

Beat Autism

Charity number 1167456

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



West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

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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
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Registered and principal address

30 Riverdale Avenue
Stanley
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Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc
Wakefield City Branch
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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.

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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.

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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)

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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 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

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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		<u>29,197</u>	<u>9,620</u>	<u>38,817</u>	<u>38,712</u>
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		<u>40,319</u>	<u>11,580</u>	<u>51,899</u>	<u>64,570</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		<u>(11,122)</u>	<u>(1,960)</u>	<u>(13,082)</u>	<u>(25,858)</u>
Transfers between funds		(675)	675	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(11,797)</u>	<u>(1,285)</u>	<u>(13,082)</u>	<u>(25,858)</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>99,096</u>	<u>8,792</u>	<u>107,888</u>	<u>133,746</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>87,299</u>	<u>7,507</u>	<u>94,806</u>	<u>107,888</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 May 2022

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

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

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

Robert Eaton (Trustee)

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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.

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

2 Grants and donations

	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 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.