

FRIENDS - PLAY FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

England & Wales · Charity number 1167995

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-07-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF DISABLED CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS UP TO THE AGE OF 25 AND THEIR FAMILIES WITHIN THE ST HELENS AREA BY ORGANISING AND ARRANGING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SAFE PLAY WHICH ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THEM, ENCOURAGING SIBLINGS TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND TO HELP THEM REALISE THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE, AND PROVIDING INFORMAL SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF DISABLED CHILDREN.

Activities: We arrange a variety of recreational activities for disabled children, young adults up to the age of 25 and their families. These include theatre and cinema trips, craft sessions, soft play/sensory sessions, day trips to farms and zoos, tramolining, fun and float sessions in a swimming pool.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Halton
- Knowsley
- Lancashire
- Liverpool City
- Manchester City
- Sefton
- St Helens
- Warrington
- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£75,914	£78,178	-	-
2024-06-30	£100,829	£94,618	-	-
2023-06-30	£91,603	£104,343	-	-
2022-06-30	£55,466	£52,527	-	-
2021-06-30	£60,310	£61,847	-	-
2020-06-30	£77,849	£65,974	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Melanie Battye	Chair	2016-07-01
Emma Roberts		2024-04-01
PAULA ANN JONES		2016-07-01
Sue Rimmer		2017-01-06

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on behalf of:

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Trustees' report continued

During the past year, the charity has continued to make strong progress in delivering inclusive and accessible activities for children and young people, particularly those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

We successfully maintained our partnership with St Helens Council, delivering SEND-focused activities through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. These sessions were held during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas school holidays and were well attended. We aim to continue and build on this partnership throughout 2026.

Our relationship with The Tunza Centre has remained a key strength. Over the year, we have further developed our "Friends Fridays" and "Mates Mondays" programmes, which have become established and popular sessions during school holidays. In addition, our regular weekly dance sessions have continued to grow in participation and engagement.

We have expanded our programme of activities by introducing new weekly sessions, including family yoga and aerial hoop classes. These additions have broadened our offer and provided new opportunities for participation, wellbeing, and physical activity.

The charity has also seen a positive increase in its volunteer base. Volunteers continue to play a vital role in supporting our activities, and we remain committed to further developing and expanding this area.

We continue to experience steady growth year on year. Much of this growth can be attributed to word-of-mouth recommendations and referrals from professionals, highlighting the value and impact of our work within the community.

Financially, the charity remains sustainable, operating through a combination of grants, donations, and self-generated income. This mixed funding model has enabled us to continue offering a diverse programme of activities, including free, subsidised, and self-funded events, ensuring accessibility for a wide range of participants.

Future Plans for 2025 and Beyond

Looking ahead, the charity has identified several key priorities:

- To continue and strengthen our partnership with St Helens Council through the HAF funding programme.
- To further develop and support our growing volunteer base.
- To increase our social media presence to reach more families and stakeholders.
- To explore and develop provision for individuals aged 25+, expanding our impact to a wider age group.

The trustees remain committed to the charity's mission and are confident that, with continued support and development, the organisation will build on its successes in the coming years.

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts of

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for the year ending 30 June 2025

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Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and the examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act: and
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Basis of Independent examiner's report

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ending 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025	2025	2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	47,670	28,011	75,681	99,293
Other Income		233	-	233	1,536
Total receipts		<u>47,903</u>	<u>28,011</u>	<u>75,914</u>	<u>100,829</u>
Payments					
Events & Trips		48,120	27,621	75,741	93,461
Sundry costs		1,287	-	1,287	907
Bank Charges & Fees		970	-	970	71
Governance Costs					
Independent Examination		180	-	180	180
Total payments		<u>50,557</u>	<u>27,621</u>	<u>78,178</u>	<u>94,618</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>(2,654)</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>(2,264)</u>	<u>6,211</u>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Cash fund balances brought forward		<u>5,447</u>	<u>2,510</u>	<u>7,957</u>	<u>1,746</u>
Cash fund balances carried forward	(2a)	<u>2,794</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>5,694</u>	<u>7,957</u>

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Balance sheet

as at 30 June 2025

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Current Assets				
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	2,794	2,900	5,694	7,957
Total current assets	<u>2,794</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>5,694</u>	<u>7,957</u>
Current liabilities:				
amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors and accruals	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)	<u>2,794</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>5,694</u>	<u>7,957</u>
Funds				
Restricted Funds	-	2,900	2,900	2,510
Unrestricted funds	2,794	-	2,794	5,447
Total Funds	<u>2,794</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>5,694</u>	<u>7,957</u>

