



MERIDEN ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION

GOING STRONG SINCE 2008 

ANNUAL REPORT

September 2022



This photo says a lot about this last year – hot, busy, hard work but great fun! We say it every year – ‘so much has happened’ but it really has. The best thing has been able to be open again without restricting numbers and giving children every opportunity to rebuild their confidence and resilience post-Covid. We have become more aware than ever at how naturally therapeutic self-directed play is and to see how

children are working out their feelings in their playing and instinctively doing what they need to do to 'feel better'. It has also been a year of internal upheaval and change. We have been lucky to a) have proper office and meeting space for the first time (courtesy of HS2) and b) to have Janet Down working with us as a consultant and enabling us to do all those 'backroom' jobs that have needed doing, like policy review, strategic planning, improved employment procedures and so on. This has meant changing a lot of the way we have done things in the past which has been both tough and exciting and we are now looking to recruit a General Manager so that the playground continues to be well managed going forward. Having invested in more time for staff to talk and reflect and undertake training has also been enormously beneficial for everyone and has definitely improved the quality of all our work with children, young people and families. Big thanks to all our staff – especially Ellen and Penny – for hard work, staying power, energy, diligence, conscientiousness and big hearts.

Trustees are currently:

Ali Wood	John Freeman	Mark Wilson
Mac Clarke	David Wood	Marcus Brain

We have sadly lost three trustees this year – Sarah Evans, whose free time got much reduced by her job and studies, Mary Painting, who has retired after being our hard-working and wonderful treasurer for ten years and Tracey Brant, whose new job and grandparenting duties have really decreased her time. We wish them all well and will miss them greatly for all contributions over the years. We are therefore recruiting – we need both a treasurer and a secretary – please get in touch if you want to know more and/or can work with us!

Staff over the last year have been:

Ellen Delaney – Play Team & Site Manager	Penny Keeling – Youth Team Manager
Paula Madden – Senior Playworker	Andy Matthews – Senior Playworker
Clair Meares – Therapeutic Playworker	Jo Battista – Admin/Finance Officer
Patrycja Nedza – Finance Officer	Ashley Bagnall – Playworker
Kevin Johnson - Playworker	
Hannah Aziz – Part-time Playworker/Youthworker	Sharron Elliott – Sessional Playworker
Dionne Morrison – Sessional Youthworker	Adrian Blissett-Rose – Sessional Youthworker
Ozzy Morgan – Sessional youthworker	Matt Lyon – Sessional Youthworker
Courtney Milburn – Sessional Youthworker	Sarah Hulbert – Adventure Tots playworker
Rachel Symonds – Holiday playworker	Hattie McDevitt-Smith - Holiday playworker
Molly Delaney – Holiday playworker	Sam Simmons – Holiday playworker
Luke Walford – Holiday playworker	Misha Keeling – Holiday playworker
Jack Madden – Holiday playworker	Jason Hulme – Holiday playworker
Darcey Aziz – Holiday playworker	Katie Corbett - Holiday playworker
Leighanne Thacker - Holiday playworker	Angela Rainbow - Holiday playworker
Lynette Osbourne - Holiday playworker	Tasha Williams - Holiday playworker
Jenny Robinson – Playscheme cook	Naomi Taylor – Assistant cook
Linda Grinnell – Assistant cook	Claire Lesley – Assistant cook

We couldn't fully operate without our remarkable volunteers in either the kitchen, the swapshop, behind the desk or out on the playground watching children or doing maintenance work – they are all wonderful and over the last year have included:

Sarah Hulbert	Claire Lesley	Rebekah Rebolo	Nikki Brady
Ella Sollis	Lynette Osborne	Mac Clarke	Katie Corbett
Natasha Williams	Debbie Johnson	Sue Weston	Bradley Hargraves
Lewis Hill	Debbie Cashmore	Helen Gorski	Brendan O'Gara
Danny Cashmore	Jenny Robinson	Tracey Johnson	Olivia Lowe

We are also grateful to:

Sainsburys for their wonderful help with donating food, Easter eggs, equipment and money
Steve Breese our accountant who has stepped into the breach many times with advice and help
Rick Graney from CAMHS for working with us in recognising the therapeutic benefits of play
Greggs for their ongoing donations of unsold food for youth sessions
James Eckloff of Birmingham Water Solutions for free monthly water monitoring
Matt and Lewis from Magic Square Systems for their patience in developing our registration system
HS2 for funding and furnishing our converted containers
Phoenix Roofing who repaired the vandalised Swapshop roof for free
Mark Bates for organising Go Fund Me which has paid for family day trips to the seaside this summer
Mayflex, Kallik and Business Volunteers for coming to do corporate volunteering and helping with much needed repair and maintenance jobs on site
Gary at Pied Piper for continuing to deal with wasps & hornets nests free of charge
Tracey Johnson and her dad for raising £500 for us to help with resources
Simon and Kayleigh from R & J Whippy for their donation and support
Steve Poole for organising and bringing regular school groups during term-time
SMBC for organising an emergency call-out to connect a new cooker on Day 1 of playscheme
All those local businesses who sponsored our calendar pages or who house collection boxes for us and all those wonderful people who have donated raffle prizes, wood, food and a host of other items – thanks!

