



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	Day 31	Month 8	Year 2023		Day 30	Month 8

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Balloon Circus
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1168978
Charity's principal address	23 Rivergreen Crescent
	Bramcote
	Nottingham
	Postcode NG9 3ET

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michelle Harrison		4 July 2016 - present	Trustee on incorporation
2	Miranda Wilkinson		2 Sep 2017 - present	Charity trustees
3	Katherine Walmsley		4 July 2016 - present	Trustee on incorporation
4	Neil Harrison		1 September 2021 - present	Charity Trustees
5	Chris Wright		21 December 2021 - present	Charity Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO – Foundation Registered 31 August 2016
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened and minuted meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the CIO. The trustees do not have any relationships with any of the external parties that work with Balloon Circus.

All new trustees are introduced to our policies including:

- Risk register
- Conflict of interest
- Safeguarding

These policies are updated every year and issues related discussed at quarterly meetings.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To help young people from deprived backgrounds, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, including circus skills, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Balloon Circus has organised and delivered a series of structured play and circus skills workshops led by sensitive and experienced volunteer workshop leaders to young people in orphanages and special needs schools.

The workshops have been carefully designed to:

- Build confidence and self-esteem of participants
- Encourage teamwork
- Engage the left and right side of the body and the brain
- Help participants to confront the unknown, react to the unexpected and plunge into the next challenge with confidence
- Bring laughter and joy to young people in a safe and nurturing environment
- Build the skills and confidence of the institution's staff to help the children to continue to build on the skills after the workshop has finished.

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2023 - 2024 proved another great year for us at Balloon Circus.

Our primary focus is on promoting good health and wellbeing, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 3. We also aim to teach critical thinking skills, and provide alternative play to their normal activities.

For vulnerable young people, especially those who have experienced conflict or trauma, circus workshops can be a form of escape, overcoming hardship, where they share their experiences and express their emotions.

Circus skills can be used to teach life skills, including perseverance, teamwork, trust and positive risk-taking.

Young people can apply these life skills outside of the circus – which can help make them more employable and taking part in workshops can give a sense of self-worth while boosting their confidence, in turn they can continue making a positive difference in the world.

During our tour, we engaged the children in various activities that included circus workshops and balloon modelling. We spent time teaching them different skills and sharing our experiences, with the aim of increasing their confidence levels.

We held 10 workshops teaching over 700 children. We drove over 2000 km to reach them all and the whole tour cost £3166

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Balloon Circus has a small reserves policy of £500 in 2023/24 to cover any administration costs. On the basis that it does not employ any staff and the risk of unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funds is small. The charity has no liabilities in terms of premises, equipment, pensions etc and no committed regular expenditure. It does not rely on regular income from grant applications or apply to deliver projects on a 'matched funding' basis. There is no cashflow issue - i.e. money is not spent or committed before it has been raised. However the trustees have agreed that the policy should be kept under review as demanded by the risk register and risk management policy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Chris Wright	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	
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Date

26/3/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Balloon Circus

No (if any)
1168978

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
8/31/2023

To

Period end date
8/31/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	627	-	-	627	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	627	-	-	627	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	627	-	-	627	-
A3 Payments					
Admin	242	-	-	242	-
Equipment	76	-	-	76	-
Accommodation	342	-	-	342	-
Volunteer Expenses	850	-	-	850	-
Travel	1,656	-	-	1,656	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,166	-	-	3,166	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,166	-	-	3,166	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,539	-	-	- 2,539	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,646	-	-	4,646	-
Cash funds this year end	2,107	-	-	2,107	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,107	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

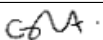
	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Chris Wright	26/03/2025