

SEREN IN THE COMMUNITY CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1171417

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Company number [CE008981](#)

Registered 2017-02-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF STAR COMMUNITIES (SPLOTT, TREMORFA, ADAMSDOWN AND ROATH) AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE WIDER AREA OF SOUTH WALES, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATIONS WITH THE OBJECTS OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: A charity for families, children and young people, and the wider community in Splott, Tremorfa, Adamsdown and Roath area. People have equal access to opportunities, good health and well-being. We deliver services which are led by the needs of the community that will create positive change, and empower and provide opportunities for everyone to reach their full potential.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** (SPLOTT, TREMORFA, ADAMSDOWN AND ROATH)
- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£43,736	£56,681	-	-
2023-12-31	£53,775	£42,909	-	-
2023-03-31	£91,448	£80,856	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,283	£18,692	-	-
2021-03-31	£6,790	£2,830	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Germaine Ngoy Kyabu		2023-11-15
Gordon Tyler		2024-11-06
HUW THOMAS CLLR		2017-12-05
Harriet Rose		2024-11-06
Jennifer Beli Evans		2025-11-04
Paula Harris		2023-06-27
Samantha May Evans		2024-07-08
Sian Regan		2023-06-27
Victoria Lucy Daborn Tedder		2026-01-26

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In The Community

Registered charity number: 1171417

Trustees' Annual Report

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For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Registered Charity Name: Seren in the Community CIO

Charity number: 1171417

Trustees:

- Sian Regan (Chair)**
- Sam Evans (Secretary)**
- Huw Thomas (Treasurer)**
- Paula Harris**
- Germaine Ngoy Kyabu**
- Harriet Rose**
- Gordon Tyler**

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Independent Examiners: Deborah Mary Samothrakis BSc FCA

Tester Accountancy & Bookkeeping Ltd

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Overview of Activities

Seren in the Community's aim - of bringing high quality, inclusive, adventurous and meaningful play opportunities to the children and young people to the Splott, Tremorfa, Adamsdown and Roath areas - continued to be of vital importance in 2024.

Playwork is about creating spaces where children can follow their own ideas, explore the world around them, and take manageable risks. These spaces are more important than ever in the face of the effects of the continued cost of living crisis and budget pressures on services.

For Seren in the Community, 2024 was a year of deepening and expanding our relationships in the community, while also continuing to help the children and young people of the local area realise their right to play under UNCRC Article 31 (with lots of fun along the way!).

- **Staff and Training:** We continued to invest in our team's professional development, with playworkers successfully completing L2APP and Level 3 play qualifications and all staff renewing their Safeguarding and Food Safety certificates.
- **Community Engagement:** We expanded our services to meet the diverse needs of the community. We expanded our offer specifically for neuro-divergent children and their families, which was a great success. Our sessions continued to be led by the wishes of children and young people.
- **Events and Partnerships:** We actively participated in key sector events, with staff attending national playwork conferences. We continued to play a key role in the We also collaborated with various local organisations for a really successful Play Day event in Anderson Fields in August. The offsite trip to Oakwood was a highlight, receiving brilliant feedback from the children and families who attended.
- **Strategic Growth:** Work continued to seek funding and work towards organisational resilience beyond the project funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. Discussions were initiated with Cardiff Council to improve the representation of third-sector organisations in play sufficiency data, with the goal of opening up further funding streams.

Staffing and Operations

The year saw changes to the playwork team, saying goodbye to some and welcoming new faces. We actively worked with "Into Work" services to look at building a pool of dedicated volunteers. We continued to be active on social media, including the launch of a new TikTok account.

Public Benefit

The Trustees of Seren in the Community are committed to ensuring that the charity operates for the public benefit, furthering our charitable purpose to advance the development and education of children and young people through the provision of play opportunities. We have prioritised making our services accessible to all, particularly those in areas of socio-economic disadvantage or those with additional needs. By offering free sessions we ensure that a lack of financial means is not a barrier to accessing high-quality, supervised play. This support contributes to stronger, more inclusive local communities.