Highlights of 2021-2022

Playschemes

We have continued to have HAF funding in school holidays which enables us to take on extra seasonal staff, offer a wider range of activities and to provide food for all those who come. Our very willing and seemingly unphased cook and assistant are getting a reputation for great vegan meals that children really like! The whole staff team have been amazing this summer finding creative ways to cope with the extreme heat on an unshaded outdoor site. Holidays have continued to be hugely busy whatever the time of year and for the first time we have had to turn people away (which we hate doing). We are the only adventure playground for miles in all directions and so people come from further afield in holiday times and there is no sign of this abating as families tell other families about us. We need more community playgrounds!

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Forest School – John Muir award

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Playwork Plus Award

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Partnerships

- Our ongoing alliances with SoLO, Inclusive Sports, Square Peg and North Solihull Additional Needs Group who all regularly bring groups of disabled children on site with either their keyworkers or their parents
- Children's Quarter – for co-staffing 'Inclusion Fusion' sessions in the holidays and for ongoing sharing of funds and ideas.
- B37 Project – who have wonderfully continued to voluntarily do garden maintenance on site after all their replanting last year. We look forward to some future joint projects with them.....
- CAMHS – their child psychologists bringing groups of children to targeted therapeutic play sessions
- YOBS (Youth Opportunities Board Solihull) – this is a new organisation that MAPA helped found that exists to support all voluntary organisations in Solihull working with children and young people. This has increased regular intra-support and swapping of ideas and information, which is invaluable for all of us.
- We continued our partnerships with Sainsbury's and Greggs who regularly provide us with food and drink so that we can offer healthy food as often as possible to children and young people who are hungry and continue to give out emergency food parcels to families in need.

Finance

MAPA's income for the financial year 2020-2021 was **£394,612.01**. This was made up of:-

Unrestricted funds: £62,655.61

Income from group visits	14,683.65
Donations at the gate & via local people/orgs	37,840.24
Community fund-raising events	1,160.40
Café and other sales income	3,719.32
Small grants/gifts towards core costs	5,252.00

Key grants received/restricted funds: £331,956.40

Tudor Trust	20,000.00
Children in Need	63,940.00
Henry Smith Charity	50,000.00
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	23,176.00
Sheldon Trust	8,994.00
UK Youth	18,300.00
HAF (Holiday Activities Fund)	63,904.00
Ironmonger's	5,000.00
HS2 CEF Fund	31,300.00
National Lottery	26,898.65

We have also been lucky to receive small grants from the following funders:- *Heart of England, Harry Payne Trust, WMPCC Violence Reduction Unit, Woodward Trust, Cole Trust and Dumbreck Charity*

The majority of our expenditure is on staff salaries as without our qualified playworkers and youthworkers the playground could not be open for the hundreds of children, young people and families who come.

Thank you everyone for all your contributions and support, especially our local community – who are the reason and heart of our existence

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1171350

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
Meriden Adventure Playground Association**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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Meriden Adventure Playground Association

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. 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 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To provide, maintain and develop facilities at Meriden Adventure Playground for children, young people and families resident in Chelmsley Wood and its' surrounding areas, through the provision of safe and stimulating play opportunities so as to develop their physical, social and mental skills.

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Feedback

Feedback continues to be extremely positive in our comments book, on the periodic questionnaires or surveys we send out, and on our Facebook page as well as in the regular and spontaneous conversations had with both adults and children/young people. We continue to be amazed at the power of play to build confidence, resilience and to make all our lives much better all round, especially after this stressful and difficult year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Overview

As shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 8, the Charity's total income rose to £394,612 for the year (2020-21: £246,075). The Charity's total expenditure amounted to £280,382 (2020-21: £144,791), resulting in a surplus of £114,230 (2020-21: £101,284). At 31 March 2022 total funds were £331,480 including £213,931 of unrestricted funds and £117,549 of restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

A charity's free reserves are its general unrestricted funds (excluding any element represented by fixed assets) less any funds which have been designated for specific future projects by the Trustees. Details of designated funds are given in note 16 of these financial statements.

The charity's reserves policy is to hold a minimum level of free reserves equivalent to between six and nine months expenditure, in order to ensure that any delay in the receipt of income by the charity, caused by the actions of third parties, does not affect the ability of the charity to meet its obligations to its beneficiaries.

Meriden Adventure Playground Association

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

FINANCIAL REVIEW - continued

As indicated on page 15, note 14, the level of unallocated reserves as at 31 March 2022 was £105,303 which represents approximately 7 months unrestricted expenditure. The Trustees regularly review the appropriateness of the reserves policy with regard to the current environment in which the Charity operates and believe the level of reserves to be appropriate.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1171350

Registered office
C/O Three Trees Community Centre
Heddingham Grove
Chelmunds Cross
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Meriden Adventure Playground Association

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Alison Wood
Trustee

Meriden Adventure Playground Association

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.



