

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1171140

**Autism Matters**  
**Financial Statements**  
**31 December 2024**

**DAVIES TRACEY**

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**Autism Matters**

**Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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# **Autism Matters**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Reference and administrative details**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Autism Matters
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1171140
<b>Principal office</b>	57-59 Mandale Road Stockton on Tees TS17 6AE

### **The trustees**

Mr M Bean	
Mrs A Langford	
Mrs A E Overend	(Appointed 5 August 2024)
Mrs M Redhead	

<b>Auditor</b>	Davies Tracey Swan House Westpoint Road Teesdale Business Park Stockton on Tees TS17 6BP
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### **Structure, governance and management**

Autism Matters is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated on 16th January 2017 and is governed by its constitution which was adapted on 4th January 2017. The CIO is administered by a management committee.

The CEO for Autism Matters is Anna Taylor.

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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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### Objectives and activities

The object(s) of the CIO are

- (1) to promote and improve for the public benefit the health and wellbeing of people with an Autistic Spectrum Condition, their families and friends and anyone who supports, lives or works with somebody with an Autistic Spectrum Condition and (2) to provide personalised advice and support for people with an Autistic Spectrum Condition

The trustee's have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### Achievements and performance

Another fantastic year here at Autism Matters, seeing our team grow and our services develop. Autism Matters provides key support services in the North East of England for Autistic Adults

Autism Matters continue to exclusively support Autistic adults who are diagnosed, undiagnosed or self identify as Autistic.

2024 has been another fantastic year of growth for us and we have again continued to invest in staffing and infrastructure, including developing new communication systems.

Our Newcastle upon Tyne branch celebrated being one year old! This was a huge achievement for us, testing out a replication model we hope to refine over a 2 year period. We do not expect it to be sustainable in its second year, and are prepared to invest additional funding to support its growth from our reserves for year 2 and 3.

Our aim was to impact 10,000 lives and we achieved that through our new branch, current services, our podcast and our social media and online members group.

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### Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

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Our Autism Angels service goes from strength to strength and is now increasing staff and membership and continues to deliver 5 days a week. This year we developed the shop front area of the Angels building and hope to launch this new venture next year..

Our management team has invested in team days and are developing their services and teams with staff training a priority.

Our membership continues to grow and our income growth for 2024 was approx 25% more than 2023. Our trustees continue to support the growth and development of staff teams and branch development and have set the same target of impacting 10,000 lives as we consolidate our reach into 2025.

The trustees would like to thank all of our members, supporters, funders, staff and volunteers who help to make Autism Matters a unique user led charity at the forefront of delivering real person centred individual outcomes.

#### Key highlights from 2024

770 Social groups delivered to 170 users

11517 hours of PA support delivered

12 short breaks delivered to 65 users

260 Angels service sessions delivered to 14 regular users.

# Autism Matters

## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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### Financial review

The results for the period are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities in the accounts. The accounts for the year show a surplus of £83,111. The reserves stand at £210,802, with free reserves of £167,632.

#### Reserves Policy

The trustees aim is to expend all funds on their charitable objects; however, they recognise the need to maintain a certain level of reserves as a cushion against possible future difficulties. Free reserves at the level of 6 months running costs would allow the charity to continue its operations while alternative funding sources were sought.

### Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Autism Matters

### Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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The trustees' annual report was approved on 31/10/25 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

*m. Redhead*

Mrs M Redhead  
Trustee

## **Autism Matters**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Autism Matters**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Autism Matters (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.



## **Autism Matters**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Autism Matters** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Autism Matters**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Autism Matters (continued)**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity, such as the Companies Act 2006 and relevant charity and tax legislation, and obtaining an understanding of how the charity complies with those frameworks;
- assessing the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, with audit procedures including: considering internal controls; testing supporting documentation; enquiring of the charity's management; reviewing minutes of trustees' meetings; and obtaining written confirmations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for>

This description forms part of our auditors report.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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### Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Autism Matters *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

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#### Other matter

The charity took advantage of audit exemption available to smaller charities in respect of the year ended 31 December 2024 and consequently the corresponding figures in these financial statements are unaudited.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



