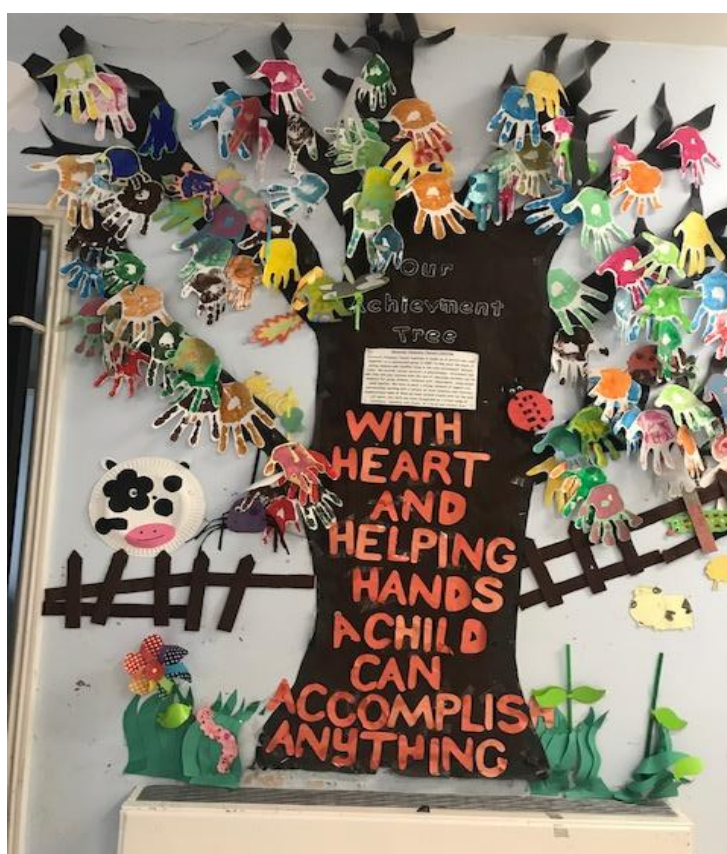


**Dovecote Voluntary Parent
Committee
Annual Report
2023 – 2024**

Registered Charity No: 1172048



Why Dovecote Children & Families Project is Important

There are very few initiatives engaging with families in Greater Leys. The Dovecote centre is based in the centre of the estate is the only provider of out of school play facilities for young children and children with disabilities aged 4 to 10 years old, along with being the only provider of these schemes for children aged 4 to 8 across the Leys estate.

As a community-driven initiative, we're grateful for the flexibility to adapt and serve the diverse needs of the Leys community. Our holistic approach offers comprehensive services, fostering trust and deep connections with local residents. By providing affordable solutions and drawing in passionate individuals dedicated to enhancing community life, we strive to create a thriving and inclusive environment for all.

Achievements to Date

At the heart of our actions lies the principle of actively engaging and consulting with children, young people, and families. Our primary goal is to optimize the utilization of the Dovecote, a cherished community asset. We envision the Dovecote as a dynamic and enjoyable local hub, owned and cherished by the community it serves, enriching the lives of all who interact with it

Our project is centered on providing children, including those with disabilities, young people, and families, with accessible, high-quality, safe, and inclusive play and social opportunities that may otherwise be unavailable to them. In 1996, during the establishment of the first phase of the new estate, thorough consultation with local residents highlighted the pressing need for stay-and-play sessions, out-of-school play facilities, and family social and parenting support groups. This feedback culminated in the formation of the Dovecote Voluntary Parent Management Committee, comprising local parents dedicated to founding the Dovecote Children & Families project. This initiative is led and managed by the Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee, a formally constituted group. Their commitment and dedication have enabled the project to thrive, creating many new and exciting opportunities for children and families to enjoy for the past 28 years. To date, our project has provided support to over 3,500 families

Over the past 28 years of operation, our project has achieved significant milestones through the dedication of our committee, staff and volunteers. These accomplishments include:

