

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2023
for
Aim Higher

360 Accountants Limited
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for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 July 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To promote social inclusion for the benefit of individuals and their families, from becoming socially excluded. Where relevant.

Promoting social inclusion among children and young adults with autism or mental health conditions and their parents/carers/families who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society, because of their disabilities by:

Providing educational and informative support that enables maximum educational opportunities.

Raising public awareness of the issue's families and individuals with ASC and mental health face, in relation to their educational and social exclusion.

Administering workshops, forums, advocacy, general support and help for parents and carers to become empowered and more confident in their roles.

Arranging recreational activities and opportunities for children and young people and their families with ASC and mental health conditions.

Significant activities

The Aim Higher Board of Trustees are satisfied that in 2022/2023;

Our work reflected our objectives.

Our resources were professionally managed.

The sensory room we opened in 2019 in conjunction with Little Monkeys continued to be of a free benefit to our members and their families.

We have continued to work with local charities and groups like East Riding Carers Parents Forum, Listening Ear 4 U, Dyslexia Sparks, Tigers Trust, the Wellbeing Hub, Hull FC Foundation and Hull KR Foundation and continued our relationships with local schools, colleges, and Hull university.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During our financial year ending July 2023, we have out 70 activities, (this is the same as last year even though the evening support group has been stopped due to lack of demand and the fact that NCS no longer hold community events) we have provided the following activities:

A new annual event, a fundraising walk across the Humber Bridge to celebrate Autism Awareness week in conjunction with the Humber Wellbeing Hub

Flamingo land trip

Rock Up - Rock climbing - various occasions

Little Monkeys special needs sessions - various occasions

Little Monkeys Christmas and Halloween parties

Online workshops with Luke Beardon and another discussing Pathological Demand Avoidance

Bowling Christmas party - for the youth club

Pantomime

The Deep Sleepover

Monthly youth club

6 x Monthly evening meetings

Monthly daytime meetings

We are part of the local SEND Employment Forum working with local councils and employers to improve outcomes for young people with special educational needs in employment

Family animal experiences at Goxhill Meadows

Abseil - fundraising event

10K and Half Marathon, Hull and York

Online raffles - fundraising events

Online awareness raising through our Facebook, twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram pages

Coffee mornings at Oakfield School

Coffee mornings and autism training in many schools and businesses

Taking part in the local Big Conversation with Emma Hardy MP

Aim Higher Has Talent

The Deep sleepover

Our annual ball

Funday at the Apollo

Welton waters water activities

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We were chosen as one of Co-ops Charities of the year once more.

We took part for the first time in the Hull City Council, Healthy Holidays programme.

We would like to thank all our trustees, our representatives and everyone that has helped us move forward in our journey to spread awareness and acceptance of autism, we look forward to moving it forward in 2024.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Grants

We received a grant from The Matthew Good Foundation, Healthy Holidays (Hull City Council) and Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust.

Reserves policy

It is our aim to retain three months core running costs in the unrestricted general fund to ensure we have enough reserves to enable us to continue to run an effective charity. We still have reserves well within our planned reserve policy.

FUTURE PLANS

We have always wanted to hold an inclusive music festival and spent a lot of 2023 organising this event which was held in the next financial year at Craven Street, Craven Park, Hull on the 28th of August 2023.

We intend to continue empowering parents and continuing to support parents and families through fundraising, training, support groups and social events. As always, we are available for one-to-one support too.

We are pleased to advise we have been busier than ever and reached more people. We have started working with Cranfield Trust to help us to work more as a business and move forward to reach even more families and businesses in 2023/2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Aim Higher is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission from inception in September 2016 and governed by its constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Election of the Committee

As per our constitution at every Annual General Meeting of our members one third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. As we have six trustees, two trustees will stand down, and can be re-elected if they are chosen and if they want to be re-elected. Any member may stand for election as a trustee. Members can elect between three and seven trustees to serve each term.

