



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date from November 5th 2021
Period end date to November 5th 2022

Charity name: The Place

Charity registration number:1175671

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the CIO (The Place) are to further such charitable purposes for the benefit of families with young children resident in the Faringdon area, in particular but not exclusively by advancing the education of such families in relation to childcare, parenting, health, the environment, ICT and life skills by such means as The Trustees may consider appropriate.
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	The Place offers the following services to families with babies and children under 5: Play At the Place (a universal group providing play activities in line with EYFS and support for parents); New Parent, New Baby Groups; Baby Massage and Breastfeeding support groups. During school holidays, outings and outdoor events are offered for families including older siblings. We run courses for parents such as Family Links Parenting and First Aid. A Clothes Library is also available providing baby clothes from 0-1yr and maternity clothes. Clothes are also sourced for older children on request. The Place hosts the Health Visitor clinic. The Place offers practical support to other groups in the town, such as a parent run Toddler Group.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All spending commitments and activities are guided by our commitment to the charity's core purpose to provide benefit to a particular section of the public, namely families with young children in the local area (Faringdon).
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Place is not a grant-offering organisation.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Place does not hold any investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Place is supported by two sorts of Volunteers; those involved with the project and those who help with fund raising. Volunteering for the project is a formal process involving DBS checks and training. These volunteers help in sessions under the direction of the charity's staff. Volunteering to support fundraising is Informal. These volunteers participate in meetings to support fundraising, organise and support fund raising events. A core group have organised successful community events raising £2000 towards our running costs
Other		The activities of The Place are overseen by a Steering Committee. This has a formal constitution and draws its members from local organisations who support the charity's work and service users

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
		306 have accessed the charity's services in the period from November

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>2021 to 2022.</p> <p>We have responded to the changing needs of families post-covid by introducing a new online booking system for groups. In addition, our staff support vulnerable users in accessing groups to ensure that they remain inclusive.</p> <p>In response to our users' needs we applied for and secured a grant from the District Council to fund staff hours so that we could provide tailored groups for Dads and for mothers returning to work. This enabled us to run a "Time for You" group, a Family Links course for fathers and to plan for a monthly dads' group.</p> <p>We have continued to develop our links with other services and organisations, with the Health Visitors holding clinics on our premises, support for a parent run Toddler Group, Rhyme Time in the Library to encourage parents to use its services and activities at the local cycle park supported by the local cycling club. Family Learning have also held courses at The Place, such as workshops on play.</p> <p>Thanks to one of our users who has since become a trustee, we received a grant from Nationwide to equip a new sensory room. As well as using the space for baby groups, families can now book time there. This is proving particularly valuable for families whose children may have additional needs.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We are pleased with the take up of our Family Links courses and our new initiative to reach out to Dads. We received positive feedback from Spurgeons on our success in this area:</p> <p>"The Place has exceptional 'retention' rates to the end of parenting courses compared to the average.... We are delighted that the Dad's group has got off to such a good start because this is such an unmet need, country wide. ..but the whole initiative,</p>
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		<p>from (a named trustee) securing the funding, to the listening to parents and the way it's delivered, we hope will be something that other services will be able to learn from and share experience with."</p> <p>We continue to receive positive feedback from our service users:</p> <p>"Thank you so much for all the love, kindness, and support you've shown us this year. loves her outings to the Place and I've been so grateful for the warm and friendly welcome, the kind words of encouragement and the warm cup of team Im given each visit. You've helped me through some hard days and weeks and are just the most incredible team of ladies. ..., me and all the families of Faringdon are so lucky to have you all in our lives and on our side!" J</p>
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our Volunteers raised £2000 this year. Other donations from the public, local businesses and organisations, plus additional grants mean that the charity is on track with its funding requirements
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The Place does not hold investments
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity held £55,243.72 at the end of November. This covers expenditure to the end of March 2023 and £25,000 reserves.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>As a non-profit making charity The Place steering board have reviewed the need for reserves in line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission. The charity will keep money aside as a reserve to protect the charity against drops in income or allow it to take advantage of new opportunities. Reserves will be held to ensure that The Place is able to operate during periods of lower income and to ensure money is reserved for unexpected events, redundancies or any emergencies.</p> <p>Trustees understand that uncertainties may be faced in the future and the need to hold reserves where future income alone is unlikely to meet costs. We recognise that trustees need to be able to justify the holding of income as reserves as the Charity Law requires any income received be spent within a reasonable period of receipt.</p> <p>Reserves will be held to meet expenses in unpredicted occurrences. This includes but is</p>