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the trustees held on and signed on its behalf by:

Paula Jones
Treasurer

Friends - Play for Disabled Children

Notes to the accounts

for the year ending 30 June 2025

1 Accounting Policies

a Basis of accounting

The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

b Taxation

As a registered 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.

c Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

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Designated funds

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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
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2 Grants and Donations	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Funding	583	28,011	28,594	52,130
Donations/Fundraising	5,107	-	5,107	11,313
Family Contributions	41,981	-	41,981	35,850
	<u>47,670</u>	<u>28,011</u>	<u>75,681</u>	<u>99,293</u>

3 Restricted funds summary	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Police & Crime Commissioner	1,510	3,000	2,010	-	2,500
Rainhill Rotary	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
LCVS/Rushworth	-	400	-	-	400
St Helens MBC: HAF	-	24,611	24,611	-	-
	<u>2,510</u>	<u>28,011</u>	<u>27,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,900</u>

4 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions to report during the accounting period.

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Trustees' report continued

2024 saw Emma Roberts join us as a Trustee.

We continued to work with St Helens Council delivering SEND activities under the HAF funding. These were delivered during Easter, Summer & Christmas school holidays. We are looking to continue this during 2025 subject to the funding being continued.

We increased our fundraising this year. We have decided to focus on one big fundraiser per year rather than lots of smaller ones. This year saw us take on a sky dive.

We are still struggling to recruit volunteers to assist in the running/delivering of events. This is something we will continue to develop going forward as we grow as a charity.

We continue to see growth year on year from word of mouth & signposting from professionals.

The Charity continues to operate on a combination of grants, donations & self generated income.

We have continued to offer a variety of free, subsidised & self funded events throughout the year.

Future Plans for 2025 & onwards

Continue with links to St Helens Council through the HAF funding subject to it being renewed.

Further develop our volunteers

Introduce weekly activities to run term time.

Start to look at options for ages 25+

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	48,163	51,130	99,293	91,603
Other Income		1,536	-	1,536	-
Total receipts		<u>49,699</u>	<u>51,130</u>	<u>100,829</u>	<u>91,603</u>
Payments					
Events & Trips		42,880	50,581	93,461	102,088
Sundry costs		907	-	907	1,825
Bank Charges		71	-	71	70
Governance Costs					
Independent Examination		180	-	180	360
Total payments		<u>44,037</u>	<u>50,581</u>	<u>94,618</u>	<u>104,343</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		5,662	549	6,211	(12,740)
Transfers between funds		(933)	933	-	-
Cash fund balances brought forward		718	1,028	1,746	14,486
Cash fund balances carried forward	(2a)	<u>5,447</u>	<u>2,510</u>	<u>7,957</u>	<u>1,746</u>

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Balance sheet

as at 30 June 2024

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Current Assets				
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	5,447	2,510	7,957	1,746
Total current assets	<u>5,447</u>	<u>2,510</u>	<u>7,957</u>	<u>1,746</u>
Current liabilities:				
amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors and accruals	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)	<u>5,447</u>	<u>2,510</u>	<u>7,957</u>	<u>1,746</u>
Funds				
Restricted Funds	-	2,510	2,510	1,028
Unrestricted funds	5,447	-	5,447	718
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Restricted funds	1,000	51,130	52,130	54,198
Donations/Fundraising	11,313	-	11,313	7,531
Family Contributions	35,850	-	35,850	29,874
	<u>48,163</u>	<u>51,130</u>	<u>99,293</u>	<u>91,603</u>

3 Restricted funds summary	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Main Grants Lottery	-	9,977	9,977	-	-
Police & Crime Commissioner	-	1,950	440	-	1,510
Rainhill Rotary	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
St Helens MBC: HAF	1,028	38,203	40,164	933	-
	<u>1,028</u>	<u>51,130</u>	<u>50,581</u>	<u>933</u>	<u>2,510</u>

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Future Plans for 2024 & onwards

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Further develop our volunteers

We want to start to develop weekly/monthly sessional activities to run along our sing & sign choir.

