

BEAT AUTISM

England & Wales · Charity number 1167456

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-06-03

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

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN, THEIR PARENTS, FAMILIES AND CARERS BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:1. CARRYING OUT TRAINING SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THAT GIVE THEM AN UNDERSTANDING OF AUTISM AS WELL AS STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH COMMUNICATION, SENSORY AND BEHAVIOURAL ISSUES AND SLEEP;2. DELIVERING FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN, THEIR SIBLINGS AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS AND GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY NEW PLAY ACTIVITIES AND MAKE FRIENDSHIPS.

Activities: We are a parent led charity that support, teach and empower parents and carers of Autistic children in the Wakefield district. We offer weekly support groups for the parents and carers and weekly play activities in a safe environment both after school and in the school holidays, for Autistic children and their siblings.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- City Of Wakefield

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-05-31 | £27,139 | £35,222 | - | - |
| 2024-05-31 | £61,196 | £48,591 | - | - |
| 2023-05-31 | £55,554 | £59,572 | - | - |
| 2022-05-31 | £38,817 | £51,899 | - | - |
| 2021-05-31 | £38,712 | £64,570 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| ROBERT LAWRENCE EATON | Chair | 2016-04-01 |
| Claire Marie Firth | | 2022-05-27 |
| DAVID CHRISTOPHER BELL | | 2016-04-01 |
| Ian Christopher Orange | | 2022-05-27 |
| JOHN FIRTH | | 2016-04-01 |

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

| Name | Position |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Robert Eaton | Chairman |
| Claire Blakemore | |
| David Bell | |
| John Firth | |
| Ian Orange | |

Charity number 1167456 Registered in England and Wales

| Registered and principal address | Bankers |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 30 Riverdale Avenue | National Westminster Bank plc |
| Stanley | Wakefield City Branch |
| Wakefield | 56 Westgate |
| WF3 4LF | Wakefield |
| | WF1 1XF |

Independent examiner

Simon Bostrom FCIE

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

Stringer House
34 Lupton Street
Leeds
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 3 June 2016 and is governed by a constitution as amended 6 April 2023.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the trustees at a duly convened meeting.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To relieve the needs of autistic children, their parents, families and carers by all or any of the following means:

- 1) Carrying out training sessions for parents and carers that give them an understanding of autism as well as strategies to deal with communication, sensory and behavioural issues and sleep.
- 2) Delivering family activities for autistic children, their siblings and their parents/carers in a safe environment that will enhance their skills and give them the opportunity to try new play activities and make friendships.

The charity's main activities

Over the year we have offered

- 1:1 crisis support, over the phone and face to face.
- Support at school meetings
- Supporting parents through parental request for statutory assessment
- Supporting parents with mediation
- Support with hospital appointments
- Combined Lego and gaming into a (youth group)
- Pre-school stay and play
- Joint support work with Social care, Early support Hub, and other charities.
- Holiday Clubs
- Monthly craft and sensory group.
- Parent's drop in cuppa and chat group

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Another extremely busy year for the charity, with more referrals put forward of parents in crisis due to failing and wrong school placement, provision failures and lack of SEN provisions.

Unfortunately, we still have waiting lists for people to access the services that the charity offer. This is due to the high volume of parents needing help and the capacity that the current volunteers can provide.

We have supported with more parental requests for statutory assessment than any previous year, which has led to more mediations due to families being refused.

We have been lucky enough to start working with one of the local family hubs. We have therefore moved our youth group and parent support group to the new location.

The youth group is great and the young people are leading this group and making it into the group that they want it to be. Since the location move, the young people have asked to rename the group to the amount of outdoor space that they have to be called Autism Explorers.

All of our groups are consistently offering support to the families that need it.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £27,483, including net payments of £8,083 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £19,400 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £66,064.

Beat Autism policy is to hold a 12-month reserve to ensure that the children that we support have consistency in all the activities that we offer.

Approved by the board of trustees on 02/03/2026

Robert Eaton (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Beat Autism

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Simon Bostrom FCIE

04/03/2026

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Beat Autism
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

