



Brighton Pebbles Trustees' Annual Report
for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Brighton Pebbles is registered charity number 1166802.

It is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered on 28th April 2016, having been operating as an unincorporated organisation since January 2008.

The main contact address for the charity is:-

37 Graham Avenue, Portslade, Brighton, BN41 2WN

The management committee is made up of 6 trustees who are all parent/carers of children and young people with disabilities.

The trustees are:

Nicola Billington, Lisa Hinton, Anastasia Langford, Lorraine Roberts, Rhianydd Summersett and Marian Tipler

In the event of a trustee leaving post, a new trustee would be sought from the bank of parent carers who are involved in the charity, drawing on relevant expertise to meet the requirements necessary at the time.

The charity also employs a Finance Officer / Fundraiser to carry out all of the administrative and organisational duties needed to keep the charity running.

As the charity is involved in dealing with families, we have a safeguarding policy in place to ensure we follow appropriate guidelines and procedures. Staff and trustees have had safeguarding training and also have DBS checks carried out prior to taking their positions with the charity.

Charitable Objects

The object of the CIO is the promotion of social inclusion among families with disabled children and young people, who are socially excluded from society as a result of their disability or challenging behaviour, by providing recreational facilities and opportunities for disabled children, their parents and carers and their siblings.

Activities

In planning activities for the year, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit was taken into consideration at trustee meetings. Activities are open to any family known to the charity who have a child or young person with disabilities.

Activities are arranged to support families with disabled children and young people living in the Brighton & Hove area.

Regular Activities

Our regular activities include:

- A weekly after school family drop-in session every Friday. These sessions are supported by a small team of playworkers who help to engage the children to take part in activities. Parents and carers stay onsite and have opportunities to network with others, offering mutual peer support.
- A weekly parent/carer pilates class offering a friendly session to meet up with others to improve both physical and mental health.
- A parent/carer craft group offering a chance to meet with others to chat whilst working on your favourite craft project. These sessions usually happen monthly.
- A monthly lunch meet up for parent/carers. Different venues are visited each time to make it easier for people to access across the geographical area.
- We host a private Facebook group for parents and carers to share information, ideas and support.

Main achievements for the period

In addition to our regular activities, we also arrange various other events through the year.

Days out are a big part of what we offer at weekends and during school holidays as these times are when families report the most isolation.

The family day trips have varied in size but attracted an average of 24 people during this period. Our busiest trip this year was a boat trip from Brighton Marina, which was for a total of 93 people!

Within this year we have arranged the following trips:

- 3 trips on the Bluebell Railway
- Sealife Centre
- 2 Bowling Sessions
- 5 visits to Sky High Trampoline Park
- Knockhatch Adventure Park
- 2 visits to Washbrooks Farm

- Boat trip from Brighton Marina
- Jump In Inflatable Fun
- Pantomime in Eastbourne
- Christmas party
- Footgolf
- Drusillas Zoo Park
- Amberley Museum
- Out of Bounds Climbing Centre
- Butterfly Farm
- Open Top Bus Trip
- Leonardslee Gardens
- Ferring Country Centre
- Globalls Crazy Golf
- Ice Skating
- Paradise Park

We have also started some trips specifically for young people aged 18-25 and their parents/carers. These have included 2 trips on the i360 followed by lunch.

For parents, we organised a Christmas lunch meet up. Some of the dads also went on a weekend away in Lisbon.

We hired the Kench Hill Centre in Kent for a week in August and were able to offer a holiday to 15 families (a combination of 3 nights, 4 nights, and whole week) A total of 57 people managed to get a break at this lovely place. We were able to fund carers to come along and help families, enabling them to actually have time to relax as a family, as well as spend quality time with siblings. We also brought a cook to cater for such a large group. During the stay we arranged trips to the Kent & East Sussex Railway, the Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway, The Rare Breeds Centre, Port Lympne Wildlife Park, Bodiam Castle & Leeds Castle, as well as swimming and trampolining, canoeing, cinema and a trip to Bedgebury Pinetum.

During the period covered by this report Brighton Pebbles has provided activities for 90 different families consisting of 144 adults and 168 children.

Financial Review

The charity has a Reserves Policy, recognising it is good practice to hold 3 months' worth of operational costs in the event of the charity needing to wind down.

Currently this is estimated at £3097 which is within the £5154 held as free reserves as of 31st March 2025

Most of the charity's funding comes from other grant making charities, together with some fundraising activities through the year.

At the beginning of the period the charity was holding existing grants & donations from the following organisations and individuals: -

- Noel Bennett Fund
- Chalk Cliff Trust
- Brighton & Hove Mencap
- Skerrit's Independent Financial Advisers
- East Brighton Trust
- Thomas Hunt
- Funds transfer following the closure of Extratime Charity.