- An afterschool club three sessions per week, 16 children per session, including children with disabilities aged 4 to 12 years old
- Easter and summer playschemes for up to 32 children per session including children with disabilities per session
- Half term playschemes (subject to funding) for up to 16 children
- Twice weekly Stay & Play sessions for young mums and dads with young children
- SEN (Special Educational Needs) Stay & Play session each Thursday term time
- Purpose built sensory room for children with disabilities and their families
- Strong partnership work with a wide range of voluntary and statutory organisations supporting vulnerable children and families
- Strong partnership work with Aiming High Short Breaks for Disabled Children to support young children with disabilities experiencing exclusion to accessing local services to participate in our afterschool club and schemes.
- Setting up Leys News a free community newsletter distributed to every household in Blackbird Leys. Today the Leys news is an independent community newspaper reach 5000 household every month
- Development of Dovecote Afloat – narrow boat project bringing the magic of canals and nature to young people from the Leys (Sadly due to funding this project came to an end in August 2016) *Sadly due to funding this project is no longer running*
- Purpose built sensory garden
- Provide support, training and volunteering opportunities

- Extension of centre garden providing a larger outside play area
- Awarded Outstanding Grade by Ofsted 2009
- Finalist Groundwork Community Award – Best Community Project on a Social Housing Estate 2018
- Finalist Children & Young People's Award 2016
- Secured two large key funding awards from the National Lottery

Volunteers are indispensable to the success of our project, playing a vital role in its operation. Their dedication and commitment are the essence of our initiative; without them, our project simply would not exist. To ensure accessibility and affordability for all families in the Leys, we offer all activities at below-cost.

It's incredibly rewarding to see the growth and development of young children through our programs. Many of them have transitioned from users to dedicated volunteers within our project. Some have even pursued further training to become qualified play workers, contributing to our holidays schemes and eventually embarking on careers in childcare.

Our current board of trustees includes a remarkable young lady who was once a user of Dovecote services from the age of 4. She now serves as a valued member of our board of Trustees, bringing invaluable firsthand insight and dedication to the project.

Project Management

We the Dovecote Voluntary Parent Trustees receive regular reports and updates from the Children & Families Services Manager Carol Richards. We hold approximately five to six business meetings per year along with training and informal meetings taking place when required. Trustees are elected at our Annual General Meeting. Annual accounts are prepared by a qualified accountant and signed off at our AGM. Day to day activities of the project are managed and developed in consultation with the committee by the Children & Families Services Manager. Children and young people play a lead role in the planning and development of Dovecote Children & Families project. We also employ two part-time after-school club play workers and have a good bank of regular seasonal play staff.



Vision, Mission and Values

OUR VISION – *A world where all children and young people are equal*

OUR MISSION – *provide services, support and opportunities that support the Improvement of the descending spiral of deprivation and inequality, setting a path for lasting growth*

OUR VALUES – *We pride ourselves in giving a safe and welcoming environment in order to give our users the ability to development themselves and break the cycle of and the cycle of undesirable peer pressure.*

We are dedicated to nurturing the person growth of children and young people while fostering positive relationships. Together we empower them to reach their full potential and pursue their dreams. Our ambition is to significantly impact the lives of the families, children and young people we assist, aspiring to better futures for all.

Through our services, we aim to enhance the lives of families, young people and children, building on years of trust cultivated within the community. Our commitment to reliability and consistency in service deliver ensures that this trust is maintained, reinforcing our bond with the community

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Office Hours

Current office hours vary

Trustees

Rachel Partlett – Chairperson; Amie Prior – Secretary; Jessica Brain, Tara Collier, Craig Logan

Dovecote Team

Carol Richards: Children & Families Services Co-ordinator

Sharon Bishop Play Assistant

Delvise Saunders Play Assistant

Vikki Crawford Play Co-ordinator

Along with a range of seasonal staff throughout the year

Volunteers

Amanda Jones

Mr Peter J Stevenson, MA FCA, has independently examined our accounts



Chairs Report

Welcome everyone and thank you for attending this year's AGM.

