

Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust
Registered Charity No. 1171407

**Trustees' Report
and
Financial Statement
for the year ended
30 June 2025**

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) resigned on 2nd October 2024
Katherine Heason (Treasurer) resigned on 11th September 2024
Teresa Bromilow resigned on 2nd October 2024
Una MacDermott
Ingrid Wilkinson
David Stocks
Dawn Allan resigned 28th April 2025
Dr Angela Brown
Prof. Alison Stenning
Steven Gunter joined on 8th January 2025

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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Review of activities and performance

Overall, this year has been very successful in relation to fundraising and the increased use of the playground and the number of volunteers we can support, though rather sad in that we have lost some of our valuable board members.

Our treasurer found it difficult to juggle her commitment to the trust with a full time job and family commitments and stepped down in September 2024, followed by a long-standing trustee in October and our vice chair, both of whom contributed much to our success and continue to stay in touch. At Easter we also lost a trustee who had been our minutes secretary and who had provided invaluable website support. All of these people have been committed supporters of the playground and of play in general. Their loss has prompted us to consider the gaps in skills and knowledge in the remaining board membership which will inform a recruitment drive in the coming year.

The summer months of July and August 2024 saw over 16,000 visits including a total of 1,631 visits to our additional needs sessions on Sundays and Mondays. In addition, July and August provided 630 community volunteering opportunities on the site. Our continued successful HAF provision (holiday activity and food programme, funded by government via the local authority) meant that we could feed lunch to children during the holidays who would usually have free school meals during term time, and was complemented by funding from 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 around 30 young people on Thursday evenings.

Following consultations which the children led last year, exploring preferred additions to the playground, council-funded work was undertaken to replace structures which were nearing the end of their useful lives. The porch roof was extended, a new storage container was put in place and clad with wood, and a ladder and fire officer's pole installed so that children can climb on the roof and slide down the pole. In addition to extensive work across the outside space, the hall and kitchen were both refurbished and are much appreciated by staff, volunteers and children alike. Even the tortoises got a new space.

Our fundraising efforts to sustain the sessions for children with additional needs on Sundays and Mondays have continued to be fruitful following last year's success. Pan MacMillan has donated funds which we have used towards these sessions and has continued to provide books for our little library too. In August we were told that income from an event Pan MacMillan was planning, to launch Ann Cleeves latest publication in paperback, would also be a farewell to Brenda Blethyn (who had played Vera in the series of the same name, based on Ann Cleeves' books). The event was held in March at Newcastle City Hall, capacity 2000, and was a resounding success. The audience were treated to an interview of Ann, Brenda and two cast members by Steph McGovern and a video of the playground showing current users and past talking about their love of the playground and how it has contributed to their lives.

In the summer we hosted another conference for OPAL where schools coming to the playground could explore our offer and the benefits of play to their own children and towards the end of the financial year we were given a donation specifically to buy some bikes. As we have a good supply of bikes for older children and young people, we decided to buy bikes for younger children and those with additional needs who might not be able to balance so well or use pedals. Our purchase of 7 sturdy smaller bikes has been extremely popular, to the point where we are considering whether we should be buying more.

A highlight of the year was presented by one of our past users. As a child of 6 years old in 2010 she started coming regularly to the newly built playground and continued to do so, volunteering during the holidays as she got older, until she had completed her A levels and applied to Leeds Beckett University to study playwork. In June 2025, she told us she had achieved a first class honours degree, a BA (Hons) in Child Development and Playwork. Our pride knows no bounds! In addition, another of our long-term regulars has gained a qualification in working with young children and has always wanted to work with children with additional needs. She has now taken up work with us on Sundays at our additional needs sessions and is proving to be a huge asset.

Risks, reserves and investments

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves in unrestricted funds at a level equivalent to six months expenditure has been achieved this year. This level allows the charity to continue its activities for a reasonable period in the event of a sudden curtailment of funding and will allow enough time for the charity to either obtain new funding sources or restructure its activities, should this be needed.

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: 3/12/25

Independent Examiners Report

Report to the
trustees of

Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust

On accounts for
the year ended

30-Jun-25 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:



28th October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Receipts				
Grants	2	56544	56544	53996
Donations and legacies	5100		5100	13725
Fundraising	58802		58802	0
Other Trading Activities	2700		2700	3370
Total Receipts	66602	56544	123146	71091
Payments				
Salaries	1270	36552	37822	29590
Other Charitable Activities	6887	10564	17451	3024
Website	39		39	40
Payroll Fees	532		532	917
Insurance	395		395	323
Governance	475		475	450
Miscellaneous	86		86	89
Total Payments	9684	47116	56800	34433
Surplus / deficit for the year	56918	9428	66346	36658
Transfer between Funds			0	0
Funds at 1 July 2024	82701	4239	86940	50282
Funds at 30 June 2025	139619	13667	153286	86940

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Balance Sheet


30-Jun-25

	2025 £	2024 £
notes		
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	153,286	86,940
Total Cash Balance	153,286	86,940
Current Liabilities		
Net Current Assets	153,286	86,940
Net Assets at 30 June 2025	153,286	86,940
Represented By		
Restricted Funds	13,667	4,239
Unrestricted Funds	139,619	82,701
	153,286	86,940

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

Signed.....

Position.....TRUSTEE

Signed.....

Position.....Trustee

Date 3 December 2025

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Notes to the accounts, 2025

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
North Tyneside Council - HAF		17838	17838
North Tyneside Council - Equipment		1500	1500
North Tyneside Council - Youth		1240	1240
The Bread & Butter Thing		11800	11800
Community Foundation - Camping Equipment		2380	2380
Community Foundation - SEND Session		5000	5000
The Ballinger Charitable Trust		16000	16000
BAM Construction		786	786
Total	0	56544	56544

3. Trustees, staff and related party transactions

The organisation employed five part-time members of staff during the period of the accounts. No payments were made to trustees. Total salary costs for the year £37,822.

4 Analysis of Restricted Funds:

	Open Bal 1/7/2024	Income	Expend	Transfer to Gen Funds	End Bal 30/6/2025
North of Tyne Community Centres Grant	2139		2139		0
Arnold Clark Automation	600		600		0
Charities Aid Foundation	400		400		0
Asda Foundation	600		600		0
North Tyneside Council - Young Mayors Fund	500		500		0
North Tyneside Council - HAF		17838	17838		0
North Tyneside Council - Equipment		1500	1500		0
North Tyneside Council - Youth		1240	1240		0
The Bread & Butter Thing		11800	11800		0
Community Foundation - Camping Equipment		2380	2380		0
Community Foundation - SEND Session		5000	3333		1667
The Ballinger Charitable Trust		16000	4000		12000
BAM Construction		786	786		0
Total	4239	56544	47116	0	13667