SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1179618

Details

Other names	SPECTRUM
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-08-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Spectrum 115C Milton Road Cambridge CB4 1XE
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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AND THE RELIEF OF THE NEEDS OF THOSE WITH AUTISM, ADDITIONAL NEEDS, LEARNING DIFFICULTIES, LIFE LIMITING CONDITIONS AND DISABILITIES INCLUDING THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS, WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF THEIR DISABILITY, IN PARTICULAR BIT EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ALONGSIDE SUPPORT TO ASSIST THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING.

Activities: Spectrum Cambridge is a multi award winning, parent led children's charity. We provide events, sessions, and support for families of children with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, and disabilities. As an organisation, we are family focused, advocates of collaboration, passionate about increasing inclusion and well being, while reducing isolation in our work with SEND.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Bedford
- Cambridgeshire
- Essex
- Hampshire
- Hertfordshire
- Kent
- Norfolk
- Northamptonshire
- Suffolk
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£269,049	£261,898	-	-
2024-05-31	£228,829	£189,212	-	-
2023-05-31	£171,543	£176,614	-	-
2022-05-31	£87,735	£107,160	-	-
2021-05-31	£192,995	£152,110	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID HERON		2018-05-01
DAVID WALTER HUGH KNOWLES		2018-05-01
Dr Malini Mital		2024-02-25

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Annual Financial Report

For the year ended 31st May 2025

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PRINCIPAL OFFICE:	115c Milton Road Cambridge CB4 1XE
CHARITY NUMBER:	1179618
CHARITY INC NUMBER:	CE014920
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Ian Shipley FCCA For and on behalf of: Prentis & Co LLP Chartered Accountants & Independent Examiners 115c Milton Road Cambridge CB4 1XE
BANKERS:	Barclays Bank 20-21 Cornhill Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1DY

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the CIO, Spectrum Cambridge, for the period ended 31st May 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Trust Deed and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Spectrum Cambridge (Spectrum) was incorporated as a Charitable Organisation Incorporated (CIO) by the Charity Commission of England & Wales on 21st August 2018 under registration number 1179618. Spectrum is governed by a Trust Deed.

Spectrum's Trustees are in place to manage the affairs of the CIO and may, for that purpose, exercise all the powers of the CIO. The number of Trustees can never fall below three, but no upper limit is imposed as a maximum that the CIO can appoint should it wish to. The Trustees are supported operationally by a volunteer management team and its employees.

ORGANISATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Spectrum retains its Trustee commitments, working as a collective and being supported operationally by the core management team, senior team members, volunteering pool and child mentors. Furthermore, Trustees with suitable skill sets will continue to be recruited as and when needed, and people can be identified.

The recruitment process involves (apart from safeguarding – see below) an induction into the charity's activities and the provision of essential documents, such as the Trust Deed and the latest accounts. New Trustees are also reminded of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

SAFEGUARDING

All Trustees and Volunteers of Spectrum hold Advanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks on the Update Service due to the nature of our work. Additionally, they also have qualifications in Safeguarding Children & Adults, Equality & Diversity, GDPR, Prevent Duty and Food Hygiene as a minimum. These are actively monitored and fully audited every 1-2 years (dependent on the policy) as a minimum, alongside additional policies. Safeguarding is paramount to Spectrum, and it retains multiple members of its team qualified to the high level of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), First Aid Lead and Mental Health First Aid status.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

SPECTRUM OVERVIEW

Spectrum is a multi-award-winning, parent-led children's charity. We provide events, sessions and support for families of children with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, and disabilities. As an organisation, we are family-focused, advocates of collaboration, passionate about increasing inclusion and reducing isolation whilst supporting Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND). Our membership is free.

Our focus is to support children in being themselves without judgment. To provide opportunities for them to improve their social development and well-being alongside their family. Collaboration with our partners is hugely important to us in improving community cohesion, creating new options for families to experience in their communities, and making a difference. Our HQ is based on the Cambridgeshire-Suffolk border.

We are also proud to continue being the leading UK distributor for Max Card, helping make days out more financially accessible for families of children with additional needs.

We complement this further with parent-led support, an online community, digital engagement, and family worker support. Collectively, this helps create an environment supportive of a family's mental well-being and makes the most of creative imagination and fun.

SPECTRUM STRATEGY

Spectrum's strategy is based on family-focused inclusion for those we support. We are working closely with communities, schools, local businesses, professionals, and leading UK venues and organisations to create events, opportunities, and support for families of children with Autism, additional needs, and disabilities, alongside their carers. This continues to develop through both real-world and online interaction.

Our events focus on a wide range of interactions, improvement of social skills and educational elements, mental well-being and positive health aspects of the family unit, recognising those around the child in their day-to-day lives. For those we work and partner with, we also create awareness of the needs of those they support to improve their delivery and considerations across additional needs, improving social communication and confidence all around.

SPECTRUM OBJECTIVES

As a CIO, Spectrum's objectives in line with their Charity Commission registration are for the promotion of social inclusion and the relief of the needs of those with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, life-limiting conditions and disabilities, including their families and carers, who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of their disability, in particular, but not exclusively for the benefit of young people through the provision of recreational and leisure time events and activities alongside support to assist their physical and mental wellbeing.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Since its inception, Spectrum has been incredibly humbled and proud to have been recognised for its work with families of children with Autism, additional needs and disabilities, winning the Cambridgeshire Live Community Awards and Luminus Community Inspiration Awards alongside community team member recognitions. We are also thrilled to have been recognised by the Crown and HRH for outstanding service to families and Covid support to Cambridgeshire.

PERFORMANCE

At the time of the report, Spectrum has risen to support over 85,000 persons across our registered families and continues to see more than 150 new families join us on average, month in and month out. Over 86% of our members refer another family in the same position as themselves. We have seen over 19,500 referrals from points such as the NHS, CAMH, MHST, GPs, Education Settings, Social Care, Local Authorities, Community Groups, Medical Professionals, and social media, encouraging families they work with to access Spectrum's services and our lived experience of additional needs. We have expanded our school presentations to include pupils, staff, and parents.

Spectrum is a strong advocate of data-driven decision-making and actively tracks and analyses its metrics, data points, and digital footprints in real time to remain as efficient and effective as possible with our volunteer team. We have seen our website break through over **1.2 million actions and requests**, and our work with Disneyland Paris, Warner Bros Harry Potter Studio Tour and the Merlin Group has doubled.

DELIVERY

Spectrum has surpassed 22,000 attendees across our events and sessions, thanks to our wide range of delivery options. Our services are constantly checked for suitability and viability against those we support with the venues they work with, enabling different themes, strategies, and content to be accessed. We have over 43,000 medical conditions registered with us across additional needs and disabilities through over 14,500 UK locations.

Our events are family-focused, but the needs and interests of the children we support are very much at the heart of them. The team continues to deliver events from local small family settings through to the Disneyland Paris resort, creating opportunities large and small.

GEOGRAPHICAL IMPACT

Spectrum's core is based in Cambridgeshire, close to the border with Suffolk. It then reaches out across East Anglia's surrounding counties, moving through to Herts, Essex, Bedford, Bucks, the South and South-East corridor, and the counties that surround it. We also provide remote support and consultation beyond these points across the UK.

Through organic growth and referrals from a multitude of sources, we continue to see rapidly increasing demand for our events, services, and support across the UK. Our systems allow us to support families remotely and compassionately, regardless of geography.

TESTIMONIALS

Spectrum has been delighted to receive extensive positive feedback from those they support and work with. A small example of these are as follows:

"Spectrum has been a lifeline for our family; not only have we had some amazing experiences with the events, but we have also met a very supportive team and hopefully some lifelong friends. We cannot thank Spectrum and the team enough for all that they do."

"Spectrum gives us the opportunity to gain new experiences as a family, which would not usually be possible in an understanding and supportive environment."

"We are so lucky to be part of the ever-growing Spectrum Family. Spectrum amazes us no end with the trips and opportunities organised for the children and their families. But for us, as a family with a child in a wheelchair and complex medical needs, it's the finer details that make such a difference. It's talking to her, not over her. It's sitting in the front row at the panto so she can focus. It's catching that moment on camera for us because we've run out of hands. It's knowing they're there if we need an extra pair of hands or a listening ear. Spectrum is about fun, ability and friendship."

"We are very proud to work with Spectrum and support the amazing work they do with young people. The events and support they offer families are truly inspiring!"

"This year I have had the absolute pleasure of working with Spectrum Cambridge, and it gave me a very personal insight into how it's run, why it's run, and in general, it shone a light on the people who run it. This Spectrum team stands out as truly special. Not only are they absolutely professional and resolute in achieving their goals, but their passion is unwavering. This is evidenced by achievements to date and how positive planning is being developed to strive for their next targets. The charity has the ideals and positive goals that exemplify many 'good causes', but the special drive within Spectrum is infectious. They want to create an environment for people with Autism not only to feel comfortable but to have fun and learn, all while raising awareness generally. Spectrum Cambridge will clearly go to the ends of the earth to achieve these goals. I was honoured to work alongside this highly motivated team and found it incredibly refreshing to witness a charity that is so focused on catering for each individual who decides to jump on board. It is my sincere wish and indeed expectation to see them prosper and subsequently help more and more people in the very future."