Can I start by saying I am deeply saddened by the passing of our admired Trustee, Hillary Miles. This loss is truly a profound one, not just for our organisation but for all who had the privilege of knowing Hillary. Hillary's dedication, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to the Dovecote Children & Families project will deeply be missed. I hope we can come together to honour Hillary's memory and carry forward the values she embodied.

I am pleased to present our annual report for 2023-2024.

As another fruitful year comes to a close for our project, we reflect on the progress made possible by the National Lottery Community Fund. This support has enabled us to concentrate on innovative developments, reestablish connections with partners and organizations, and forge new collaborations. We are grateful for the opportunities afforded to us, which have allowed us to expand our reach and impact within the community.

At the heart of our project lies a commitment to increasing the voices and addressing the needs of disadvantaged young people, families, and children. We prioritise their stories and experiences, alongside insights from our partners, to shape and evolve our services towards meaningful change.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all Trustees who continue to serve, support and scrutinise the Charity's work. We deeply value and appreciate their dedication and commitment. Without their unwavering support, our project simply wouldn't exist.

On behalf of everyone at our project, I extend a heartfelt thank you to all our supporters and partners for the unwavering support they have given us throughout the past year.

Treasurers Report

2023/24 financial accounts have been prepared by our long-standing accountant Peter J Stevenson MA FCA.

Throughout the reporting period, our focus remained on seeking out and funding inspiring ideas that positively impact the lives of children, young people, and families. It's evident that the cost-of-living crisis has presented challenges for all of the UK's children and young people, particularly exacerbating difficulties for those already experiencing disadvantage.

Secretary

This report tells the journey of our Dovecote team and Trustees, showcasing our creativity and innovation in ensuring our continued presence for children, young people, and families who rely on us.

What sets our project apart is our commitment to learning from the experiences and voices of local residents, as well as the inspiring stories and perspectives of young people. We leverage these insights to proactively address challenges, working to prevent other families and young people from encountering similar difficulties.

I believe we can all confirm to the fact that the past few years have presented some of the most demanding challenges for our project. Nevertheless, I couldn't be prouder of our truly community project. As we look into the future, we acknowledge the scale of the task ahead. With an ambitious goal, a strategic vision, and a team of exceptionally talented individuals, we are equipped to face those challenges head-on. We hope you'll stand alongside us as we strive to create a society that truly caters to the needs of all children, young people, and families.

Afterschool Club

The fluctuation in attendance at the afterschool club over the past year reflects the ongoing impact of the cost-of-living crisis, particularly affecting vulnerable families, children, and young people in the UK

Children attending the club have access to a variety of activities and opportunities;

- team games - communication and leadership skills, cooperation, friendship
- Art and crafts –creativity, imagination, fine motor skills
- Outdoor risky play, (many of the children reside in flats)
- Offsite trips – develop both mentally and physically, social awareness, keep healthy
- Activities that supported learning and development -, sensory play, baking, and much more - nurture curiosity, increase confidence to try new things, learn new skills purpose-built sensory room and garden provides therapeutic play

After school clubs hold significant value for children growing up in poverty, as they often lack access to such opportunities elsewhere. Beyond being a source of enjoyment and socialisation, these clubs play a crucial role in enhancing concentration and academic performance. Offering a diverse range of activities, they enable children to develop socially, physically, and creatively, instilling valuable skills and learning habits applicable in their academic pursuits.



Holiday Playschemes

These schemes continue to be very much in demand, summer in particular

This year the children young people aged 4 to 10 years old were able to access a wide range of activities, opportunities and experiences not normally available to them.

Activities and experiences on offer supported them to learn;

- team games - communication and leadership skills, cooperation, friendship and social skills
- art and crafts – improve coordination, visual processing abilities, creativity, imagination, fine motor skills along with supporting children to express themselves
- music/ drama workshops– greater confidence, fun, increase awareness of what they can achieve.
- outdoor risky play, (many of the children reside in flats), offsite trips – develop both mentally and physically, social awareness, keep healthy,
- science activities, sensory play and much more - nurture curiosity, increase confidence to try new things, learn new skills
- purpose built sensory room and garden provides therapeutic play
- Free play, an important role to a child's emotional growth. It supports children to take and manage risk and overcome challenge. Which in turn helps build self-esteem and confidence
- Cooking activities, encourage reading, following directions, measuring along with fine motors skills hand coordination