Risks

The Trustees are in regular contact with the playworkers and meet regularly to monitor risks to the organisation. Financial sustainability continues to be the most significant risk. Our highly experienced and qualified team of playworkers are our most important resource and our biggest expenditure. We aim to reduce elsewhere through working with partners, reusing and recycling materials where possible and working with our community partners.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, we are focused on securing long-term funding and strengthening our relationship with the local council to ensure our work is recognised and supported. We will also continue to develop new projects working with our community partners across the area.

Governance and Trustee Details

Seren in the Community was registered with the Charity Commission on 01 Feb 2017. The charity is governed by a board of trustees. The governing document for the organisation is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) constitution, which was most recently amended on 6 November 2024.

For the period covered by this report, trustees were:

Jo May (resigned October 2024)

Sian Regan (appointed 27/06/2023 - present)

Sam Evans (appointed 08/07/2024 - present)

Huw Thomas (appointed 05/12/2017 - present)

Paula Harris (appointed 27/06/2023 - present)

Germaine Ngoy Kyabu (15/11/2023 - present)

Harriet Rose ((appointed 27/06/2023 - present)

Gordon Tyler (appointed 27/06/2023 - present)

Independent Examiner's Report and Accounts

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SEREN IN THE COMMUNITY CIO
ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out below.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as 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 as to whether the financial statements present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- * the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
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- * the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements, concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, 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.

I have come across no other 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.

Deborah Mary Samothrakis BSc FCA
Tester Accountancy & Bookkeeping Ltd
Chartered Accountants
34, Fair oak Road, Cathays, Cardiff CF24 4PY

Date 29/10/25

SEREN IN THE COMMUNITY CIO

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME:		
Big Lottery	29,593.50	29,097.00
Winter of Wellbeing/Play Sufficiency grants	11,614.27	12,811.78
Other grant funding	1,810.00	11,866.00
Fundraising:	627.88	-
Homeschool	90.00	-
	43,735.65	53,774.78
EXPENDITURE:		
Labour	40,185.13	34,650.01
Expenses	900.03	1,035.69
Insurance	817.20	719.14
Independent Examiner's fees	700.00	-
Equipment and consumables	6,625.68	5,468.98
Trips	2,442.40	-
Homeschool	270.00	-
Storage	1,816.00	670.31
Services, training & conferences	2,925.00	365.00
	(56,681.44)	(42,909.13)
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	(12,945.79)	10,865.65

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Surpluses brought forward	36,252.16	25,386.51
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(12,945.79)	10,865.65
Surpluses carried forward	23,306.37	36,252.16
Represented By:		
Balance at bank	23,306.37	36,252.16

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/23** Period start date To **31/12/2023** Period end date

Charity name: **Seren in the Community CIO**

Charity registration number: **1171417**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance education and provide facilities for recreation and leisure in the interests of social welfare and to benefit and improve the conditions of life of the inhabitants of STAR Communities (Splott, Tremorfa, Adamsdown and Roath).
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Provided children and young people (CYP) in the STAR area with free, open access play provision, during school term and school holiday times.</p> <p>Play provision has helped to address high levels of deprivation within the local community it serves, and children's physical activity levels, healthy eating and educational attainment have improved through attending play sessions. Our playworkers listen to children and help them develop a positive and optimistic outlook to overcome the challenges in their lives.</p> <p>Play sessions (1 hour, 55mins long are delivered from various community venues, including outdoors in the local parks.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Throughout 2023 Seren in the Community continued to run successful outdoor play sessions in local parks benefiting children and their families throughout the STAR area. We also worked with local schools to improve their play provision.</p> <p>Thanks to grant funding from Cardiff Council to improve holiday play provision, we have facilitated open access play sessions, outdoors in all weathers, for 1:55 minutes for children aged 5-14 years from the STAR area. Children and young people have been given the opportunity to express themselves creatively and socially through the medium of play. Children and young people have been provided with an environment in which they can improve their self-esteem, make better friendships and make healthier choices.</p> <p>We have continued to facilitate play sessions including loose parts play, sports activities, role play and den building.</p> <p>We continued to be involved in community food share projects and provide healthy meals for the children living in poverty in our local area.</p> <p>We have continued to develop strong relationships with other organisations in the community through the local play action group such as No Fit State, Splott Community Volunteers, Boomerang, Railway Gardens, Welsh Refugee Council, the STAR Hub, housing providers and schools.</p>

