

Beat Autism

Charity number 1167456

Annual Report and Financial Statements **for the year ended 31 May 2023**



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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

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Bankers

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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.

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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)

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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 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

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 May 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total 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>

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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)

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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.

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 May 2023

2 Grants and donations

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 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

Purpose of restriction

Lottery Community Fund	For wellbeing sessions for mums at the parent support group.
Hedley Foundation	Towards the costs of the Stay and Play group.
Liz and Terry Bramhall	Towards the costs of providing mental health training.
Yorkshire Building Society	Towards office refurbishment costs.
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

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>