The conclusion of the scheme was marked by a well-attended and oversubscribed family and carer trip to Drayton Manor. For many, this excursion provided a rare chance to escape the hardships of living in one of Europe's largest housing estates, particularly during the lengthy summer break. Twenty adults

and nineteen children participated, enjoying a day filled with fun and quality family time. Everyone enjoyed a fantastic and enjoyable day

A massive thank you to all the staff for delivering an incredibly fun, safe, and successful scheme

Stay & Play to include SEN

Stay and play sessions continue to be extremely busy. Our Wednesday sessions is most certainly our busiest session. On several occasions we have sadly had to turn people away due to reaching full capacity for inside of 15 children and 14 adults. Now the weather is getting nicer we will be able to start using the outside garden more this will enable more to families attend.

We continue to support new mums, dads and parents. For them, sessions offer an opportunity to meet new people which in turn supports them to overcome the feeling of loneliness, isolation and much more. We also support parents suffering with anxiety and depression. Our Little Doves messenger group serves as a valuable source of support for parents. Within our community, we're fortunate to have many experienced grandmothers who actively participate in our sessions, offering exceptional encouragement and support to younger moms and dads. What is the saying "It really does take a village to raise a child"

Sessions provide the following;

- A place where children are able to explore and play safely.
- A place where children learn from having fun. Our sessions offer a wide-range of play activities and educational toys to assist children's developmental needs.
- Sessions provide local families with access to a wide variety of activities and opportunities
- Sessions offer fun outdoor play experience and exploring outside is keenly encouraged
- Sessions include free-play, messy play, arts and crafts sensory play in our sensory room. Opportunities and experiences on offer help children by; encouraging speech and language, encouraging sharing and turn-taking and exploring new and exciting activities.



Working in partnership with parents is central to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and it is widely acknowledged that developing successful relationships between parents and providers can have long-lasting and beneficial effects on children's learning and wellbeing

Research has found that 'Stay and Play' sessions where parents and their children play and learned songs, are linked to small but significant reductions in parenting stress, improvements in mothers' health, and better learning environments in the children's own homes.

Our SEN sessions are developing slowly with an average of two attending per session. This number may seem low, but we intentionally limit the session to accommodate only 6 to 8 families with SEN children. This allows us to provide a more personalized and attentive experience, ensuring that each family's unique needs are met effectively.

Partnership Work

New partnership work was formed with CDI Clockhouse project, Migrant Children Together Project, Oxford Hub, Oxfordshire County Council HAF (Holiday Activities Funding) Team, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire and Seesaw, Wellbeing Together Team

Strengthening partnership work also took place with CDI youth project, local Schools and Blap - Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground.

Collaborating with individuals and communities enhances the likelihood of developing services that effectively address people's needs, thereby enhancing their experiences and outcomes. Local residents, children, and young people possess invaluable knowledge, skills, experiences, and connections that are essential for services to comprehend in order to effectively support their physical and mental health.

Partnership working also coordinates better action between organisations and allows us opportunities to exchange views, support innovation and provide additional momentum to get things done.

Developments 2023-2024

Further development for our project this year was a Santa Drop. This entailed delivering sack of good quality toys, books, selection boxes, family boxes of biscuits and tins of chocolate to 52 children and 26 families. This is the first time we have been able to support families struggling with the cost of living to provide their children with good quality toys and books for Christmas. We worked with several local agencies; Oxford Hub and Neighbourhood Watch to identify those families most in need to receive the Santa Sacks

Future Planned Developments 2024-2035

New Intergenerational project with the Clockhouse; The aim of this project is to create a new Intergenerational partnership work between two local charities working with residents and families aged 0 to 90 years old. Bringing together people from various age groups and backgrounds will lead to a rich exchange of ideas, experiences, and perspectives. It will foster understanding, empathy, and collaboration, ultimately benefiting the community as a whole. This project will see the delivery of a play sessions with some of our toddler and seniors from the Clockhouse beginning with one session a week for 1 hour.