For and on behalf of  
Davies Tracey  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor  
Swan House  
Westpoint Road  
Teesdale Business Park  
Stockton on Tees  
TS17 6BP

Davies Tracey is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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## Autism Matters

### Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Note				
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	14,541	—	14,541	23,621
Charitable activities	5	1,297,657	—	1,297,657	959,704
Other trading activities	6	—	—	—	6,316
Investment income	7	1,847	—	1,847	1,124
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,314,045</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,314,045</u>	<u>990,765</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	1,229,150	1,784	1,230,934	1,017,171
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,229,150</u>	<u>1,784</u>	<u>1,230,934</u>	<u>1,017,171</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds</b>		<u>84,895</u>	<u>(1,784)</u>	<u>83,111</u>	<u>(26,406)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		125,907	1,784	127,691	154,097
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>210,802</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>210,802</u>	<u>127,690</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

## Autism Matters

### Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	13	11,789	7,311
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	14	164,553	68,613
Cash at bank and in hand		83,951	105,639
		248,504	174,252
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	49,491	53,872
<b>Net current assets</b>		199,013	120,380
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		210,802	127,691
<b>Net assets</b>		210,802	127,691
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		—	1,784
Unrestricted funds		210,802	125,906
<b>Total charity funds</b>	18	210,802	127,690

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 31/10/25, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

*M. Redhead*

Mrs M Redhead  
Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

## Autism Matters

### Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income/(expenditure)	83,111	(26,406)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,006	2,871
Other interest receivable and similar income	(1,847)	(1,124)
Interest payable and similar charges	390	194
Accrued income	(70,473)	—
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(16,966)	(18,546)
Trade and other creditors	(12,882)	52,841
Cash generated from operations	(15,661)	9,830
Interest paid	(390)	(194)
Interest received	1,847	1,124
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	<u>(14,204)</u>	<u>10,760</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of tangible assets	(7,484)	(2,274)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(7,484)</u>	<u>(2,274)</u>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(21,688)	8,486
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	105,639	97,153
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<u>83,951</u>	<u>105,639</u>

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

# **Autism Matters**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Newtown Community Resource Centre, Durham Road, Stockton on Tees, TS19 0DE.

### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

### **3. Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

#### **Disclosure exemptions**

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102: (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.

(b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

#### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.



## **Autism Matters**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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#### **3. Accounting policies *(continued)***

##### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

##### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

##### **Operating leases**

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.



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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

#### Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% straight line
Equipment	- 20% straight line

#### Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

#### Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 December 2024

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#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Financial instruments *(continued)*

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

##### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

#### 4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	14,541	–	14,541

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## Autism Matters

### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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#### 4. Donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Grants</b>			
Small Sparks	—	—	—
Awards For All	—	—	—
North Star Housing	—	—	—
	<u>14,541</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>14,541</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Donations	6,668	—	6,668
<b>Grants</b>			
Small Sparks	—	4,940	4,940
Awards For All	—	9,810	9,810
North Star Housing	—	2,203	2,203
	<u>6,668</u>	<u>16,953</u>	<u>23,621</u>

#### 5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	71	71	121	121
PA Service	381,340	381,340	276,886	276,886
Respite Service	95,160	95,160	76,555	76,555
Social Group	729,420	729,420	527,897	527,897
Other income from charitable activities	1,429	1,429	3,631	3,631
Angels	86,877	86,877	74,614	74,614
Rent income	3,360	3,360	—	—
	<u>1,297,657</u>	<u>1,297,657</u>	<u>959,704</u>	<u>959,704</u>

#### 6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	—	—	6,316	6,316

## Autism Matters

### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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#### 7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	1,847	1,847	1,124	1,124

#### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Activity	1,191,812	1,784	1,193,596
Support costs	37,338	—	37,338
	<u>1,229,150</u>	<u>1,784</u>	<u>1,230,934</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Activity	980,275	15,169	995,444
Support costs	21,728	—	21,727
	<u>1,002,003</u>	<u>15,169</u>	<u>1,017,171</u>

#### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2024	Total fund 2023
	£	£	£	£
Activity	1,193,596	—	1,193,596	995,444
Governance costs	—	37,338	37,338	21,727
	<u>1,193,596</u>	<u>37,338</u>	<u>1,230,934</u>	<u>1,017,171</u>

#### 10. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,006	2,871
Operating lease rentals	25,500	—
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>7,200</u>	<u>—</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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#### 11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	677,543	505,896
Social security costs	41,251	28,530
Employer contributions to pension plans	16,026	12,428
Other employee benefits	152	—
	<u>734,972</u>	<u>546,854</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 67 (2023: 56).