Sajjad Jaiffer
Harris Accountancy Services Ltd
33 Hagley Road
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25 April 2023

Meriden Adventure Playground Association**Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)**

		Un- restricted funds	Restricted funds	2021-22 Total funds	2020-21 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	41,540	-	41,540	18,675
Charitable activities	3	20,566	328,256	348,822	225,233
Other trading activities	4	4,249	-	4,249	2,166
Total income		66,356	328,256	394,612	246,075
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5	14,405	265,211	279,617	144,072
Raising funds	6	765	-	765	719
Total expenditure		15,170	265,211	280,382	144,791
Net income/-expenditure		51,185	63,045	114,230	101,284
Transfers between funds		20,290	- 20,290	-	-
Net movement in funds	13	71,475	42,755	114,230	101,284
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	13	142,456	74,794	217,250	115,966
Total funds carried forward		213,931	117,549	331,480	217,250

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Meriden Adventure Playground Association**Balance Sheet
At 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Un- restricted funds	Restricted funds	2021-22 Total funds	2020-21 Total funds
FIXED ASSETS		£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	16	59,542	-	59,542	43,963
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		147,859	108,441	256,300	172,416
Debtors	8	7,875	18,362	26,237	3,690
		<u>155,734</u>	<u>126,803</u>	<u>282,536</u>	<u>176,106</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	1,345	9,254	10,599	- 2,819
NET CURRENT ASSETS / - LIABILITIES		<u>154,389</u>	<u>117,549</u>	<u>271,937</u>	<u>173,287</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		213,931	117,549	331,480	217,251
NET ASSETS		<u>213,931</u>	<u>117,549</u>	<u>331,480</u>	<u>217,251</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	13				
Unrestricted funds		213,931	-	213,931	142,456
Restricted funds		-	117,549	117,549	74,794
		<u>213,931</u>	<u>117,549</u>	<u>331,480</u>	<u>217,250</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors / Trustees responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 - however, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner who's report appears on page 7;
- The director trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Trustees on 19 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Alison Wood
Trustee

Meriden Adventure Playground Association

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Company Status

The charity was entered onto the Register of Charities of the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 27 January 2017, with registered charity number 1171350.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements 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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis using the historic cost concept.

Going Concern assumption

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the charity will continue to operate. The charity's business plan shows that the charity will be able to operate in the foreseeable future. Based on this understanding the director trustees believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments, which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

Charitable Status

Meriden Adventure Playground Association (MAPA) is a registered charity and is exempt from corporation tax and capital gains tax provided its income and gains are applied for charitable purposes.

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.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then the income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Income from trading activities includes income earned from the sale of food and drinks. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods, in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement occurs.

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 costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to a particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure is classified under the following heading:

Expenditure on charitable activities comprise the direct costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity, including grants payable and all associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which expenditure was incurred.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event where it is probable that there will be an outflow of economic resources to settle the obligation and where creditors can be estimated or measured reliably.

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.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of each asset, less its residual value, over its estimated useful economic life. The depreciation charge recognised each year relates to the class of the asset, the rates and classes are as follows:

Equipment - 5 years straight line

Container Structure - 15 years straight line

Meriden Adventure Playground Association**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued****Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor the year ended 31 March 2021 except for reasonable out of pocket expenses.

2 INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£
Donations	41,540	-	41,540	18,675

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£
Events	2,533	-	2,533	891
Grants	5,252	328,256	333,508	213,046
Schools	12,782	-	12,782	11,296
	<u>20,566</u>	<u>328,256</u>	<u>348,822</u>	<u>225,233</u>

4 INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£
Other sales	530	-	530	1,111
Café sales	3,719	-	3,719	1,055
	<u>4,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,249</u>	<u>2,166</u>

Meriden Adventure Playground Association**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022****5 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy	2,863	1,076	3,939	1,781
Depreciation	4,711	-	4,711	3,358
Insurance	-	2,766	2,766	2,134
Legal and professional	70	32,614	32,684	1,436
Low value tools & equipment	8	3,334	3,342	1,059
Materials and consumables	252	15,886	16,138	9,482
Office supplies and sundries	1,552	19,856	21,407	1,510
Site Development	44	7,209	7,253	-
Staff costs	4,868	175,481	180,349	121,186
Training	-	5,953	5,953	2,126
Travel	37	1,037	1,075	-
	<u>14,405</u>	<u>265,211</u>	<u>279,617</u>	<u>144,072</u>

6 EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£
Cost of goods sold	765	-	765	719

7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£
Trade creditors	9,299	-
Accrued expenditure	1,300	750
Taxes and social Security	-	2,069
	<u>10,599</u>	<u>2,819</u>

8 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,500	1,250
Prepaid expenditure	18,362	2,087
Accrued income	6,375	-
Other debtors	-	353
	<u>26,237</u>	<u>3,690</u>

Meriden Adventure Playground Association**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022****9 STAFF COSTS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES**

	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	180,349	121,186

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021-22	2020-21
Full time	3	3
Part time	12	14

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000

During the year the CIO employed the full time equivalent of 1 Senior Playworker (1 in 2020/21), 1 Deputy Senior Playworker (1 in 2020/21) and 1 Playworker (1 in 2020/21).

