

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

**Trustees' Report  
and  
Financial Statement  
for the year ended  
30 June 2024**

## **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)  
Dr Victor Harlow (Vice Chair)  
Katherine Heason (Treasurer)  
Teresa Bromilow  
Una MacDermott  
Ingrid Wilson  
David Stocks  
Dawn Allan  
Dr Angela Brown  
Prof. Alison Stenning (joined 5 June)  
Julie McCormack (joined 8 Nov; resigned 6 March)

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

**Address:** Brenkley Avenue  
Shiremoor  
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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

Overall, this year has been something of a success, both in relation to strengthening the trustees' board, increasing the number of volunteer opportunities and playground users, and boosting the bank balance.

Although we briefly recruited a new trustee in the autumn, she needed to step down shortly afterwards due to personal circumstances. Fortunately, later in the year we were able to recruit Prof. Alison Stenning, who had been instrumental in running Play Meet Street and who donated the remaining bank balance from the project to the trust when she handed over the street play project to North Tyneside Council.

The summer holidays, early in this period, saw over 13,000 visits and 355 community volunteering opportunities. Our successful HAF provision (holiday activity and food programme, funded by government via the local authority) meant that we could feed lunch to children who would usually have free school meals during term time, and was complemented by the Bread and Butter Thing, a food bank which uses the premises weekly to distribute food bags. During the year the 13+ sessions grew in popularity, attracting over 20 young people every Thursday evening.

After an inspection we were told that some of the structures were nearing the end of their lives and would need to be replaced in the next year or two and so, after making models of their preferred additions to the playground equipment, the children ran a consultation event to find out which would be most popular and presented their findings to the AGM, held in May 2024. Plans are now being put in place to start the developments which were identified. We have also contributed to the planting of fruit trees in the pond area, and building a shelter around the fire pit, enabling its use all year round.

Our Wheel Deal Project, designed to help improve children's physical and mental health through learning to maintain and ride a bike and enabling access to the playground from the Meadow Well estate and further afield, came to an end. Evaluations with the children who participated produced valuable evidence of increased confidence and self esteem and improved mental health as well as children feeling physically fitter.

We were told in the autumn of 2023 that the funding from the local authority for sessions that we were running for children with additional needs on Sundays and Mondays would cease in June 2024, and so made plans to fundraise specifically for that aspect of our work. We were lucky that one of our local councillors, Cllr Burdis, was elected Chair of the council and nominated us as his charity of the year, which brought in a welcome sum which was matched by our patron, Ann Cleaves. Further money from grant-making trusts, fundraising events, donations and registration for gift aid claims enabled us to secure a future for the additional needs sessions for the coming two years, and has helped us reach our reserve target of 6 months running costs.

The trust is very proud of the playground and staff, and would like to see it recognised as a centre of excellence. Our first step towards this was to work with a local training provider to deliver playwork training for people working with children in other settings e.g. schools, nurseries, youth clubs, started in 2023. The first cohort, consisting of 70 learners, completed the qualification in early 2024 and received excellent feedback from learners, one of whom was a member of our own staff.

### 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: 24/3/25

## Independent Examiners Report

Report to the  
trustees of

### Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust

On accounts for  
the year ended

30-Jun-24 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:



5th March 2025

Name: Mark Thompson MAAT  
Address: VODA

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
for the year ended 30 June 2024

		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2024</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants	<b>2</b>	52696	1300	53996	32673
Donations and legacies		13725		13725	939
Other Trading Activities		3370		3370	2807
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>69791</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>71091</b>	<b>36419</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries		29590		29590	21617
Other Charitable Activities		2324	700	3024	6871
Website		40		40	0
Payroll Fees		917		917	572
Insurance		323		323	322
Governance		450		450	450
Miscellaneous		89		89	681
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>33733</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>34433</b>	<b>30513</b>
<b>Surplus / deficit for the year</b>		<b>36058</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>36658</b>	<b>5906</b>
Transfer between Funds		<b>8385</b>	<b>-8385</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funds at 1 July 2023</b>		<b>38258</b>	<b>12024</b>	<b>50282</b>	<b>44376</b>
<b>Funds at 30 June 2024</b>		<b>82701</b>	<b>4239</b>	<b>86940</b>	<b>50282</b>

# Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust

## Balance Sheet

30-Jun-24

	2024 £	2023 £
notes		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtor		
Cash at bank and in hand	86,940	50,282
<b>Total Cash Balance</b>	<b>86,940</b>	<b>50,282</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>86,940</b>	<b>50,282</b>
<b>Net Assets at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>86,940</b>	<b>50,282</b>
<b>Represented By</b>		
Restricted Funds	4,239	12,024
Unrestricted Funds	82,701	38,258
	<b>86,940</b>	<b>50,282</b>

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

Signed..... Position..... CHAIR

Signed..... Position..... Trustee

Date 24/3/25

**Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust**  
**Notes to the accounts, 2024**

**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**

	Unrestrict	Restrict	Total Funding
ASDA Foundation		600	600
North Tyneside Council - HAF Christmas 2023	1392		1392
North Tyneside Council - HAF Easter 2024	3460		3460
North Tyneside Council - HAF Summer 2023	10924	200	11124
North Tyneside Council - Wages	9660		9660
North Tyneside Council - Young Mayors Fund		500	500
Sir James Knott Trust	10260		10260
The Ballinger Charitable Trust	16000		16000
The Hadrian Trust	1000		1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>52696</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>53996</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 £29,590.

**4 Analysis of Restricted Funds:**

	Open Bal 01/07/2023	Income	Expend	Transfer to Gen Funds	End Bal 30/06/2024
Health Inequalities Fund - The Wheel Deal	5360			-5360	0
North of Tyne Community Centres Grant	2139				2139
Woodward Trust - Summer Playscheme	1200			-1200	0
Woodward Trust - Summer Playscheme	1000			-1000	0
Community Foundation - 1989 Willan Charitable Trust	650			-650	0
Arnold Clark Automation	600				600
Grow & Eat	500		500		0
Charities Aid Foundation	400				400
Sir James Knott Trust	175			-175	0
Asda Foundation		600			600
North Tyneside Council - HAF Summer 2023		200	200		0
North Tyneside Council - Young Mayors Fund		500			500
<b>Total</b>	<b>12024</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>-8385</b>	<b>4239</b>