The board of trustees hold a minimum of four meetings per year, either online or ideally face to face.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1169327

Principal address

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for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

Principal address

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Trustees

Ms G Jagger
Mr D Beilby
Ms S K Leedham
Ms N Robinson
Mr T Simpson
Mr P Bean Trustee

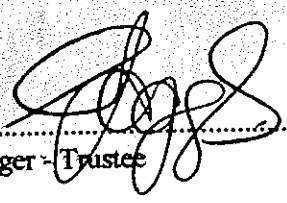
Independent Examiner

Andrew Mark Steele FCA FCCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13th November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


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Ms G Jagger - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Aim Higher

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Aim Higher

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aim Higher (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Andrew Mark Steele FCA FCCA

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Date: 23/1/24

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

		31/7/23 Unrestricted fund £	31/7/22 Total funds £
	Notes		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		47,690	26,559
Other trading activities	2	11,154	12,873
Total		<u>58,844</u>	<u>39,432</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3	43,691	30,479
Charitable activities			
General		955	132
Total		<u>44,646</u>	<u>30,611</u>
 NET INCOME		 14,198	 8,821
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		22,947	14,126
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u>37,145</u>	 <u>22,947</u>

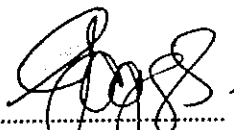
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Balance Sheet
31 July 2023

	Notes	31/7/23 Unrestricted fund £	31/7/22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	922	69
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		37,123	23,778
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(900)	(900)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>36,223</u>	<u>22,878</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>37,145</u>	<u>22,947</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>37,145</u>	<u>22,947</u>
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted funds		<u>37,145</u>	<u>22,947</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>37,145</u>	<u>22,947</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13th November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Ms G Jagger - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 20% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31/7/23	31/7/22
	£	£
Sponsorships	<u>11,154</u>	<u>12,873</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31/7/23	31/7/22
	£	£
Support costs	<u>8,927</u>	<u>4,626</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2023 nor for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2023 nor for the year ended 31 July 2022.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 August 2022	-	348	348
Additions	<u>1,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,229</u>
At 31 July 2023	<u>1,229</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>1,577</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 August 2022	-	279	279
Charge for year	<u>307</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>376</u>
At 31 July 2023	<u>307</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>655</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2023	<u>922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>922</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>69</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/7/23	31/7/22
	£	£
Accrued expenses	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/8/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/7/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22,947	14,198	37,145
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>22,947</u>	<u>14,198</u>	<u>37,145</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	58,844	(44,646)	14,198
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>58,844</u>	<u>(44,646)</u>	<u>14,198</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/8/21	Net movement in funds	At 31/7/22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,126	8,821	22,947
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,126</u>	<u>8,821</u>	<u>22,947</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,432	(30,611)	8,821
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,432</u>	<u>(30,611)</u>	<u>8,821</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/8/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/7/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,126	23,019	37,145
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,126</u>	<u>23,019</u>	<u>37,145</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	98,276	(75,257)	23,019
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>98,276</u>	<u>(75,257)</u>	<u>23,019</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Several of the trustee's have children/ dependants who utilise the services of the charity, this is at non-preferential rates.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

	31/7/23 £	31/7/22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Dinner sales	8,226	3,378
Donations	14,961	5,435
Raffle	3,873	2,585
Activity income	20,630	15,161
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	47,690	26,559
Other trading activities		
Sponsorships	11,154	12,873
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Total incoming resources	58,844	39,432
 EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising Events	34,764	25,853
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	256	445
Postage and stationery	592	340
Advertising	3,537	1,735
Sundries	579	62
Training	150	-
Travel and subsistence	427	-
Little monkeys	899	-
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	6,440	2,582
Finance		
Bank charges	580	244
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	376	70
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	956	314
Human resources		
Software licences	978	502
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,508	1,360
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Total resources expended	44,646	30,611
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Net income	14,198	8,821
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