Part time staff include 1 Youth Development worker (1 in 2020/21), 1 part-time Finance & Admin worker (1 in 2020/21) and 12 part-time playworkers or sessional youth workers (12 in 2020/21).

Reconciliation of records held by HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs)

During the preparation of the accounts for this reporting period, Meriden Adventure Playground Association discovered that there was a discrepancy between the payroll records held by HMRC and the records submitted through the charity's payroll software. Since making this discovery, the charity has been in touch with HMRC on a number of occasions to identify the cause of the discrepancy which now seems to be due to a technical error by HMRC and will require a rerun of the payroll for that year. In the meantime, the charity are still awaiting information from HMRC to enable this to happen so that all records are in agreement and a full reconciliation can be performed. The trustees conclude that the result of the reconciliation exercise when completed will not change one's view of the charity's performance based on these financial statements.

10 COMMITMENTS

There were no operating lease payments committed beyond the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

11 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no transactions with related parties in this reporting period.

12 CONTROLLING INTEREST

The Charity is controlled by its Trustees.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

13 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at beginning of year £	Income £	Exp- enditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance at end of year £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	49,711	66,356	10,764	-	105,303
Designated funds					
Container structure	42,744	-	4,406	20,290	58,628
Site dilapidation	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Service development	30,000	-	-	-	30,000
	<u>92,744</u>	<u>66,356</u>	<u>4,406</u>	<u>20,290</u>	<u>108,628</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>142,456</u>	<u>66,356</u>	<u>15,170</u>	<u>20,290</u>	<u>213,931</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Trusthouse	-	23,176	15,763	-	7,413
Comic Relief	-	3,400	3,400	-	-
Active Wellbeing	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Eveson Trust	1,880	-	1,880	-	-
National Lottery	-	26,899	26,899	-	-
UK Youth Fund	-	18,300	18,300	-	-
Henry Smith	-	50,000	23,742	-	26,258
Tudor Trust	17,435	20,000	17,402	-	20,034
Sport England	9,185	-	-	-	9,185
Grantham Yorke	7,531	-	7,531	-	-
Heart of England - Coronavirus RF	5,000	-	5,000	-	-
Garfield Weston	15,000	-	15,000	-	-
Children In Need - Next Steps	15,366	63,940	55,757	-	23,548
HS2	-	31,300	10,546	- 20,290	464
VRU	2,397	7,344	6,046	-	3,695
Heart of England - CSW	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
HAF Programme	-	63,904	44,834	-	19,070
Heart of England - Winter Wellbeing	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Ironmongers	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Sheldon Trust	-	8,994	7,112	-	1,882
					-
Total Restricted funds	<u>74,794</u>	<u>328,256</u>	<u>265,211</u>	<u>- 20,290</u>	<u>117,549</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>217,250</u>	<u>394,612</u>	<u>280,382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>331,480</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
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13 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Our **Unrestricted funds** come from public donations or income we generate via a) sale of refreshments, b) entry fees at seasonal community events we run, c) our community swapshop and d) hiring out the playground and our staff to other organisations, including running targeted sessions for groups who cannot access the site in open busier sessions.

Unrestricted funds cover our bills, our day to day expenses and the ongoing repair and maintenance of the site and buildings

We have **Designated funds** for service development – which includes strategic planning and development and also for site dilapidation so that there are sufficient funds to cover the costs of electricians, plumbers or roofers as required.

Funding from **Trusthouse, Tudor Trust and Children in Need** was awarded to cover the salaries of key full-time or substantial part-time playworkers, most specifically our Forest School workers and our Therapeutic Playworker together with some running costs.

Funding from **Comic Relief** was awarded to pay for one year, the salaries of our playworkers who run our weekly Adventure Tots session, together with resources and equipment for this session. Funding from the **Ironmonger's Company** has been awarded to keep this successful project going.

Funding from **Active Wellbeing** was awarded to MAPA so that we could take children and young people on trips off site to do a range of other physical activities.

Funding from **Eveson Trust** was awarded to pay for holiday playworkers during half-terms.

Funding from the **National Lottery**, the **UK Youth Fund** and **Sheldon Trust** was awarded to cover the salaries of our youth workers and some running costs and resources.

Funding from the **Henry Smith** Charity was awarded to cover the salaries of the two most senior members of staff who manage the play team and the youth team.

Funding from **Sport England** was awarded for a play and physical literacy project run in partnership with Circus Mash. It funded the costs of circus trainers for our staff and circus kit such as stilts, unicycles, diabolos, trapezes, plates and flower sticks etc.

Funding from **Grantham Yorke** was awarded to cover the salaries of our two Saturday playworkers.

Funding from the **Heart of England Coronavirus Resilience Fund** was awarded in the early days of the pandemic to pay for sessional youth workers

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13 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Funding from **Garfield Weston** was awarded to cover the salary of our part-time administrative and finance officer.

Funding from the **HS2 Community & Environment Fund** was awarded to MAPA to design and purchase some converted shipping containers that would give us space for an office, for meetings and training workshops and indoor activity space for children and young people. This funding also meant we could purchase office furniture and equipment, art and craft and sensory equipment, locks and signage.

