYPF x4		10,000
Govt Job Retention Scheme	3,019	7,090
NNS x2		12,305
Grantham Yorke		5,000
CAF		1,000
TNL Covid Comm Fund		15,000
Sutton NNS	5,170	
Commonwealth Games Creative City	6,736	
Legacy Fund Stronger Comms	4,000	
Connecting Comms	1,996	
Income from Charitable activities	63,121	95,449
Scrapstore	24,937	7,553
Training	4,880	
Play Advocacy	131,071	
Other income	1,947	10,652
	162,834	18,205
	225,956	113,654

4 Investment Income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank account interest	43	48

5 Direct costs of charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	68,434	67,922
Staff training & travel	12	229
Premises & office costs	22,558	22,625
Central function costs	5,435	4,806
Direct cost of activities	86,892	14,267
Independent Examiner's Fee	540	500
	183,871	110,349
Raising funds:		
Staff costs	7,507	7,101
Other direct costs	380	570
	7,887	7,671

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6 Staff costs

The average number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

STAFF COSTS	2022	2021
		£
Wages and salaries	72,682	72,191
Employer costs - National Insurance	1,317	962
Pension costs	1,941	1,870
	<u>75,940</u>	<u>75,023</u>
	2022	2021
	£	£
	3.0	3.0

There were no trustees remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2022 nor for the year ended 31st March 2021.

There were no trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2022 nor for the year ended 31st March 2021

7 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Debtors	175	13,315
	<u>175</u>	<u>13,315</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,109	6,195
Income tax and social security	1,267	1,243
Accrued expenses	540	500
	<u>3,916</u>	<u>7,938</u>

**Birmingham Playcare Network
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9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2022	2021
	Total & Unrestricted Funds	Total & Unrestricted Funds
Fixed Assets		
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)	84,115	48,958
	<hr/> 84,115	<hr/> 48,958

10 Movement in Funds

	Opening Balance	Movement in fund	Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	45,683	7,447	53,130
	<hr/> 45,683	<hr/> 7,447	<hr/> 53,130
Restricted Funds			
BCC Early Years - Nursery & OOS			-
BCC Early Years - First Steps Childminding			-
BCC Early Years			-
Awards for All		5,269	5,269
Sport Birmingham		6,800	6,800
Healthy Happy Holidays			-
Stockfield BIG	3,275	1,354	4,629
Tesco			-
Heart of England CF x2			-
CYPF x4			-
Govt Job Retention Scheme			-
Comm Game Creative City		5,740	5,740
Legacy Fund Stronger Comms		4,000	4,000
Connecting Communities		810	810
Sutton NNS		2,821	2,821
Total Funds	<hr/> 48,958	<hr/> 34,241	<hr/> 83,199

Creative City- Commonwealth

We plan to deliver community arts workshops to produce two large scale art installations based on play and Birmingham.

Sutton NNS

Deliver a mixture of online and face to face tea dances to residents that are over 55 in Sutton Coldfield.

Legacy Fund

We plan to record and share stories of play heritage from Birmingham's diverse communities. Speaking about the connections which exist between its places, people and the effect of the Commonwealth games.

Connecting communities

Opportunities provided for the public to engage through the delivery of crafting workshops, community play sessions and volunteering opportunities.

Birmingham Playcare Network

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Awards for all

Delivery of workshops for participants based around recycling of household scrap
Scrap Play workshops - centred on the use of scrap materials.

Events for volunteers to attend based around the above and to promote the Scrapstore to a wider audience.

Sport Birmingham

This project is part of Sport England Tackling Inequalities fund and provides sessions for mums to access exercise and wellbeing sessions while their child is looked after with funded creche facilities. The mums and children also have access to play sessions linked to The National Literacy trust 'First Words Together' programme.

Building Communities Together

This is a five year Big Lottery funded programme that BPCN deliver along with partners Stockfield Community Housing Association and Arts in the Yard. Based in the Stockfield area of Acocks Green the project aims to reduce isolation, provide play opportunities and increased access to the arts.

11 Related Party Transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year or previous year that require disclosure in these accounts.

12 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is wholly under the control of the board of Trustees.

