



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

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)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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 last financial year, 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, Adamstown 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 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.

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

None

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 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

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

29/01/2021

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