"Don't know how you do it, but please keep doing what you're doing! Means so much to so many families!"

"Here at the National Trust, we are very proud to work with Spectrum. The work they do is so valuable to our local community, and the need for them to do the work they do is great. At the National Trust, we are all about sharing our special places forever and for everyone and working with Spectrum is another great way of helping us achieve exactly that."

SPECTRUM TEAM

The Trustees and its beneficiaries would like to express their tremendous gratitude to the Volunteer Core Management Team, comprised of:

Justin Heron – CEO & Operations
Amy Heron – Operations & Inclusion
Richenda King – Financial Manager & Safeguarding
Kirsty Richardson – DSL & Sensory

The Trustees also continue to recognise, thank, and be grateful to all additional volunteers, child mentors, and mini-mentors for their continued support of its events, activities, awareness-raising, and administration. They are delighted to see the focused expansion of the team, bringing in specific skill sets and capacity.

SPECTRUM MISSION

To be a pivotal part of our community and become a recognised benchmark of support for families of children with Autism and additional needs. To embrace inclusion while providing inspiration.

SPECTRUM VISION

To show that being different can be great. To transparently provide creative opportunities, social gains and exceptional support to every child and family that we work with, without judgment.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES

The financial results for the period ended 31st May 2025 show that the charity made a surplus of £7,151 (2024: £39,617). Spectrum continues to work to a reserve of £20,000.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Those risks have been reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate them. With a policy and risk manager in place from inception, this area is proactively managed.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and applications of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

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. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and the financial information included on the charity's website.

This report has been approved by the trustees on .....

and signed on its behalf.

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DAVID HERON

Head Trustee

SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts for the period ended 31st May 2025 of Spectrum Cambridge.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the CIO, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 as required by section 130 of the Act or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

Ian Shipley
Ian Shipley (Mar 25, 2026 12:27:23 GMT)

IAN SHIPLEY FCCA

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:

PRENTIS & CO LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS
115c Milton Road, Cambridge

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		2025			2024		
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME							
Grants and donations	2	145,558	6,163	151,721	144,487	6,825	151,312
Charitable activities:							
Events and fundraising events		-	116,905	116,905	-	77,517	77,517
Interest		-	423	423	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		145,558	123,491	269,049	144,487	84,342	228,829
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds	3	-	3,005	3,005	-	2,147	2,147
Charitable activities	4	140,489	118,404	258,893	122,483	64,582	187,065
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		140,489	121,409	261,898	122,483	66,729	189,212
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		5,069	2,082	7,151	22,004	17,613	39,617
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total fund balance brought forward		67,412	6,338	73,750	45,408	(11,275)	34,133
Total fund balance carried forward		72,481	8,420	80,901	67,412	6,338	73,750

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS	6		20,846		7,721
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	88,663		78,081	
Cash at bank and in hand		85,287		98,329	
		173,950		176,410	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within	8	113,895		110,381	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			60,055		66,029
TOTAL NET ASSETS			80,901		73,750
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	9				
Restricted funds			72,481		67,412
Unrestricted funds			8,420		6,338
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			80,901		73,750

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

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David Heron
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements.
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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019 and effective 1st January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling and the accounts are presented in that currency.

The Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the CIO's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity's free reserves are moving in to a surplus position at th yera end.

(b) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Trustees have opted to take advantage of the amendment to Charities SORP FRS 102, where only larger charities are required to prepare a Statement of Cash Flow.

(c) INCOME

Income represents the amount derived from the CIO's ordinary activities. Income is recognised in the period in which the organisation is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. No income is stated net of any associated expenditure.

(d) EXPENDITURE

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the CIO in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. Expenditure is allocated to expense headings on a direct cost basis.

(e) FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Office equipment	- 25% straight line

(f) TAXATION

The charity has taken use of Charity SORP to consider itself a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and is therefore exempt from Corporation Tax.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. GRANTS AND DONATION:

	2025			2024		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery	145,558	-	145,558	144,487	-	144,487
Others	-	6,163	6,163	-	6,825	6,825
	145,558	6,163	151,721	144,487	6,825	151,312

3. FUNDRAISING

	2025	2024
	£	£
Costs of raising funds	3,005	2,147

4. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025			2024		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages, social security and pensions	104,294	-	104,294	95,306	-	95,306
Other staff costs	1,097	-	1,097	1,999	-	1,999
Mileage	1,717	-	1,717	1,737	-	1,737
Independent examiner's fee	1,244	-	1,244	1,241	-	1,241
Depreciation	7,798	-	7,798	8,801	2,033	10,834
Telephone	1,014	-	1,014	747	-	747
Sundries	2,028	-	2,028	1,835	-	1,835
Printing, postage and static	2,775	-	2,775	2,406	-	2,406
Insurance	-	639	639	-	647	647
Events	-	111,473	111,473	-	59,350	59,350
Uniforms	-	5,764	5,764	-	519	519
Advertising	5,927	-	5,927	2,797	1,641	4,438
Computing and software c	12,595	-	12,595	5,614	-	5,614
Bank charges and commiss	-	528	528	-	392	392
	140,489	118,404	258,893	122,483	64,582	187,065

5. STAFF COSTS

No remuneration was paid to any of the Trustees in the year, nor were any expenses reimbursed to them.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries	97,417	89,513
Social Security costs	4,789	3,762
Pensions	2,088	2,031
	104,294	95,306

The average number of employees during the period was 3 (2024: 3).

No member of staff earned more than £60,000.

The key management personnel of the CIO comprise of the Trustees who give their time freely.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment 2025	Office Equipment 2024
	£	£
COST		
Balance at 1st June	45,432	41,353
Additions	20,923	4,079
Balance at 31st May	66,355	45,432
DEPRECIATION		
Balance at 1st June	37,711	26,877
Charge for the year	7,798	10,834
Balance at 31st May	45,509	37,711
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31st May	20,846	7,721

7. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	3,958	2,631
Trade debtors	84,705	75,450
	88,663	78,081

8. CREDITORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	101,376	97,467
Tax and social security cost	12,519	12,914
	113,895	110,381

9. ACCUMULATED FUNDS - Current year

	Balance at 1st June 2024	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31st May 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	6,338	123,491	(121,409)	8,420
Restricted funds:				
National Lottery	64,768	145,558	(137,845)	72,481
Others	2,644	-	(2,644)	-
	73,750	269,049	(261,898)	80,901

ACCUMULATED FUNDS - Prior year

	Balance at 1st June 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31st May 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	(11,275)	84,342	(66,729)	6,338
Restricted funds:				
National Lottery	33,963	144,487	(113,682)	64,768
Others	11,445	-	(8,801)	2,644
	34,133	228,829	(189,212)	73,750

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9. ACCUMULATED FUNDS ...../continued

National Lottery - Spectrum Continuity of Support - a project to provide themed weekend sessions and promoting our work within local schools and the local community.

Other - various grants for equipment

10. RELATED PARTIES

J Heron and A Heron are relatives of D Heron, a Trustee. They were employed at a market rate by the charity during the period and were paid £Nil for reimbursed expenses during the year (2024: £Nil).

The Trustees have participated in events and trips during the period on the same basis and terms of other participants.

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JUSTIN HERON

SPECTRUM CEO

Richenda King (Mar 22, 2026 21:29:03 GMT)

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RICHENDA KING

SPECTRUM FINANCE MANAGER

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Annual Financial Report

For the year ended 31st May 2024

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the CIO, Spectrum Cambridge, for the period ended 31st May 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Trust Deed and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Spectrum Cambridge (Spectrum) was incorporated as a Charitable Organisation Incorporated (CIO) by the Charity Commission of England & Wales on 21st August 2018 under registration number 1179618. Spectrum is governed by a Trust Deed.

Spectrum's Trustees are in place to manage the affairs of the CIO and may, for that purpose, exercise all the powers of the CIO. The number of Trustees can never fall below three, but no upper limit is imposed as a maximum that the CIO can appoint should it wish to. The Trustees are supported operationally by a volunteer management team and its employees.

ORGANISATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Spectrum retains its Trustee commitments, working as a collective and being supported operationally by the core management team, senior team members, volunteering pool and child mentors. Furthermore, Trustees with suitable skill sets will continue to be recruited as and when needed, and people can be identified.

The recruitment process involves (apart from safeguarding – see below) an induction into the activities of the charity and the provision of essential documents such as the Trust Deed and latest accounts. New Trustees are also reminded of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

SAFEGUARDING

All Trustees and Volunteers of Spectrum hold Advanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks on the Update Service due to the nature of our work. Additionally, they also have qualifications in Safeguarding Children, Equality & Diversity, GDPR and Prevent Duty as a minimum. These are actively monitored and fully audited every 1-2 years (dependent on the policy) as a minimum, alongside additional policies. Safeguarding is paramount to Spectrum, and it retains a number of its team members who are qualified to the high level of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) status.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

SPECTRUM OVERVIEW

Spectrum is a multi-award-winning, parent-led children's charity. We provide events, sessions and support for families of children with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, and disabilities. As an organisation, we are family-focused, advocates of collaboration, passionate about increasing inclusion and reducing isolation whilst supporting Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND). Our membership is free.