13 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31st March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations & legacies				
Charitable activities	2	18,205	95,449	113,654
Investment income	3	48		48
TOTAL INCOME		18,253	95,449	113,702
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	4	7,671		7,671
Charitable Activities	4	8,866	101,483	110,349
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		16,537	101,483	118,020
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,716	-6,034	-4,318
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		43,967	9,309	53,276
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		45,683	3,275	48,958

BIRMINGHAM PLAYCARE NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1166691

Accounts

COMPANY NO : 04566497

CHARITY NO : 1166691

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
BIRMINGHAM PLAYCARE NETWORK**

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**COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

TRUSTEES:

Yvette Oruye
Maxine Yvonne Mills
Sarah Ann Wood
Jesse Gerald

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Emma Payne

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Hollymoor Centre
8 Manor Park Grove
Northfield
Birmingham
B31 5ER

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER:

04566497 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER :

1166691

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER :

Brett Welch FCA
P&W Social Accountants
The Barn
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Northfield
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B31 2LX

BANKERS:

Unity Trust Bank
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BIRMINGHAM PLAYCARE NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association. 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 2015.

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity, as set out in its Memorandum of Association are:

To enhance the development and education of children and to facilitate contact, share information, offer support and encourage, to promote the right to play of all children and to encourage best practice in child-centred playcare within the City of Birmingham by:-

1. supporting and enhancing the profile of playcare provision through events and activities
2. consulting with and encouraging the participation of Members
3. actively supporting the development of quality assurance standards for playcare
4. operating in an environment of equal opportunities and inclusive practice
5. supporting the development of playcare resources
6. supporting the development of a playcare training resource
7. establishing effective links with appropriate agencies to further benefit the work of the charity

This year, the charity provided the following services :

- Play provision : Over 3000 craft and play packs were distributed across the city during this year of the COVID 19 crisis to support children, families and elders to reduce isolation and loneliness and provide children with activity and play
- Workforce Development: BPCN offered online training, support and guidance to playworkers and community organisations in the voluntary sector. This was essential during the pandemic to provide advice around online engagement and how to do that within a safe framework.
- Information and Member services: BPCN offered community groups, schools, artists and the Early Years sector access to The Birmingham Scrapstore. This is a community re-use facility that takes clean business waste that is upcycled for play and creative projects. Access was through packs or covid secure visits.
- Quality: BPCN mentored out of school clubs, breakfast clubs and holiday playschemes around the quality and sustainability of their provision.

All of the Centre's activities are aimed at supporting quality playcare, and supporting providers of playcare across the City of Birmingham. No member of the company, including the Trustees, receive any financial benefit from their involvement with the Centre.

In developing activities and delivering services, the Trustees have taken account of the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our key achievements over the last twelve months include:

- Our key achievement has been distributing over 3000 packs to Birmingham residents, particularly children during the COVID 19 pandemic. We have ensured that children receiving our packs had the basic elements such as stationary, sports equipment and craft resources to keep them occupied and playing.
- Birmingham City Council Children, Young people and families district led support saw BPCN offering packs to Northfield, Hall Green, Yardley and Erdington districts. The feedback from the families about the packs they received was fantastic. We also supported other areas of the city through our Grantham Yorke grant.

BIRMINGHAM PLAYCARE NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (contd)

- BPCN received funding from 2 districts to support over 50's at risk of isolation and loneliness through the Network neighbourhood Scheme. This allowed us to run our Create Craft Share programme in Yardley and Hall Green which was extremely well received by over 100 residents.
- BPCN maintains two scrapstore facilities which in this financial year have continued to support our business. Our users absolutely embrace the concept of re-use through the scrapstore and we are incredibly proud of the amount of material that we have diverted from landfill. This could be in excess of 50 tonnes.

We have worked collaboratively with a range of partners throughout the year bringing in valuable specialist services to our local community. Our partners have included:

Sport Birmingham, The Pod Nechells, Stockfield Community Housing Association, Accord Housing, Arts in the Yard, Thrive Together Birmingham, Edgbaston Foundaion, Mother Union, Tesco, CAF, Heart of England Foundation, Big Lottery, The Reuseful Network.