Setting up of Domestic violence support for local parents/families; It has been identified that there is sadly very little support accessible to victims of domestic violence both female and male. In addition to helping the victims of domestic violence directly, awareness campaigns can help individuals and communities recognize the signs and speak up when they see it
Training for staff and volunteers

Empowering more local residents to become more involved with our project

Funding

See attached 2023/2024 financial report prepared by Peter Stevens, MA FCA

Reserves Policy of the Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee

The purpose of the Reserves Policy for Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee is to ensure the stability of our charity, services, employment, and ongoing operations of the organization and to provide a source of internal funds for organizational priorities such as employer's liabilities and project operational liabilities should the project be faced with winding up.

Steps taken to establish our level of reserve:

In order to make a judgment on the amount of reserve Trustees have considered the risks in respect of expenditure, unrestricted income and where appropriate restricted income. Trustees have also taken into consideration current external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year ahead. A risk assessment has been undertaken for the period 2023/24 and the following has been determined:

- * Limited funding sources available
- * Level of employer's liability

Monitoring and reviewing our Reserves Policy will be reviewed at our Trustees business meeting before our Annual General Meeting.

How Did We Set Our Reserves Level

Appropriate level of reserves was set taking the following into consideration:

- a) discussion with manager, treasurer and trustees;
- b) analysis of cash flow;
- c) analysis of existing funds and reserves;
- d) review of future income streams with an assessment of their reliability;
- e) review of committed expenditure;
- f) examining the likely changes in funding/donations;
- g) assessment of how your charity may cope with changes in income;
- h) studying the likely effects on the beneficiaries;
- i) assessment of the risks facing the charity, and how likely these are to materialise;
- j) forecasting levels of income in future years (taking into account the reliability of each source of income, and the prospects for opening up new sources);
- k) forecasting expenditure in future years on the basis of planned activities;
- l) analysis of project organisational liabilities, contingencies or risks; and assessment of the likelihood of each of those needs arising, and the potential consequences for our charity not being able to meet them;
- m) charity income being volatile in nature and currently has high liabilities;
- n) charity is working on some financial difficulties it is facing;
- o) current climate charity is faced with, really threat of insolvency;

Our reserves position;

	Current Year	Previous year
Unrestricted Funds	£34,286	£54802
Restricted funds	£49,214	£32,214
Designated funds	£65,000	£55,000
Reserves funds	£38,500	£15000

The reserves that we have set aside provide us with the means for our charity to cover all liabilities incurred if funding to continue the project was not secured. We intent to maintain our

reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to three months project wind down costs along with employer's liabilities and organisational liabilities i.e. office, disposing of assets, storing of legal documents/confidential information.

Acknowledgements:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all individuals, groups, and organisations whose contributions have been instrumental in sustaining the success of the Dovecote Children & Families projects throughout the past year. Your unwavering assistance and support have been indispensable in enabling the Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee to uphold its mission of providing high-quality, affordable play experiences and opportunities for children, including those with disabilities, as well as young people and families residing in one of Europe's largest social housing estate.

Finally

We extend immense gratitude to all our staff for their outstanding dedication in creating a fun, happy, friendly, welcoming, secure, challenging, and stimulating environment for the children.", young people and families of the Leys!

ALSO, A MASSIVE BIG THANKS TO:

Trustees and wonderful volunteers who help make

Dovecote Children & Families project happen

Funders for their valuable support

Peter Stevenson for examining the accounts

Dovecote users, parents, carers and children and young people who make it all worthwhile 😊😊

**Reaching Communities Lottery Community Fund
Oxford Food Hub
Oxford County Council HAF Funding
Blackbird Leys Parish Council
Peabody Housing Group
Oxford Hub**



DOVECOTE VOLUNTARY PARENT COMMITTEE CIO
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Registered Charity No: 1172048

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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DOVECOTE VOLUNTARY PARENT COMMITTEE CIO

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Charitable Status

Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered in England, number 1172048.