Our focus is to support children in being themselves without judgment. To provide opportunities for them to improve their social development and well-being alongside their family. Collaboration with our partners is hugely important to us in improving community cohesion, allowing the creation of new options for families to experience in their communities and making a difference. Our HQ is based on the Cambridgeshire and Suffolk border.

Furthermore, we are also proud to continue being the leading UK distributor for Max Card. The Max Card helps make days out more financially accessible for families of children with additional needs.

We complement this further with parent-led support, an online community, digital engagement, and family worker support. Collectively, this helps create an environment supportive of a family's mental well-being and makes the most of creative imagination and fun.

SPECTRUM STRATEGY

Spectrum's strategy is based on family-focused inclusion for those we support. We are working closely with communities, schools, local businesses, professionals and leading UK venues and organisations to create events, opportunities and support for families of children with Autism, additional needs and disabilities alongside their carers. This continues to develop through both real-world and online interaction.

Our events focus on a wide range of interactions, improvement of social skills and educational elements, mental well-being and positive health aspects of the family unit, recognising those around the child in their day-to-day lives. For those we work and partner with, we also create awareness of the needs of those they support to improve their delivery and considerations across additional needs, improving social communication and confidence all around.

SPECTRUM OBJECTIVES

As a CIO, Spectrum's objectives in line with their Charity Commission registration are for the promotion of social inclusion and the relief of the needs of those with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, life-limiting conditions and disabilities, including their families and carers, who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of their disability, in particular, but not exclusively for the benefit of young people through the provision of recreational and leisure time events and activities alongside support to assist their physical and mental wellbeing.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since its inception, Spectrum has been incredibly humbled and proud to have been recognised for its work with families of children with Autism, additional needs and disabilities, winning the Cambridgeshire Live Community Awards and Luminus Community Inspiration Awards alongside community team member recognitions. We are also thrilled to have been recognised by the Crown and HRH for outstanding service to families and Covid support to Cambridgeshire.

PERFORMANCE

At the time of the report, Spectrum has risen to support over 72,000 persons across our registered families and continues to see more than 200 new families join us on average, month in and month out. Over 86% of our members refer another family in the same position as themselves. We have seen over 14,500 referrals from such points as the NHS, CAMH, MHST, GPs, Education Settings, Social Care, Local Authorities, Community Groups, Medical Professionals and social media, encouraging families they work with to access Spectrum's services and our lived experience of additional needs. **We have expanded our school presentations to pupils as well as staff and parents.**

Spectrum is a huge advocate of making data-based decisions and actively tracks and analyses its metrics, data points, and digital footprints in real time to continue to be as efficient and effective as it can be with our volunteer team. We have seen our website breakthrough over **1.1 million actions and requests**, and our work with Disneyland Paris has doubled.

DELIVERY

Spectrum has surpassed well over 20,000 attendees to our events and sessions with our wide range of delivery and variance. Our services are constantly checked for suitability and viability against those we support with the venues they work with, enabling different themes, strategies, and content to be accessed. We have over 38,000 medical conditions registered with us across additional needs and disabilities through over 12,000 UK locations.

Our events are family-focused, but the needs and interests of the children we support are very much at the heart of them. The team continues to deliver events from local small family settings through to the Disneyland Paris resort, creating opportunities large and small.

GEOGRAPHICAL IMPACT

Spectrum's core is based in Cambridgeshire, close to the border with Suffolk. It then reaches out across East Anglia's surrounding counties, moving through to Herts, Essex, Bedford, Bucks, the South and South-East corridor, and the counties that surround it. We also provide remote support and consultation beyond these points across the UK.

Through organic growth and referral via a multitude of sources, we continue to see rapidly increasing demand for our events, services and support come through across the UK to us. Our systems allow us to support families remotely and compassionately, regardless of geography.

TESTIMONIALS

Spectrum has been delighted to receive extensive positive feedback from those they support and work with. A small example of these are as follows:

"Spectrum has been a lifeline for our family; not only have we had some amazing experiences with the events, but we have also met a very supportive team and hopefully some lifelong friends. We cannot thank Spectrum and the team enough for all that they do."

"Spectrum gives us the opportunity to gain new experience as a family, which would not usually be possible in an understanding and supportive environment."

"We are so lucky to be part of the ever-growing Spectrum Family. Spectrum amazes us no end with the trips and opportunities organised for the children and their families. But for us, as a family with a child in a wheelchair and complex medical needs, it's the finer details that make such a difference. It's talking to her, not over her. It's sitting in the front row at the panto so she can focus. It's catching that moment on camera for us because we've run out of hands. It's knowing they're there if we need an extra pair of hands or listening ear. Spectrum is about fun, ability and friendship."

"We are very proud to work with Spectrum and support the amazing work they do with young people. The events and support they offer families are truly inspiring!"

"This year I have had the absolute pleasure of working with Spectrum Cambridge, and it gave me a very personal insight into how it's run, why it's run, and in general, it shone a light on the people who run it. This Spectrum team stands out as truly special. Not only are they absolutely professional and resolute in achieving their goals, but their passion is unwavering. This is evidenced by achievements to date and how positive planning is being developed to strive for their next targets. The charity has typically the ideals and positive goals that exemplify many 'good causes', but the special drive within Spectrum is infectious. They want to create an environment for people with Autism not only to feel comfortable but to have fun and learn, all while raising awareness generally. Spectrum Cambridge will clearly go to the ends of the earth to achieve these goals. I was honoured to work alongside this highly motivated team and found it incredibly refreshing to witness a charity that is so focused on catering for each individual who decides to jump on board. It is my sincere wish and indeed expectation to see them prosper and subsequently help more and more people in the very future."

"Don't know how you do it, but please keep doing what you're doing! Means so much to so many families!"

"Here at the National Trust, we are very proud to work with Spectrum. The work they do is so valuable to our local community, and the need for them doing the work they do is great. At the National Trust, we are all about sharing our special places forever and for everyone and working with Spectrum is another great way of helping us achieve exactly that."

SPECTRUM TEAM

The Trustees and its beneficiaries would like to express their tremendous gratitude to the Volunteer Core Management Team comprised of:

Justin Heron – CEO & Operations
Amy Heron – Operations & Events
Richenda King – Financial Manager & Safeguarding

The Trustees also continue to recognise, thank and be grateful to all additional volunteers, child mentors and mini-mentors for their continued support of its events, activities, awareness raising and administration. They are delighted to see the focused expansion of the team.

SPECTRUM MISSION

To be a pivotal part of our community and become a recognised benchmark of support for families of children with Autism and additional needs. To embrace inclusion while providing inspiration.

SPECTRUM VISION

To show that it can be great to be different. To transparently provide creative opportunities, social gains and exceptional support to every child and family that we work with, without judgement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES

The financial results for the period ended 31st May 2024 show that the charity made a surplus of £39,617 (2023: deficit of £5,071).

The charity has free reserves of £1261 (2023: deficit-free reserves of £ 14,306). The deficit was partly due to timing differences, delays and realignment of fundraising initiatives to coincide with our financial year and planned expenditure. The Trustees expect this situation to reverse in the coming years with additional fundraising and events priced to contribute to the administration costs of the charity. The Trustees have reviewed the amount that should held as free reserves to ensure the charity is able to meet all its responsibilities if a significant adverse event were to occur and are of the opinion that the charity should hold a minimum amount to cover six months' wages and running expenditure estimated to be £20,000.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Those risks have been reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate them. With a policy and risk manager in place from the point of inception, this area is always proactively managed.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and applications of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

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. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and the financial information included on the charity's website.

This report has been approved by the trustees on 17/03/2025

and signed on its behalf.

David Heron

Trustee

SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts for the period ended 31st May 2024 of Spectrum Cambridge.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the CIO, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S 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 as required by section 130 of the Act or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

Ian Shipley

Ian Shipley (Mar 20, 2025 10:21 GMT)

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IAN SHIPLEY FCCA

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:

PRENTIS & CO LLP

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

115c Milton Road, Cambridge

SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	2024 Restricted £	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
INCOME							
Grants and donations	2	144,487	6,825	151,312	85,016	5,564	90,580
Charitable activities:							
Events and fundraising events			77,517	77,517		80,963	80,963
TOTAL INCOME		144,487	84,342	228,829	85,016	86,527	171,543
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds	3		2,147	2,147		4,940	4,940
Charitable activities	4	122,483	64,582	187,065	59,854	111,820	171,674
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		122,483	66,729	189,212	59,854	116,760	176,614
NET INCOME/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		22,004	17,613	39,617	25,162	(30,233)	(5,071)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total fund balance brought forward		45,408	(11,275)	34,133	20,246	18,958	39,204
Total fund balance carried forward		67,412	6,338	73,750	45,408	(11,275)	34,133

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2024

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS	6		7,721		14,476
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	78,081		49,536	
Cash at bank and in hand		98,329		38,944	
		176,410		88,480	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	110,381		68,823	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			66,029		19,657
TOTAL NET ASSETS			73,750		34,133
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	9				
Restricted funds			67,412		45,408
Unrestricted funds			6,338		(11,275)
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			73,750		34,133

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

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David Heron
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2024

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019 and effective 1st January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling and the accounts are presented in that currency.

The Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the CIO's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity's free reserves are moving in to a surplus position at th yera end.

(b) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Trustees have opted to take advantage of the amendment to Charities SORP FRS 102, where only larger charities are required to prepare a Statement of Cash Flow.

(c) INCOME

Income represents the amount derived from the CIO's ordinary activities. Income is recognised in the period in which the organisation is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. No income is stated net of any associated expenditure.

(d) EXPENDITURE

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the CIO in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. Expenditure is allocated to expense headings on a direct cost basis.

(e) FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Office equipment	- 25% straight line

(f) TAXATION

The charity has taken use of Charity SORP to consider itself a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and is therefore exempt from Corporation Tax.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	2024			2023		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery	144,487	-	144,487	85,016	-	85,016
Others	-	6,825	6,825	-	5,564	5,564
	144,487	6,825	151,312	85,016	5,564	90,580

3. FUNDRAISING

	2024	2023
	£	£
Costs of raising funds	2,147	4,940

4. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024			2023		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages, social security and pensions	95,306	-	95,306	45,436	17,822	63,258
Other staff costs	1,999	-	1,999	719	327	1,046
Mileage	1,737	-	1,737	486	1,583	2,069
Independent examiner's fee	1,241	-	1,241	287	861	1,148
Depreciation	8,801	2,033	10,834	8,801	1,247	10,048
Telephone	747	-	747	166	500	666
Sundries	1,835	-	1,835	643	1,328	1,971
Printing, postage and stationery	2,406	-	2,406	468	1,402	1,870
Insurance	-	647	647	-	187	187
Events	-	59,350	59,350	-	80,778	80,778
Uniforms	-	519	519	-	638	638
Advertising	2,797	1,641	4,438	1,087	2,482	3,569
Computing and software costs	5,614	-	5,614	1,761	2,370	4,131
Bank charges and commissions	-	392	392	-	295	295
	122,483	64,582	187,065	59,854	111,820	171,674

5. STAFF COSTS

No remuneration was paid to any of the Trustees in the year, nor were any expenses reimbursed to them.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	89,513	62,103
Social Security costs	3,762	694
Pensions	2,031	461
	95,306	63,258

The average number of employees during the period was 3 (2023: 3).

No member of staff earned more than £60,000.

The key management personnel of the CIO comprise of the Trustees who give their time freely.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment 2024	Office Equipment 2023
	£	£
COST		
Balance at 1st June	41,353	40,234
Additions	4,079	1,119
Balance at 31st May	45,432	41,353
DEPRECIATION		
Balance at 1st June	26,877	16,829
Charge for the year	10,834	10,048
Balance at 31st May	37,711	26,877
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31st May	7,721	14,476

7. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	2,631	2,223
Trade debtors	75,450	47,313
	78,081	49,536

8. CREDITORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	97,467	56,365
Tax and social security cost	12,914	12,458
	110,381	68,823

9. ACCUMULATED FUNDS - Current year

	Balance at 1st June 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31st May 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	(11,275)	84,342	(66,729)	6,338
Restricted funds:				
National Lottery	33,963	144,487	(113,682)	64,768
Others	11,445	-	(8,801)	2,644
	34,133	228,829	(189,212)	73,750

ACCUMULATED FUNDS - Prior year

	Balance at 1st June 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31st May 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	18,958	86,527	(116,760)	(11,275)
Restricted funds:				
National Lottery	-	85,016	(51,053)	33,963
Others	20,246	-	(8,801)	11,445
	39,204	171,543	(176,614)	34,133

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9. ACCUMULATED FUNDS ...../continued

National Lottery - Spectrum Continuity of Support - a project to provide themed weekend sessions and promoting our work within local schools and the local community.

Other - various grants for equipment

10. RELATED PARTIES

J Heron and A Heron are relatives of D Heron, a Trustee. They were employed at a market rate by the charity during the period and were paid £Nil for reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: £183).

The Trustees have participated in events and trips during the period on the same basis and terms of other participants.

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ORGANISATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Spectrum retains long-term Trustee commitments from Mr David Heron, Mr David Knowles and Dr Malini Mital, working as a collective and being supported operationally by the management team, senior team members and volunteering pool. Furthermore, Trustees with suitable skill sets will continue to be recruited as and when needed, and people can be identified.

The recruitment process involves (apart from safeguarding – see below) an induction into the activities of the charity and the provision of essential documents such as the Trust Deed and latest accounts. New Trustees are also reminded of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

SAFEGUARDING

All Trustees and Volunteers of Spectrum hold Advanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks on the Update Service due to the nature of our work. Additionally, they also have qualifications in Safeguarding Children, Equality & Diversity, GDPR and Prevent Duty as a minimum. These are actively monitored and fully audited every 1-2 years (dependent on the policy) as a minimum, alongside additional policies. Safeguarding is paramount to Spectrum, and it retains a number of its team qualified to the high level of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) status.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

Spectrum Overview

Spectrum is a multi-award-winning, parent-led children's charity. We provide events, sessions and support for families of children with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, and disabilities. As an organisation, we are family-focused, advocates of collaboration, passionate about increasing inclusion and reducing isolation whilst supporting Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND). Our membership is free.

Our focus is to support children in being themselves without judgment. To provide opportunities for them to improve their social development and well-being alongside their family. Collaboration with our partners is hugely important to us in improving community cohesion, allowing the creation of new options for families to experience in their communities and making a difference. Our HQ is based on the Cambridgeshire and Suffolk border.

Furthermore, we are also proud to continue being the leading UK distributor for Max Card. The Max Card helps make days out more financially accessible for families of children with additional needs.

We complement this further with parent-led support, an online community, digital engagement, and family worker support. Collectively, this helps create an environment supportive of a family's mental well-being and makes the most of creative imagination and fun.

Spectrum Strategy

Spectrum's strategy is based on family-focused inclusion for those we support. We are working closely with communities, schools, local businesses, professionals and leading UK venues and organisations to create events, opportunities and support for families of children with Autism, additional needs and disabilities alongside their carers. This continues to develop through both real-world and online interaction.

Our events focus on a wide range of interactions, improvement of social skills and educational elements, mental well-being and positive health aspects of the family unit, recognising those around the child in their day-to-day lives. For those we work and partner with, we also create awareness of the needs of those they support to improve their delivery and considerations across additional needs, improving social communication and confidence all around.

Spectrum Objectives

As a CIO, Spectrum's objectives in line with their Charity Commission registration are for the promotion of social inclusion and the relief of the needs of those with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, life-limiting conditions and disabilities, including their families and carers, who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of their disability, in particular, but not exclusively for the benefit of young people through the provision of recreational and leisure time events and activities alongside support to assist their physical and mental wellbeing.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements

Since its inception, Spectrum has been incredibly humbled and proud to have been recognised for its work across the region with families of children with Autism, additional needs and disabilities, winning both the Cambridgeshire Live Community Awards and Luminus Community Inspiration Awards alongside community team member recognitions. We are continuously referred to by schools, GPs, Local Authorities and NHS teams for our lived experience and support. **We are now also thrilled to have been recognised by the Crown for outstanding service and Covid support to Cambridgeshire.**

Performance

At the time of the report, Spectrum has risen to support over 56,000 persons across our registered families and continues to see more than 150 new families join us on average, month in and month out. Over 88% of our members refer another family in the same position as themselves. We have seen over 14,500 referrals from such points as the NHS, CAMH, MHST, GPs, Education Settings, Social Care, Local Authorities, Community Groups, Medical Professionals and social media, encouraging families they work with to access Spectrum's services.

Spectrum is a huge advocate of making data-based decisions and actively tracks and analyses its metrics, data points, and digital footprints in real-time to continue to be as efficient and effective as it can be, based on a volunteer-focused core.

Delivery

Spectrum continues to see well over 10,000 attendances a year to our events and sessions with our wide range of delivery and variance. Our services are constantly checked for suitability and viability against those we support with the venues they work with. We have over 34,000 medical conditions registered with us across additional needs and disabilities.

Our events continue to be family-focused, but the needs and interests of the children we support are very much at the heart of them. The team continues to deliver events from local small family settings through to the Disneyland Paris resort, creating opportunities large and small.

Geographical Impact

Spectrum's core is based at its heart in Cambridgeshire, close to the border with Suffolk and reaching out across East Anglia's surrounding counties, moving down to Herts, Essex, Bucks, the South and South-East corridor and the counties that surround it. We also provide remote support and consultation beyond these points across the UK.

Through organic growth and ongoing referral via a multitude of growing sources, we continue to see demand for our events, services and support come through consistently in all directions to us. Our systems allow us to support families remotely and compassionately, regardless of geography.

Testimonials

Spectrum has been delighted to receive extensive positive feedback from those they support and work with. A small example of these are as follows:

"Spectrum has been a lifeline for our family; not only have we had some amazing experiences with the events, but we have also met a very supportive team and hopefully some lifelong friends. We cannot thank Spectrum and the team enough for all that they do."

"Spectrum gives us the opportunity to gain new experience as a family, which would not usually be possible in an understanding and supportive environment."