		The charity continued to use sessional workers, on a self-employed basis, to deliver our play sessions.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During this reporting period the charity's principal source of funding has been grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and from Cardiff Council.</p> <p>The charity's main expenditure is payment to sessional play workers, on a self-employed basis, for their service in delivering play sessions.</p> <p>The charity took forward a surplus of £10,866.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Seren will hold reserves to provide financial stability and the means for the development of our principal activity. We will maintain our reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to 6 months running costs. The Board regularly reviews the amount of reserves that are required and that they are adequate to fulfil our continuing obligations, the reserves policy will be formally reviewed annually.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The charity took forward a surplus of £10,866 from this reporting period.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The most significant risk to the charity continuing as a going concern in the long run is reliance on grant funding and the uncertainties around this, particularly in light of local authority cuts. The charity will continue to explore alternative grant funding as well as options to diversify income.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity		
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees can be appointed by the members or by the charity trustees. Invitation to apply by existing trustees, confirmed by a meeting and validated at an AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Seren in the Community CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1171417
Charity's principal address	% 31 Harold St Adamsdown CF24 1NZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lydia Cook	Chair	Resigned November 2023	
2	Sian Regan	Acting Chair	June 2023 (appointed acting chair November 2023)-	
3	Huw Thomas	Treasurer	2017 -	
4	Germaine Ngoy Kyabu		November 2023 -	
5	Paula Harris	Secretary	June 2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s) Sian Regan

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Acting Chair

Date 31/10/24

COMPANY NUMBER: CE008981

CHARITY NUMBER: 1171417

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF SEREN IN THE COMMUNITY CIO

ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Date

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME:				
Fundraising:				
Big Lottery		29,097.00		14,425.50
Winter of Wellbeing/Play Sufficiency grants		12,811.78		26,963.78
Winter of Wellbeing - Capital grant		-		35,000.00
Other grant funding		11,866.00		14,496.84
Training delivered		-		561.51
		<u>53,774.78</u>		<u>91,447.63</u>
 EXPENDITURE:				
Labour	34,650.01		36,936.21	
Expenses	1,035.69		2,533.04	
Insurance	719.14		745.98	
Equipment and consumables	5,468.98		39,393.00	
Storage	670.31		-	
Services & training	<u>365.00</u>		<u>1,247.31</u>	
		<u>(42,909.13)</u>		<u>(80,855.54)</u>
 NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		£ <u>10,865.65</u>		£ <u>10,592.09</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023		2022
	£		£
Surpluses brought forward	25,386.51		14,794.42
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	10,865.65		10,592.09
Surpluses carried forward	£ 36,252.16	£	25,386.51
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Represented By:			
Balance at bank	£ 36,252.16	£	25,386.51
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D. M. Samothrakis

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Date

20/5/24

SEREN IN THE COMMUNITY CIO

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME:				
Fundraising:				
Big Lottery		14,425.50		-
Winter of Wellbeing/Play Sufficiency grants		26,963.78		-
Winter of Wellbeing - Capital grant		35,000.00		-
Other grant funding		14,496.84		11,283.42
Training delivered		561.51		-
		<u>91,447.63</u>		<u>11,283.42</u>
EXPENDITURE:				
Labour	36,936.21		12,601.06	
Expenses	2,533.04		204.00	
Insurance	745.98		220.66	
Equipment and consumables	39,393.00		4,477.60	
Services & training	1,247.31		1,188.20	
		<u>(80,855.54)</u>		<u>(18,691.52)</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£	<u>10,592.09</u>	£	<u>(7,408.10)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Surpluses brought forward	14,794.42	22,202.52
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	10,592.09	(7,408.10)
Surpluses carried forward	£ 25,386.51	£ 14,794.42
Represented By:		
Balance at bank	£ 25,386.51	£ 14,794.42

Prepared by Huw Thomas, Treasurer

Huw Thomas

20/5/24

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2021		31	March	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Seren in the Community

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1171417

Splott Play Centre
Muirton Road
Cardiff
Postcode CF24 2SJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
2	Huw Thomas Cllr	Treasurer		
3	Jane Tariq	Secretary		
5	Lydia Cook	Chair		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document Constitution

(eg. trust deed, constitution)	
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees can be appointed by the members or by the charity trustees. Invitation to apply by existing trustees, confirmed by a meeting and validated at an AGM.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We are seeking to appoint new trustees to help manage the charity, as our Chair and other trustees resigned during the financial year before last, due to job and family commitments.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance education and provide facilities for recreation and leisure in the interests of social welfare and to benefit and improve the conditions of life of the inhabitants of STAR Communities (Splott, Tremorfa, Adamsdown and Roath).