| | Notes | 2025 Unrestricted funds £ | 2025 Restricted funds £ | 2025 Total funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants and donations | (2) | 8,559 | 1,125 | 9,684 | 41,704 |
| Bonus ball | | 11,560 | - | 11,560 | 11,756 |
| Shop income | | 534 | - | 534 | 442 |
| Gaming and Lego Club subs | | 1,338 | - | 1,338 | 1,387 |
| Raffles and bingo | | 220 | - | 220 | 1,480 |
| Events and fundraising | | 4,802 | - | 4,802 | 4,427 |
| Other income | | 126 | - | 126 | - |
| Total receipts | | <u>27,139</u> | <u>1,125</u> | <u>28,264</u> | <u>61,196</u> |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Freelance and sessional staff | | 26,965 | 12,385 | 39,350 | 27,300 |
| Bonus ball pay out | | 4,060 | - | 4,060 | 6,299 |
| Gaming and other group expenses | | 5 | 1,772 | 1,777 | 762 |
| Soft play expenses | | - | - | - | 269 |
| Stay and Play expenses | | - | 2,646 | 2,646 | 956 |
| Mums group expenses | | 4 | 1,505 | 1,509 | 291 |
| Clothing | | - | - | - | 330 |
| Insurance | | 614 | - | 614 | 604 |
| Independent examination of accounts | | 594 | - | 594 | 567 |
| Raffle and bingo expenses | | 25 | - | 25 | 146 |
| Events, parties and fundraising expenses | | 216 | - | 216 | 838 |
| Office expenses and rent | | 2,139 | - | 2,139 | 2,642 |
| Postage | | 191 | - | 191 | 979 |
| Phone and internet | | - | 262 | 262 | 375 |
| Stationery and resources | | 409 | - | 409 | 464 |
| DBS checks and training | | - | 1,955 | 1,955 | 156 |
| Tax | | - | - | - | 4,065 |
| Travel expenses | | - | - | - | 1,485 |
| Other expenses | | - | - | - | 63 |
| Total payments | | <u>35,222</u> | <u>20,525</u> | <u>55,747</u> | <u>48,591</u> |
| Net receipts / (payments) | | <u>(8,083)</u> | <u>(19,400)</u> | <u>(27,483)</u> | <u>12,605</u> |
| Fund balances brought forward | | <u>74,147</u> | <u>29,246</u> | <u>103,393</u> | <u>90,788</u> |
| Fund balances carried forward | (3) | <u>66,064</u> | <u>9,846</u> | <u>75,910</u> | <u>103,393</u> |

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2025

| | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash funds | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 65,964 | 9,846 | 75,810 | 103,293 |
| Cash in hand | 100 | - | 100 | 100 |
| Total cash funds | <u>66,064</u> | <u>9,846</u> | <u>75,910</u> | <u>103,393</u> |

Debtors and prepayments

| | 2025 |
|-------------|------------|
| | £ |
| Prepayments | 256 |
| | <u>256</u> |

Liabilities

| | 2025 |
|----------|------------|
| | £ |
| Accruals | 594 |
| | <u>594</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 02/03/2026

Robert Eaton (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 March 2025

| 2 Grants and donations | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds | Total funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Tesco grants | - | 1,125 | 1,125 | - |
| Lloyds Bank | 500 | - | 500 | - |
| Enfinium | - | - | - | 2,050 |
| National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) | - | - | - | 19,070 |
| Sir George Martin Trust | - | - | - | 3,000 |
| The Bramall Foundation | - | - | - | 3,000 |
| Other donations | 8,059 | - | 8,059 | 14,584 |
| | <u>8,559</u> | <u>1,125</u> | <u>9,684</u> | <u>41,704</u> |

| 3 Restricted funds | Balance b/f | Incoming | Outgoing | Transfers | Balance c/f |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| The Bramall Foundation | 1,959 | - | 1,959 | - | - |
| Sir George Martin Trust | 3,000 | - | 3,000 | - | - |
| Enfinium | 1,727 | - | 597 | - | 1,130 |
| The Bramall Foundation | 2,535 | - | 827 | - | 1,708 |
| NLCF | 19,052 | - | 12,353 | - | 6,699 |
| NLCF Awards for all | 538 | - | 538 | - | - |
| Tesco | - | 1,125 | 816 | - | 309 |
| Cash for Kids | 435 | - | 435 | - | - |
| | <u>29,246</u> | <u>1,125</u> | <u>20,525</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>9,846</u> |

Fund name

Purpose of restriction

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| The Bramall Foundation | Towards the costs of providing mental health training. |
| Sir George Martin Trust | Towards staffing costs. |
| Enfinium | Towards the costs of the Gaming / youth group. |
| The Bramall Foundation | Towards sensory equipment. |
| NLCF | Two year funding to cover basic costs including room hire, staffing, activities and refreshments. |
| NLCF Awards for all | For wellbeing sessions for mums at the parent support group. |
| Tesco | Towards the cost of holiday clubs. |
| Cash for Kids | For Stay and Play and sensory room experience. |

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

Sharon Firth is the Founder of Beat Autism and is married to John Firth (Trustee). Sharon provides freelance work for the charity and is paid as agreed by the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Authority for the payment comes from the charity's constitution and general provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

Details of remuneration and benefits

| | | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Sharon Firth | Freelance fees | 35,750 | 24,765 |
| | Travel | - | 1,475 |
| | | <u>35,750</u> | <u>26,240</u> |

No other trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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| Name | Position | Dates |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Robert Eaton | Chairman | |
| Claire Firth | Treasurer | |
| David Bell | Secretary | |
| John Firth | | |
| Ian Orange | | |

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The charity's main activities

Over the year we have offered

- 1:1 crisis support over the phone and face to face.
- Support at school meetings
- Support with hospital appointments
- Indoor soft play
- Lego group
- Gaming group
- Combined Lego and gaming into a youth group mid year
- Pre school stay and play
- Sensory room experiences
- Joint support work with Social care, Early support Hub, and other charities.
- Holiday Clubs
- Parent's drop in cuppa and chat group

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Another extremely busy year for the charity, with more referrals put forward of parents in crisis due to schooling placement, provision failures and lack of SEN provisions.