"We are so lucky to be part of the ever-growing Spectrum Family. Spectrum amazes us no end with the trips and opportunities organised for the children and their families. But for us, as a family with a child in a wheelchair and complex medical needs, it's the finer details that make such a difference. It's talking to her, not over her. It's sitting in the front row at the panto so she can focus. It's catching that moment on camera for us because we've run out of hands. It's knowing they're there if we need an extra pair of hands or listening ear. Spectrum is about fun, ability and friendship."

"We are very proud to work with Spectrum and support the amazing work they do with young people. The events and support they offer families are truly inspiring!"

"This year I have had the absolute pleasure of working with Spectrum Cambridge, and it gave me a very personal insight into how it's run, why it's run, and in general, it shone a light on the people who run it. This Spectrum team stands out as truly special. Not only are they absolutely professional and resolute in achieving their goals, but their passion is unwavering. This is evidenced by achievements to date and how positive planning is being developed to strive for their next targets. The charity has typically the ideals and positive goals that exemplify many 'good causes', but the special drive within Spectrum is infectious. They want to create an environment for people with Autism not only to feel comfortable but to have fun and learn, all while raising awareness generally. Spectrum Cambridge will clearly go to the ends of the earth to achieve these goals. I was honoured to work alongside this highly motivated team and found it incredibly refreshing to witness a charity that is so focused on catering for each individual who decides to jump on board. It is my sincere wish and indeed expectation to see them prosper and subsequently help more and more people in the very future."

"Don't know how you do it, but please keep doing what you're doing! Means so much to so many families!"

"Here at the National Trust, we are very proud to work with Spectrum. The work they do is so valuable to our local community, and the need for them doing the work they do is great. At the National Trust, we are all about sharing our special places forever and for everyone and working with Spectrum is another great way of helping us achieve exactly that."

SPECTRUM TEAM

The Trustees and its beneficiaries would like to express their gratitude to the Volunteer Core Management Team comprised of:

Justin Heron – CEO & Operations
Amy Heron – Operations & Events
Richenda King – Financial Manager & Safeguarding
Alex Knowles - Commercial

The Trustees continue to recognise and thank all additional volunteers, child mentors and mini-mentors and are incredibly grateful for their continued support of its events, activities, awareness raising and administration.

SPECTRUM MISSION

To be a pivotal part of our community and become a recognised benchmark of support for families of children with Autism and additional needs. To embrace inclusion while providing inspiration.

SPECTRUM VISION

To show that it can be great to be different. To transparently provide creative opportunities, social gains and exceptional support to every child and family that we work with, without judgement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES

The financial results for the period ended 31st May 2023 show that the charity made a deficit of £5,071 (2022: deficit of £19,425).

The charity has a deficit of free reserves of £14,306 (2022: surplus free reserves of £17,957). The deficit is in part due to year-end timing differences against our major income points in the year and grant arrival dates, delays and realignment of fundraising initiatives to coincide with our financial year and planned expenditure. The Trustees expect this situation to reverse in the coming years with additional fundraising and events already priced to contribute to the operational costs of the charity and increased revenue. The Trustees have reviewed the amount that should held as free reserves to ensure the charity is able to meet all its responsibilities if a significant adverse event were to occur and are of the opinion that the charity should hold a minimum amount to cover six months' wages and running expenditure estimated to be £20,000.

Spectrum is delighted to have been awarded £441,148 over 3 years by The National Lottery CF, which further protects our future. We are also presently working to extend this further by £60k in the very near future.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Those risks have been reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. With a policy and risk manager in place from the point of inception, this is an area that is always proactively managed.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and applications of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

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. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and the financial information included on the charity's website.

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This report has been approved by the trustees on ……..

and signed on its behalf.

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David Heron

Trustee

SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts for the period ended 31st May 2023 of Spectrum Cambridge.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the CIO, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S 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 as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

Ian Shipley

Ian Shipley (Mar 27, 2024 14:05 GMT)

IAN SHIPLEY FCCA

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:

PRENTIS & CO LLP

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

115c Milton Road, Cambridge

SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	2023 Restricted £	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Total £
INCOME							
Grants and donations	2	85,016	5,564	90,580	24,973	4,589	29,562
Charitable activities:							
Events and fundraising events		-	80,963	80,963	-	58,173	58,173
TOTAL INCOME		85,016	86,527	171,543	24,973	62,762	87,735
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds	3	-	4,940	4,940	-	7,746	7,746
Charitable activities	4	59,854	111,820	171,674	45,274	54,140	99,414
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		59,854	116,760	176,614	45,274	61,886	107,160
NET INCOME/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		25,162	(30,233)	(5,071)	(20,301)	876	(19,425)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total fund balance brought forward		20,246	18,958	39,204	40,547	18,082	58,629
Total fund balance carried forward		45,408	(11,275)	34,133	20,246	18,958	39,204

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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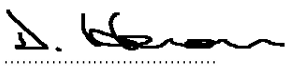
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2023

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS	6		14,476		23,405
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	49,536		34,713	
Cash at bank and in hand		38,944		4,275	
		88,480		38,988	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	68,823		23,189	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			19,657		15,799
TOTAL NET ASSETS			34,133		39,204
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	9				
Restricted funds			45,408		20,246
Unrestricted funds			(11,275)		18,958
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			34,133		39,204

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on



David Heron
Trustee

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2023

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements.
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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019 and effective 1st January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling and the accounts are presented in that currency.

The Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the CIO's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity's free reserves are in deficit at the year end but at the the time of signing the situation has improved.

(b) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Trustees have opted to take advantage of the amendment to Charities SORP FRS 102, where only larger charities are required to prepare a Statement of Cash Flow.

(c) INCOME

Income represents the amount derived from the CIO's ordinary activities. Income is recognised in the period in which the organisation is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. No income is stated net of any associated expenditure.

(d) EXPENDITURE

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the CIO in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. Expenditure is allocated to expense headings on a direct cost basis.

(e) FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Office equipment	- 25% straight line

(f) TAXATION

The charity has taken use of Charity SORP to consider itself a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and is therefore exempt from Corporation Tax.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	2023			2022		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery	85,016	-	85,016	-	-	-
Tesco Groundworks	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
Postcode Places Trust	-	-	-	19,973	-	19,973
Others	-	5,564	5,564	-	4,589	4,589
	85,016	5,564	90,580	24,973	4,589	29,562

3. FUNDRAISING

	2023	2022
	£	£
Costs of raising funds	4,940	7,746

4. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023			2022		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages, social security and pensions	45,436	17,822	63,258	31,640	27,334	58,974
Other staff costs	719	327	1,046	-	1,862	1,862
Mileage	486	1,583	2,069	-	1,725	1,725
Independent examiner's fee	287	861	1,148	-	1,040	1,040
Depreciation	8,801	1,247	10,048	8,801	1,229	10,030
Telephone	166	500	666	-	448	448
Sundries	643	1,328	1,971	-	1,917	1,917
Printing, postage and stationery	468	1,402	1,870	1,500	494	1,994
Insurance	-	187	187	-	323	323
Events	-	80,778	80,778	3,333	8,589	11,922
Uniforms	-	638	638	-	769	769
Advertising	1,087	2,482	3,569	-	3,931	3,931
Computing and software costs	1,761	2,370	4,131	-	4,193	4,193
Bank charges and commissions	-	295	295	-	286	286
	59,854	111,820	171,674	45,274	54,140	99,414

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5. STAFF COSTS

No remuneration was paid to any of the Trustees in the year, nor were any expenses reimbursed to them.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries	62,103	57,090
Social Security costs	694	1,684
Pensions	461	200
	63,258	58,974

The average number of employees during the period was 3 (2022: 3).

No member of staff earned more than £60,000.

The key management personnel of the CIO comprise of the Trustees who give their time freely.

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment 2023	Office Equipment 2022
COST	£	£
Balance at 1st June	40,234	39,581
Additions	1,119	653
Balance at 31st May	41,353	40,234
DEPRECIATION		
Balance at 1st June	16,829	6,799
Charge for the year	10,048	10,030
Balance at 31st May	26,877	16,829
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31st May	14,476	23,405

7. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	2,223	24,468
Trade debtors	47,313	10,245
	49,536	34,713

8. CREDITORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	56,365	17,824
Tax and social security cost	12,458	5,365
	68,823	23,189

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9. ACCUMULATED FUNDS - Current year

	Balance at 1st June 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31st May 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	18,958	86,527	(116,760)	(11,275)
Restricted funds:				
National Lottery	-	85,016	(51,053)	33,963
Others	20,246	-	(8,801)	11,445
	39,204	171,543	(176,614)	34,133

ACCUMULATED FUNDS - Prior year

	Balance at 1st June 2021	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31st May 2022
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	18,082	62,762	61,886	18,958
Restricted funds:				
Others	40,547	24,973	45,274	20,246
	58,629	87,735	107,160	39,204

National Lottery - Spectrum Continuity of Support - a project to provide themed weekend sessions and promoting our work within local schools and the local community.

Other - various grants for equipment

10. RELATED PARTIES

J Heron and A Heron are relatives of D Heron, a Trustee. They were employed at a market rate by the charity during the period and were paid £183 for reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: £269).

