

Beat Autism

Charity number 1167456

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

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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 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

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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		27,139	1,125	28,264	61,196
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		35,222	20,525	55,747	48,591
Net receipts / (payments)		(8,083)	(19,400)	(27,483)	12,605
Fund balances brought forward		74,147	29,246	103,393	90,788
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	66,064	9,846	75,910	103,393

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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	<u>256</u>
	<u>256</u>

Liabilities

	2025
	£
Accruals	<u>594</u>
	<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	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	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.