Unfortunately, we still have waiting lists for people to access the services that the charity offer due to the high volume of parents needing help and the capacity that the current volunteers can provide.

The new youth group is still in the early trialling stages but the young people are leading this group and making it into the group that they want it to be.

All of our groups are consistently offering support to the families that need it.

The drop in chat and cuppa group has been a new group this year to enable the volunteers to reach out to many families who need support on a weekly basis, to try to bring down our waiting lists. Once again this is in the trailing stages but so far has allowed us to offer support to more families faster.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £12,605, including net payments of £13,637 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £26,242 on restricted funds.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 May 2024

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £74,147.

Beat Autism hold a 12-month reserve to ensure that the children that we support have consistency in all the activities that we offer.

We are also holding a provision of £25,000 due to needing larger premises moving forward. The provision will help us gain a fund matching grant.

Approved by the board of trustees on 17/02/2025

Robert Eaton (Trustee)

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Simon Bostrom FCIE

17/02/2025

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 May 2024

| | Notes | 2024 Unrestricted funds £ | 2024 Restricted funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants and donations | (2) | 14,584 | 27,120 | 41,704 | 36,774 |
| Bonus ball | | 11,756 | - | 11,756 | 12,227 |
| Shop income | | 442 | - | 442 | 1,062 |
| Gaming and Lego Club subs | | 1,387 | - | 1,387 | 1,107 |
| Raffles and bingo | | 1,480 | - | 1,480 | 3,721 |
| Events and fundraising | | 4,427 | - | 4,427 | 663 |
| Total receipts | | 34,076 | 27,120 | 61,196 | 55,554 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Freelance and sessional staff | | 27,300 | - | 27,300 | 31,894 |
| Bonus ball pay out | | 6,299 | - | 6,299 | 3,920 |
| Gaming and other group expenses | | 435 | 327 | 762 | 546 |
| Soft play expenses | | 269 | - | 269 | 809 |
| Stay and Play expenses | | 477 | 479 | 956 | 4,557 |
| Mums project expenses | | 219 | 72 | 291 | 1,841 |
| Clothing | | 330 | - | 330 | 716 |
| Insurance | | 604 | - | 604 | 898 |
| Independent examination of accounts | | 567 | - | 567 | 540 |
| Raffle and bingo expenses | | 146 | - | 146 | 342 |
| Events, parties and fundraising expenses | | 838 | - | 838 | 410 |
| Office expenses and rent | | 2,642 | - | 2,642 | 4,780 |
| Postage | | 979 | - | 979 | 879 |
| Phone | | 375 | - | 375 | 587 |
| Stationery and resources | | 464 | - | 464 | 512 |
| DBS checks and training | | 156 | - | 156 | 95 |
| Tax | | 4,065 | - | 4,065 | 3,241 |
| Travel expenses | | 1,485 | - | 1,485 | 2,920 |
| Other expenses | | 63 | - | 63 | 85 |
| Total payments | | 47,713 | 878 | 48,591 | 59,572 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | | (13,637) | 26,242 | 12,605 | (4,018) |
| Fund balances brought forward | | 87,784 | 3,004 | 90,788 | 94,806 |
| Fund balances carried forward | (3) | 74,147 | 29,246 | 103,393 | 90,788 |

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 May 2024

| | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash funds | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 74,047 | 29,246 | 103,293 | 90,688 |
| Cash in hand | 100 | - | 100 | 100 |
| Total cash funds | <u>74,147</u> | <u>29,246</u> | <u>103,393</u> | <u>90,788</u> |

Liabilities

| | 2024 |
|------------------------------|------------|
| | £ |
| Accruals | 594 |
| Deferred income | - |
| Taxation and social security | - |
| Other creditors | - |
| | <u>594</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 17/02/2025

Robert Eaton (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 May 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 May 2024

| 2 Grants and donations | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds | Total funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Enfinium | - | 2,050 | 2,050 | - |
| National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) | - | 19,070 | 19,070 | - |
| Sir George Martin Trust | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | - |
| The Bramall Foundation | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | - |
| Armstrong Watson | - | - | - | 18,000 |
| Other donations | 14,584 | - | 14,584 | 18,774 |
| | <u>14,584</u> | <u>27,120</u> | <u>41,704</u> | <u>36,774</u> |

| 3 Restricted funds | Balance b/f | Incoming | Outgoing | Transfers | Balance c/f |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| NLCF Awards for all | 610 | - | 72 | - | 538 |
| The Bramall Foundation | 1,959 | - | - | - | 1,959 |
| Sir George Martin Trust | - | 3,000 | - | - | 3,000 |
| Enfinium | - | 2,050 | 323 | - | 1,727 |
| The Bramall Foundation | - | 3,000 | 465 | - | 2,535 |
| NLCF | - | 19,070 | 18 | - | 19,052 |
| Cash for Kids | 435 | - | - | - | 435 |
| | <u>3,004</u> | <u>27,120</u> | <u>878</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>29,246</u> |