Start to look at options for ages 25+

We will be looking to offer our volunteer Emma Roberts a Trustees role.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	41,655	49,948	91,603	50,690
Other Income		-	-	-	4,776
Total receipts		<u>41,655</u>	<u>49,948</u>	<u>91,603</u>	<u>55,466</u>
Payments					
Events & Trips		45,572	56,516	102,088	46,663
Sundry costs		1,825	-	1,825	1,380
Refunds		-	-	-	4,272
Bank Charges		70	-	70	32
Governance Costs					
Independent Examination		360	-	360	180
Total payments		<u>47,827</u>	<u>56,516</u>	<u>104,343</u>	<u>52,527</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>(6,172)</u>	<u>(6,568)</u>	<u>(12,740)</u>	<u>2,939</u>
Cash fund balances brought forward		<u>6,890</u>	<u>7,596</u>	<u>14,486</u>	<u>11,547</u>
Cash fund balances carried forward	(2a)	<u>718</u>	<u>1,028</u>	<u>1,746</u>	<u>14,486</u>

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Balance sheet

as at 30 June 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022
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	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	718	1,028	1,746	14,486
Total current assets	<u>718</u>	<u>1,028</u>	<u>1,746</u>	<u>14,486</u>
Current liabilities:				
amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors and accruals	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)	<u>718</u>	<u>1,028</u>	<u>1,746</u>	<u>14,486</u>
Funds				
Restricted Funds	-	1,028	1,028	7,596
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Friends - Play for Disabled Children

Notes to the accounts

for the year ending 30 June 2023

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Friends - Play for Disabled Children
Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ending 30 June 2023

2 Grants and Donations	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	4,250	49,948	54,198	25,658
Donations	7,531	-	7,531	1,942
Family Contributions	29,874	-	29,874	23,090
	<u>41,655</u>	<u>49,948</u>	<u>91,603</u>	<u>50,690</u>

3 Restricted funds summary	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Main Grants Lottery	3,872	-	3,872	-	-
St Helens MBC: HAF	<u>3,724</u>	<u>49,948</u>	<u>52,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,028</u>
	<u>7,596</u>	<u>49,948</u>	<u>56,516</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,028</u>

4 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions to report during the accounting period.

FRIENDS - PLAY FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

England & Wales - Charity number 1167995

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Friends - Play for Disabled Children

Charity number 1167995

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Paula Jones		
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Independent examiner

on behalf of:

Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service

Beacon Building
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WA10 1TF

Friends - Play for Disabled Children

Trustees' report continued

Life in 2022 returned to normal following the pandemic & we returned to offering a variety of activities throughout the year. We delivered over 70 activities to suit a range of ages & disabilities.

We delivered SEND activities in conjunction with St Helens Council under the HAF funding. These were delivered during Easter, Summer & Christmas school holidays. We are looking to continue this during 2023.

We have started to develop our volunteer recruitment which will continue into 2023.

We continue to see growth year on year.

The Charity continues to operate on a combination of grants, donations & self generated income.

We have continued to offer a variety of free, subsidised & self funded events throughout the year.

Future Plans for 2023 & onwards

Continue with links to St Helens Council through the HAF funding.

Build on volunteer recruitment.

Our online informal support through social media will continue.

Start to look at options for ages 25+.

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts of
Friends - Play for Disabled Children
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I report on the accounts of the charity set out on pages 5 to 8

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and the examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jane Williams
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Friends - Play for Disabled Children
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022	2022	2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	26,832	23,858	50,690	57,310
Other Income		4,776	-	4,776	3,000
Total receipts		<u>31,608</u>	<u>23,858</u>	<u>55,466</u>	<u>60,310</u>
Payments					
Events & Trips		24,341	22,322	46,663	60,159
Sundry costs		1,254	126	1,380	1,074
Refunds		4,272	-	4,272	434
Bank Charges		32	-	32	-
Governance Costs					
Independent Examination		180	-	180	180
Total payments		<u>30,079</u>	<u>22,448</u>	<u>52,527</u>	<u>61,847</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>1,529</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>2,939</u>	<u>(1,537)</u>
Cash fund balances brought forward		<u>5,361</u>	<u>6,186</u>	<u>11,547</u>	<u>13,084</u>
Cash fund balances carried forward	(2a)	<u>6,890</u>	<u>7,596</u>	<u>14,486</u>	<u>11,547</u>