Funding from the **VRU** was awarded to MAPA to cover a) the costs of an additional detached youth worker project in neighbouring Kingshurst while numbers on youth nights had to be restricted, and b) a multi-agency project supporting specific young people deemed most at risk.

Funding from the **Heart of England CSW** (Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Fund) was awarded to MAPA to enable us to buy tools and equipment for our forest school and environmental sessions.

Funding from the **HAF Programme** (Holiday Activities and Food) was awarded to MAPA to enable us to pay for extra playworkers and a cook and assistant cook in the main school holidays, as well as food for a hot or cold packed lunch for the hundreds of children who come in the holidays, and playscheme resources and equipment.

Funding from the **Heart of England - Winter Wellbeing** and Recovery fund was awarded to help with MAPA's running costs.

14 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The pension costs charged to the Statement of Financial Activities represent the amount of the contributions payable to the schemes in respect of the accounting period.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 202215 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020-21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies		18,675	-	18,675
Charitable activities		42,495	182,739	225,233
Other trading activities		2,166	-	2,166
Total income		63,336	182,739	246,075
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities		17,884	126,187	144,072
Raising funds		719	-	719
Total expenditure		18,603	126,187	144,791
Net movement in funds		44,733	56,551	101,284
Transfer between funds		40,926	- 40,926	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		56,797	59,169	115,966
Total funds carried forward		142,456	74,794	217,250

16 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Container Structure £	E- quipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1st April 2021	45,797	1,524	47,321
Additions	20,290	-	20,290
At 31 March 2022	66,087	1,524	67,611
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2021	3,053	305	3,358
Charge for the year	4,406	305	4,711
At 31 March 2022	7,459	610	8,069
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2022	58,628	914	59,542
At 31 March 2021	42,744	1,219	43,963

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1171350

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
Meriden Adventure Playground Association**

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Meriden Adventure Playground Association

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. 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 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To provide, maintain and develop facilities at Meriden Adventure Playground for children, young people and families resident in Chelmsley Wood and its' surrounding areas, through the provision of safe and stimulating play opportunities so as to develop their physical, social and mental skills.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Playschemes

We have continued to have HAF funding in school holidays which enables us to take on extra seasonal staff, offer a wider range of activities and to provide food for all those who come. Our very willing and seemingly unphased cook and assistant are getting a reputation for great vegan meals that children really like! Holidays have continued to be hugely busy whatever the time of year and for the first time we have had to turn people away (which we hate doing). We are the only adventure playground for miles in all directions and so people come from further afield in holiday times and there is no sign of this abating as families tell other families about us. We need more community based adventure playgrounds!

Indoor Space

However did we operate without our converted containers?! We now have desks and filing cabinets and somewhere warm to talk! We just need to improve our wifi going forward and are researching how to do this. The downstairs space has also been very popular with young people to chill out, to chat, play music, pool and other games and will no doubt encourage more parents of pre-schoolers to continue to come to Adventure Tots and to our parent training workshops this coming winter.

Therapeutic play

On top of our regular sessions with CAMHS, our therapeutic playworker Clair (rechristened by staff as the Queen of Gloop!) has been offering and encouraging greater use of sensory materials like paint, foam, slime and water beads and it has been amazing watching children – of all ages – naturally respond to this and instinctively use these in a way that clearly forges emotional expression and brings about greater inner calm. Clair has been slowly documenting the stories and images from all this and has now presented these at two national playwork conferences which has provoked great interest. We do keenly feel a sense of responsibility to record and share the evidence of how deeply therapeutic and necessary self-directed play is.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE - continued

Swapshop

Our community swapshop survived a break-in before Christmas – both local businesses and the community stepped into the breach and raised both funds and replacement Christmas presents and we had enough left over to take four coaches of families for free to Barry Island for the day in the summer – where huge fun was had by all. The lovely volunteers who run Swapshop have simultaneously been making and selling hotdogs and cuppas and quietly raising extra funds for us whilst meeting the needs of families wanting to swap or cheaply purchase school uniforms, clothes, books, shoes and toys.

Youth

Twice-weekly Youth Nights have continued all year and have been at capacity. We have both lost and gained some sessional staff but currently have a vibrant and committed youth team who go the extra mile in supporting young people. This year has seen an increase in sensory and art activities and in ongoing discussions around mental health, as well as giving young people the opportunity to just play and be themselves. We don't tend to associate play with young people, but they need it just as much and have been having a ball! We also began a third night for specific young people at risk who were in need of greater 1-1 support. This has been a new project involving staff from MAPA, Fitcap, Gro-Organic and the Youth Offending Service which in itself has improved sharing information and best practice as well as making a real difference for the smaller number of young people who have been referred to the project.

Forest School – John Muir award

Gaining Andy has enabled us to run forest school programmes and to pilot the John Muir Environmental Award with incoming school groups which have been a resounding success. Paula is about to start her forest school leadership training too and so these projects are now an ongoing part of each week's activities in both the playground and the bowling green and woods next door. This has also enabled greater tool use by children in open sessions to make all manner of things – mallets, pool cues, reindeers, wands, bird boxes and benches – all great fun but also gaining real skills in the process and a greater understanding of wildlife and biodiversity too.

Online registration platform

Courtesy of HAF funding, we were able to work with Magic Square Systems to develop a bespoke online registration system, which has been life changing after years of a clunky manual system that took hundreds of hours of staff time and meant long queues to get in. The new system enables people to register either before or at a first-time visit and then use a QR code to sign in and out thereafter. It is now almost fully tweaked to do everything we need it to do and we absolutely love it.

Special events

We have been able to start up community events again and this year we had several. Most notable were Fright Night at Halloween - attended by hundreds of families who declared it both terrifying and hilarious (the lake of blood in the sandpit said it all) and Mrs Klaus's grotto (Santa was too busy!) giving out presents to all and hampers for those most in need.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE - continued

Training

This year we were able to finally run our Play/Physical Literacy project funded by Sport England. This entailed working alongside Circus Mash in Kings Heath, Birmingham, with our staff undertaking a brilliant (and hysterically funny) couple of days training in circus skills and buying in a pile of circus 'kit' including unicycles, stilts, a trapeze and silks, which has increased play possibilities on site and been great fun. We have also run a new playwork course for junior staff and volunteers to equip them to have paid work during school holidays – thanks to Children in Need for funding this. Staff have been busy doing more in depth courses on safeguarding and trauma informed practice and Makaton courses, as well as updating their first aid and food safety certificates. The play team has also been working their way through 'Quality in Play' - Play England's quality assurance scheme, which has really improved reflective practice.

Playwork plus award

And last but not least we won the prestigious 'Playwork Plus Award' at the National Playwork Conference in Eastbourne! This was a new award for playwork providers who have gone above and beyond in supporting children and families and we were thrilled to get it – there was much merriment on the night!

Feedback

Feedback continues to be extremely positive in our comments book, on the periodic questionnaires or surveys we send out, and on our Facebook page as well as in the regular and spontaneous conversations had with both adults and children/young people. We continue to be amazed at the power of play to build confidence, resilience and to make all our lives much better all round, especially after this stressful and difficult year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Overview

As shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 8, the Charity's total income rose to £394,612 for the year (2020-21: £246,075). The Charity's total expenditure amounted to £280,382 (2020-21: £144,791), resulting in a surplus of £114,230 (2020-21: £101,284). At 31 March 2022 total funds were £331,480 including £213,931 of unrestricted funds and £117,549 of restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

A charity's free reserves are its general unrestricted funds (excluding any element represented by fixed assets) less any funds which have been designated for specific future projects by the Trustees. Details of designated funds are given in note 16 of these financial statements.

The charity's reserves policy is to hold a minimum level of free reserves equivalent to between six and nine months expenditure, in order to ensure that any delay in the receipt of income by the charity, caused by the actions of third parties, does not affect the ability of the charity to meet its obligations to its beneficiaries.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

FINANCIAL REVIEW - continued

As indicated on page 15, note 14, the level of unallocated reserves as at 31 March 2022 was £105,303 which represents approximately 7 months unrestricted expenditure. The Trustees regularly review the appropriateness of the reserves policy with regard to the current environment in which the Charity operates and believe the level of reserves to be appropriate.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1171350

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Meriden Adventure Playground Association

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Alison Wood
Trustee

Meriden Adventure Playground Association

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.



Sajjad Jaiffer
Harris Accountancy Services Ltd
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25 April 2023

Meriden Adventure Playground Association**Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)**

		Un- restricted funds	Restricted funds	2021-22 Total funds	2020-21 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	41,540	-	41,540	18,675
Charitable activities	3	20,566	328,256	348,822	225,233
Other trading activities	4	4,249	-	4,249	2,166
Total income		66,356	328,256	394,612	246,075
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5	14,405	265,211	279,617	144,072
Raising funds	6	765	-	765	719
Total expenditure		15,170	265,211	280,382	144,791
Net income/-expenditure		51,185	63,045	114,230	101,284
Transfers between funds		20,290	- 20,290	-	-
Net movement in funds	13	71,475	42,755	114,230	101,284
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	13	142,456	74,794	217,250	115,966
Total funds carried forward		213,931	117,549	331,480	217,250

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Meriden Adventure Playground Association**Balance Sheet
At 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Un- restricted funds	Restricted funds	2021-22 Total funds	2020-21 Total funds
FIXED ASSETS		£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	16	59,542	-	59,542	43,963
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		147,859	108,441	256,300	172,416
Debtors	8	7,875	18,362	26,237	3,690
		<u>155,734</u>	<u>126,803</u>	<u>282,536</u>	<u>176,106</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	1,345	9,254	10,599	- 2,819
NET CURRENT ASSETS / - LIABILITIES		<u>154,389</u>	<u>117,549</u>	<u>271,937</u>	<u>173,287</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		213,931	117,549	331,480	217,251
NET ASSETS		<u>213,931</u>	<u>117,549</u>	<u>331,480</u>	<u>217,251</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	13				
Unrestricted funds		213,931	-	213,931	142,456
Restricted funds		-	117,549	117,549	74,794
		<u>213,931</u>	<u>117,549</u>	<u>331,480</u>	<u>217,250</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors / Trustees responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 - however, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner who's report appears on page 7;
- The director trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Trustees on 19 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Alison Wood
Trustee

Meriden Adventure Playground Association

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Company Status

The charity was entered onto the Register of Charities of the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 27 January 2017, with registered charity number 1171350.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements 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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis using the historic cost concept.