The Trustees have participated in events and trips during the period on the same basis and terms of other participants.

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Signature:
Richenda King (Mar 27, 2024 14:21 GMT)

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For the year ended 31st May 2022

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All Trustees and Volunteers of Spectrum hold Advanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks on the Update Service due to the nature of our work. Additionally, they also have qualifications in Safeguarding Children, Equality & Diversity and Prevent Duty as a minimum. These are actively monitored and fully audited every 1-2 years (dependent on the policy) as a minimum, alongside additional policies. Safeguarding is paramount to Spectrum, and it retains a number of its team qualified to Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) status.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

Spectrum Overview

Spectrum is a multi-award winning, parent-led children's charity. We provide events, sessions and support for families of children with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, and disabilities. As an organisation, we are family-focused, advocates of collaboration, passionate about increasing inclusion and reducing isolation whilst supporting Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND). Our membership is free.

Our focus is to support children to be themselves without judgement. To provide opportunities for them to improve their social development and wellbeing alongside their family. Collaboration with our partners is hugely important to us to improve community cohesion, allowing the creation of new options for families to experience in their communities and a difference to be made. Our HQ is based on the Cambridgeshire and Suffolk border.

Furthermore, we are also proud to continue being the leading UK distributor for Max Card. The Max Card helps make days out more financially accessible for the families of children with additional needs

We complement this further with parent-led support, an online community, digital engagement and family worker support. Collectively, this helps create an environment supportive of a family's mental wellbeing and makes the most from creative imagination and fun.

Spectrum Strategy

Spectrum's strategy is based on family-focused inclusion for those we support. We are working closely with communities, local businesses, professionals and leading UK venues and organisations to create events, opportunities and support for families of children with Autism, additional needs and disabilities alongside their carers.

Our events focus on a wide range of interaction, improvement of social skills and educational elements, mental well-being and positive health aspect of the family unit, recognising those around the child in their day-to-day lives. For those we work and partner with, we also create awareness of the needs of those they support to improve their delivery and considerations across additional needs, improving social communication and confidence all around.

Spectrum Objectives

As a CIO, Spectrum's objectives in line with their Charity Commission registration are for the promotion of social inclusion and the relief of the needs of those with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, life-limiting conditions and disabilities, including their families and carers, who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of their disability, in particular, but not exclusively for the benefit of young people through the provision of recreational and leisure time events and activities alongside support to assist their physical and mental wellbeing.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements

Since its inception, Spectrum has been incredibly humbled and proud to have been recognised for its work across the region with families of children with Autism, additional needs and disabilities, winning both the Cambridgeshire Live Community Awards and Luminus Community Inspiration Awards alongside community team member recognitions. **We are now also thrilled to have been recognised by the Crown for outstanding service and Covid support to Cambridgeshire.**

Performance

At the time of the report, Spectrum has risen to support over 50,000 persons across our registered families and continues to see more than 250 new families join us on average, month in and month out. Over 88% of our members refer another family in the same position as themselves. We have seen over 10,500 referrals from such points as the NHS, CAMH, MHST, GPs, Education Settings, Social Care, Local Authorities, Community Groups, Medical Professionals and social media, encouraging families they work with to access Spectrum's services.

Spectrum is a huge advocate of making data-based decisions and actively tracks and analyses their metrics, data points and digital footprints in real-time to continue to be as efficient and effective as they can be, based on a volunteer-focused core.

Delivery

Spectrum continues to see over 10,000 attendances a year to our events and sessions with our wide range of delivery and variance. Our services are constantly checked for suitability and viability against those we support with the venues they work with. We have over 25,500 medical conditions registered with us across additional needs and disabilities.

Our events continue to be family-focused, but the needs and interests of the children we support are very much at the heart of them.

Geographical Impact

Spectrum's core is based at its heart in Cambridgeshire, close to the border with Suffolk and reaching out across East Anglia's surrounding counties, moving down to Herts, Essex, Bucks and the South and South-East corridor. We also provide remote support and consultation beyond this.

Through organic growth and ongoing referral via a multitude of growing sources, we continue to see demand for our events, services and support come through consistently in all directions to us. Our systems allow us to support families remotely, regardless of geography.

Testimonials

Spectrum has been delighted to receive extensive positive feedback from those they support and work with. A small example of these are as follows:

"Spectrum has been a lifeline for our family; not only have we had some amazing experiences with the events, but we have also met a very supportive team and hopefully some lifelong friends. We cannot thank Spectrum and the team enough for all that they do."

"Spectrum gives us the opportunity to gain new experience as a family, which would not usually be possible in an understanding and supportive environment."

"We are so lucky to be part of the ever-growing Spectrum Family. Spectrum amazes us no end with the trips and opportunities organised for the children and their families. But for us, as a family with a child in a wheelchair and complex medical needs, it's the finer details that make such a difference. It's talking to her, not over her. It's sitting in the front row at the panto so she can focus. It's catching that moment on camera for us because we've run out of hands. It's knowing they're there if we need an extra pair of hands or listening ear. Spectrum is about fun, ability and friendship."

"We are very proud to work with Spectrum and support the amazing work they do with young people. The events and support they offer families are truly inspiring!"

"This year I have had the absolute pleasure of working with Spectrum Cambridge, and it gave me a very personal insight into how it's run, why it's run, and in general, it shone a light on the people who run it. This Spectrum team stands out as truly special. Not only are they absolutely professional and resolute in achieving their goals, but their passion is unwavering. This is evidenced by achievements to date and how positive planning is being developed to strive for their next targets. The charity has typically the ideals and positive goals that exemplify many 'good causes', but the special drive within Spectrum is infectious. They want to create an environment for people with Autism not only to feel comfortable but to have fun and learn, all while raising awareness generally. Spectrum Cambridge will clearly go to the ends of the earth to achieve these goals. I was honoured to work alongside this highly motivated team and found it incredibly refreshing to witness a charity that is so focused on catering for each individual who decides to jump on board. It is my sincere wish and indeed expectation to see them prosper and subsequently help more and more people in the very future."

"Don't know how you do it, but please keep doing what you're doing! Means so much to so many families!"

"Here at the National Trust, we are very proud to work with Spectrum. The work they do is so valuable to our local community, and the need for them doing the work they do is great. At the National Trust, we are all about sharing our special places forever and for everyone and working with Spectrum is another great way of helping us achieve exactly that."

SPECTRUM TEAM

The Trustees and its beneficiaries would like to express their gratitude to the Volunteer Management Team comprised of:

Justin Heron – CEO & Operations
Amy Heron – Operations & Events
Richenda King – Financial Manager & Safeguarding
Fiona Owen – Policies & Risk Manager
Nicola Burdon – Training Officer
Alex Knowles – Commercial Manager

The Trustees continue to recognise and thank all additional volunteers and child mentors and are incredibly grateful for their continued support of its events, activities, and administration.

SPECTRUM MISSION

To be a pivotal part of our community and become a recognised benchmark of support for families of children with Autism and additional needs. To embrace inclusion while providing inspiration.

SPECTRUM VISION

To show that it can be great to be different. To transparently provide creative opportunities, social gains and exceptional support to every child and family that we work with, without judgement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES

The financial results for the period ended 31st May 2022 show that the charity carried forward £39,202.

The Trustees have reviewed the amount that should be held as free reserves to ensure the charity can meet all its responsibilities if a significant adverse event were to occur and are of the opinion that the charity should hold a minimum amount to cover six months' operational costs.

Spectrum is also delighted to have been awarded £441,148 over 3 years by The National Lottery CF, which further protects our future.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Those risks have been reviewed, and systems established to mitigate those risks. With a policy and risk manager in place from the point of inception, this is an area that is always proactively managed.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and applications of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

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. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and the financial information included on the charity's website.

This report has been approved by the trustees on Mar 29, 2023

and signed on its behalf.

David Heron

Trustee

SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts for the period ended 31st May 2022 of Spectrum Cambridge.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the CIO, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S 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 as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

I W Shipley

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FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:

PRENTIS & CO LLP

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

115c Milton Road, Cambridge

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		2022			2021		
	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
INCOME							
Grants and donations	2	24,973	4,589	29,562	145,288	2,459	147,747
Charitable activities:							
Events and fundraising events		-	58,173	58,173	-	45,248	45,248
TOTAL INCOME		24,973	62,762	87,735	145,288	47,707	192,995
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds	3	-	7,746	7,746	-	1,594	1,594
Charitable activities	4	45,274	54,140	99,414	115,544	34,972	150,516
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		45,274	61,886	107,160	115,544	36,566	152,110
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		(20,301)	876	(19,425)	29,744	11,141	40,885
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total fund balance brought forward		40,547	18,080	58,627	10,803	6,941	17,744
Total fund balance carried forward		20,246	18,956	39,202	40,547	18,082	58,629

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2022

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS	6		23,405		32,782
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	34,713		29,204	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,275		32,867	
		38,988		62,071	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	23,189		36,224	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			15,799		25,847
TOTAL NET ASSETS			39,204		58,629
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	9				
Restricted funds			20,246		40,547
Unrestricted funds			18,958		18,082
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			39,204		58,629

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on Mar 29, 2023

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David Heron
Trustee

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2022

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements.
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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019 and effective 1st January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the CIO's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Trustees have opted to take advantage of the amendment to Charities SORP FRS 102, where only larger charities are required to prepare a Statement of Cash Flow.

