



**Little treasures 1178397**

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**31/12/2024 - 31/12/2025**

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**Trustee annual report**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity Little Treasures for the year ending 31 December 2025.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Little Treasures is a registered charity with the charity commissions England and Wales since 18 May 2018, registered charity number 1178397. Little Treasures is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

## **Objectives and activities**

The objective of the CIO is for public benefit:

- Relieve the needs of children and young autistic people and their parents, carers and siblings by providing facilities for play and recreation in the interests of social welfare, in a safe secure environment and by providing support and practical advice to parents and carers.
- The promotion of social inclusion among parents and carers of autistic children who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society, because of their child's condition by providing advice, guidance and general support and recreational facilities in the interest of social welfare with the objective of improving their conditions of life.

## **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. In setting our objectives and planning activities, our Trustees have considered the public benefit and in particular to the relief of the needs of young autistic people and their families.

## **The team**

All volunteers and trustees also live and work in the areas that we provide support. Little treasures are made up of dedicated parents and carers, who are all passionate trustees and volunteers.

All trustees and volunteers are either autistic themselves, parents of autistic people or extended family of autistic people. All trustees and volunteers have firsthand lived experience of raising a young person who is autistic or living as an autistic person themselves.

## **Mission**

Our mission is to provide a safe, non-judgmental environment, that's inclusive and accessible for families of autistic children. In the hope that this allows them opportunities that they may not have had and allows them to enjoy family time together without judgment. We also support whole families, parents, carers and any extended family members by providing family friendly activities that are inclusive to everyone.

How we achieve this:

- Conducting online surveys to our families and speaking to them in person to find out what they would like to do.
- Providing a wide range of groups and activities that can cater for all ages and abilities.
- Offering activities and groups that are at a subsidised rate or free.
- Signpost families to other safe and supportive organisations so they can receive additional support.
- Minimise our criteria restrictions, removing age and postcode barriers, where funding is specific for areas, we will utilise other funding making sure that families who aren't in the bracket can still attend and get support.
- Continue to offer peer support groups for all ages and abilities.

## **Achievements and performance**

Little Treasures is a charity supporting autistic adults, children and their families across the Northeast. We have been providing safe non-judgmental environments all through the year with our peer support groups. We understand the challenges that families face accessing mainstream activities and support groups in the community. We currently hold eight sensory sessions, one parent support group, two cookery sessions, one bouncy castle session, one youth group, one chess club and two groups for autistic adults aged eighteen plus monthly called AUTIE MATES.

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Within our monthly groups we supported 255 families with children aged 2 to 18 years old with in them groups we were able to provide during the sessions the inhouse activities either free or at a small cost, this year's activities consisted of, the Bubble man, x2 areas accessed Sand art therapy, Big science, x3 areas accessed Crazy creatures , x2 areas accessed Mini science, x2 areas accessed Slime workshop, Pizza making, Halloween workshop, x 8 areas accessed Science Buddie to produce Bath bomb, slime, lava lamps, x4 areas has Star Community Learning in delivering a wide range of different activities ie Pizza Making, Sports day, Youth Club, Cheesecake, Archery was delivered in 3 different groups, We help our yearly exclusive party which saw 55 children attend and was able to experience to see Santa in a quiet and calm setting .

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<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>EXPENDATURE</b>	<b>£</b>
Restricted funding	£43,387.73	Cost of all activities	£38,142.22
Cash payments	£8312.16	All equipment	£5231.54
Unrestricted funding	£12,785.15	All room hire	£4,894.50
PayPal	£0	All expenses	£3847.54
Facebook donations	£0	Family support fund	£0
Amazon smile	£0	All refunds	£0
Just giving	£0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£64,480.04</b>		<b>£52,115.57</b>

OPENING BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM <b>01/01/2024 - 31/12/2025</b> - EXPENDATURE FROM <b>01/01/2024 - 31/12/2025</b>	£72,567.07  <b>£61,063.57</b>  <b>= £11,503.50</b>
INCOME FROM <b>01/01/2025 - 31/12/2025</b> - EXPENDATURE FROM <b>01/01/2025 - 31/12/2025</b>	<b>= £75,988.54</b> - £52,115.57
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO <b>01/01/2026</b>	<b>£23,867.97</b>

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and the liability of trustees is limited.

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These financial statements are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

Monetary amounts are rounded to the nearest £1.

### **Fund accounting - Unrestricted and restricted funds**

**Unrestricted funds** are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

**Restricted funds** are given for a specific and further details are provided in the notes below.

**Cash payments** are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

I Gary Robinson have reviewed and verified the accounts for the charity Little Treasures 1178397 for the year ending 31/12/2024- 31/12/2025.

I can verify to the best of my ability that no material matters have come to my attention and the accounts are all correct and complete.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn.

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