The Trustees would therefore like to thank our dedicated staff team, our volunteers, our partners and funders for their support over the year, enabling us to positively change the lives of so many children.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overall there was a small surplus in Unrestricted funds of £1,716, increasing our Unrestricted reserves to £45,683 (2020: £43,967).

Where grants are given for specific purposes, they are treated as Restricted Funds. In the year to 31 March 2021, there were 11 restricted funds, and tracking and managing these funds is an important part of the charity's financial management. We are grateful to all our funders for their valuable support. The balance of restricted funds at the year end was £3,275 (2020: £9,309).

In the year to 31 March 2021 65% of the expenditure went on staff salaries and employer costs, and 12% on the direct costs of the charity's activities. The remaining 23% was spent on premises, overheads and governance.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

The Trustees have adopted a policy on reserves. Due to uncertainties and the short term nature of much of the charity's funding, the aim is to hold sufficient reserves in the Unrestricted Fund to allow it to operate for a period of 6 months and/or to meet redundancy costs for posts that cannot be sustained. This would require reserves of around £87,000. With current free reserves of £45,683, the Trustees will seek to continue to build up reserves over the next few years in order to reach this target .

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The company is constituted as a not for profit Company Limited by Guarantee having no share capital. It was registered as a charity in April 2016. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the policies made from time to time by its Directors, who are also the trustees of the charity.

Every Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, the Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Company.

BIRMINGHAM PLAYCARE NETWORK

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees serving during the year under review and at the date of this report were:

Yvette Oruye
Maxine Yvonne Mills
Sarah Ann Wood
Jesse Gerald

Day to day management is devolved to the Business Development Manager, who reports regularly to the Board of Trustees

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to :

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Trustees have appointed P&W Social Accountants to undertake this role.

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

APPROVAL

This Report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf.



Yvette Oruye - Trustee

29.9.21
Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BIRMINGHAM PLAYCARE NETWORK
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

I report on the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charitable company is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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


Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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

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

1. gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Brett Welch
P&W Social Accountants

Date 10/12/21

Birmingham PlayCare Network

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	Notes	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations & legacies					
Charitable activities	2	18,205	95,449	113,654	149,260
Investment income	3	48		48	251
TOTAL INCOME		18,253	95,449	113,702	149,511
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	4	7,671		7,671	5,533
Charitable Activities	4	8,866	101,483	110,349	168,754
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		16,537	101,483	118,020	174,287
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,716	(6,034)	(4,318)	(24,775)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		43,967	9,309	53,276	78,052
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		45,683	3,275	48,958	53,276

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Birmingham PlayCare Network

Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors & prepayments	6	13,315	2,849
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>43,581</u>	<u>56,405</u>
		56,896	59,255
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	7,938	5,979
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>48,958</u>	<u>53,276</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		48,958	53,276
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year			
NET ASSETS		<u><u>48,958</u></u>	<u><u>53,276</u></u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds	9	45,683	43,967
Restricted funds	9	3,275	9,309
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>48,958</u></u>	<u><u>53,276</u></u>

For the year ending 31st March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

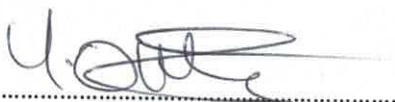
Director's responsibilities :

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. However, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the financial statements have been examined by an Independent Examiner, whose report is included in these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

On Behalf of the Board:



29.9.21

Yvette Oruye - Trustee

Approved by the Board on

The notes form part of the financial statements

**Notes to the Financial statements
for the year ended 31st March 2021**

Note

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

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 2015)', 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 Reporting currency is £ Sterling.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will continue to operate. The validity of this assumption is dependent upon the continuance of support from the Company's key grant funders and in response to the progress made by the Company in pursuing a viable budget including the obtaining of further grants and other funds. The Company's current business plan shows that the Company will be able to operate in the foreseeable future. Based on this understanding, the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments, which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life (assets with a cost below £1,000 are not capitalised) :

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	-25% per annum straight line
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Income

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

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Notes to the Financial statements
for the year ended 31st March 2021