Going Concern assumption

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the charity will continue to operate. The charity's business plan shows that the charity will be able to operate in the foreseeable future. Based on this understanding the director trustees believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments, which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

Charitable Status

Meriden Adventure Playground Association (MAPA) is a registered charity and is exempt from corporation tax and capital gains tax provided its income and gains are applied for charitable purposes.

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.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then the income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Income from trading activities includes income earned from the sale of food and drinks. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods, in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement occurs.

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 costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to a particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure is classified under the following heading:

Expenditure on charitable activities comprise the direct costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity, including grants payable and all associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which expenditure was incurred.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event where it is probable that there will be an outflow of economic resources to settle the obligation and where creditors can be estimated or measured reliably.

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.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of each asset, less its residual value, over its estimated useful economic life. The depreciation charge recognised each year relates to the class of the asset, the rates and classes are as follows:

Equipment - 5 years straight line

Container Structure - 15 years straight line

Meriden Adventure Playground Association**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued****Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor the year ended 31 March 2021 except for reasonable out of pocket expenses.

2 INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£
Donations	41,540	-	41,540	18,675

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£
Events	2,533	-	2,533	891
Grants	5,252	328,256	333,508	213,046
Schools	12,782	-	12,782	11,296
	<u>20,566</u>	<u>328,256</u>	<u>348,822</u>	<u>225,233</u>

4 INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£
Other sales	530	-	530	1,111
Café sales	3,719	-	3,719	1,055
	<u>4,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,249</u>	<u>2,166</u>

Meriden Adventure Playground Association**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022****5 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy	2,863	1,076	3,939	1,781
Depreciation	4,711	-	4,711	3,358
Insurance	-	2,766	2,766	2,134
Legal and professional	70	32,614	32,684	1,436
Low value tools & equipment	8	3,334	3,342	1,059
Materials and consumables	252	15,886	16,138	9,482
Office supplies and sundries	1,552	19,856	21,407	1,510
Site Development	44	7,209	7,253	-
Staff costs	4,868	175,481	180,349	121,186
Training	-	5,953	5,953	2,126
Travel	37	1,037	1,075	-
	<u>14,405</u>	<u>265,211</u>	<u>279,617</u>	<u>144,072</u>

6 EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£
Cost of goods sold	765	-	765	719

7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£
Trade creditors	9,299	-
Accrued expenditure	1,300	750
Taxes and social Security	-	2,069
	<u>10,599</u>	<u>2,819</u>

8 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,500	1,250
Prepaid expenditure	18,362	2,087
Accrued income	6,375	-
Other debtors	-	353
	<u>26,237</u>	<u>3,690</u>

Meriden Adventure Playground Association**Notes to the Financial Statements
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	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	180,349	121,186

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021-22	2020-21
Full time	3	3
Part time	12	14

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000

During the year the CIO employed the full time equivalent of 1 Senior Playworker (1 in 2020/21), 1 Deputy Senior Playworker (1 in 2020/21) and 1 Playworker (1 in 2020/21).

Part time staff include 1 Youth Development worker (1 in 2020/21), 1 part-time Finance & Admin worker (1 in 2020/21) and 12 part-time playworkers or sessional youth workers (12 in 2020/21).

Reconciliation of records held by HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs)

During the preparation of the accounts for this reporting period, Meriden Adventure Playground Association discovered that there was a discrepancy between the payroll records held by HMRC and the records submitted through the charity's payroll software. Since making this discovery, the charity has been in touch with HMRC on a number of occasions to identify the cause of the discrepancy which now seems to be due to a technical error by HMRC and will require a rerun of the payroll for that year. In the meantime, the charity are still awaiting information from HMRC to enable this to happen so that all records are in agreement and a full reconciliation can be performed. The trustees conclude that the result of the reconciliation exercise when completed will not change one's view of the charity's performance based on these financial statements.

10 COMMITMENTS

There were no operating lease payments committed beyond the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

11 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no transactions with related parties in this reporting period.

12 CONTROLLING INTEREST

The Charity is controlled by its Trustees.