Fund name

NLCF Awards for all
The Bramall Foundation
Sir George Martin Trust
Enfinium
The Bramall Foundation
NLCF

Purpose of restriction

For wellbeing sessions for mums at the parent support group.
Towards the costs of providing mental health training.
Towards staffing costs.
Towards the costs of the Gaming / youth group.
Towards sensory equipment.
Two year funding to cover basic costs including room hire, staffing, activities and refreshments.
For Stay and Play and sensory room experience.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

Sharon Firth is the Founder of Beat Autism and is married to John Firth (Trustee). Sharon does some freelance work for the charity and is paid as agreed by the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. She is paid for work delivered as agreed and from funding received.

Details of remuneration and benefits

| | | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Sharon Firth | Freelance fees | 24,765 | 28,441 |
| | Travel | 1,475 | 2,920 |
| | | <u>26,240</u> | <u>31,361</u> |

No other trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 May 2023

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

| Name | Position | Dates |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Robert Eaton | Chairman | |
| Claire Firth | Treasurer | |
| David Bell | Secretary | |
| John Firth | | |
| Ian Orange | | |

Charity number 1167456 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address

30 Riverdale Avenue
Stanley
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WF3 4LF

Bankers

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Wakefield City Branch
56 Westgate
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Independent examiner

Simon Bostrom FCIE

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 3 June 2016 and is governed by a constitution as amended 6 April 2023.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the trustees at a duly convened meeting.

Beat Autism

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 May 2023

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To relieve the needs of autistic children, their parents, families and carers by all or any of the following means:

- 1) Carrying out training sessions for parents and carers that give them an understanding of autism as well as strategies to deal with communication, sensory and behavioural issues and sleep.
- 2) Delivering family activities for autistic children, their siblings and their parents/carers in a safe environment that will enhance their skills and give them the opportunity to try new play activities and make friendships.

The charity's main activities

Over the year we have offered

- 1:1 crisis support over the phone and face to face.
- Support at school meetings
- Support with hospital appointments
- Indoor soft play
- Lego group
- Gaming group
- Pre school stay and play
- Sensory room experiences
- Joint support work with Social care, Early support Hub, and other charities.
- Holiday Clubs
- Parent's social activities

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

This year has been extremely busy for the charity, with more referrals put forward than ever before. Unfortunately, we now have waiting lists for people to access the services that the charity offer, due to the high volume of parents needing help and the capacity that the current volunteers can provide.

The pre school stay and play has been a great success. We have offered the children a wide variety of sensory experiences ready for their transition to full time education. The families have formed friendships out of the sessions and are meeting up to support each other through the school holidays.

All of our groups have remained successful and consistent over the last 12 months offering consistent support to the families that need it.

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £4,018, including net receipts of £485 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £4,503 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £87,784.

Beat Autism hold a 12-month reserve to ensure that the children that we support have consistency in all the activities that we offer.

We are also holding a provision of £25,000 due to needing larger premises moving forward. The provision will help us gain a fund matching grant.

Approved by the board of trustees on 19/01/2024

Robert Eaton (Trustee)

Beat Autism

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Beat Autism

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 May 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Simon Bostrom FCIE

13/02/2024

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Beat Autism
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 May 2023

| | Notes | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| | | funds | funds | funds | funds |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants and donations | (2) | 36,774 | - | 36,774 | 18,959 |
| Bonus ball | | 12,227 | - | 12,227 | 11,933 |
| Shop income | | 1,062 | - | 1,062 | 505 |
| Gaming and Lego Club subs | | 1,107 | - | 1,107 | 182 |
| Raffles and bingo | | 3,721 | - | 3,721 | 1,959 |
| Events and fundraising | | 663 | - | 663 | 5,279 |
| Total receipts | | <u>55,554</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>55,554</u> | <u>38,817</u> |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Freelance and sessional staff | | 31,894 | - | 31,894 | 29,882 |
| Bonus ball pay out | | 3,920 | - | 3,920 | 4,588 |
| Gaming and Lego group expenses | | 546 | - | 546 | 76 |
| Soft play expenses | | 809 | - | 809 | - |
| Stay and Play expenses | | 2,210 | 2,347 | 4,557 | 2,799 |
| Mums project expenses | | - | 1,841 | 1,841 | 1,627 |
| Promotional items | | 716 | - | 716 | 1,016 |
| Insurance | | 898 | - | 898 | 887 |
| Independent examination of accounts | | 540 | - | 540 | 540 |
| Raffle and bingo expenses | | 342 | - | 342 | 942 |
| Events and fundraising expenses | | 410 | - | 410 | 418 |
| Office expenses and rent | | 4,485 | 295 | 4,780 | 7,677 |
| Postage | | 879 | - | 879 | 69 |
| Phone | | 587 | - | 587 | 97 |
| Stationery and resources | | 512 | - | 512 | 928 |
| Training | | 75 | 20 | 95 | 308 |
| Other expenses | | 3,326 | - | 3,326 | 45 |
| Travel expenses | | 2,920 | - | 2,920 | - |
| Total payments | | <u>55,069</u> | <u>4,503</u> | <u>59,572</u> | <u>51,899</u> |
| Net receipts / (payments) | | <u>485</u> | <u>(4,503)</u> | <u>(4,018)</u> | <u>(13,082)</u> |
| Fund balances brought forward | | <u>87,299</u> | <u>7,507</u> | <u>94,806</u> | <u>107,888</u> |
| Fund balances carried forward | (3) | <u>87,784</u> | <u>3,004</u> | <u>90,788</u> | <u>94,806</u> |

