

Registered company number
04566497

Registered Charity number
1166691

Birmingham Playcare Network

Accounts

31 March 2024

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 2024, 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 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

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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
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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
Total		61,423	74,740	114,309	250,472	290,096
Expenditure						
Raising Funds	5	5,685	-	-	5,685	7,300
Charitable Activities	5	44,028	80,184	94,827	213,354	225,812
Net Income / (Expenditure)		49,713	80,184	94,827	219,039	233,112
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		(11,943)	13,457	(1,514)	-	-
Total funds carried forward		84,851	56,494	24,587	165,932	140,183

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	<u>165,932</u>	<u>140,183</u>
		144,793	
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

Issued by the Trustees 28 September 2024

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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
	<u>5,558</u>	<u>5,336</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
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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
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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>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
Martineau PIP
Safe Sleep Scheme
Warm Welcome
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

		<u>187,095</u>	<u>49,249</u>	<u>290,096</u>	
				2023	
	Notes	Unrestricted 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>31,955</u>	<u>48,481</u>	<u>-23,452</u>	<u>56,984</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
		<u>53,129</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,070</u>	<u>83,199</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>85,084</u>	<u>48,481</u>	<u>6,618</u>	<u>140,183</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD					