

Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust
Registered Charity No. 1171407

Trustees' Report
and
Financial Statement
for the year ended
30 June 2021

Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust

Name: Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust

Charity no: 1171407

Structure: CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Trustees: Teresa Bromilow Chair (2020-21)
Victor Harlow Treasurer (2020-21)

Lesley Godfrey

Katherine Heason

Una MacDermott

Ingrid Wilson

David Stocks

Dawn Allan

Trustees are elected by the membership at each Annual General Meeting.

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Shriemoor Adventure Playground Trust

Review of activities and performance

The Playground closed to the public on March 17th 2020 so began the 2020-2021 with minimal activity in-line with government guidance. However, the Trust remained in communication with playground staff. Our priority was the safety of the community and safety of staff.

The Trust had taken the decision to furlough staff through the Government Furlough Scheme. Although the scheme paid 80% of the staff wages the Trust's decision was to continue to pay the staff their full monthly wages by topping up the scheme payments.

The Playground had reopened to the public in mid-May 2020 by implementing a phased return to delivering activities. Initially we offered pre-booked sessions for groups of up to six children for 2-hour sessions for the outdoor area only. The toilet facilities of the building were open during these restricted sessions but there was no access to the rest of the building. This included the community café which remained closed during this period.

The playground staff introduced Covid policies and procedures with enhanced cleaning regimes. An outdoor hand sanitising station was constructed with information and guidance for both visitors and staff. Visitors were required to log their details to comply with track and trace legislation.

In taking these measures we were able to provide young people from the community access to the Adventure Playground in as safe a way as possible while remaining agile to changing guidelines. Our priority was the health and safety of our visitors, and we also recognised the importance of the provision to young people who had experienced lockdown conditions.

Although the Playground was not delivering our core offer of open access provision, we still felt that we were playing an important role in allowing users to play and socialise in a familiar and stimulating outdoor environment.

There was a phased increase in both numbers and accessible areas throughout the year which helped the team to develop and manage new systems. Trust staff came out of furlough at the end of August and the team concentrated on ensuring our covid prevention systems were robust and that users understood them. The summer programme was delivered as a pre-booking programme, and this unfortunately resulted in a number of children and carers having to be turned away or told that the Playground was booked to capacity.

In line with the national picture the Playground closed to the public again from November 4th and re-opened once again to the public in March 2021. The Playground continued with a pre-booking system and limited access to the building, but the Playworkers engaged our regular users to become involved in a junior Playworker project with a view to this group helping the team to deliver the summer programme.

During the periods of lockdown, the team were able to conduct necessary and outstanding on-site maintenance. This included replacing areas of damaged or rotting decking, putting roofs on two of our climbing towers, and completing the groundworks and building work for a new platform. This platform will accommodate a new 'around the world' swing.

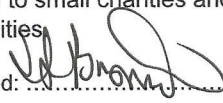
The trust will continue to listen to the voices of our visitors to identify future projects.

Risks, reserves and investments

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level equivalent to six months expenditure. This level would allow the charity to continue its activities for a reasonable period in the event of a sudden curtailment of funding. This would allow enough time for the charity to either obtain new funding sources or restructure its activities

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 1993. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Signed:  Chair, on behalf of the Trustees, date: 9.4.22

Independent Examiners Report

Report to the
trustees of

Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust

On accounts for
the year ended

30-Jun-21 Charity no 1171407

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



25 March 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30 June 2021

		Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Receipts					
Grants	2	24333	1000	25333	10361
Donations and legacies		1541		1541	2487
Other Trading Activities		1506		1506	15726
Total Receipts		27380	1000	28380	28574
Payments					
Salaries		22395	1000	23395	28780
Other Charitable Activities		3121		3121	2455
Payroll Fees		0		0	885
Insurance		319		319	486
Governance		72		72	924
Total Payments		25907	1000	26907	33530
Surplus / deficit for the year		1473	0	1473	-4956
Transfer between Funds				0	0
Funds at 1 July 2020		20391	3410	23801	28757
Funds at 30 June 2021		21864	3410	25274	23801

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Balance Sheet

30-Jun-21

	2021 £	2020 £
notes		
Current assets		
Debtor	4,292	2,212
Cash at bank and in hand	20,982	24,923
Total Cash Balance	25,274	27,135
Current Liabilities		3,334
Net Current Assets	25,274	23,801
 Net Assets at 30 June 2021	 25,274	 23,801
 Represented By		
Restricted Funds	3,410	3,410
Unrestricted Funds	21,864	20,391
	25,274	23,801

The financial statements were approved by the following members of the Management Committee:

Signed.....

Position..Chair.....

Signed.....

Position..TREASURER.....

Date 09/04/2022

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Notes to the accounts, 2021

1. Accounting Policies

- a The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

- b Grants received are accounted for on a received basis and credited to income.
- c Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Receipts and Payments Account when received.
- d Freehold property is stated at value, depreciation only listed when applicable. Fixtures & Fittings are depreciated at 15% reducing balance.

2. Grants receivable

Unrestricted

HMRC Jobs Retention Scheme	12900
North Tyneside Council	5235
Groundwork Ltd	1000
Co-Op Community Fund	4198
Brewin Dolphin Charity Aid Foundation	1000
Total Unrestricted Funding	24333

Restricted Funds

Groundwork Ltd	1000
	1000

3. Trustees, staff and related party transactions

The organisation employed four part-time members of staff during the period of the accounts. No payments were made to trustees' towards salary costs for the year £23,395.

4. Debtors

Payroll held in advance £4,292.

5. Restricted Funds

(Note Changes to previous Restricted Fund balances.)

Ballinger Trust:

The balance of £10,500 was spent in the previous financial year.

The Joicey Trust:

The balance of £2,600 was spent in the previous financial year.

Local Councillors:

The balance of £300 was reclassified as Unrestricted.

Analysis of Restricted Funds:

	Open Balance	Income	Expenditure	End Balance
Sir James Knott Trust	3410			3410
Groundwork Ltd		1000	1000	0
Total	3410	1000	1000	3410