

**Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust**  
**Registered Charity No. 1171407**

**Trustees' Report  
and  
Financial Statement  
for the year ended  
30 June 2022**

## **Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust**

Name: **Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust**

Charity no: 1171407

Structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a constitution, and a registered charity

Trustees:

Lesley Godfrey	Chair
Victor Harlow	Vice Chair
Katherine Heason	Treasurer
Teresa Bromilow	
Una MacDermott	
Ingrid Wilson	
David Stocks	
Dawn Allan	
Dr Angela Brown	

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

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Bankers: Unity Trust Bank

Independent Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT  
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## **Shriemoor Adventure Playground Trust**

### **Review of activities and performance**

After a year of lockdowns, bubbles and restricted numbers of visitors, the playground re-opened once again to the public in March 2021 and by the beginning of the new financial year, staff were tentatively increasing access to the playground, a relief to both children and young people, parents and staff.

Overall, the year saw increased numbers of visits compared with pre-pandemic – a total of 34,649 individuals – with the highest number of attendances in April of 5,574. However, as Covid infections increased again in January 2022, children's education continued to be disrupted, with 1 in 12 teachers reported off work (*BBC News, 11 January 2022*) and, as a result, fewer school and college visits were made to the playground during the year. Thankfully, as the year progressed, this situation improved.

In 2020 we had intended celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the playground being opened, and had fund-raised for this, but it had to be postponed due to Covid-19. We are grateful to the funders who gave consent for the funds to be kept until we were able to use them. In early June we embarked on a boat building project with the children and young people which culminated in the children launching the boat, now named Queen Mavis, and paddling her down the River Tyne from Newburn to Derwenthaugh Marina. The build and sailing adventure were captured on video for posterity and for our generous funders.

During the year funding to work on the pond area of the playground and the cafe was received and this was started. The intention is to make the area more accessible for children with mobility and visual difficulties by developing hard standing paths through the area and wide bridges across the ditch.

Funding was also secured towards the end of this period from the Health Inequalities Fund to run a cycling project to teach children to ride and maintain a bike, and use the local wagonway, with a view to them becoming confident, independent cyclists. Initial findings suggested that children's self-esteem was low, rather than their physical health, and the achievement of cycling proficiency was valuable to the development of their confidence and sense of self.

The trust has been strengthened during the year by an additional trustee and plans have been made to hold an awayday, to start the development of a three year strategic plan for our work.

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: .....

## Independent Examiners Report

Report to the  
trustees of

### Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust

On accounts for  
the year ended

30-Jun-22    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:



21 April 2023

Name:

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
for the year ended 30 June 2022

		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants	<b>2</b>	37922	13457	51379	25333
Donations and legacies		1869		1869	1541
Other Trading Activities		3250		3250	1506
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>43041</b>	<b>13457</b>	<b>56498</b>	<b>28380</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries		31346		31346	23395
Other Charitable Activities		218	3327	3545	3121
Website		63		63	0
Payroll Fees		1349		1349	0
Insurance		321		321	319
Governance		472		472	72
Miscellaneous		300		300	0
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>34069</b>	<b>3327</b>	<b>37396</b>	<b>26907</b>
<b>Surplus / deficit for the year</b>		8972	10130	19102	1473
Transfer between Funds				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funds at 1 July 2021</b>		<b>21864</b>	<b>3410</b>	<b>25274</b>	<b>23801</b>
<b>Funds at 30 June 2022</b>		<b>30836</b>	<b>13540</b>	<b>44376</b>	<b>25274</b>

# Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust

## Balance Sheet

30-Jun-22

	2022 £	2021 £
notes		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtor		4,292
Cash at bank and in hand	44,376	20,982
<b>Total Cash Balance</b>	<b>44,376</b>	<b>25,274</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>44,376</b>	<b>25,274</b>
 Net Assets at 30 June 2022	 <b>44,376</b>	 <b>23,801</b>
 <b>Represented By</b>		
Restricted Funds	13,540	3,410
Unrestricted Funds	30,836	21,864
	<b>44,376</b>	<b>25,274</b>

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

Signed.....

Position.....

Signed.....

Position.....

Date

**Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust**  
**Notes to the accounts, 2022**

**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**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
North Tyneside Council - Wages	6640		<b>6640</b>
North Tyneside Council - HAF	16534		<b>16534</b>
North Tyneside Council - Fellwalking & outdoor activities	1100	400	<b>1500</b>
Arnold Clark Automation	400	600	<b>1000</b>
Woodward Trust	748	252	<b>1000</b>
Health Inequalities Fund	12500	5360	<b>17860</b>
Charities Aid Foundation	0	400	<b>400</b>
North of Tyne Community Centres Grant	0	4445	<b>4445</b>
Community Foundation - 1989 Willan Charitable Trust	0	2000	<b>2000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>37922</b>	<b>13457</b>	<b>51379</b>

**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. Total salary costs for the year £31,346

**4 Analysis of Restricted Funds:**

	<b>Open Balanc 01/07/2021</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>End Balance 30/06/2022</b>
Sir James Knott Trust	3410		3075	335
North Tyneside Council - Fellwalking & outdoor activities		400	0	400
Arnold Clark Automation		600	0	600
Woodward Trust		252	252	0
Health Inequalities Fund		5360	0	5360
Charities Aid Foundation		400	0	400
North of Tyne Community Centres Grant		4445	0	4445
Community Foundation - 1989 Willan Charitable Trust		2000	0	2000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3410</b>	<b>13457</b>	<b>3327</b>	<b>13540</b>