Beat Autism

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 May 2023

| | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash funds | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 87,684 | 3,004 | 90,688 | 94,806 |
| Cash in hand | 100 | - | 100 | - |
| Total cash funds | <u>87,784</u> | <u>3,004</u> | <u>90,788</u> | <u>94,806</u> |

Liabilities

| | 2023 |
|----------|------------|
| | £ |
| Accruals | 567 |
| | <u>567</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 19/01/2024

Robert Eaton (Trustee)

Beat Autism

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 May 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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

Beat Autism

Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 May 2023

| 2 Grants and donations | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds | Total funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Armstrong Watson | 18,000 | - | 18,000 | - |
| Cash for Kids | - | - | - | 2,894 |
| St. George's Lupset | - | - | - | 5,200 |
| Yorkshire Building Society | - | - | - | 1,526 |
| Other donations | 18,774 | - | 18,774 | 9,339 |
| | <u>36,774</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>36,774</u> | <u>18,959</u> |

| 3 Restricted funds | Balance b/f | Incoming | Outgoing | Transfers | Balance c/f |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Lottery Community Fund | 2,450 | - | 1,840 | - | 610 |
| Hedley Foundation | 330 | - | 330 | - | - |
| Liz and Terry Bramhall | 1,979 | - | 20 | - | 1,959 |
| Yorkshire Building Society | 295 | - | 295 | - | - |
| Cash for Kids | 2,453 | - | 2,018 | - | 435 |
| | <u>7,507</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>4,503</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>3,004</u> |

Fund name

Lottery Community Fund

Hedley Foundation

Liz and Terry Bramhall

Yorkshire Building Society

Cash for Kids

Purpose of restriction

For wellbeing sessions for mums at the parent support group.

Towards the costs of the Stay and Play group.

Towards the costs of providing mental health training.

Towards office refurbishment costs.

For Stay and Play and sensory room experience.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Sharon Firth is the Founder of Beat Autism and is married to John Firth (Trustee). Sharon does some freelance work for the charity and is paid as agreed by the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. She is paid for work delivered as agreed and from funding received.

Details of remuneration and benefits

| | | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Sharon Firth | Freelance fees | 28,441 | 28,274 |
| | Travel | 2,920 | - |
| | | <u>31,361</u> | <u>28,274</u> |

BEAT AUTISM

England & Wales - Charity number 1167456

Accounts

Beat Autism

Charity number 1167456

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2022



West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

Beat Autism

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2022

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Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

Beat Autism

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 May 2022

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

| Name | Position | Dates |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Robert Eaton | Chair | |
| Sarah Mawby | Treasurer | Resigned 25 May 2022 |
| Claire Blakemore | Treasurer | Appointed 27 May 2022 |
| David Bell | Secretary | |
| John Firth | | |
| Ian Orange | | Appointed 27 May 2022 |

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Charity number | 1167456 | Registered in England and Wales |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|

Registered and principal address

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Bankers

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Independent examiner

Stephen Procter

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 3 June 2016.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees.

Beat Autism

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 May 2022

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To relieve the needs of autistic children, their parents, families and carers by all or any of the following means:

- 1) Carrying out training sessions for parents and carers that give them an understanding of autism as well as strategies to deal with communication, sensory and behavioural issues and sleep.
- 2) Delivering family activities for autistic children, their siblings and their parents/carers in a safe environment that will enhance their skills and give them the opportunity to try new play activities and make friendships.

The charity's main activities

To run support and learning groups for parents and carers. Providing out of school and holiday activities for the children along with private speech and language sessions.

Providing training on Autism to schools and other agencies.

Supporting parents and carers with DLA and EHCP processes.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Following the Government guidelines we have slowly started to re-open the groups. This was done gradually being mindful that if another local lock down was to be announced not all of the children would be affected.

Over the year we have offered

- 1:1 crisis support over the phone and face to face.
- Support at school meetings
- Support with hospital appointments
- Indoor soft play
- Lego group
- Gaming group
- Pre school stay and play
- Sensory room experiences
- Joint support work with Social care, Early support Hub, and other charities

Once again, this year has been incredibly difficult. We have slowly opened up the children's activity clubs and not all funding opportunities are yet open so fundraising has been difficult.

The charity has continued in supporting parent's mental health, and family support either over the telephone, home visits or face to face in the office. Referrals for support are at their highest.

Despite Covid 19 having a massive effect on the Charity we have continued to keep spirits high with the more vulnerable families that we support by touching base with them on a regular basis. We have made contact via telephone to continue to support anyone that needs us.

We have relocated our office and storage space, re opened indoor soft play, Lego and gaming group. We have started a pre school stay and play group offering additional sensory room experiences.

Beat Autism

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 May 2022

Financial review

Net payments for the year were £13,082, including net payments of £11,797 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £1,285 on restricted funds after transfers.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves at the year end were £87,299.

Our current policy is to hold 12 months reserves. This is to ensure that the children have continuity and consistency as this is important for Autistic children.

It is recognised that the reserves held at year-end are in excess of the policy but this will be addressed in the coming year with a reduction of these excess reserves by amongst other things the charity renting its own premises and groups operating normally again. This was planned for last year but was delayed due to Covid-19.

Approved by the board of trustees on 28/11/2022

Robert Eaton (Trustee)

Beat Autism

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Beat Autism

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 May 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Stephen Procter

01/12/2022

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Beat Autism

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 May 2022

| | Notes | 2022 Unrestricted funds £ | 2022 Restricted funds £ | 2022 Total funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants and donations | (2) | 9,339 | 9,620 | 18,959 | 14,373 |
| Bonus ball | | 11,933 | - | 11,933 | 11,796 |
| Shop income | | 505 | - | 505 | 2,703 |
| Gaming and Lego Club subs | | 182 | - | 182 | - |
| Gala and raffles | | 1,959 | - | 1,959 | 4,389 |
| Events and fundraising | | 5,279 | - | 5,279 | 4,702 |
| Other fees and charges | | - | - | - | 749 |
| Total receipts | | 29,197 | 9,620 | 38,817 | 38,712 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Freelance and sessional staff | | 24,197 | 5,685 | 29,882 | 38,830 |
| Bonus ball pay out | | 4,588 | - | 4,588 | 4,810 |
| Gaming and Lego group expenses | | 76 | - | 76 | - |
| Dads Club expenses | | - | - | - | 6,443 |
| Stay and Play expenses | | - | 2,799 | 2,799 | - |
| Mums project expenses | | - | 1,627 | 1,627 | 911 |
| Promotional items | | 1,016 | - | 1,016 | 2,902 |
| Insurance | | 887 | - | 887 | 806 |
| Independent examination of accounts | | 540 | - | 540 | 600 |
| Gala and raffle expenses | | 942 | - | 942 | 1,848 |
| Events and fundraising expenses | | 418 | - | 418 | - |
| Office expenses and rent | | 6,446 | 1,231 | 7,677 | 5,546 |
| Postage and travel | | 69 | - | 69 | 301 |
| Phone | | 97 | - | 97 | 361 |
| Stationery and resources | | 928 | - | 928 | 571 |
| Storage | | - | - | - | 211 |
| Training | | 72 | 236 | 308 | 228 |
| Other expenses | | 43 | 2 | 45 | 202 |
| Total payments | | 40,319 | 11,580 | 51,899 | 64,570 |
| Net income / (expenditure) | | (11,122) | (1,960) | (13,082) | (25,858) |
| Transfers between funds | | (675) | 675 | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | | (11,797) | (1,285) | (13,082) | (25,858) |
| Fund balances brought forward | | 99,096 | 8,792 | 107,888 | 133,746 |
| Fund balances carried forward | (3) | 87,299 | 7,507 | 94,806 | 107,888 |

Beat Autism

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 May 2022

| | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash funds | | | | |
| Cash at bank | <u>87,299</u> | <u>7,507</u> | <u>94,806</u> | <u>107,888</u> |
| Total cash funds | <u>87,299</u> | <u>7,507</u> | <u>94,806</u> | <u>107,888</u> |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|------------|--|
| Liabilities | | | £ | |
| Independent examination | | | <u>540</u> | |
| | | | <u>540</u> | |

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 28/11/2022

Robert Eaton (Trustee)

Beat Autism

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 May 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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