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13 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at beginning of year £	Income £	Exp- enditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance at end of year £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	49,711	66,356	10,764	-	105,303
Designated funds					
Container structure	42,744	-	4,406	20,290	58,628
Site dilapidation	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Service development	30,000	-	-	-	30,000
	<u>92,744</u>	<u>66,356</u>	<u>4,406</u>	<u>20,290</u>	<u>108,628</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>142,456</u>	<u>66,356</u>	<u>15,170</u>	<u>20,290</u>	<u>213,931</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Trusthouse	-	23,176	15,763	-	7,413
Comic Relief	-	3,400	3,400	-	-
Active Wellbeing	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Eveson Trust	1,880	-	1,880	-	-
National Lottery	-	26,899	26,899	-	-
UK Youth Fund	-	18,300	18,300	-	-
Henry Smith	-	50,000	23,742	-	26,258
Tudor Trust	17,435	20,000	17,402	-	20,034
Sport England	9,185	-	-	-	9,185
Grantham Yorke	7,531	-	7,531	-	-
Heart of England - Coronavirus RF	5,000	-	5,000	-	-
Garfield Weston	15,000	-	15,000	-	-
Children In Need - Next Steps	15,366	63,940	55,757	-	23,548
HS2	-	31,300	10,546	- 20,290	464
VRU	2,397	7,344	6,046	-	3,695
Heart of England - CSW	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
HAF Programme	-	63,904	44,834	-	19,070
Heart of England - Winter Wellbeing	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Ironmongers	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Sheldon Trust	-	8,994	7,112	-	1,882
					-
Total Restricted funds	<u>74,794</u>	<u>328,256</u>	<u>265,211</u>	<u>- 20,290</u>	<u>117,549</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>217,250</u>	<u>394,612</u>	<u>280,382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>331,480</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
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13 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Our **Unrestricted funds** come from public donations or income we generate via a) sale of refreshments, b) entry fees at seasonal community events we run, c) our community swapshop and d) hiring out the playground and our staff to other organisations, including running targeted sessions for groups who cannot access the site in open busier sessions.

Unrestricted funds cover our bills, our day to day expenses and the ongoing repair and maintenance of the site and buildings

We have **Designated funds** for service development – which includes strategic planning and development and also for site dilapidation so that there are sufficient funds to cover the costs of electricians, plumbers or roofers as required.

Funding from **Trusthouse, Tudor Trust and Children in Need** was awarded to cover the salaries of key full-time or substantial part-time playworkers, most specifically our Forest School workers and our Therapeutic Playworker together with some running costs.

Funding from **Comic Relief** was awarded to pay for one year, the salaries of our playworkers who run our weekly Adventure Tots session, together with resources and equipment for this session. Funding from the **Ironmonger's Company** has been awarded to keep this successful project going.

Funding from **Active Wellbeing** was awarded to MAPA so that we could take children and young people on trips off site to do a range of other physical activities.

Funding from **Eveson Trust** was awarded to pay for holiday playworkers during half-terms.

Funding from the **National Lottery**, the **UK Youth Fund** and **Sheldon Trust** was awarded to cover the salaries of our youth workers and some running costs and resources.

Funding from the **Henry Smith** Charity was awarded to cover the salaries of the two most senior members of staff who manage the play team and the youth team.

Funding from **Sport England** was awarded for a play and physical literacy project run in partnership with Circus Mash. It funded the costs of circus trainers for our staff and circus kit such as stilts, unicycles, diablos, trapezes, plates and flower sticks etc.

Funding from **Grantham Yorke** was awarded to cover the salaries of our two Saturday playworkers.

Funding from the **Heart of England Coronavirus Resilience Fund** was awarded in the early days of the pandemic to pay for sessional youth workers

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
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13 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Funding from **Garfield Weston** was awarded to cover the salary of our part-time administrative and finance officer.

Funding from the **HS2 Community & Environment Fund** was awarded to MAPA to design and purchase some converted shipping containers that would give us space for an office, for meetings and training workshops and indoor activity space for children and young people. This funding also meant we could purchase office furniture and equipment, art and craft and sensory equipment, locks and signage.

Funding from the **VRU** was awarded to MAPA to cover a) the costs of an additional detached youth worker project in neighbouring Kingshurst while numbers on youth nights had to be restricted, and b) a multi-agency project supporting specific young people deemed most at risk.

Funding from the **Heart of England CSW** (Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Fund) was awarded to MAPA to enable us to buy tools and equipment for our forest school and environmental sessions.

Funding from the **HAF Programme** (Holiday Activities and Food) was awarded to MAPA to enable us to pay for extra playworkers and a cook and assistant cook in the main school holidays, as well as food for a hot or cold packed lunch for the hundreds of children who come in the holidays, and playscheme resources and equipment.

Funding from the **Heart of England - Winter Wellbeing** and Recovery fund was awarded to help with MAPA's running costs.

14 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The pension costs charged to the Statement of Financial Activities represent the amount of the contributions payable to the schemes in respect of the accounting period.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 202215 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020-21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies		18,675	-	18,675
Charitable activities		42,495	182,739	225,233
Other trading activities		2,166	-	2,166
Total income		63,336	182,739	246,075
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities		17,884	126,187	144,072
Raising funds		719	-	719
Total expenditure		18,603	126,187	144,791
Net movement in funds		44,733	56,551	101,284
Transfer between funds		40,926	- 40,926	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		56,797	59,169	115,966
Total funds carried forward		142,456	74,794	217,250

16 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Container Structure £	E- quipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1st April 2021	45,797	1,524	47,321
Additions	20,290	-	20,290
At 31 March 2022	66,087	1,524	67,611
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2021	3,053	305	3,358
Charge for the year	4,406	305	4,711
At 31 March 2022	7,459	610	8,069
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2022	58,628	914	59,542
At 31 March 2021	42,744	1,219	43,963