

Charity No: 1178858

**BETHWIN ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
31 MARCH 2022**

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BETHWIN ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND TRUSTEES' REPORT 2021/22

TRUSTEES/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hilary Rimington (Chair/Treasurer)
Hannah Ojo (Secretary)
Amy Compton

OBJECTS

To provide safe, stimulating, supervised recreational and social activities for children and young people in West Camberwell aged 5-15, so enabling their physical, social and emotional development.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES OVER THE PAST YEAR AND FUTURE PLANS

On 1 April 2022 we celebrated our 46th birthday on the playground. Thanks are due to our Trustees, staff, young people and parent volunteers, community partners and funding agencies who have made this possible. We were awarded a further five years' funding from the National Lottery which is a great relief, but we still need to be actively raising funds to maintain and expand our activities and meet the needs of our young people.

Recruitment of staff has been a problem over the past year. Although we have increased our pay rate to above the London Wage we do not have the income to pay the national JNC youthwork scales for our Play and Youth Workers or pay them on a full-time basis which the job really deserves. However, we have been able to make our Project Director post full-time to enable Steph to be paid for the considerable amount of outreach, networking, planning and preparation work she does. We are very fortunate to have her as a dedicated team leader who is committed to play and youth work as a career.

In July our long-standing staff member, Celestine, retired which really marked the end of an era as she had been with us over 25 years. She and her craft sessions will be missed by the children but we wish her well in her retirement and will be delighted to welcome her back as a volunteer in future.

Our work is increasingly focused around the health and well-being of our young people, both physical and emotional. We provide healthy food on a regular basis with funding from the council in the school holidays which has brought in quite a number of new users and parents. The lockdown has proved difficult for many of our users and parents resulting in a rise in the number of safeguarding cases and an increasing need for mentoring and counselling, an aspect of our work we want to expand in future, subject to funding.

We are STILL waiting for our extension building which is now over 10 years overdue. However, the council has agreed to provide our building as part of the major refurbishment work in 2023 which they have agreed to fund. They will then look to get the contractors to pay them back for the work they undertook to complete under Section 106 many years ago. Refurbishment will include a new pitch surface and improved floodlighting, as well as new and improved structures. This year we received a Covid grant to build an outside canopy shelter in front of the playhut which almost doubles our activity space and is a boon in bad weather.

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Bethwin is one of the few voluntary sector playgrounds (along with Dog Kennel Hill) to survive from the heyday of adventure play in the 1980s when there were up to 10 community playgrounds in Southwark. Although we do receive some funding from the council (about 25%) we are managed by voluntary trustees and committee members. Several have recently moved on and left us so we are keen to recruit new people to help us manage the playground. If you are interested and can find time to join us you will be very welcome. We meet every 6-8 weeks in the evening or on Saturday mornings, sometimes by Zoom and sometimes in person. Just let Steph know if you are interested.

Hilary Rimington - Trustee and Chairperson

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

We are a fully constituted voluntary charity which exists to provide safe and stimulating play, recreational and youth facilities for children and young people aged 5-15 in Camberwell, south east London, with a view to supporting their physical, emotional and social development and improving their overall quality of life.

RESERVES POLICY

Our policy is to keep 3 months' salaries and running costs in reserve (approx 25k) which we have achieved this year.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Playground's financial activities during that year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Playground will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for:

- keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Playground and enable them to ensure that the annual financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011; and
- safeguarding the Playground's assets and for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

.....Hilary Rimington.....

Hilary Rimington - Treasurer & Trustee

6 March 2023

**BETHWIN ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BETHWIN ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND**

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by s.130 of the Act;
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do 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 no concerns and 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.

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6 March 2023

**BETHWIN ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022 Restrict ed Funds £	2022 Unrestrict ed Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary Income				
London Borough of Southwark	-	50,163	50,163	23,220
Grants & Donations (Note 2)	50,850	19,903	70,753	9,329
Fees & Parents' Contributions	-	1,590	1,590	628
Pitch Hire & Other Income	-	3,600	3,600	4,120
Furlough Payments	3,381	-	3,381	20,404
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	54,231	75,256	129,487	57,701
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities				
Salaries & Freelance	56,398	-	56,398	48,148
Insurance	-	2,093	2,093	-
Telephone	-	527	527	545
Light & Heat	-	2,514	2,514	2,541
Supplies/Equipment	850	6,831	7,681	4,294
BASS & BRAP Expenditure	-	22,397	22,397	11,696
Photocopier	-	2,734	2,734	2,520
Activities and Outings	-	6,160	6,160	805
Building & Maintenance	20,000	4,460	24,460	1,357
Rent	-	1,250	1,250	1,250
Training	-	463	463	151
Waste	-	1,167	1,167	1,172
Cleaning	-	5,770	5,770	1,045
External Consultancy	-	1,219	1,219	1,219
Sundry Expenses	-	1,575	1,575	1,647
	77,248	59,160	136,408	78,390
Governance Costs				
General Administrative Costs	-	133	133	179
Independent Examiner's Fee	-	840	840	816
	-	973	973	995
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES	77,248	60,133	137,381	79,385
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR	(23,017)	15,123	(7,894)	
FUNDS AT 1 APRIL 2021	28,283	43,089	71,372	93,056
FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2022	£ 5,266	£ 58,212	£ 63,478	£ 71,372

**BETHWIN ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND
BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	46,775	29,577
Debtors – Owing from BASS	25,369	47,718
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	£ 72,144	£ 77,295
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 CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors falling due within one year (Note 4)	8,666	5,923
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 NET ASSETS	 £ 63,478£	
71,372		
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 FUNDS		
Restricted Funds	5,266	28,283
Unrestricted Funds	58,212	43,089
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	£ 63,478£	
71,372		
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Hilary Rimington.....
Hilary Rimington - Trustee

6 March 2023

**BETHWIN ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (i) The accounts of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.
- (ii) General funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donors.
- (iii) All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Bank Interest is recognised as an incoming resource when it is credited to the bank statement.
- (iv) Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT that cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examiner's fee.

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS	2022	2021
Restricted and Unrestricted		
Big Lottery Fund/Reaching Communities (Restricted)	30,000	-
Awards 4 All	10,000	-
UK Youth (Restricted)	20,000	-
CAF	1,300	400
Jack Petchey Foundation (2022 – Restricted)	850	750
LCF	-	3,179
Other	8,603	5,000
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	£ 70,753	£ 9,329
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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

No trustee received any remuneration or was reimbursed expenses in the year or the previous year in respect of their role as trustees. However, two trustees have received payments for other duties including HR, payroll and summer staff cover.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
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4. CREDITORS due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Sundry Creditors	8,666	5,923
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	£ 8,666	£ 5,923
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5. SPLIT OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Current Assets	5,266	66,878	72,144
Current Liabilities (8,666)	-	(8,666)	
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	£ 5,266	£ 58,212	
63,478			
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6. STAFF COSTS

The average number of employees in the year was 3 (full time equivalents) (2021: 3).

The breakdown of staff costs was as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross Salaries	55,425	47,417
Social Security Costs	-	-
Pension Costs	973	731
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	£ 56,398	£ 48,148
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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Voluntary Income			
Grants & Donations	-	9,329	9,329
Other Income	20,404	27,968	48,372
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	20,404	37,297	57,701
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RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable Activities	46,148	32,242	78,390
Governance Costs	-	995	995

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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	46,148	33,237	79,385
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