		<p>not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure there are sufficient cash reserves in the current account to cover day to day running costs, including staff training & staff meetings. • Replace equipment as it wears out and carry out necessary maintenance. • Closure due to unexpected damage to our rented premises, • Re-location of The Place from its current premises. • Unexpected drop in income, resulting in The Place being unable to meet its financial obligations • Redundancy payments after closure of business • Any other reasonable expense agreed by more than half the Trustees. <p>Held in main Lloyds Bank account</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£25,000 – 6 months operating expenses
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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	The Place continues to receive core funding from Faringdon Town Council. By building links with other organisations in the town and raising the charity's profile we continue to meet our funding objectives. Grants from Faringdon United Charity, Faringdon Churches Together and Faringdon District Council have all been used to support our core activities. In addition we received a donation from the Tesco Community Champion fund and our volunteers raised £2000 - all going towards our running costs.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
		There are no immediate risks to the

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	charity
Other		The charity has a rolling three-year financial plan in place and holds reserves to mitigate risk

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 09 Nov 2017
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	One trustee must be appointed by Faringdon Town Council Other trustees are recruited either from local organisations who support our aims or for specific expertise, such as experience in Early Years. Prospective trustees fill in an application form, are interviewed where appropriate and their appointment approved by the Board.

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	Trustees are directed to the training material for trustees on the Charity Commission website. All trustees receive the charity's safeguarding policy and other key policies. The Safeguarding Trustee has safeguarding training.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity delegates day to day administration to Spurgeons.
		The Charity works with Faringdon Town

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Council to contract Spurgeons to manage the day-to day running of the project.
Other		The charity regularly receives grants from Faringdon United Charity and Churches Together in Faringdon. Our steering committee is constituted so that both have representation there.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Place
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1175671
Charity's principal address	The Pump House, 5 Market Place, Faringdon, SN7 7HL

	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	MAYOR OF FARINGDON (Kiera Bentley)		Appointed 5/21 ongoing	Faringdon Town Council
2	Joanna Cave	Chair of Steering Group; Safeguarding Trustee	Appointed 6/11/2017 ongoing	
3	Brenda Roach		Appointed 8/03/2022 ongoing	
4	Eleanor Tucker		Appointed 8/03/2022 ongoing	

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)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

<p>The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.</p> <p>Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees</p>

	Signature(s)		
	Full name(s)		
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
	Date		

DATE	DESCRIPTION	Debit	CREDITS	ACCOUNT BALANCE	Reconcillation	Petty
DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS	ACCOUNT BALANCE		
01/04/2022	Opening Balance			£ 49,589.78	R	
01/04/2022	Just Giving		£ 43.74	£ 49,633.52	R	
06/04/2022	Just Giving		£ 35.62	£ 49,669.14	R	
06/04/2022	First Aid	£ 208.00		£ 49,461.14	R	
11/04/2022	Just Giving		£ 92.17	£ 49,553.31	R	
12/04/2022	White Horse Lottery		£ 38.00	£ 49,591.31	R	
12/04/2022	500039 donations		£ 149.40	£ 49,740.71	R	
12/04/2022	500040 Fundraiser		£ 906.31	£ 50,647.02	R	
12/04/2022	Family Liinks	£ 173.30		£ 50,473.72	R	
13/11/2022	Just Giving		£ 16.62	£ 50,490.34	R	
26/04/2022	Just Giving		£ 10.69	£ 50,501.03	R	
21/04/2022	First Aid	£ 90.00		£ 50,411.03	R	
04/05/2022	Just Giving		£ 19.42	£ 50,430.45	R	
09/05/2022	Amazon Smile		£ 12.73	£ 50,443.18	R	
09/05/2022	Just Giving		£ 107.51	£ 50,550.69	R	
10/05/2022	White Horse Lottery		£ 49.50	£ 50,600.19	R	
11/05/2022	Just Giving		£ 26.12	£ 50,626.31	R	
12/05/2022	Amazon Sensory	£ 687.08		£ 49,939.23	R	
24/05/2022	Just Giving		£ 4.75	£ 49,943.98	R	
31/05/2022	Just Giving		£ 19.42	£ 49,963.40	R	
14/06/2022	wh Lottery		£ 70.00	£ 50,033.40	R	
16/06/2022	Amazon refund		£ 19.98	£ 50,053.38	R	
02/06/2022	Just Giving		£ 4.75	£ 50,058.13	R	
20/06/2022	Room Hire Parenting	£ 67.50		£ 49,990.63	R	
27/06/2022	Breast Feeding Clinic	£ 30.00		£ 49,960.63	R	
27/06/2022	Insurance J Hallam	£ 189.57		£ 49,771.06	R	