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Provided children and young people (CYP) in the STAR area with free, open access play provision, during school term and school holiday times.

Play provision has helped to address high levels of deprivation within the local community it serves, and children's physical activity levels, healthy eating and educational attainment have improved through attending play sessions. Our playworkers listen to children and help them develop a positive and optimistic outlook to overcome the challenges in their lives.

During the period provision has been primarily weekly play sessions (1 hour, 55mins long) which are delivered from various venues, outdoors in the local parks to counteract the risk of spreading Covid - 19.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2021-2022 we have had the additional challenges that Covid - 19 has brought, including restrictions on delivering indoor play sessions. We have, however, run many successful outdoor play sessions in local parks that have benefitted a lot of children, young people and their families.

Through securing grant funding we have been able to plan ahead for play-based activities from the Play Centre for the children and young people of Splott.

Thanks to grant funding from Cardiff Council to improve holiday play provision, we have facilitated open access play sessions, outdoors in all weathers, for 1:55 minutes for children aged 5-14 years from the STAR area. Children and young people have been given the opportunity to express themselves creatively and socially through the medium of play. Children and young people have been provided with an environment in which they can improve their self-esteem, make better friendships and make healthier choices.

We have continued to facilitate activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, sports, role play, group games, group discussions, den building, gardening and other outside activities. This provision has been hugely important in helping to alleviate the stress and anxiety that the pandemic has caused for lots of children and young people that we work with.

We continued to be involved in community food share projects and provide healthy meals for the children living in poverty in our local area.

The charity continued to use sessional workers, on a self-employed basis, to deliver our play sessions.

We are still part of an informal network in the local area, and have strong relationships with external organisations such as the Star Hyb, Play Services, Travelling Ahead and Gypsy and Travellers Wales, the Police and PCSOs, YAG (youth action group), Action for Children, YMCA, Eastmoors, Ministry of Life, Willows High School, Social Services, ACT (training provider for young people), New Leaf, Adamsdown Court, Cardiff Community Housing Association and the Flourish project based there, and many more.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Seren will hold reserves to provide financial stability and the means for the development of our principal activity. We will maintain our reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to 6 months running costs. The Board regularly reviews the amount of reserves that are required and that they are adequate to fulfil our continuing obligations, the reserves policy will be formally reviewed annually.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal source of funding has been grant funding from Cardiff Council, during this reporting period.

The balance of funds in the charity's accounts comes from fundraising activities previously undertaken by the Friends of Splott Playcentre, and transferred to Seren in the Community on the establishment of its bank account.

Section F

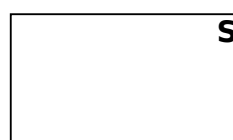
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

		
Lydia Cook		Huw Thomas
Chair		Treasurer

Date

Income & Expenditure Account - Year Ended 31 December 2021

Y/E 31/12/20

Income

Fundraising	£	-	£	-
Children in Need	£	-	£	-
Other Grant funding	£	11,283.42	£	5,000.00
Hall Rental Income	£	-		
Interest	£	-	£	-
		£ 11,283.42		£ 5,000.00

Expenditure

Salaries	£	12,601.06	£	1,649.89
Expenses	£	204.00	£	-
Insurance	£	220.66	£	215.03
Equipment	£	4,477.60	£	-
Services (inc. training)	£	1,188.20	£	-
Fairshare Cymru			£	965.00
Utilities	£	-	£	-
		-£ 18,691.52		-£ 2,829.92

<u>Net (deficit)/Surplus for the year</u>		<u>-£ 7,408.10</u>		<u>£ 2,170.08</u>
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Balance sheet 31 Dec 2021

Balance brought forward 1 Jan 20	£	22,202.52	£	20,032.44
Surplus (deficit) for the year	-£	7,408.10	£	2,170.08
Balance carried forward 31 Dec 21		<u>£ 14,794.42</u>		<u>£ 22,202.52</u>