Beat Autism

Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 May 2022

| 2 Grants and donations | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 | 2021 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds | Total funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash for Kids | - | 2,894 | 2,894 | - |
| St.George's Lupset | - | 5,200 | 5,200 | - |
| Yorkshire Building Society | - | 1,526 | 1,526 | - |
| Peoples Health Trust | - | - | - | 987 |
| Co-op | - | - | - | 5,342 |
| Liz and Terry Bramhall | - | - | - | 2,336 |
| Other donations | 9,339 | - | 9,339 | 5,708 |
| | <u>9,339</u> | <u>9,620</u> | <u>18,959</u> | <u>14,373</u> |

| 3 Restricted funds | Balance b/f | Receipts | Payments | Transfers | Balance c/f |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash for Kids | - | 2,894 | 441 | - | 2,453 |
| Hedley Foundation | 2,500 | - | 2,170 | - | 330 |
| Liz and Terry Bramhall | 2,215 | - | 236 | - | 1,979 |
| Lottery Community Fund | 4,077 | - | 1,627 | - | 2,450 |
| St.George's Lupset | - | 5,200 | 5,875 | 675 | - |
| Yorkshire Building Society | - | 1,526 | 1,231 | - | 295 |
| | <u>8,792</u> | <u>9,620</u> | <u>11,580</u> | <u>675</u> | <u>7,507</u> |

Fund name

Purpose of restriction

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Cash for Kids | For Stay and Play and sensory room experience. |
| Hedley Foundation | Towards the costs of the Stay and Play group. |
| Liz and Terry Bramhall | Towards the costs of providing mental health training. |
| Lottery Community Fund | For wellbeing sessions for mums at the parent support group. |
| St.George's Lupset | Towards the costs of the Stay and Play group. (Overspend transferred from general funds) |
| Yorkshire Building Society | Towards office refurbishment costs. |

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Sharon Firth is the Founder of Beat Autism and is married to John Firth (Trustee). Sharon does some freelance work for the charity and is paid as agreed by the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary (Total in the year £28,274). She is paid for work delivered as agreed and from funding received. Sharon does not receive a salary or claim any personal expenses from the charity.

BEAT AUTISM

England & Wales - Charity number 1167456

Accounts

Beat Autism

Charity number 1167456

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West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

Beat Autism

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Beat Autism

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 May 2021

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

| Name | Position | Dates |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Robert Eaton | Chair | |
| Sarah Mawby | Treasurer | |
| David Bell | Secretary | |
| John Firth | | |

Charity number 1167456

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Stephen Procter

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 3 June 2016.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Beat Autism

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 May 2021

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To relieve the needs of autistic children, their parents, families and carers by all or any of the following means:

- 1) Carrying out training sessions for parents and carers that give them an understanding of autism as well as strategies to deal with communication, sensory and behavioural issues and sleep.
- 2) Delivering family activities for autistic children, their siblings and their parents/carers in a safe environment that will enhance their skills and give them the opportunity to try new play activities and make friendships.

The charity's main activities

To run support and learning groups for parents and carers. Providing out of school and holiday activities for the children along with private speech and language sessions.

Providing training on Autism to schools and other agencies.

Supporting parents and carers with DLA and EHCP processes.

Due to Covid the majority of our activities and support groups have had to be put on hold due to government restrictions. When restrictions were lifted, we did offer one to one support in person. Other than that, all of the support groups, one to one support and school meetings have been done either over the telephone or via zoom and teams' meetings.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Once again, this year has been incredibly difficult. The charity has continued in supporting parent's mental health. Offering telephone support to the families in crisis over the pandemic.

Despite Covid 19 having a massive effect on the charity we have continued to keep spirits high with the more vulnerable families that we support by touching base with them on a regular basis. We have made contact via telephone and also by sending weekly 'pick me ups' to let everyone know that we are still here to support anyone that needs us.

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £25,858, including net payments of £15,987 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £9,871 on restricted funds, after transfers.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves at the year end were £99,096.

Our current policy is to hold 12 months reserves. This is to ensure that the children have continuity and consistency as this is important for Autistic children.

It is recognised that the reserves held at year-end are well in excess of the policy but this will be addressed in the next year with a budget that will result in a reduction of these excess reserves by amongst other things the charity renting its own premises. This was planned for last year but due to Covid-19 this will be rolled forward to when the group is able to operate normally again.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 14/12/2021

Robert Eaton (Trustee)

Beat Autism

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Beat Autism Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 May 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Stephen Procter