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

#### Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £75,337 (2023: £68,800).

#### 12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

- no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.
- no trustee expenses have been incurred.

#### 13. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2024	7,029	7,323	14,352
Additions	<u>4,188</u>	<u>3,296</u>	<u>7,484</u>
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<u>11,217</u>	<u>10,619</u>	<u>21,836</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2024	4,566	2,475	7,041
Charge for the year	<u>1,406</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>3,006</u>
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<u>5,972</u>	<u>4,075</u>	<u>10,047</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<u>5,245</u>	<u>6,544</u>	<u>11,789</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,463</u>	<u>4,848</u>	<u>7,311</u>

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#### 14. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	70,420	68,613
Prepayments and accrued income	94,133	—
	<u>164,553</u>	<u>68,613</u>

#### 15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	644	—
Accruals and deferred income	47,968	50,009
Social security and other taxes	—	3,386
Other creditors	479	477
Other creditors	400	—
	<u>49,491</u>	<u>53,872</u>

#### 16. Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amount deferred in year	<u>38,687</u>	<u>49,229</u>

The deferred income relates to income received in advance for respite due to take place next year.

#### 17. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £16,026 (2023: £12,428).

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#### 18. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 20 24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December r 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	82,737	1,314,045	(1,229,150)	—	167,632
Redundancy Reserve	43,170	—	—	—	43,170
	<u>125,907</u>	<u>1,314,045</u>	<u>(1,229,150)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>210,802</u>

	At 1 January 20 23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	122,324	973,812	(1,002,003)	(11,397)	82,736
Redundancy Reserve	31,773	—	—	11,397	43,170
	<u>154,097</u>	<u>973,812</u>	<u>(1,002,003)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>125,906</u>

##### Restricted funds

	At 1 January 20 24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December r 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Small Sparks	—	—	—	—	—
Awards For All	—	—	—	—	—
North Star Housing	1,784	—	(1,784)	—	—
	<u>1,784</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(1,784)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

	At 1 January 20 23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Small Sparks	—	4,940	(4,940)	—	—
Awards For All	—	9,810	(9,810)	—	—
North Star Housing	—	2,203	(419)	—	1,784
	<u>—</u>	<u>16,953</u>	<u>(15,169)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,784</u>

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#### 19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	11,789	—	11,789
Current assets	248,504	—	248,504
Creditors less than 1 year	(49,491)	—	(49,491)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>210,802</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>210,802</u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,311	—	7,311
Current assets	172,468	1,784	174,252
Creditors less than 1 year	(53,872)	—	(53,872)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>125,907</u>	<u>1,784</u>	<u>127,691</u>

#### 20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>105,639</u>	<u>(21,638)</u>	<u>83,951</u>

#### 21. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	26,500	—
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	103,250	—
	<u>129,750</u>	<u>—</u>

The Charity has entered into 2 rental lease agreements as lessee.

The main building lease runs for 5 years from November 24- November 2029 at £16,500 per annum.

The Angels building lease runs for 6 years from April 23- April 29 at £10,000 per annum with a first year discount of £1000.



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#### **22. Related parties**

SJ Accounting Services (NE) Ltd

(a) Trustee Amy Overend is a director of SJ Accounting with a 10% shareholding during the year.  
(b) SJ Accounting invoiced Autism Matters £10,225 in the financial year for the provision of bookkeeping, payroll and accounting services. (c) At the year end £644 was outstanding for December 24 services.

Transformation Matters Ltd

(a) CEO Anna Taylor is the sole shareholder of Transformation Matters with significant influence and control.

(b) Transformation Matters invoiced Autism Matters £19,700 in the financial year for the provision of respite accommodation, therapy and training services. (c) At the year end there was no outstanding balance due.

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