Represented by

Balance at bank	£	14,794.42	£	22,202.52
Debtors			£	-
Creditors	£	-	£	-
		<u>£ 14,794.42</u>		<u>£ 22,202.52</u>

Signed



Date

05/09/2022

Huw Thomas, Treasurer

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2020		31	March	2021

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During the period provision has been primarily weekly play sessions (1 hour, 55mins long) which are delivered from various venues, outdoors in the local parks to counteract the risk of spreading Covid - 19.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2020-21 we have had the additional challenges that Covid - 19 has brought, including restrictions on delivering any face to face services for much of the year. We were running sessions at the very start of the year before the first lockdown was announced and then were able to return to some outdoor play provision in the summer. However we were hit by a 2nd lockdown later in the year and so had to put our services on hold again, much to the disappointment of the children, young people and families that use our services.

Through securing grant funding we have been able to plan ahead for play-based activities from the Play Centre for the children and young people of Splott.

When able to operate, we facilitated two open access play sessions per week, outdoors in all weather, for 1:55 minutes for children aged 5-14 years from the STAR area. Children and young people have been given the opportunity to express themselves creatively and socially through the medium of play. Children and young people have been provided with an environment in which they can improve their self-esteem, make better friendships and make healthier choices.

We have continued to facilitate activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, sports, role play, group games, group discussions, den building, gardening and other outside activities. This provision has been hugely important in helping to alleviate the stress and anxiety that the pandemic has caused for lots of children and young people that we work with.

We continued to be involved in community food share projects and provide healthy meals for the children living in poverty in our local area. We partnered successfully with Flourish, a National Lottery funded project during the first lockdown, to help get food parcels out to families in need.

The charity continued to use sessional workers, on a self-employed basis, to deliver our play sessions when it was possible to do so.

We are still part of an informal network in the local area, and have strong relationships with external organisations such as the Star Hyb, Play Services, Travelling Ahead and Gypsy and Travellers Wales, the Police and PCSOs, YAG (youth action group), Action for Children, YMCA, Eastmoors, Ministry of Life, Willows High School, Social Services, ACT (training provider for young people), New Leaf, Adamsdown Court, Cardiff Community Housing Association and the Flourish project based there, and many more.

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal source of funding has been grant funding from Cardiff Council and the Coronavirus Resilience Fund.

The balance of funds in the charity's accounts comes from fundraising activities previously undertaken by the Friends of Splott Playcentre, and transferred to Seren in the Community on the establishment of its bank account.

The reason for the large underspend in this financial year is that the pandemic forced us to close our provision for much of the year. We then had two grants awarded close to the end of the financial year to help us plan and continue our services into 2021.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

		
Lydia Cook		Huw Thomas
Chair		Treasurer

Date

Income & Expenditure Account - Year Ended 31 December 2020

Y/E 31/12/19

Income

Fundraising	£	-	£	-
Children in Need	£	-	£	-
Other Grant funding	£	5,000.00	£	9,953.00
Hall Rental Income	£	-	£	1,000.00
Interest	£	-	£	-
		£ 5,000.00		£ 10,953.00

Expenditure

Salaries	£	1,649.89	£	6,743.11
Cash Expenses	£	-	£	-
Insurance	£	215.03	£	215.03
Equipment	£	-	£	-
Professional services	£	-	£	-
Fairshare Cymru	£	965.00	£	-
Utilities	£	-	£	-
		-£ 2,829.92		-£ 6,958.14

<u>Net (deficit)/Surplus for the year</u>	<u>£ 2,170.08</u>	<u>£ 3,994.86</u>
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Balance sheet 31 Dec 2020

Balance brought forward 1 Jan 19	£ 20,032.44	£ 16,037.58
Surplus (deficit) for the year	£ 2,170.08	£ 3,994.86
Balance carried forward 31 Dec 19	<u>£ 22,202.52</u>	<u>£ 20,032.44</u>

Represented by

Balance at bank	£ 22,202.52	£ 20,032.44
Debtors		£ -
Creditors	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ 22,202.52</u>	<u>£ 20,032.44</u>

Signed



Date

04/09/2021

Huw Thomas, Treasurer