05/07/2022	Just Giving		£ 19.42	£ 49,790.48	R
07/07/2022	Amazon	£ 65.97		£ 49,724.51	
12/07/2022	wh Lottery		£ 59.50	£ 49,784.01	R
14/07/2022	OCC Councillor priority Fund		£ 4,259.05	£ 54,043.06	
14/07/2022	Amazon	£ 1,120.35		£ 52,922.71	
20/07/2022	Just Giving		£ 4.75	£ 52,927.46	R
21/07/2022	Sensory toy warehouse	£ 174.42		£ 52,753.04	R
01/08/2022	Just Giving		£ 19.42	£ 52,772.46	
02/08/2022	Faringdon United Charities salary grant		£ 17,950.83	£ 70,723.29	R
03/08/2022	Faringdon United Charities breast feeding		£ 1,500.00	£ 72,223.29	
09/08/2022	wh Lottery		£ 67.00	£ 72,290.29	R
09/08/2022	Just Giving		£ 19.74	£ 72,310.03	R
16/08/2022	Amazon refund		£ 19.78	£ 72,329.81	
16/08/2022	Just Giving		£ 4.75	£ 72,334.56	R
22/08/2022	Breast feeding Clinic	£ 130.00		£ 72,204.56	R
23/08/2022	Deposit		£ 542.00	£ 72,746.56	
23/08/2022	Your Midwives	£ 60.00		£ 72,686.56	R
30/08/2022	Just Giving		£ 24.12	£ 72,710.68	R
08/09/2022	Your Midwives	£ 30.00		£ 72,680.68	R
13/09/2022	wh Lottery		£ 82.00	£ 72,762.68	R
20/09/2022	Just Giving		£ 4.75	£ 72,767.43	R
26/09/2022	Just Giving		£ 68.07	£ 72,835.50	R
27/09/2022	Just Giving		£ 4.75	£ 72,840.25	R
06/10/2022	Breast Feeding Clinic	£ 225.00		£ 72,615.25	R
11/10/2022	wh Lottery		£ 60.00	£ 72,675.25	R
13/10/2022	Café FTC		£ 5.50	£ 72,680.75	R
18/10/2022	Insurance J Hallam	£ 276.00		£ 72,404.75	R
19/10/2022	Just Giving		£ 7.12	£ 72,411.87	R
19/10/2022	Churches tog		£ 5,000.00	£ 77,411.87	R

19/10/2022	Amazon refund		£	67.99	£	77,479.86	R
19/10/2022	Amazon	£	89.77		£	77,390.09	R
25/10/2022	Deposit		£	1,060.48	£	78,450.57	R
31/10/2022	Just Giving		£	61.58	£	78,512.15	R
01/11/2022	FTC Spurgeon Costs	£	22,664.26		£	55,847.89	R
08/11/2022	Just Giving		£	8.06	£	55,855.95	R
09/11/2022	FTC Café		£	6.00	£	55,861.95	R
09/11/2022	Petty Cash	£	250.00		£	55,611.95	R
10/11/2022	Midwifw	£	30.00		£	55,581.95	R
15/11/2022	Amazon refund		£	17.46	£	55,599.41	R
15/11/2022	Midwifw	£	105.00		£	55,494.41	R
15/11/2022	White Horse Lottery		£	75.00	£	55,569.41	R
15/11/2022	Just Giving				£	55,569.41	R
24/11/2022	Amazon	£	359.47		£	55,209.94	R
28/11/2022	Just Giving		£	29.03	£	55,238.97	R
15/11/2022	Just Giving		£	4.75	£	55,243.72	R
06/12/2022	Rotary		£	64.75	£	55,308.47	R
14/12/2022	White Horse Lottery		£	60.50	£	55,368.97	R
19/12/2022	Just Giving		£	58.05	£	55,427.02	R
20/12/2023	Just Giving		£	7.12	£	55,434.14	R
05/01/2023	White Horse Lottery		£	62.00	£	55,496.14	R
05/01/2023	Deposit		£	65.00	£	55,561.14	R
05/01/2023	Deposit		£	264.94	£	55,826.08	R
10/01/2023	Just Giving		£	5.94	£	55,832.02	R
16/01/2023	Just Giving		£	136.14	£	55,968.16	R
17/01/2023	Just Giving		£	21.36	£	55,989.52	R
24/01/2023	Just Giving		£	11.87	£	56,001.39	R
31/01/2023	Amazon refund		£	20.54	£	56,021.93	R
13/01/2023	Petty Cash	£	300.00		£	55,721.93	R
16/01/2023	Amazon	£	102.83		£	55,619.10	R
06/02/2023	Midwife	£	60.00		£	55,559.10	R