During the year we were fortunate to be granted funds from several national and local organisations.

- Amaze PaCC Partner Fund
- Brighton & Hove Mencap
- Noel Bennet Fund
- Chalk Cliff Trust
- National Lottery Community Fund
- John Lewis Partnership
- Sussex Community Foundation
- David Hunt Foundation
- Brighton & Hove Council Fairness Fund
- We received a donation of goods for our drop in session refreshments from the local Asda Community Fund.

We have also received donations from private individuals and from fundraising activities carried out by our members throughout the year.

We are extremely grateful for all of these funders who have supported us and enabled us to continue to support our families.

Brighton Pebbles aims to reduce social isolation for its families by offering activities for families to take part in within a safe and supportive environment. We feel that we have achieved this during the period detailed in this report.

A quote from one of our members who managed to attend some of our trips during the year:-

"Over the years, Pebbles has been a lifeline for my family. We have been on trips and outings that we would never have tried on our own, and it feels like my son has a family around him, even though our 'real' family is miles away. Pebbles parents are always there for support and advice, and also to have fun with. Our lives would be much more lonely and much less fun without Pebbles"

Trustee Name...	Rhianydd Summerville
Signature...	
Date...	15 - 7 - 25
Trustee Name...	Nicola Billington
Signature...	
Date...	15/7/25

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of *Brighton Pebbles CIO*

Registered Charity number 1166802

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow the procedures specified in the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 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 the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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 laid out in the statement below.

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- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act 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.



Kate Chapman
Resource Centre
6 Tilbury Place
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Date: 16th July 2025

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Date: 28th May 2025

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Signed by one or two Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees

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Date 18th JUNE 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Summary receipts and payments

Receipts	2025			2024		
	restricted	unrestricted	total	restricted	unrestricted	total
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Other income	-	32	32	-	30	30
Total Receipts	30,754	7,870	38,624	11,402	11,539	22,941
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Expenditure on raising funds	-	180	180	-	246	246
Total Payments	24,296	10,189	34,485	25,279	5,935	31,214
Net receipts (payments) for the period	6,458	(2,319)	4,139	(13,877)	5,604	(8,273)
Transfers between funds	(682)	682	-	-	-	-
Balance of funds at 1st April 2024	8,262	13,519	21,781	22,139	7,915	30,054
Balance of funds at 31st March 2025	14,038	11,882	25,920	8,262	13,519	21,781

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Receipts

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Donations, grants and legacies						
East Brighton Trust	-	-	-	750	-	750
Amaze	-	250	250	-	250	250
National Lottery Community Fund	12,404	-	12,404	-	-	-
Brighton & Hove City Council Fairness Fund	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
Chalk Cliff Trust	2,700	-	2,700	2,500	-	2,500
Magic Little Grants	-	-	-	500	-	500
Mencap Brighton and Hove	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Noel Bennett Fund	933	-	933	897	-	897
John Lewis Partnership	500	-	500	1,800	-	1,800
Sussex Community Foundation	7,218	-	7,218	-	-	-
David Hunt Foundation	4,500	-	4,500	-	-	-
Donation from Extratime (transfer of funds at closure)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and gift aid	-	463	463	-	5,000	5,000
Income from charitable activities						
Members' contribution for Kench Hill 2024	-	4,734	4,734	3,455	-	3,455
Members' contributions: activities and days out	-	393	393	-	235	235
Members' contributions: parent and siblings activities	-	820	820	-	1,050	1,050
Members' contributions: Friday drop-in	-	524	524	-	618	618
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Friday Drop-in: other costs	1,273	1,616	2,889	2,210	197	2,407
General activities and days out	2,939	2,613	5,552	4,029	1,642	5,671
Parents' and siblings' activities	1,270	1,825	3,095	1,516	1,642	3,158
Over 18s activities	13	207	220	71	179	251
Kench Hill 2024	13,501	-	13,501	10,281	-	10,281
Staff and volunteer expenses	-	236	236	53	230	283
Admin salaries	2,158	-	2,158	2,519	-	2,519
Admin and organisational costs (inc training)	172	925	1,097	61	872	933
Bank charges	-	61	61	-	63	63
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Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2025

Assets	
Community account	24,159
Deposit (savings) account	700
Cottage Industries account	1,021
Cash in hand	40

Total assets	25,920
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Non-monetary Assets
none known

Liabilities
none known

Funds held at 31st March 2025

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Chalk Cliff Trust 2024	Jun-24	1,321
David Hunt Foundation	Dec-24	3,715
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Unrestricted funds

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