4/01/2022

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 May 2021

| | Notes | 2021 Unrestricted funds £ | 2021 Restricted funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ | 2020 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants and donations | (2) | 6,695 | 7,678 | 14,373 | 38,087 |
| SALT donations | | - | - | - | 226 |
| Bonus ball | | 11,796 | - | 11,796 | 9,525 |
| Shop income | | 2,703 | - | 2,703 | 4,290 |
| Sunday Club subs | | - | - | - | 623 |
| Gaming and Lego Club subs | | - | - | - | 1,469 |
| Gala and raffles | | 4,389 | - | 4,389 | 2,042 |
| Sponsored events income | | - | - | - | 2,651 |
| Events and fundraising | | 4,702 | - | 4,702 | 435 |
| Dads group | | - | - | - | 2,198 |
| Other fees and charges | | 749 | - | 749 | 292 |
| Total receipts | | 31,034 | 7,678 | 38,712 | 61,838 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Freelance and sessional staff | | 33,855 | 4,975 | 38,830 | 32,430 |
| SALT expenses | | - | - | - | 490 |
| Bonus ball pay out | | 4,810 | - | 4,810 | 3,898 |
| Gaming and Lego group expenses | | - | - | - | 1,746 |
| Dads Club expenses | | - | 6,443 | 6,443 | 3,811 |
| Sunday Club expenses | | - | - | - | 1,383 |
| Mums project expenses | | 28 | 883 | 911 | 3,736 |
| NOVA grant expenses | | - | - | - | 2,285 |
| Coffee mornings | | - | - | - | 243 |
| Promotional items | | 2,902 | - | 2,902 | 986 |
| Insurance | | 806 | - | 806 | 710 |
| Independent examination of accounts | | 600 | - | 600 | 540 |
| Gala and raffle expenses | | 1,848 | - | 1,848 | 864 |
| Shop expenses | | - | - | - | 1,162 |
| Office expenses | | 1,544 | 4,002 | 5,546 | - |
| Postage and travel | | 301 | - | 301 | 1,135 |
| Phone | | 361 | - | 361 | 304 |
| Stationery and resources | | 571 | - | 571 | 1,107 |
| Storage | | 211 | - | 211 | 910 |
| Christmas parties | | - | - | - | 500 |
| Training | | 107 | 121 | 228 | 1,056 |
| Other expenses | | 202 | - | 202 | 120 |
| Total payments | | 48,146 | 16,424 | 64,570 | 59,416 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | | (17,112) | (8,746) | (25,858) | 2,422 |
| Transfers between funds | | 1,125 | (1,125) | - | - |
| Net movement in funds after transfers | | (15,987) | (9,871) | (25,858) | 2,422 |
| Fund balances brought forward | | 115,083 | 18,663 | 133,746 | 131,324 |
| Fund balances carried forward | (3) | 99,096 | 8,792 | 107,888 | 133,746 |

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 May 2021

| | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash funds | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 99,096 | 8,792 | 107,888 | 133,746 |
| Total cash funds | <u>99,096</u> | <u>8,792</u> | <u>107,888</u> | <u>133,746</u> |

Liabilities

| | £ |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Independent examination | 540 |
| | <u>540</u> |

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 14/12/2021

Robert Eaton (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 May 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 May 2021

| 2 Grants and donations | 2021 Unrestricted funds £ | 2021 Restricted funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ | 2020 Total funds £ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Peoples Health Trust | 987 | - | 987 | 4,611 |
| Co-op | - | 5,342 | 5,342 | - |
| Hedley Foundation | - | - | - | 2,500 |
| Scurrah Wainwright | - | - | - | 3,000 |
| Liz and Terry Bramhall | - | 2,336 | 2,336 | - |
| National Lottery Community Fund | - | - | - | 8,923 |
| NOVA Wakefield | - | - | - | 6,400 |
| Wakefield PCT | - | - | - | 3,000 |
| Rotary Club | - | - | - | 2,034 |
| Other donations | 5,708 | - | 5,708 | 7,619 |
| | <u>6,695</u> | <u>7,678</u> | <u>14,373</u> | <u>38,087</u> |

| 3 Restricted funds | Balance b/f £ | Incoming £ | Outgoing £ | Transfers £ | Balance c/f £ |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Peoples Health Trust | 8,203 | - | 8,310 | 107 | - |
| Co-op | - | 5,342 | 4,975 | (367) | - |
| Hedley Foundation | 2,500 | - | - | - | 2,500 |
| Scurrah Wainwright | 3,000 | - | 2,135 | (865) | - |
| Liz and Terry Bramhall | - | 2,336 | 121 | - | 2,215 |
| Lottery Community Fund | 4,960 | - | 883 | - | 4,077 |
| | <u>18,663</u> | <u>7,678</u> | <u>16,424</u> | <u>(1,125)</u> | <u>8,792</u> |

Fund name

Purpose of restriction

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Peoples Health Trust | For the dad's group and drop in clinics. (Transfer in respect of small overspend on the project) |
| Co-op | For sessional staff and other running costs. (Transfer of small remaining balance to unrestricted funds as permitted) |
| Hedley Foundation | Towards the costs of Sunday Club. |
| Scurrah Wainwright | Towards the costs of activity sessions during the school holidays. (Transfer of remaining balance to unrestricted funds as permitted) |
| Liz and Terry Bramhall | Towards the costs of providing mental health training. |
| Lottery Community Fund | For wellbeing sessions for mums at the parent support group. |

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any other remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Sharon Firth is the Founder of Beat Autism and is married to John Firth (Trustee). Sharon does some freelance work for the charity and is paid as agreed by the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. She is paid for work delivered as agreed and from grants received. Sharon does not receive a salary or claim any personal expenses from the charity.