(c) INCOME

Income represents the amount derived from the CIO's ordinary activities. Income is recognised in the period in which the organisation is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. No income is stated net of any associated expenditure.

(d) EXPENDITURE

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the CIO in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. Expenditure is allocated to expense headings on a direct cost basis.

(e) FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Office equipment	- 25% straight line

(f) TAXATION

The charity has taken use of Charity SORP to consider itself a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and is therefore exempt from Corporation Tax.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	2022			2021		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery	-	-	-	83,626	-	83,626
Tesco Groundworks	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-
Postcode Places Trust	19,973	-	19,973	-	-	-
Others	-	4,589	4,589	-	2,459	2,459
Suffolk Community Foundation	-	-	-	14,968	-	14,968
Government grants	-	-	-	20,069	-	20,069
The Fore	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
Essex Community	-	-	-	5,191	-	5,191
Sussex Community	-	-	-	5,047	-	5,047
Leathersellers	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500
Cambridge Community Foundation	-	-	-	9,887	-	9,887
	24,973	4,589	29,562	145,288	2,459	147,747

3. FUNDRAISING

	2022	2021
	£	£
Costs of raising funds	7,746	1,594

4. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022			2021		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages, social security and pensions	31,640	27,334	58,974	59,662	14,540	74,202
Other staff costs	-	1,862	1,862	3,225	1,075	4,300
Mileage	-	1,725	1,725	-	285	285
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,040	1,040	-	870	870
Depreciation	8,801	1,229	10,030	6,158	267	6,425
Telephone	-	448	448	-	283	283
Sundries	-	1,917	1,917	-	1,593	1,593
Printing, postage and stationery	1,500	494	1,994	137	1,429	1,566
Insurance	-	323	323	-	236	236
Events	3,333	8,589	11,922	43,392	657	44,049
Uniforms	-	769	769	-	1,593	1,593
Advertising	-	3,931	3,931	1,307	1,099	2,406
Computing and software costs	-	4,193	4,193	1,663	10,945	12,608
Bank charges and commissions	-	286	286	-	100	100
	45,274	54,140	99,414	115,544	34,972	150,516

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. STAFF COSTS

No remuneration was paid to any of the Trustees in the year, nor were any expenses reimbursed to them.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries	57,090	72,075
Social Security costs	1,684	1,925
Pensions	200	202
	58,974	74,202

The average number of employees during the period was 3 (2021: 3).

No member of staff earned more than £60,000.

The key management personnel of the CIO comprise of the Trustees who give their time freely.

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment 2022	Office Equipment 2021
COST	£	£
Balance at 1st June	39,581	1,712
Additions	653	37,869
Balance at 31st May	40,234	39,581
DEPRECIATION		
Balance at 1st June	6,799	374
Charge for the year	10,030	6,425
Balance at 31st May	16,829	6,799
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31st May	23,405	32,782

7. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	24,468	1,300
Trade debtors	10,245	27,904
	34,713	29,204

8. CREDITORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	17,824	33,331
Tax and social security cost	5,365	2,893
	23,189	36,224

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. ACCUMULATED FUNDS - Current year

	Balance at 1st June 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31st May 2022 £
Unrestricted funds	18,082	62,762	61,886	18,958
Restricted funds:				
Others	40,547	24,973	45,274	20,246
	58,629	87,735	107,160	39,204

ACCUMULATED FUNDS - Prior year

	Balance at 1st June 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31st May 2021 £
Unrestricted funds	6,941	47,707	36,566	18,082
Restricted funds:				
National Lottery	8,333	83,626	91,959	-
Others	2,470	61,662	23,585	40,547
	17,744	192,995	152,110	58,629

Restricted funds represent a grant from Postcode Places Trust for £19,973 to cover wages costs and a grant from Tesco Groundworks for £5,000 to assist with providing support.

9. RELATED PARTIES

J Heron and A Heron are relatives of D Heron, a Trustee. They were employed at a market rate by the charity during the period and were paid £269 for reimbursed expenses during the year (2021: £220).

The Trustees have participated in events and trips during the period on the same basis and terms of other participants.

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Annual Financial Report

For the year ended 31st May 2021

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the CIO, Spectrum Cambridge, for the period ended 31st May 2021.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Trust Deed and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Spectrum Cambridge (Spectrum) was incorporated as a Charitable Organisation Incorporated (CIO) by the Charity Commission of England & Wales on 21st August 2018 under registration number 1179618. Spectrum is governed by a Trust Deed.

Spectrum's Trustees are in place to manage the affairs of the CIO and may, for that purpose, exercise all the powers of the CIO. The number of Trustees can never fall below three, but no upper limit is imposed as a maximum that the CIO can appoint should it wish to. The Trustees are supported operationally by a volunteer management team and its employee.

ORGANISATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Spectrum retains long term Trustee commitments from Mr David Heron, Mr David Knowles and Mr David Parr, working as a collective and being supported operationally by the volunteer management team. Further Trustees with suitable skill sets will be recruited as and when needed, and people can be identified.

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Our events focus on a wide range of interaction, improvement of social skills and educational elements, mental wellbeing and positive health aspect of the family unit, recognising those around the child in their day to day lives. For those we work and partner with, we also create awareness of the needs of those they support to improve their delivery and considerations across additional needs, improving social communication and confidence all around.

Spectrum Objectives

As a CIO, Spectrum's objectives in line with their Charity Commission registration are for the promotion of social inclusion and the relief of the needs of those with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, life-limiting conditions and disabilities, including their families and carers, who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of their disability, in particular, but not exclusively for the benefit of young people through the provision of recreational and leisure time events and activities alongside support to assist their physical and mental wellbeing.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements

Since its inception, Spectrum has been incredibly humbled and proud to have been recognised for its work across the region with families of children with Autism, additional needs and disabilities, winning both the Cambridgeshire Live Community Awards and Luminus Community Inspiration Awards alongside community team member recognitions.

Performance

At the time of the report, Spectrum has risen to support over 32,000 persons across our registered families and continues to see more than 150 new families join us on average, month in and month out. We have seen over 6,500 referrals from such points as the NHS, CAMH, MHST, GP's, Education Settings, Social Care, Local Authorities, Community Groups, Medical Professionals and social media, encouraging families they work with to access Spectrum's services.

Spectrum is a huge advocate of making data-based decisions and actively tracks and analyses their metrics, data points and digital footprints in real-time to continue to be as efficient and effective as they can be, based on a volunteer focused core.

Delivery

Spectrum has seen over 8,500 attendances across over 130 outings to their events and sessions per annum with our wide range of delivery and variance. Our services are constantly checked for suitability and viability against those we support with the venues they work with. We have over 17,500 medical conditions registered with us across additional needs and disabilities.

Our events continue to be family-focused but the needs and interests of the children we support are very much at the heat of them.

Geographical Impact

Spectrum's core is based at its heart in Cambridgeshire, close to the border with Suffolk and reaching out across East Anglia's surrounding counties, moving down to Herts, Essex, London and the South and South-East corridor. Through organic growth and ongoing referral, via a multitude of growing sources, we continue to see demand for our events, services and support come through consistently in all directions to us. Our systems allow us to support families remotely regardless of geography.

Spectrum Digital Reach

Through the last year, Spectrum has been extremely proud to successfully deliver our Digital Reach project way beyond its targets, thanks to over £73k funding from the National Lottery Community Fund in partnership with DCMS.

Our Digital Reach project was designed to bring a multitude of new and expanded services to the families they support, from their homes and physically in our sessions. This enables us to navigate geography, increase skill sets, facilitate growth, provide more visual information and create further volunteering opportunities. We bring new support lines to those who need them by utilising a range of digital services and technology to improve accessibility and how our support can be accessed. This has dramatically increased our catchment area and the number of people and organisations that we collaborate with for the benefit of the SEND community.

We look forward to expanding this project into many more components and areas for the benefit of our members and the community overall.

Spectrum & Covid-19

From the onset of Covid, we saw a dramatic rise in the need for our services and support, with many local authority or NHS services withdrawn or heavily delayed due to front line needs of the pandemic.

In working with families of children with Autism, additional needs and disabilities, Spectrum exists to work with many families that already feel on the edge of society. The lockdown measures and precautions put in place for the country's welfare also served to compound the isolation further for many of those they support. Many of them having to additionally fully shield for medical purposes. Furthermore, this also meant that access to large proportions of their day-to-day support circle was severed.

We were able to very successfully navigate these testing times utilising digital methods and online interaction, alongside home working, whilst supporting a much higher number of families with the same team size. Our commercial model has enabled us to operate from low overhead costs without building costs and associated items and services restrictions or burdens.

Spectrum was proactive in post-Covid planning, enabling us to return to face-to-face events and interactions alongside re-establishing income streams as soon as possible whilst adhering to each stage of Government guidelines.

Testimonials

Spectrum has been delighted to receive extensive positive feedback from those they support and work with. A small example of these are as follows:

"Spectrum has been a lifeline for our family, not only have we had some amazing experiences with the events, but we have also met a very supportive team and hopefully some lifelong friends. We cannot thank Spectrum and the team enough for all that they do."