Trustees

The Trustees who have held office at any point during the period ended 31 March 2024 and to the date of this report are as follows:

Rachel Partlett (Chair)	Amie Prior (Secretary)
Jacob Brain (resigned 18/5/23)	Tara Collier
Hilary Miles (resigned 18/5/23)	Craig Logan
Dwayne John (resigned 18/5/23)	Jessica Brain (appointed 18/5/23)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Committee was originally established under a Constitution adopted in 2007. The charity formed in 2017 acquired the assets and liabilities of the former unincorporated body.

Additional trustees may be appointed by the Committee; all new trustees are offered appropriate training in order to fulfil their role.

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is to provide facilities for the daily care, recreation and education of children during out of school hours and school holidays.

The charity also aims to advance the education and training of persons in the provision of such care, education and recreational facilities.

Achievements and performance

Thanks to a major 3-year grant from the Lottery Fund, the charity has been able to expand its activities greatly, and to develop further its plans for broadening its appeal and relevance within the local community. In the past year it has attracted grants and donations totalling £109,164 for its core work, including £91,727 from National Lottery under the Reaching Communities programme, of which £49,214 is carried forward for use in 2024/25, as the National Lottery year runs from January to December.

Full details of achievements and future plans may be found on the charity's website.

Public benefit

The Trustees of the charity have had due regard both to the objectives of the charity, as set out above, and also to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties. All activities are undertaken in furtherance of the charity's objects, as outlined above.

Risk management

The principal risks the charity may face are perceived to be inadequate future funding and the possibility of safeguarding issues arising in the children's activities. To mitigate these risks, more than sufficient future funding has been secured in the short term, and appropriate safeguarding measures have been put in place.

DOVECOTE VOLUNTARY PARENT COMMITTEE CIO

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £124,218 (2023 £84,751) and expenditure £94,289 (2023 £53,328). The net surplus of £29,929 (2023 £31,423) has been added to the fund balances, resulting in reserves carried forward of £186,982 of which £49,214 (2023 £32,214) were restricted funds and £65,000 (2023 £55,000) were funds designated for redundancy costs in the event of the charity being wound up.

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for at least 12 months from the date of signing this report, and have therefore continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Plans for Future Periods

With the Reaching Communities support, the charity plans to develop further its partnership and outreach work, and to provide more offsite facilities for local families. It will develop and expand its holiday playscheme and its specialist facilities, whilst maintaining its core services, as described on the charity's website.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant information (information needed by the independent examiner in connection with preparing his report) of which the charity's examiner is unaware, and each Trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken in order to make himself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Peter J Stevenson FCA has signified his willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint him as examiner will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Approved by the Trustees on 10 June 2024

And signed by order of the Trustees by



Amie Prior
Trustee and Secretary

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Totals £	2023 Totals £
INCOME				
Grants and donations	107,799	1,365	109,164	77,469
Activities for generating funds:				
Fees and hirings	0	12,812	12,812	7,073
Other income				
Refunds	0	1,686	1,686	85
Interest	0	556	556	124
TOTAL INCOME	107,799	16,419	124,218	84,751
EXPENDITURE (Note 3)				
Fundraising and publicity	4234	1,551	5,785	4,537
Charitable activities				
Staff costs	68,080	0	68,080	40,227
Activity costs	15,330	0	15,330	3,360
Property costs	3,155	0	3,155	3,305
Office costs	0	804	804	731
Professional fees	0	1,135	1,135	1,168
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	90,799	3,490	94,289	53,328
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	17,000	12,929	29,929	31,423
Funds b/f at 1st April 2023	32,214	124,839	157,053	125,630
Total funds c/f at 31st March 2024	£49,214	£137,768	£186,982	£157,053

The notes on page 3 form part of these accounts.

All activities are continuing; there are no gains and losses other than those recognised through the Statement of Financial Activities.


BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	4	1,120	500
Bank deposit a/c		86,157	55,601
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>100,985</u>	<u>102,002</u>
		188,262	158,103
CURRENT LIABILITIES	5		
Creditors		<u>1,280</u>	<u>1,050</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>186,982</u>	<u>157,053</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>£186,982</u>	<u>£157,053</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted funds	6	49,214	32,214
Designated funds		65,000	55,000
Other unrestricted funds		<u>72,768</u>	<u>69,839</u>
		<u>£186,982</u>	<u>£157,053</u>

NB Designated funds represent a provision for redundancy costs
in the event of the charity being wound up

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee on 10 June 2024

SIGNED: 
Rachel Partlett

SIGNED: 
Amie Prior

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Annual Report. All the assets and liabilities of the former unincorporated body were transferred in at 1st April 2017.

2. Accounting policies

(a) **Income** is included in the SoFA when:

the entity becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable that the income will be received, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(b) **Liabilities** are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the entity to pay out resources.

3. Expenditure

Expenditure includes the Independent Examiner's fee £500 (2023 £450); no trustees were paid or committee expenses reimbursed (2023 NIL), and there were no related party transactions in either year. No employees' emoluments exceeded £60,000 in either year; the average number of employees was 6 (2023: 5).

4. Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Payments in advance:		
Insurance	500	500
Payroll services	620	0
	£1,120	£500

5. Creditors

HM Revenue & Customs	0	0
Other creditors	1,280	1,050
	£1,280	£1,050

6. Restricted funds

The restricted fund surplus represents the unexpended balance of Lottery Fund monies at year-end.

7. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Under all scenarios reviewed the charity has sufficient reserves to continue operating as a going concern for at least 12 months from the date of signing this report, and consequently has adopted this basis in preparing the accounts.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Totals £	2022 Totals £
INCOME				
Grants and donations	74,690	2,779	77,469	35,196
Activities for generating funds:				
Fees and hirings	0	7,073	7,073	7,921
Book sales	0	0	0	320
Other income				
Furlough payments	0	0	0	7,423
Refunds	0	85	85	97
Interest	0	124	124	5
TOTAL INCOME	74,690	10,061	84,751	50,962
EXPENDITURE (Note 3)				
Fundraising and publicity	763	3,774	4,537	1,086
Charitable activities				
Staff costs	35,048	5,179	40,227	42,392
Activity costs	3,360	0	3,360	3,541
Property costs	3,305	0	3,305	3,150
Office costs	0	731	731	386
Professional fees	0	1,168	1,168	895
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	42,476	10,852	53,328	51,450
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	32,214	-791	31,423	-488
Funds b/f at 1st April 2022	0	125,630	125,630	126,118
Total funds c/f at 31st March 2023	£32,214	£124,839	£157,053	£125,630

The notes on page 3 form part of these accounts.

All activities are continuing; there are no gains and losses other than those recognised through the Statement of Financial Activities.

DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	2023/24		2022/23	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Fees		8,732		3,703
Rentals		1,610		900
Refunds		1,686		85
Restricted grants:				
Oxford City Council: holiday funding	9,413		2,000	
Peabody Trust	3,859		0	
Oxford Hub	2,300		0	
Blackbird Leys Parish Council	500		500	
Awards for All	0		10,000	
Reaching Communities: Lottery Fund	91,727		48,020	
Oxfordshire Community Foundation	0		11,170	
Other grants in 2022/23	0	107,799	3,000	74,690
Unrestricted grants and donations:				
Various		1,365		2,779
Building Management fees		2,470		2,470
Bank interest		556		124
TOTAL INCOME		£124,218		£84,751
EXPENDITURE				
Wages	29,986		7,108	
Training, travel and subsistence	832		720	
Services Coordinator: salary + NI	37,262		32,400	
Fundraising fee	5,295		3,774	
Equipment, workshops & trips	14,851		3,360	
Rent	2,600		2,600	
Insurance	555		550	
Repairs	0		155	
Accountancy and bookkeeping	550		400	
Payroll charges	585		531	
Inspection and DBS check fees	479		237	
Telephone (inc. insurance)	644		475	
Advertising	490		763	
Miscellaneous	160		255	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£94,289		£53,328
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		£29,929		£31,423