

Beat Autism

Charity number 1167456

Annual Report and Financial Statements **for the year ended 31 May 2024**



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 May 2024

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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Independent examiner

Simon Bostrom FCIE

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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 2024

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

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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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 2024, 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

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 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 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.