Note

2 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2021	2020
	£	£
Restricted grants:		
BCC Early Years		36,592
Awards for All		9,990
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Healthy Happy Holidays		46,285
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NNS x2	12,305	
Grantham Yorke	5,000	
CAF	1,000	
TNL Covid Comm Fund	15,000	
	95,449	115,669
Income from charitable activities:		
Play in Parks		2,147
Scrapstore	7,553	13,651
Training		17,569
Play Advocacy		
Other income	10,652	224
	18,205	33,591
Total	113,654	149,260
3 INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest receivable	48	251
4 EXPENDITURE	2021	2020
Charitable Activities:	£	£
Staff costs	67,922	78,345
Staff training & travel	229	567
Premises & office costs	22,625	22,964
Central function costs	4,806	7,851
Direct cost of activities	14,267	58,527
Independent Examiner's Fee	500	500
	110,349	168,754
Raising funds:		
Staff costs	7,101	4,933
Other direct costs	570	600
	7,671	5,533

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5. STAFF COSTS, TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

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

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

STAFF COSTS	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	72,191	79,152
Employer costs - National Insurance	962	2,257
Pension costs	1,870	1,868
	75,023	83,277

The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

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No employees had emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2017 :nil).

6 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Debtors	13,315	2,849
Total Debtors	13,315	2,849

7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Creditors	6195	4,186
Tax, social security & pension	1,243	1,293
Accrued expenses	500	500
	7,938	5,979

8 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2021	2020
	Total	Total
	& Unrestricted	& Unrestricted
	Funds	Funds
		£
Fixed Assets		
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)	48,958	53,276
	48,958	53,276

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9 FUNDS	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	43,967	18,253	16,537	0	45,683
Restricted Funds					
Awards for All	3,759	0	3,759	0	0
Sport Birmingham	1,500	0	1,500	0	0
Stockfield BIG	4,050	33,057	33,832	0	3,275
Tesco	0	1,497	1,497	0	0
Heart of England CF	0	10,500	10,500	0	0
CYPF	0	10,000	10,000	0	0
Govt Job Retention Scheme	0	7,090	7,090	0	0
NNS	0	12,305	12,305	0	0
Grantham Yorke	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
CAF	0	1,000	1,000	0	0
TNL Covid Comm Fund	0	15,000	15,000	0	0
	9,309	95,449	101,483	0	3,275
Total Funds	53,276	113,702	118,021	0	48,958

Awards for All : Community of Volunteers - a grant to provide training and mentoring in order to upskill local volunteers.

Sport Birmingham: A grant to provide holiday playscheme provision in parks around Birmingham during school holidays.

Stockfield BIG: Partnership project funded by Big Lottery for 5 years with Stockfield Housing Association, Arts in the Yard and BPCN. Building sustainability for local organisations in Acocks Green.

Tesco: 13 community settings received a case full of craft and play activities to use with children to develop community engagement and well being.

Heart of England CF: A grant to produce 300 craft packs for families living in Ladywood, Sellt Oak and Perry Barr districts of Birmingham.

CYPF: 100 craft packs supplied for families in Hall Green, Yardley, Northfield and Erdington to support play and home learning during the pandemic.

Govt Job Retention Scheme: Government scheme to support 2 staff who were furloughed.

NNS (Network Neighbourhood Scheme): Two create, craft share projects working with residents aged over 50 to reduce isolation and loneliness through crafting in Yardley and Hall Green.

Grantham Yorke: 300 craft packs for Hodge Hill, Edgbaston and Hall Green for children and families to support play and home learning during the pandemic.

CAF: 33 craft packs to families living in the Stockfield area of Birmingham.

TNL Covid Fund: Core costs to support BPCN during the pandemic.

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10 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st March 2020

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations & legacies				
Charitable activities	2	33,591	115,669	149,260
Investment income	3	251		251
TOTAL INCOME		33,842	115,669	149,511
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	4	5,533		5,533
Charitable Activities	4	62,393	106,360	168,754
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		67,926	106,360	174,287
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		-34,084	9,309	-24,775
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds bought forward		78,052	0	78,052
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		43,968	9,309	53,276

