

Beat Autism

Charity number 1167456

Annual Report and Financial Statements **for the year ended 31 May 2021**



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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.

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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)

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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.