"Spectrum gives us the opportunity to gain new experience as a family which would not usually be possible in an understanding and supportive environment."

"We are so lucky to be part of the ever-growing Spectrum Family. Spectrum amazes us no end with the trips and opportunities organised for the children and their families. But for us, as a family with a child in a wheelchair and complex medical needs, it's the finer details that make such a difference. It's talking to her, not over her. It's sitting in the front row at the panto so she can focus. It's catching that moment on camera for us because we've run out of hands. It's knowing they're there if we need an extra pair of hands or listening ear. Spectrum is about fun, ability and friendship."

"We are very proud to work with Spectrum and support the amazing work they do with young people. The events and support they offer families are truly inspiring!"

"This year I have had the absolute pleasure of working with Spectrum Cambridge, and it gave me a very personal insight into how it's run, why it's run, and in general, it shone a light on the people who run it. This Spectrum team stands out as truly special. Not only are they absolutely professional and resolute in achieving their goals, but their passion is unwavering. This is evidenced by achievements to date and how positive planning is being developed to strive for their next targets. The charity has typically the ideals and positive goals that exemplify many 'good causes', but the special drive within Spectrum is infectious. They want to create an environment for people with Autism not only to feel comfortable but to have fun and learn, all while raising awareness generally. Spectrum Cambridge will clearly go to the ends of the earth to achieve these goals. I was honoured to work alongside this highly motivated team and found it incredibly refreshing to witness a charity that is so focused on catering for each individual who decides to jump on board. It is my sincere wish and indeed expectation to see them prosper and subsequently help more and more people in the very future."

"Don't know how you do it, but please keep doing what you're doing! Means so much to so many families!"

"Here at the National Trust, we are very proud to work with Spectrum. The work they do is so valuable to our local community, and the need for them doing the work they do is great. At the National Trust, we are all about sharing our special place's forever and for everyone and working with Spectrum is another great way of helping us achieve exactly that."

SPECTRUM TEAM

The Trustees and its beneficiaries would like to express their gratitude to the Volunteer Management Team comprised of:

Justin Heron – CEO & Operations
Alex Knowles – Commercial Manager
Amy Heron – Events & Contracts
Richenda King – Financial Manager
Fiona Owen – Policies & Risk Manager
Amanda Shepherd – Family Worker & Designated Safeguard Lead
Nicola Burdon – Training Officer

The Trustees continue to recognise and thank all additional volunteers and child mentors and are incredibly grateful for their continued support of its events, activities and administration.

SPECTRUM MISSION

To be a pivotal part of our community and become a recognised benchmark of support for families of children with Autism and additional needs. To embrace inclusion while providing inspiration.

SPECTRUM VISION

To show that it can be great to be different. To transparently provide creative opportunities, social gains and exceptional support to every child and family that we work with, without judgement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES

The financial results for the period ended 31st May 2021 show that the charity made a surplus of £40,885.

The Trustees have reviewed the amount that should be held as free reserves to ensure the charity can meet all its responsibilities if a significant adverse event were to occur and are of the opinion that the charity should hold a minimum amount to cover six months' operational costs.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Those risks have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks. With a policy and risk manager in place from the point of inception, this is an area that is always pro-actively managed.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and applications of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

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. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

This report has been approved by the trustees on Mar 18, 2022 ……..

and signed on its behalf.

D. Heron
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David Heron

Trustee

SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts for the period ended 31st May 2021 of Spectrum Cambridge.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the CIO, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S 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 as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

Ian Shipley

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IAN SHIPLEY FCCA

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:

PRENTIS & CO LLP

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

115c Milton Road, Cambridge

SPECTRUM CAMBRIDGE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		2021			2020		
	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
INCOME							
Grants and donations	2	145288	2459	147747	16970	15667	32637
Charitable activities:							
Events and fundraising events		-	45248	45248	-	32274	32274
TOTAL INCOME		145288	47707	192995	16970	47941	64911
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds	3	-	1594	1594	-	1783	1783
Charitable activities	4	115544	34972	150516	14500	42490	56990
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		115544	36566	152110	14500	44273	58773
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		29744	11141	40885	2470	3668	6138
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total fund balance brought forward		10803	6941	17744	8333	3273	11606
Total fund balance carried forward		40547	18082	58629	10803	6941	17744

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS	5		32782		1338
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	29204		66098	
Cash at bank and in hand		32867		18854	
		62071		84952	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one y	7	36224		68546	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			25847		16406
TOTAL NET ASSETS			58629		17744
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	8				
Restricted funds			40547		10803
Unrestricted funds			18082		6941
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			58629		17744

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

D. Heron

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David Heron
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements.
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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019 and effective 1st January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the CIO's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Trustees have opted to take advantage of the amendment to Charities SORP FRS 102, where only larger charities are required to prepare a Statement of Cash Flow.

(c) INCOME

Income represents the amount derived from the CIO's ordinary activities. Income is recognised in the period in which the organisation is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. No income is stated net of any associated expenditure.

(d) EXPENDITURE

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the CIO in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. Expenditure is allocated to expense headings on a direct cost basis.

(e) FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Office equipment	- 25% straight line

(f) TAXATION

The charity has taken use of Charity SORP to consider itself a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and is therefore exempt from Corporation Tax.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	2021			2020		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery	83626	-	83626	10000	-	10000
Evelyn Trust	-	-	-	4000	-	4000
Ely City Council	-	-	-	500	-	500
Tesco	-	-	-	500	-	500
One Stop	-	-	-	500	-	500
Others	-	2459	2459	-	10667	10667
Comic Relief	-	-	-	500	-	500
Norfolk Community Foundatio	-	-	-	970	-	970
Suffolk Community Foundatior	14968	-	14968	-	5000	5000
Government grants	20069	-	20069	-	-	-
The Fore	5000	-	5000	-	-	-
Essex Community	5191	-	5191	-	-	-
Sussex Community	5047	-	5047	-	-	-
Leathersellers	1500	-	1500	-	-	-
Cambridge Community Foundatior	9887	-	9887	-	-	-
	145288	2459	147747	16970	15667	32637

3. FUNDRAISING

	2021	2020
	£	£
Costs of raising funds	1594	1783

4. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021			2020		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages, social security and pensior	59662	14540	74202	14000	17309	31309
Other staff costs	3225	1075	4300	-	1016	1016
Mileage	-	285	285	-	803	803
Independent examiner's fee	-	870	870	-	810	810
Depreciation	6158	267	6425	-	301	301
Telephone	-	283	283	-	251	251
Sundries	-	1593	1593	-	381	381
Printing, postage and stationer	137	1429	1566	-	1129	1129
Insurance	-	236	236	-	240	240
Events	43392	657	44049	500	14474	14974
Uniforms	-	1593	1593	-	361	361
Advertising	1307	1099	2406	-	990	990
Computing and software costs	1663	10945	12608	-	4239	4239
Bank charges and commissions	-	100	100	-	186	186
	115544	34972	150516	14500	42490	56990

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4. STAFF COSTS

No remuneration was paid to any of the Trustees in the year, nor were any expenses reimbursed to them.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries	72075	31254
Social Security costs	1925	55
Pensions	202	-
	74202	31309

The average number of employees during the period was 3 (2020: 1).

No member of staff earned more than £60,000.

The key management personnel of the CIO comprise of the Trustees who give their time freely.

5. FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment	Office Equipment
	2021	2020
COST	£	£
Balance at 1st June	1712	290
Additions	37869	1422
Balance at 31st May	39581	1712
DEPRECIATION		
Balance at 1st June	374	73
Charge for the year	6425	301
Balance at 31st May	6799	374
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31st May	32782	1338

6. DEBTORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	1300	45633
Trade debtors	27904	20465
	29204	66098

7. CREDITORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	33331	68300
Tax and social security cost	2893	246
	36224	68546

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. ACCUMULATED FUNDS - Current year

	Balance at 1st June 2020	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31st May 2021
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	6941	47707	36566	18082
Restricted funds:				
National Lottery	8333	83626	91959	-
Others	2470	61662	23585	40547
	17744	192995	152110	58629

ACCUMULATED FUNDS - Prior year

	Balance at 1st June 2019	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31st May 2020
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	3273	47941	44273	6941
Restricted funds:				
National Lottery	8333	10000	10000	8333
Others	-	6970	4500	2470
	11606	64911	58773	17744

Restricted funds represent:-
1) A National Lottery Awards for All grant of £10000 to cover salary costs in connection with operations, events and support.
2) A National Lottery grant of £73000 for our Digital Reach project, delivering digital services.
3) Other grants include grants from the Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, West Suffolk and Essex Community Foundations to fund a member remote support service across those regions.

9. RELATED PARTIES

J Heron and A Heron are relatives of D Heron, a Trustee. They were employed at a market rate by the charity during the period and were paid £220 for reimbursed expenses during the year (2020: £832).

The Trustees have participated in events and trips during the period on the same basis and terms of other participants.

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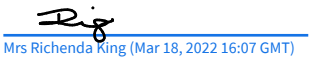
Signature: 
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