06/02/2023	Sensory	£ 1,176.81		£ 54,382.29	R
13/02/2023	Just Giving		£ 126.93	£ 54,509.22	R
14/2/23	White Horse Lottery		£ 82.00	£ 54,591.22	R
14/02/2023	Just Giving		£ 23.75	£ 54,614.97	R
21/02/2023	Just Giving		£ 7.12	£ 54,622.09	R
22/02/2023	Midwife	£ 30.00		£ 54,592.09	R
07/03/2023	Makaton Book	£ 47.45		£ 54,544.64	R
14.3.23	wh Lottery		£ 68.00	£ 54,612.64	R
17/03/2023	Charity Grant		£ 4,480.00	£ 59,092.64	R
20/03/2023	Charity Xmas Card		£ 50.00	£ 59,142.64	R
20/03/2023	Just giving donations		£ 143.57	£ 59,286.21	R
21/03/2023	Just giving donations		£ 7.12	£ 59,293.33	R
22/03/2023	Deposit		£ 217.73	£ 59,511.06	R
22/03/2023	Deposit fundraiser		£ 1,311.64	£ 60,822.70	R
28/03/2023	Amazon	£ 97.10		£ 60,725.60	R
28/03/2023	Just giving donations		£ 32.76	£ 60,758.36	R
				£ 60,758.36	
		£ 28,839.88	£ 40,008.46		



THE PLACE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23

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CHARITY REGISTERED WITH THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES REGISTRATION
NUMBER 1175671 The Corn Exchange Faringdon SN7 7HL



Trustee Report

The Place Charity, which is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, was set up in 2017. Its objectives are advancing the education of families through the provision of training and family support facilities and groups, provision of advice and support and guidance on issues relating to childcare.

Its main activity is to fund raise for the Children's Centre located in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon. The Charity receives grants and amounts raised by local fund raisers which it uses to fund the Children's Centre. The Place acts also as a steering Board for the Town Council.

The Children's Centre operates in premises owned by Faringdon Town Council and is run by Spurgeon's Children's Charity under a Service Level Agreement they have with the Town Council. Oxfordshire County Council provided grants for the initial set up of the Children's Centre which were held by the Town Council. The Place pay the difference between the running costs of the Children's Centre and amount paid by the Town Council to Spurgeons, although in the initial years the amounts paid by The Place were small with costs being covered by the County Council grant. The funding from the Place Charity is expected to rise next year.

Signed

Treasurer

Dated

Annual Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2023

The Accounts are maintained on a spreadsheet and summarised below. A separate bank account has been set up for managing the Charity's transactions. The Accounts are maintained on an income and expenditure basis, any material grants due or amounts due to be paid being included in the financial year's accounts with debtors and creditors set up as necessary. Small fund raising donations are not accrued but shown in the accounts as they are received.

The Charity owns no assets nor employs staff. The Town Clerk acts as Treasurer, her time being funded by the Town Council as part of their support to the Charity.

Income and Expenditure Account

2022/23		2021/22
		£
	<i>Income</i>	
6,818.58	Donations	5,117.78
33,189.88	Grants	32,651.06
40,008.46	Total	37,768.84
	<i>Expenditure</i>	
26,356.50	Administration	1,806.34
2,117.61	Community Support	240.00
28,474.11	Total	2,046.34
11,534.35	Deficit/Surplus	35,722.50

Statement of Current Assets and Reserves

		£
60,758.36	Bank Balance	49,589.78
446.57	Petty Cash	80.80
61,204.93	Total	<u>49,670.58</u>
	Charity Fund	
49,670.58	Opening balance	13,948.08
11,534.35	Deficit/Surplus	35,722.50
61,204.93	Closing balance	<u>49,670.58</u>

Report of the independent examiner to The Place

Report on the accounts of The Place for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on page 2 attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and 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 section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act)
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report is made solely to the Trustees of The Place in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters I am required to in an examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees of The Place for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction for Independent Examination issued 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 of explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required if a full audit was undertaken, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act: and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Christopher Hackett

For and on behalf of Auditing Solutions Ltd

21st August 2023