Friends - Play for Disabled Children

Balance sheet

as at 30 June 2022

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	6,890	7,596	14,486	11,547
Total current assets	<u>6,890</u>	<u>7,596</u>	<u>14,486</u>	<u>11,547</u>
Current liabilities:				
amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors and accruals	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)	<u>6,890</u>	<u>7,596</u>	<u>14,486</u>	<u>11,547</u>
Funds				
Restricted Funds	-	7,596	7,596	6,186
Unrestricted funds	6,890	-	6,890	5,361
Total Funds	<u>6,890</u>	<u>7,596</u>	<u>14,486</u>	<u>11,547</u>

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the trustees held on and signed on its behalf by:

Paula Jones
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Friends - Play for Disabled Children

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	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	1,800	23,858	25,658	47,689
Donations	1,942	-	1,942	1,560
Family Contributions	23,090	-	23,090	8,061
	<u>26,832</u>	<u>23,858</u>	<u>50,690</u>	<u>57,310</u>

3 Restricted funds summary	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
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PH Holt	5,532	-	5,532	-	-
Greggs	654	-	528	(126)	-
Main Grants Lottery	-	9,872	6,000	-	3,872
Blue Spark Foundation	-	2,055	2,055	-	-
Inspire Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
St Helens MBC: HAF	-	10,931	7,207	-	3,724
	<u>6,186</u>	<u>23,858</u>	<u>22,322</u>	<u>(126)</u>	<u>7,596</u>

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Trustees' report continued

Covid-19 pandemic has continued to dominate again this year. We diversified our activities by providing packs at home – sensory, cooking, science, Halloween, Christmas, Easter & Parent care packs.

As restrictions changed & we were allowed to do activities we did slowly start to bring families back together mainly through outside activities like Fairy Forest & Trips to Chester Zoo.

We worked with St Helens Council to deliver a joint project in offering a SEND Education grants to families living in St Helens LA.

We continued to have new members join the Facebook pages & our email list from the following sources -

Carer's Centre

Children with Disability Services Team

Word of Mouth from other families whom use the charity.

Website & social media searches.

The charity continues to operate on a combination of grants, donations & self generated income.

We have continued to offer a variety of free, subsidised & self funded events throughout the year.

Future Plans for 2022 & onwards

We are hoping to continue to build links with St Helens Council & continue to work closely with St Helens Carers Centre

Priority for 2022 is to take on more volunteers to be able to offer a wider variety of activities to cater for our wide age range & needs.

Many families will have been financially impacted & we need to be mindful of this when planning future events. As life returns to normal & restrictions are lifted we will re start our fundraising activities.

Our online informal support through social media will still be available.

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Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	12,496	44,814	57,310	76,509
Other Income		3,000	-	3,000	1,341
Total receipts		<u>15,496</u>	<u>44,814</u>	<u>60,310</u>	<u>77,850</u>
Payments					
Events & Trips		9,841	50,318	60,159	62,927
Sundry costs		1,074	-	1,074	1,238
Refunds		434	-	434	1,810
Governance Costs					
Independent Examination		180	-	180	-
Total payments		<u>11,529</u>	<u>50,318</u>	<u>61,847</u>	<u>65,975</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>3,967</u>	<u>(5,504)</u>	<u>(1,537)</u>	<u>11,875</u>
Cash fund balances brought forward		<u>1,394</u>	<u>11,690</u>	<u>13,084</u>	<u>1,209</u>
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Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-
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amounts falling due within one year				
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Total current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)	<u>5,361</u>	<u>6,186</u>	<u>11,547</u>	<u>13,084</u>
Funds				
Restricted Funds	-	6,186	6,186	11,690
Unrestricted funds	5,361	-	5,361	1,394
Total Funds	<u>5,361</u>	<u>6,186</u>	<u>11,547</u>	<u>13,084</u>

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	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	2,875	44,814	47,689	21,484
Donations	1,560	-	1,560	2,887
Family Contributions	8,061	-	8,061	52,138
	<u>12,496</u>	<u>44,814</u>	<u>57,310</u>	<u>76,509</u>

3 Restricted funds summary	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Halton & St Helens VCA	-	28,125	28,125	-	-
St Helens MBC:SEND Grant	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
PH Holt	-	9,720	4,188	-	5,532
TMF Sports Grant	-	1,969	1,969	-	-
Thomas Cook Charity	198	-	198	-	-
Medicash	2,950	-	2,950	-	-
Greggs	654	-	-	-	654
Main Grants Lottery	6,510	-	6,510	-	-
Radio City	878	-	878	-	-
Jacks	500	-	500	-	-
	<u>11,690</u>	<u>44,814</u>	<u>50,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,186</u>

4 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions to report during the accounting period.